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Davis Democrats Support Local Schools in November by voting Yes on Measure E. By Richard Harris, Trustee, Davis Joint Unified School District



Measure E is one in a series of parcel taxes that have been put before the voters of Davis since the 1980s to support hiring teachers and staff to teach our children. This is both unfortunate and inspiring.

It is unfortunate that we are forced to go to the well of local tax payers to fund critical educational programs for our children. But it is inspirational to live in a community that always steps up and provides the votes for that funding. Davis voters and in particular, Davis Democrats, support our children, our teachers and our schools.

Measure E is simple because it renews an existing parcel tax of \$200 a year originally

approved by the voters in May 2011. This funding, which expires at the end of the school year, raises \$3.2 million annually through an assessment on homeowners of less than \$17 a month per

home and charges to apartment owners of less than \$2 a month per apartment.

Measure E is unique in that it also provides authority to the DJUSD school board to raise revenues through an additional parcel tax ONLY if the statewide Proposition 30 fails. If Proposition 30 passes, the additional local parcel tax will not be needed or authorized.

The new, contingent parcel tax would be up to an additional \$242 per parcel to offset \$3.7 million in ongoing cuts already authorized by the State Legislature but pending the outcome of Proposition 30.

So let's be clear. If statewide, Proposition 30 pass-

es and Measure E passes in Davis, there will be no new parcel taxes levied on Davis homeowners. Only if Proposition 30 fails will the new parcel taxes be needed to backfill the ongoing state budget cuts.

It's also important to know that Davis schools have seen a reduction of almost 100 full time employees, the vast majority teachers, since the 2008 school year. Even with past parcel taxes, employee concessions and federal funding; Davis children have been forced into larger classes and given less educational opportunities. Ongoing state funding reductions continue to threaten our schools.

The fiscal emergency we faced in 2011 when we passed measure A is not going away. Proposition 30 is a step in the right direction but we still need our local safety net. Both the renewed parcel tax and the contingency tax (if Prop 30 fails) authorized within Measure E will run through 2018.

Measure E does not raise rents and continues a voluntary exemption for senior homeowners.

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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

Tues., Oct. 2, 7:00-9:00pm, regular DDC Board business meeting. Club members and the public are welcome: Pres. Sen and Secretary Yamagata draft the agenda, Davis Library on 14th St.

Every Saturday, 8:00-12:00 pm, Davis Farmers Market. Come VOLUNTEER for an hour or two: The Club registers voters, greets the public and distributes information. This is a fun way to help reelect President Obama. Contact Carl, <cwschmid@comcast.net>.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday. Phone banking for neighboring battleground states. Contact Martha (756-4222 or http://mybarakobama.com/page/event/search_simple) for time and place.

Weekends. Travel to Nevada for precinct walking. Contact Martha (756-4222 or <http://ofa.bo/ca2nv>) for information.

Every Sunday. "Sundaes on Sunday. Precinct walking in and around Davis to register and motivate voters followed by an ice cream social at the Davis HQ located at 5th and Spafford Sts. Contact Andrew (916-201-5435) for information.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 3:00-6:00 pm, Annual Yolo County Democratic Bean Feed. Keynote speaker (TBA) Great BBQ tri-tip dinner served with eponymous beans. Gibson House, Woodland, contact Kelsey <kelsey@mcquaid@ucdavis.edu>

Weds. Oct. 10, 5:30-7:30 pm "Reds, White and Blues" Enjoy pizza music and wine in support of State Senator Lois Wolk's campaign. Contact Connie (916-551-1470) for further information and to reserve your place.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 6:00-9:00 pm. Annual Holiday Social, Buffet dinner, beverage, holiday cheer (also celebration of our great election victories!) International House in Davis.



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Specifically, Measure E renews funding approved by voters in 2011 to ensure:

- ⇒ Continued availability of classes in core subjects such as science and history;
- ⇒ Continued reduced class

sizes for K-6, English and math;

- ⇒ Continued availability of multiple foreign language programs;
- ⇒ Continued availability of elective course offerings such as art and Career Technical Education
- ⇒ Continued availability of school site safety and support staff
- ⇒ Retaining counseling staffing

Please vote Yes on Measure E.

For additional information on the DJUSD Budget, school financing and district programs, check out the District Dollars interactive web site,

www.DistrictDollars.org

Endorsement of Measure E, The Yolo County Democratic Central Committee and the DDC Board each urge you to vote Yes on Measure E. Compelling reasons to support E are thoroughly described in the lead article (see p.1) and will not be repeated here. However, we might instead consider the competing vision for opening opportunity to the next generation, which was advanced by Gov. Romney when he told a group of young people that they should, "Get the education. Borrow money if you have to from your parents." Democrats proudly share a different vision.

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About all those propositions on the November ballot.

By Tim Fenton

Your ballot for the November 6 election will ask you to vote YES or NO on 11 statewide propositions. The California Democratic Party is making YES or NO voting recommendations on all 11, and your Democratic Club newsletter is publishing them here to help guide your votes. Some of the following comments are your reporter's and not those of the Party.

YES on Prop 30 (High Priority)

Gov. Brown's proposals for a temporary increase in income tax rates for the wealthy and a modest temporary sales tax increase to protect funding for schools and local public safety.

NO on Prop 31

The proposal language has some significant flaws that could lock California into permanent underfunding of education, health, and other vital services.

NO on Prop 32 (High Priority)

A deceptively worded attempt by billionaires and corporations to rewrite the rules in their favor, giving them special exemptions to spend unlimited amounts of secret money to influence elections.

NO on Prop 33

Another deceptively worded measure whose real ambition is to make insurers more money from new fees and surcharges that would target the state's most economically vulnerable drivers.

YES on Prop 34

Replaces the states death penalty with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole, eliminating the possibility of executing an innocent person in California.

YES on Prop 35

Increases penalties for human trafficking.

YES on Prop 37

Mandates the labeling of genetically engineered foods.

NO on Prop 38

A competing proposal to Gov. Brown's tax proposals to protect funding for schools and local public safety.

NEUTRAL on Prop 39

Adjusts taxes for multi-state corporations to fund clean energy programs.

YES on Prop 40

Upholds the will of California voters by protecting the Citizens Redistricting Commission from politicians.

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NO on Prop. #32**

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