

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

Measure H is seriously flawed. The voters need to send it back to the School Board for a realistic measure focused on core instructional values.

1. Most of Measure H represents a continuation of taxes adopted as "emergency" measures in response to a State Budget crisis. Now the State fully funds our schools with a revised formula. But instead of making the hard decisions to realign spending to match state funding, the Board has taken the easy way out to keep things the same.
2. Measure H is uncertain because it allows an increase to reflect the "Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers California". This index only measures the cost of living in two areas: San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, and Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside.
3. We can expect such increases because a majority of the Board is on record as favoring a \$750 Parcel Tax, with one arguing for \$960.00. Tied to inflation in Los Angeles and San Francisco over 8 years, the tax may easily exceed \$1000.00.
4. Unlike other property taxes, a Parcel Tax may not be lowered because of a drop in property values or for a depressed economy.
5. The focus on Measure H is on those deemed "gifted" or "talented". Those in the "middle" get very little. But because parcel tax spending is protected, any future budget cuts will hit those kids in the "middle".
6. Measure H is too long. Of the past 11 Parcel Taxes, only one has been as long as 5 years. All others have been for four years or less. At 8 years, the School Board is avoiding the responsibility of effective program oversight.

Measure H is TOO MUCH, it is TOO UNCERTAIN, it is TOO LONG, and it benefits TOO FEW students.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE H.

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