

City College Parcel Tax*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Fasick, Fraps, Jorgensen

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: 10 a.m. on Friday, August 4

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 the college to continue its core academic and job-training programs.

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

The Proposal: Beginning in 2017, Proposition ___ would replace the current parcel tax with a parcel tax of \$99 per year, lasting for 15 years. This parcel tax would expire on June 30, 2032.

The funds would offset reductions in State funding and help CCSF to maintain current services. CCSF must use the parcel 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 for students; and
- keep technology and instructional support up to date.

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

The use of funds will be subject to annual review by the Citizens' 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 with a 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.

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