

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2011

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-1652, IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE K, THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PARCEL TAX INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 ELECTION

The Las Virgenes Unified School District (District) is one of the premiere school districts in the State of California. However, it is not immune to the severe financial troubles the State has created for itself over the last several years. Public services across the State have been severely impacted, and, unfortunately, education is at the forefront. Though the District has tried tirelessly to make-up the severe cuts in their budget, it has become unfeasible to maintain the same levels of service over time.

Attached is the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board Resolution No. 02-11, calling the election and outlining the specific uses to be funded by the education parcel tax. The full text of the ballot measure is included in the Board's Resolution. The District is asking voters to approve a special tax of \$95 per year for eight full years, beginning with the District's 2012-13 fiscal year, to be assessed against each parcel in the District. Seniors and SSI recipients would be exempt from the parcel tax. In addition to State required accountability measures, the District will be appointing a special fiscal oversight committee to review the expenditures to ensure that the funds are being spent for the purposes approved by the voters. In order to pass, the parcel tax must be approved by at least two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition.

The parcel tax would be used for some or all of the following: protecting programs that deliver high academic achievement in math, science, writing, and reading programs; preserving smaller class sizes; attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers, counselors and staff; preventing further cuts to art and music programs; restoring stable funding for instructional materials, textbooks, and classroom supplies; and minimizing teacher layoffs. The District emphasizes that the parcel tax proceeds will never be used for salaries or benefits for administrators.

Following discussion, if a majority of the City Council is in favor of Measure K, staff has attached Resolution 11-1652, in favor of the ballot measure, for consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council consider the merits of Measure K and either approve Resolution No. 11-1652, or take no action.

Attachment: Resolution No. 11-1652
Measure K Facts
LVUSD Resolution No. 02-11

RESOLUTION NO. 11-1652

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS,
CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING MEASURE K, THE LAS
VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PARCEL TAX
INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT OF THE NOVEMBER 8,
2011 ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Las Virgenes Unified School District (District) is dedicated to providing high quality public school education to the residents of Agoura Hills; and

WHEREAS, the District reports that the State of California has made approximately \$10 million in cuts over the past three years to the District's funding; and

WHEREAS, the District has made significant budget reductions to help offset the State's cuts and sees a drastic need to take further steps to help prevent future cuts to essential classes and programs; and

WHEREAS, the District has worked extensively with community groups and local cities to raise funds to help alleviate this shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Las Virgenes Unified School District has adopted Resolution No. 02-11, which requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters to submit a question to the voters of the District of whether a local parcel tax of \$95 annually for eight years, beginning in fiscal year 2012-13, should be established; and

WHEREAS, the parcel tax measure has been designated as Measure K on the November 8, 2011 ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Agoura Hills strongly supports the passage of Measure K and believes that it is vital if the District is to continue its level of excellence and achievement.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of October 2011, by the following vote
to wit:

AYES: (0)
NOES: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

By: _____
Harry Schwarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk



Las Virgenes Unified School District

Measure K: Locally Controlled Funding to Support Academics and Teachers

To maintain the high quality academics that make Las Virgenes schools so desirable, the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board of Education voted unanimously to place Measure K on the November 8, 2011 ballot. Measure K would cost property owners \$95 per parcel, per year, for eight years, generating \$2.2 million each year in local funding for our schools.



Protecting High Quality Education at Our Schools

The Las Virgenes Unified School District - serving Agoura/Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills/ West Hills and Bell Canyon - maintains exceptional, high quality schools. Our local schools are widely considered to be among California's best, thanks to high test scores and ongoing student success.

Great local schools are a major reason why many of us moved here — and why so many are still eager to move to our area.

Sacramento Budget Cuts Are Impacting Our Students' Education

However, ongoing reductions in state funding totaling more than \$10 million are putting the District at risk. Additional cuts will mean reduced instructional days in the school year, teacher/counselor layoffs and class size increases in key academic programs like science, math, reading and the arts.

To preserve quality education in local schools, a stable source of funding that can't be taken by Sacramento is essential.



Measure K Would Help:

- ✓ Protect programs that deliver high academic achievement in math, science, writing and reading
- ✓ Preserve smaller class sizes
- ✓ Attract and retain highly qualified teachers, counselors and staff
- ✓ Prevent further cuts to art and music programs
- ✓ Restore stable funding for instructional materials, textbooks and classroom supplies
- ✓ Reduce the need for teacher and counselor layoffs

Fiscal Accountability

A citizens oversight committee would be formed to review Measure K expenditures and make annual reports to the community, to ensure funds are used wisely to support student achievement. No funds could be used for administrators' salaries or benefits. Senior citizens are protected by a guaranteed exemption.

For more information about how Measure K would continue to support high quality academics in our schools, please contact our school District at 818-878-5225.

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**Excellent Las Virgenes Schools
Measure K FAQ – Internal Use Only**

General Measure K Questions

Q. What is Measure K?

A. Despite the unreliability of State funding for schools, the Las Virgenes Unified School District – serving Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills and Bell Canyon – maintains exceptionally high-quality schools. Measure K will help ensure continued excellence, by protecting academic opportunities in our local elementary, middle and high schools - especially in the math and science classes students need to excel in the 21st Century. Every dollar will stay within our community to preserve the exceptionally high-quality education that has made our local schools among California's best.

Q. Specifically, how would Measure K funds be used?

A. Measure K will provide locally controlled funds to help:

- Protect math and science classes students need to excel in the 21st Century
- Preserve small class sizes
- Attract and retain highly-qualified teachers, counselors and staff
- Prevent further cuts to art and music programs
- Restore stable funding for instructional materials, textbooks and classroom supplies

Q. Can Measure K funding be taken away by the state?

A. No. All funds generated by Measure K must stay in the Las Virgenes Unified School District – the state cannot take away one dime.

Q. Is Measure K necessary?

A. Yes. Ongoing reductions in education funding from Sacramento, totaling more than \$10 million for our district, is putting our local schools at risk. Cuts of this magnitude would directly impact classroom instruction, including reduced instructional days in the school year, teacher layoffs and class size increases in key academic programs like science, math, reading, and the arts.

Measure K helps compensate for millions of dollars in severe state budget cuts to our local schools, attract and retain great teachers, protect reading and arts programs, and maintain smaller class sizes. Voting Yes on Measure K will help maintain the high-quality academics that make Las Virgenes schools so desirable, and helps prepare local students so well for college and careers.

Q. How can I find out more information about Measure K or get involved?

A. Parents, teachers, staff and community members are coming together to support this Measure K. They are showing their support by volunteering to phone bank, donating money to the campaign or putting up lawn signs in their yards. If you would like to get involved, or find more information, please visit our website at www.ExcellentLasVirgenesSchools.org.

Local Funding Fiscal Accountability and Cost

Q. Is Measure K fiscally accountable?

A. Measure K includes strict fiscal accountability provisions:

- All funds stay in Las Virgenes schools—not a single dollar can be taken away by the state
- No funds pay administrators' salaries
- Measure K expires in eight years
- Independent citizen oversight ensures funds are spent to support local student achievement

Q. How much will Measure K cost?

A. Measure K will cost property owners \$95 per year per parcel for 8 years to provide a stable, local source of funding for Las Virgenes schools that cannot be taken by the state. Senior citizen homeowners may apply for an exemption.

Q. When would the school district receive this funding?

A. Revenue from Measure K would be available and positively impact the 2012-2013 school budget.

No Children/Senior Exemption

Q. Can senior citizens receive an exemption?

A. Yes. Through a simple application process, senior citizen homeowners age 65 and older may receive an exemption for their primary residence. To find out more about the exemption process, please contact the Las Virgenes Unified School District at (818) 880-4200.

Q. I don't have children in school, how does Measure K benefit me?

A. Great local schools are a major reason why many of us moved here – and why so many are still eager to move to our area. In fact, the excellence of local schools is a major reason why our local property values remain high today.

By voting YES on Measure K, we will continue the tradition of academic excellence in our schools and protect property values.

Voting Questions

Q. Who is eligible to vote on Measure K?

A. All registered voters in the Las Virgenes Unified School District – serving Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills and Bell Canyon – will be eligible to vote on this measure. Measure K must receive at least 66.7% approval of those voting in the election.

Q. How do I vote for Measure K?

A. Polling places will be open 7 AM-8 PM on November 8. Sample ballots will begin mailing out on September 29. If you have questions about where to vote or about your sample ballot, please contact the LA County Registrar of Voters at (562) 466-1310 or visit www.lavote.net/VOTER_ELECTIONS. For Ventura County, please call (805) 654-2781 or visit <http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections.htm>.

Q. I typically vote by mail. By when must I mail my ballot back?

A. Mail ballots will begin being sent out on October 10. The LA County or Ventura County Registrar of Voters must receive your ballot by 8 PM on Election Day to be counted in this election. Postmarks don't count, so it is important to mail your ballot back right away. You must mail back your ballot by November 1 to ensure your YES vote is counted!

Q. How do I register to vote on Measure K?

A. The last day to register to vote on the November 8 election is October 24. The last day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot is Nov 1st for both LA and Ventura County. Contact the LA County Registrar of Voters at (562) 466-1310 or visit www.lavote.net/VOTER_ELECTIONS. For Ventura County, please call (805) 654-2781 or visit <http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections.htm>.

Q. What level of support is required for Measure K to pass?

A. We need at least 66.7% of voters to vote YES on Measure K—every single vote will matter. That is why we need your vote YES vote on Measure K for our local schools.

Previous Funding Measures

Q. Does LVUSD already receive local funding?

A. In 2007, Las Virgenes voters approved a Measure "E", which has supported a high-quality education in our schools. This stable local funding has helped Las Virgenes Unified School District retain teachers, keep class sizes as small as possible and protect our academic programs. The existing measure costs homeowners \$98 per year and has not been increased in the past 8 years. This funding will expire in four years.

Measure K is needed to help compensate for millions of dollars in severe State budget cuts to our local schools. By voting YES on Measure K, we can preserve exceptionally high-quality education and provide stable, local funding that cannot be taken away by the state.

Q. Didn't we approve a bond measure? Why can't we use those funds?

A. Our community has a history of supporting our schools as evidenced by the passage of "G" in 2006, a bond measure that helped bring upgraded and expanded facilities to every school site.

State law requires bond funds be used for capital expenses only. To ensure schools use bond funds to repair and update local schools, as voters intended, a specific project is required to identify how the funds would be used. These funds can only then be spent on the items identified in the project list. No bond funds can be used for operations or salaries that are unrelated to the repair and construction of projects on the project list.

Measure K will provide locally controlled funding that can be used in the classroom to specifically help:

- Protect math and science classes students need to excel in the 21st Century
- Preserve small class sizes
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers, counselors and staff
- Prevent further cuts to art and music programs
- Restore stable funding for instructional materials, textbooks and classroom supplies

For more information about Measure G or school updates and repairs completed, please visit the district website at: www.lvusd.org.

Q. Has student enrollment been dropping dramatically each year?

A. Enrollment in local schools has seen a slight reduction over the past 7 years, averaging to about 1%. However, because our local schools remain to be considered one of California's best, thanks to high-test scores and ongoing student success, we have families from outside our district who vie for access to our schools.

Q. How do inter-district student transfers affect our local schools?

A. Las Virgenes Unified School District benefits from inter-district transfers because state education dollars are allocated based on the number of students in the classroom. Our schools have the space for some of these inter-district transfer students, when including them allows the District to keep smaller schools open and keep several elective programs that otherwise would have to be cut. These transfer students lessen the overall impact of ever-dwindling state funding.

State education budget cuts are affecting all of our schools in California. Due to these challenging cuts, some Districts are faced with classroom overcrowding due to difficult staff layoffs. We're fortunate that students and families with high academic expectations who live outside our district vie for access to our schools, and bring thousands of dollars in much-needed state funding with them.

For more information about Measure K you may also contact the Las Virgenes Unified School District at 818-878-5225.

Resolution # 02-11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLING AN ELECTION FOR VOTER
APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATION PARCEL TAX

WHEREAS, the Las Virgenes Unified School District (the "District") is devoted to providing high quality K-12 public education; and,

WHEREAS, the District has implemented a number of changes to generate sufficient funds for its education programs, including initiation of local fund-raising efforts; and,

WHEREAS, property values within the District are related to the quality of education available in the District's public schools; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the District from the State of California and other sources has been reduced substantially in the past three years, and future funding is in jeopardy, and will be inadequate to provide the level of support to the District's educational programs that the residents of the District expect and the students need; and,

WHEREAS, the District has already made deep cuts and budget reductions and therefore steps must be taken to help prevent future cuts to essential classes and programs; and,

WHEREAS, Article XIII A, Section 4 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075 *et seq.*, of the California Government Code permit a school district to propose the adoption of a special tax for specified purposes and to levy an education parcel tax following approval by at least two-thirds of the voters voting upon the proposition; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District proposes to establish a levy of an education parcel tax upon parcels of land within the District for the purposes set forth in this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the annual appropriations limit of the District should be raised concurrently to allow the District to expend the amount raised by said tax; and,

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a public hearing in connection with the proposed election regarding a qualified special education parcel tax prior to the adoption of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Las Virgenes Unified School District as follows:

Section 1. This Board of Education (the "Board") finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. This Board hereby proposes to establish the levy of an education parcel tax to be used for some or all of the following:

- (a) protect programs that deliver high academic achievement in math, science, writing and reading programs;
- (b) preserve smaller class sizes;
- (c) attract and retain highly qualified teachers, counselors, and staff;
- (d) prevent further cuts to art and music programs;
- (e) restore stable funding for instructional materials, textbooks, and classroom supplies;
- (f) minimize teacher layoffs.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE EDUCATION PARCEL TAX BE USED FOR SALARIES OR BENEFITS FOR ADMINISTRATORS.

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

Section 3. The education parcel tax shall be a special tax of \$95 per year assessed against each Parcel.

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 Assessor/Tax Collector of Los Angeles County or of Ventura County, as appropriate, 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 annually 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 education parcel tax. The special tax shall be levied in each fiscal year for eight (8) full years following voter approval of the tax.

Section 4. Subject to voter approval as set forth below, the education parcel tax shall be levied commencing with the 2012-13 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 either the Los Angeles County or Ventura County Tax Collector as appropriate. In accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 50075.3, 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 education 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 education parcel tax may be levied. In the event that the levy and collection of the education parcel tax does have such an effect, the District shall reduce the education parcel tax levy to the extent of any such decrease or offset. Additionally, any persons who are either (a) 65 years of age or older or (b) receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, and the owner of a Parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, may obtain an exemption from the levy of the education parcel tax, by submitting annually an application of such owners or persons, prior to June 15 of each year, to the District.

Section 6. This 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 educational parcel tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

Section 7. This Board hereby requests that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters submit the following measure to the voters of the District and to print this entire Full Ballot Text in the ballot pamphlet to be published and mailed for the special election scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2011:

*LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT
MEASURE " "*
Las Virgenes Unified School District

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

To provide local school funding that cannot be taken by state government; retain high-quality teachers; preserve smaller class sizes; minimize teacher layoffs; and protect academic opportunities and high achievement in science, math, reading and the arts; shall the Las Virgenes Unified School District establish a local parcel tax of \$95 annually for eight years, with exemptions for seniors, independent fiscal oversight, no funds for administrator salaries, and guaranteeing every dollar stays within our community preserving quality education?

This Board hereby proposes to establish the levy of an education parcel tax to be used for some or all of the following:

- (a) protect programs that deliver high academic achievement in math, science, writing and reading programs;
- (b) preserve smaller class sizes;
- (c) attract and retain highly qualified teachers, counselors, and staff;
- (d) prevent further cuts to art and music programs;

- (e) restore stable funding for instructional materials, textbooks, and classroom supplies;
- (f) minimize teacher layoffs.

AMOUNT OF EDUCATION PARCEL TAX; PERIOD OF ASSESSMENT
The education parcel tax shall be \$95 (or less as provided below) per year for eight (8) full years assessed against each parcel.

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

DEFINITION OF "PARCEL"

For purposes of this special tax, the term "Parcel" means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Las Virgenes Unified School District, that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from either the Los Angeles County or Ventura County Assessor/Tax Collector. 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 education parcel tax in such year.

For purposes of this education 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 an application of the owners thereof by June 15 of each year to the District, be treated as a single "parcel" for purposes of the levy of the education parcel tax.

EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS AND SSI RECIPIENTS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50079 (b), any owners of a Parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes and who are either (a) 65 years of age or older or (b) persons receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, may obtain an exemption from the education parcel tax by annually submitting an application, by June 15 of each year, to the District. Persons currently receiving an exemption from the payment of the District's Measure E parcel tax shall automatically be granted an exemption from the payment of this education parcel tax.

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the Los Angeles County or Ventura County Assessor/Tax Collector, as appropriate, or other appropriate Los Angeles County or Ventura County tax officials shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision shall be final and binding. With respect to

matters specific to the levy of the education parcel tax, including the Senior Citizen Exemption and the SSI Exemption and the classification of property for purposes of calculating the tax, the decisions of the District shall be final and binding.

REDUCTION IN TAX IF RESULT IS LESS OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The collection of the education 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 Las Virgenes Unified School District during the period of the education parcel tax. In the event that the levy and collection does have such an effect, the Las Virgenes Unified School District shall cease the levy or shall reduce the education 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 education parcel tax levied in accordance with this Measure: (a) the specific purposes of the education parcel tax shall be those purposes identified above; (b) the proceeds of the education 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 education parcel tax must be deposited; and (d) an annual written report shall be made to the Board of Education of the District showing (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the proceeds of the education parcel tax and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the education parcel tax, as identified above.

In addition to the accountability measures required by law, the District shall appoint a fiscal oversight committee to review the expenditures in order to ensure that said funds are spent for the purposes approved by the voters.

End of Full Ballot Text of Measure

The abbreviated text of the ballot proposition with respect to the foregoing measure shall read as follows:

To provide local school funding that cannot be taken by state government; retain high-quality teachers; preserve smaller class sizes; minimize teacher layoffs; and protect academic opportunities and high achievement in science, math, reading and the arts; shall the Las Virgenes Unified School District establish a local parcel tax of \$95 annually for eight years, with exemptions for seniors, independent fiscal oversight, no funds for administrator salaries, and guaranteeing every dollar stays within our community preserving quality education?

Yes _____

No _____

The District's Superintendent, 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 Section 7 shall be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held on November 8, 2011. If approved by at least two-thirds of the voters voting on the Measure, the Measure shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

Section 9. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the Los Angeles and Ventura County Registrars of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 8, 2011. 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, 2011.

Section 10. The Board hereby requests that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate election official of the two counties, 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 Los Angeles County and Ventura County in full for any services performed by the County 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 Los Angeles County and Ventura County Superintendent of Schools no later than August 10, 2011, and the Registrar of Voters/Elections Department of each of the Los Angeles County and Ventura County, as well as the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County and Ventura County, not later than August 12, 2011, and to give notice of the election by causing to be published a copy of this Resolution in a local newspaper of general circulation within the District once, 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 each of the Los Angeles County and Ventura County Registrar of Voters/Elections Department, a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 7 hereof, within the time established by such Department.

Section 14. Subject to two-thirds approval of the voters, the qualified special education parcel tax shall be collected by the Los Angeles County and Ventura County Tax Collectors at the same time and manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad*

valorem property taxes collected by each Tax Collector. The tax shall bear interest at the same rate for unpaid ad valorem property taxes until paid.

Section 15. The Board shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code) for any increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the qualified special tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

Section 16. Subject to two-thirds voter approval and prior to adoption of a resolution levying the qualified special tax in any given year, this Board shall conduct a public hearing on the matter. Notice of the time, date, and place of hearing shall be published pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.6. Following said hearing this Board may adopt a resolution fixing the amount of tax to be raised and the rates for each type of property. Any tax levied shall become a lien upon the properties against which taxes are assessed and collectible.

Section 17. The Board shall, pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3, file an annual report as provided herein accounting for the education tax revenues collected and the manner in which they have been spent.

Section 18. 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.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the Las Virgenes Unified School District at a regular meeting held on August 8, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NOES:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

/s/
President, Board of Education
Las Virgenes Unified School District

ATTEST:
/s/ Koli Stein
Clerk, Board of Education
Las Virgenes Unified School District

EXHIBIT A
FORMAL NOTICE OF PARCEL TAX ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Las Virgenes Unified School District of Los Angeles County and Ventura County, California, that in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code of the State of California, an election will be held on November 8, 2011, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District and voted upon:

To provide local school funding that cannot be taken by state government; retain high-quality teachers; preserve smaller class sizes; minimize teacher layoffs; and protect academic opportunities and high achievement in science, math, reading and the arts; shall the Las Virgenes Unified School District establish a local parcel tax of \$95 annually for eight years, with exemptions for seniors, independent fiscal oversight, no funds for administrator salaries, and guaranteeing every dollar stays within our community preserving quality education?

The [Los Angeles] [Ventura] County Registrar of Voters, by this Notice of Election, has called the election pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Education of the Las Virgenes Unified School District, adopted on August 8, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day, August 9, 2011, 2011.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

By: Matthew Jones

EXHIBIT B

Las Virgenes Unified School District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING*

Please take notice that on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., in the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board Room, 4111 North Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, California 91302, the District's Board of Education will conduct a public hearing and consider adopting a resolution proposing to establish a qualified special tax to be submitted for voter approval on November 8, 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$114 per year (estimated annual collection of \$95) for eight years for a variety of educational programs, including the maintenance of programs in math, science, reading, writing, art, music, as well as for books and classroom materials and the retention of qualified teachers, and guaranteeing an exemption for certain seniors and disabled persons.

* This notice shall be in the form of a display advertisement of at least one-eighth paper in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for three weeks in accordance with Government Code 6063 and by first-class mailing to persons who have so requested such notice.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

(based on the resolutions adopted by other cities)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA
HILLS, SUPPORTING MEASURE K,
THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PARCEL TAX
INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Las Virgenes Unified School District is dedicated to providing high quality public school education to the residents of Agoura Hills; and

WHEREAS, the School District reports that the State of California has made approximately \$10 million in cuts over the past three years to the District's funding; and

WHEREAS, the School District has made significant budget reductions to help offset the State's cuts and sees a drastic need to take further steps to help prevent future cuts to essential classes and programs; and

WHEREAS, the School District has worked extensively with community groups and local cities to raise funds to help alleviate this shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Las Virgenes Unified School District has conducted a telephone poll of District residents which has indicated that there is significant support for the schools and for a parcel tax to address the cutbacks in funding from the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Las Virgenes Unified School District has adopted Resolution No. 02-11, which requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters to submit a question to the voters of the District of whether a local parcel tax of \$95 annually for eight years beginning in fiscal year 2012-2013 should be established; and

WHEREAS, the measure has been designated as Measure K on the November 8, 2011 ballot; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Agoura Hills strongly supports the passage of Measure K and believes that it is vital if the District is to continue its level of excellence and achievement.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

, Mayor

ATTEST:

, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

, City Attorney