

**MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS**

**SCHOOL**

**SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES  
MEASURE B**

**B** To maintain and improve quality K-8 education, improve reading and mathematics programs, enhance technology and science programs, preserve small class sizes, and attract and retain quality teachers and staff, shall San Rafael Elementary School District continue the current parcel tax with a levy of \$144.76 per developed or undeveloped parcel beginning 7/1/06 for eight years with subsequent 5% annual cost of living adjustments and including exemptions for those 65 and older and annual citizen oversight?

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FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 1153, 2004-05  
BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In the Matter of a Parcel Tax Election ) RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF ELECTION

**WHEREAS**, the San Rafael City Schools are committed to providing the highest quality education for every student while providing each student the opportunity to master challenging academic standards; and

**WHEREAS**, a high quality public education is vital to the community's well-being and fosters growth of society's greatest resource, the minds of children; and

**WHEREAS**, the investment in children's education is beneficial to the economic well-being of our community and country; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code sections 50075, 50076, 50077, 50079, and 53720 et. Seq. authorize school districts to levy a special tax to raise funds for the purpose of conducting its business upon the approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting upon such a special tax proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution allows the apportionment limit of school districts to be increased by electors. Such approval is required for the District to use the revenues generated by the tax.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board of the San Rafael Elementary School District resolves to conduct a special all-mail election on August 30, 2005 at which time will be submitted to qualified voters of the San Rafael Elementary School District a measure to continue and extend a special tax for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing enriched educational programs, while also maintaining reduced class sizes in the San Rafael Elementary Schools and to request election services by the Registrar of Voters.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as follows:

Section 1: Said election is hereby called to be held within the boundaries of the San Rafael Elementary School District at which election shall be submitted to the qualified voters within the San Rafael Elementary School District the following measure, to wit:

**MEASURE 1153**

Shall the San Rafael City Schools, serving the children of the San Rafael Elementary School District, provide funds for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing rigorous, challenging academic classes and high quality, enriched educational programs, while also maintaining reduced class sizes in the San Rafael Elementary Schools by continuing its current special tax based upon the use or right of use of each assessor's parcel within the boundaries of the San Rafael Elementary District for a period of eight (8) years, beginning July 1, 2006?

The special tax for the San Rafael Elementary District will be a continuation of the current structure. Therefore, the tax would be imposed in the amount of \$144.76 for each assessor's parcel for the tax year of 2006-2007. Also consistent with the current structure, in each successive year, the amount of the previous year's tax would be increased by 5%.

The proceeds of the taxes shall be deposited in a special fund to be used for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing rigorous, challenging academic classes and high quality enriched educational programs, while maintaining reduced class sizes in the San Rafael Elementary School District. Exemptions from the tax will be made as follows:

To each individual in the District who will attain 65 years of age on or before May 1 of the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the assessment would apply, and who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, or a divided or undivided portion of each parcel, and who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence.

Anyone claiming an exemption must apply to the District on or before May 1, 2006 or on or before the May 1 immediately preceding any subsequent tax year.

A qualified applicant will receive an exemption for the parcel for the remaining term of the tax so long as such applicant continues to qualify for the exemption as verified by an annual application due on or before May 1. The District shall establish an administrative review process to grant such exemptions.

Section 2: The text of the measures as displayed on each individual ballot shall be abbreviated and shall read as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

Section 3: Commencing on July 1, 2006 the special tax collected annually on all assessor's parcels at the rates specified above shall be collected and administered in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes are fixed and collected under the provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

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(Full Text of Measure B Continued)

Section 4: The Superintendent of Schools of Marin County is hereby requested to call a special all-mail election of the said special tax to be held on August 30, 2005. The County Registrar of Voters is hereby requested and authorized to: 1.) Set forth all ballots relating to said all-mail election to be mailed to qualified voters of the San Rafael Elementary District in the manner provided by law. 2.) Collect and count all ballots as of August 30, 2005.

Section 5: If any section, subsection, phrase, or clause of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution. The Governing Board declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, subsection, phrase, or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrases, or clauses shall be declared invalid.

Section 6: The Secretary of the San Rafael Elementary School District's Governing Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the due adoption of this resolution and to transmit a copy hereof so certified to the Superintendent of Schools of Marin County, the Marin County Board of Supervisors, and to file a copy hereof to certify with the County Clerk of Marin County.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Natu Tuatagaloa who moved its adoption, seconded by Board Member Greg Knell and adopted on roll call on May 23, 2005 by the following vote:

Member: Jenny Callaway  
Member: Jon Loberg  
Member: Norman Hering  
Member: Greg Knell  
Member: Natu Tuatagaloa

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: \_\_\_\_\_

SO ORDERED: s/ Jenny Fowler Callaway  
President

CERTIFIED:

s/ Laura D. Alvarenga  
Secretary, Board of Education

### IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE B

If this measure is approved by a two thirds vote, the San Rafael Elementary School District will be authorized to levy a special tax of One Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$144.76) on each developed or undeveloped parcel of land within the District each year for eight (8) years, beginning July 1, 2006, with Five Percent (5%) annual cost of living increases, beginning July 1, 2007. The tax measure adopted by the District provides exemptions for parcel owners who are 65 and older.

Dated: June 9, 2005

PATRICK K. FAULKNER  
County Counsel

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

**Vote Yes on Measure B for San Rafael elementary schools.**

Our community values excellence in education for our public schools. In 1998 San Rafael residents showed their support for our elementary and middle schools by approving a parcel tax to provide necessary funds to provide quality education. Parcel tax funds have been instrumental in helping our schools attract the best teachers, keep class sizes small and offer enhanced instructional programs. The current parcel tax will expire next year.

- **Measure B will renew the current parcel tax residents already pay**
- **Measure B keeps the parcel tax method exactly the same as approved in 1998**
- **Measure B keeps the time period exactly the same as approved in 1998**

Measure B funds go directly into the classroom and allow our middle and elementary schools to:

- Improve reading and math achievement;
- Enhance science and technology programs;
- Attract and retain quality teachers and staff;
- Maintain small class sizes;
- Improve school library programs;
- Provide services to support safe, healthy and successful student learning.

A Citizen's Advisory Committee will be established to provide public oversight, review financial audits and ensure accountability.

\$3.6 million in educational funding from Sacramento has been slashed in the last three years from San Rafael School District budgets. **Measure B guarantees that local funds stay in our community** and directly support quality education in our schools and classrooms without state interference. No funds may be spent on administrator salaries.

**District residents 65 and older who apply are eligible for an exemption from the parcel tax.**

Our community supports local schools because good schools help make San Rafael a better place to live and work. Thank you for your continued support. **Vote Yes on Measure B for our middle and elementary schools, and vote Yes on companion Measure A, which will benefit our local high schools.**

s/ Albert J. Boro, Mayor  
City of San Rafael

s/ Perry Newman, President  
Marin County League of Women Voters

s/ Glenna Coleman, Co-President  
San Rafael Teacher's Association

s/ Jenny Fowler Callaway, President  
San Rafael City Schools Board of Education

s/ Colin J. Russell, Chairman of the Board  
San Rafael Chamber of Commerce

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS  
MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED**

END OF MEASURE B

