

City College Parcel Tax*

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The Way It Is Now: City College of San Francisco (CCSF) is an accredited, public, two-year community college. It has nine campuses in the City and serves approximately 60,000 students each year.

The Community College Board, which oversees CCSF, has determined that City College's current revenues are inadequate to allow CCSF to continue its core academic and job training programs.

In November 2012, San Francisco voters approved an annual parcel tax of \$79 per parcel, lasting for eight years to provide funding to CCSF. That parcel tax is set to expire in June 30, 2021.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would replace the current parcel tax with an annual parcel tax of \$99 per year, lasting for 15 years. This parcel tax would expire on June 30, 2032.

CCSF must use the tax funds to:

- attract and retain highly-qualified teachers;
- protect quality academic instruction in core subjects, such as math, science, reading, and writing;
- keep school libraries open;
- maintain programs that prepare students for the workforce;
- provide counselors to students;
- offset State budget cuts; and
- keep technology and instructional support up-to-date.

Proposition ___ would prohibit CCSF from using the tax funds for administrators' salaries, benefits, or pensions.

The use of the funds will be subject to annual review by a Citizen's Oversight Committee appointed by the Community College Board.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to replace the current \$79 per year parcel tax that funds City College of San Francisco and is set to expire in June 2021, with an annual parcel tax of \$99 per year, lasting through June 2032.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes to the current parcel tax that funds City College of San Francisco.

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