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Re: San Francisco Community College District November 8, 2016 Parcel Tax Election

Enclosed please find the San Francisco Community College District Board of Trustees RESOLUTION NO. 160526-X11-145 "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CALLING FOR A NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION TO RENEW LOCAL CONTROL PARCEL TAX" adopted on May 26, 2016 calling for a November 8, 2016 parcel tax.

Please note that the Resolution contains the 75-word ballot measure shown as Exhibit A.

The Resolution also contains a Full Ballot Text, shown as Exhibit B of the Resolution, which shall be printed in the Sample Ballot/Voter Pamphlet.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

The District would like to request the letter "A" for a measure's designation.

We would be more than happy to provide you with the Resolution, the 75-word statement, or the Full Ballot Text electronically in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

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This letter also authorizes you to contact David Casnocha of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, our bond counsel, at (415) 283-2241 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ronald P. Gerhard  
Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration

Enclosure

cc: David G. Casnocha  
Susan Lamb

# Exhibit A



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## ACTION ITEM

**DATE:** May 26, 2016                      **PRESENTER:** Susan E. Lamb

**SUBJECT:** The Board of Trustees of San Francisco Community College  
District calling for a November 8, 2016 Election to renew Local  
Control Parcel Tax

**ITEM NO.** 160526-XII-145

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Community College District (the "District") is devoted to providing an affordable, quality, well-rounded public education which provides workforce training and university transfer opportunities to all students; and

WHEREAS, the District believes strong programs in math, science, reading, English and writing, will prepare students for four-year universities and good paying jobs such as in nursing, engineering and technology; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012 the voters of the District approved local control parcel tax (the "Measure A") for a period of eight years; and

WHEREAS, revenues from the Measure A provide a stable source of funding that support City College of San Francisco and cannot be taken by the State of California (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the State does not provide the District with sufficient funds for City College to fulfill its educational mission; and

WHEREAS, continued stable local funding is needed to maintain our core programs in math, science, reading and writing, and provide an affordable alternative for working class families to pursue their education; and

WHEREAS, unless Measure A is extended by voters, the loss of funding will result in a reduction of educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII A, Section 4 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075 et seq., of the California Government Code permit a community college district to renew a parcel tax for specified purposes and to levy such tax following approval by at least two-thirds of the voters voting upon the proposition; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District proposes to place a measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot to continue its local control parcel tax upon parcels of land within the District for the purposes set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board will apply all the proceeds of the parcel tax to support maintenance of academic programs in math, science, reading, writing, and career training, and for uses as set forth in this Resolution, and will not use any of said proceeds for administrator's salaries, benefits or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the District needs additional revenue to attract and retain faculty and staff, excluding administrators; and

WHEREAS, an increase of the local control parcel tax will provide additional compensation for faculty and staff, excluding administrators; and

WHEREAS, all expenditures of the parcel tax will continue to be subject to citizen oversight and annual reports to ensure funds are spent appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the Board proposes to continue the parcel tax because the revenues will be controlled locally benefitting only City College of San Francisco and cannot be taken by the State or by other districts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District as follows:

Section 1. This Board finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. This Board hereby proposes to renew and extend the levy of the local control parcel tax to provide stable local funding the State cannot take away 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.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE LOCAL CONTROL PARCEL TAX BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATORS' SALARIES, BENEFITS OR PENSIONS.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.1 the Board determines that the proceeds of the local control parcel tax shall only be applied for the purposes stated above.

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Section 3. Subject to voter approval, the existing Measure A parcel tax shall be continued at a tax rate at \$99 per parcel per year, and the local control parcel tax will commence on July 1, 2017 shall be continued for fifteen (15) years from that date.

As used herein, the term "Parcel" means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the District, for which the City and County of San Francisco ("San Francisco") Assessor-Recorder's Office ("Assessor"), issues a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes; provided, however, that any such parcels which are (i) contiguous, and (ii) used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, and (iii) held under identical ownership, may, by submitting an application of the owners thereof by June 15 of any year to the District be treated as a single parcel for purposes of the levy of this local control parcel tax.

Section 4. Subject to voter approval as set forth below, the parcel tax shall be levied commencing with the 2017-2018 (starting on July 1, 2017 and replacing Measure A for the remaining years of its original term, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021) fiscal year of the District, and shall be collected with, and in the same manner and subject to the same interest and penalties as, general *ad valorem* taxes collected by the Assessor. In accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 50075.1(c), the District shall create a separate account into which the proceeds of the special tax shall be deposited.

Section 5. The levy and collection of the parcel tax is not intended to decrease or offset any increase in local, state or federal government funding sources that would otherwise be available to the District at any time during which the parcel tax may be levied. In the event that the levy and collection of the parcel tax does have such an effect, the District shall reduce the parcel tax levy to the extent of any such decrease or offset.

Section 6. The Board shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code) for any increase in the District's appropriation limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the parcel tax may be spent for the authorized purposes set forth in Section 2 above and Section 7 below.

Section 7. The Board hereby requests that the San Francisco Registrar of Voters submit the measure attached hereto as Exhibit B to the voters of the District and to print the entire Full Ballot Text in the ballot pamphlet to be published and mailed for the election scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

The abbreviated text of the ballot proposition with respect to the foregoing measure shall read as shown in Exhibit A hereto.

The District's Chancellor, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure, or to the abbreviated form of the measure, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of elections officials, and requirements of law.

Section 8. The measure set forth in Exhibits A and B shall be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held on November 8, 2016. If approved by at least two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure, the measure shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

Section 9. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the San Francisco Registrar of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 8, 2016. This Board requests that the District election be consolidated with any and all elections to be held within the boundaries of the District on November 8, 2016. As provided in Elections Code Section 10403, the District

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acknowledges that the consolidation election will be conducted in the manner described in Elections Code Section 10418.

Section 10. The Board hereby requests that the San Francisco Registrar of Voters or other appropriate election officials, take all actions which are necessary or appropriate in connection with the election, including, but not limited to, printing and mailing sample ballots, arguments and applications for absentee ballots, canvassing election returns and certifying the results of the election to the Board. The Board hereby agrees to reimburse San Francisco in full for any services performed by it for the District upon presentation of an invoice to the District.

Section 11. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the San Francisco Registrar of Voters, as well as the Clerk of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, not later than August 12, 2016, and to give notice of the election by causing the San Francisco Registrar of Voters to publish the text of the measure and other items, not later than 15 days before the date of the election. The Secretary of the Board is hereby further authorized and directed to post a copy of this Resolution on or near the doors of the District Office and in three public places within the District for at least two weeks before the date of the election.

Section 12. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution is for any reason found to be invalid, such section, subsection, phrase or clause shall be severed from, and shall not affect the validity of, all remaining portions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the severed portion.

Section 13. The members of the Board are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the San Francisco Registrar of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 7 hereof, within the time established by the Registrar.

Section 14. Subject to two-thirds approval of the District's voters, the parcel tax shall be collected by the Assessor, at the same time and manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Tax Collector. The Parcel Tax shall bear interest at the same rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid.

Section 15. The chief fiscal officer of the District shall, pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3, file an annual report to the Board of Trustees as provided herein accounting for the local control tax revenues collected and the manner in which they have been spent.

Section 16. The officers of the District are, and each of them acting alone is, hereby directed to take such other actions and to execute such other documents as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 17. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400 the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by anybody or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District at a regular meeting held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:        \_\_7\_\_

NOES:        \_\_0\_\_

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/s/



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President, Board of Trustees  
San Francisco Community College District

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Board of Trustees  
San Francisco Community College District



EXHIBIT A

ABBREVIATED BALLOT TEXT

“To continue providing City College of San Francisco local funds the State cannot take away and offset cuts to prevent layoffs; ensure affordable education for students; maintain core classes in writing, math and science; prepare students for four-year universities, workforce training in careers in nursing, engineering/ technology; provide counselors; keep college libraries open; shall San Francisco Community College District renew its existing annual parcel tax at \$99 per parcel for fifteen years, requiring annual independent audits and citizen oversight?”

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

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EXHIBIT B

\*START OF FULL BALLOT TEXT\*

SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Local Control Funding Measure \_\_

**INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

To continue funding for core programs in math, science and writing, provide local reliable funding for City College of San Francisco that cannot be taken by the State, attract and retain highly-qualified teachers, avoid employee layoffs, ensure an affordable education to local students, keep libraries open, maintain programs to prepare students for workforce training and transfer to four-year universities, provide counselors, with no proceeds used for administrators' salaries, benefits and pensions, the San Francisco Community College District ("District") proposes to renew and extend its expiring voter approved local control parcel tax for a period of fifteen years from starting date of July 1, 2017 at a rate of \$99 per parcel per year (the existing Measure A which expires on June 30, 2021 shall be replaced by this Measure starting July 1, 2017), and to implement accountability measures, including citizen oversight, to ensure the funds are used to help:

- 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.

The proceeds of the parcel tax shall be deposited into a separate account created by the District.





**DEFINITION OF “PARCEL”**

For purposes of the high quality education parcel tax, the term “Parcel” means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the San Francisco Community College District, that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the City and County of San Francisco Assessor. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the local control parcel tax in such year.

For purposes of this education and local control parcel tax, any such “Parcels” which are (i) contiguous, and (ii) used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, and (iii) held under identical ownership may, by submitting to the District an application of the owners thereof by June 15 of any year, be treated as a single “parcel” for purposes of the levy of the high quality education and local control parcel tax.

**REDUCTION IN TAX IF RESULT IS LESS OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**

The collection of the local control parcel tax is not intended to decrease or offset any increase in local, state or federal government revenue sources that would otherwise be available to the District during the period of the parcel tax. In the event that the levy and collection does have such an effect, the District may cease the levy or shall reduce the parcel tax to the extent that such action would restore the amount of the decrease or offset in other revenues.

**ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES**

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the parcel tax levied in accordance with this Measure: (a) the specific purposes of the parcel tax shall be those purposes identified above; (b) the proceeds of the parcel tax shall be applied only to those specific purposes identified above; (c) a separate, special account shall be created into which the proceeds of the local control parcel tax must be deposited; and (d) an annual written report shall be made to the Board of Trustees of the District showing (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the proceeds of the local control parcel tax and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the parcel tax, as identified above. In addition to the accountability measures required by law, the District will maintain its existing Citizens’ Oversight Committee to provide oversight as to the expenditure of parcel tax revenues.

\*End of Full Ballot Text of Measure\*

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EXHIBIT C

FORMAL NOTICE OF PARCEL TAX ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the San Francisco Community College District that in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code of the State of California, an election will be held on November 8, 2016, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District and voted upon:

ABBREVIATED BALLOT TEXT

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

The City and County of San Francisco Registrar of Voters, by this Notice of Election, has called the election pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District, adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

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