

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S PLACEMENT OF A MEASURE, FOR VOTER APPROVAL TO RENEW AN EDUCATIONAL PARCEL TAX BENEFITING THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007 BALLOT

On July 26, 2007 the Board of Education of the Las Virgenes Unified School District (District) for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, California, unanimously voted to adopt a resolution to place the renewal of their previously successful Measure E parcel tax on the November 6, 2007 ballot. Measure E will expire at the end of the current year, and without a renewal in place, the District will be forced to cut nearly two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in critical programs ranging from elementary science courses to class size reduction to high school athletics.

The Board of Education of the Las Virgenes Unified School District has considered a variety of options including the potential of increasing the parcel tax, but felt that based upon its current success, maintaining the present \$98 per parcel amount is the most prudent approach. By law, the District cannot campaign for this measure. Therefore, it was decided by the District's Board of Education to adopt said resolution in order to place the renewal for the parcel tax on the upcoming November 6, 2007 ballot.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council discuss and consider supporting the Board of Education's placement of a measure, for voter approval to renew an educational parcel tax benefiting the Las Virgenes Unified School District, on the November 6, 2007 ballot.

Attachment: Resolution #5-07 - Board of Education of the Las Virgenes Unified School District