

**SAN JOSÉ-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MEASURE I**

**SAN JOSE-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
JOB TRAINING, STUDENT SUPPORT AND AFFORDABILITY
MEASURE.** To provide locally controlled funding for community colleges to attract and retain quality faculty; provide assistance with food, housing, fees, books, transportation, and internet access so students can complete their degrees; prepare students for transfer to UC and CSU schools, and career and job training, shall San Jose-Evergreen Community College District's measure levying \$18 per parcel for 9 years (\$4,500,000 annually), be adopted, with citizens' oversight, and all funds used locally?

**YES
NO**

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE I**

The San José-Evergreen Community College District ("District") Board of Trustees ("Board") has placed Measure I on the ballot to authorize an annual parcel tax of \$18 per parcel, beginning on July 1, 2021, for nine years. According to the Measure, the parcel tax will raise approximately \$4.5 million per year.

The stated purposes of the parcel tax are to keep college affordable; prepare students and workers to transfer to four-year colleges and universities; prepare students for well-paid jobs; provide financial aid to low-income students and first generation college students; provide affordable programs to students facing insecurity and hunger; support students experiencing homelessness; provide courses to all students on ethnic and racial biases to train them to be part of culturally competent workforces; attract and retain high-quality faculty; expand mental health services and counselors; and assist with the cost of student fees and books to help students graduate on time. The tax may not be used for administrator salaries, benefits, or pensions.

The tax applies to any parcel of land that lies wholly or partially within the District that receives a separate tax bill for property taxes from the Santa Clara County Tax Collector. Contiguous parcels that are used solely for owner-occupied single-family residential purposes and are held under identical ownership may be treated as a single parcel upon approval by the District. Such parcel owners must submit applications to the District on or before June 15 of any year.

The District is required by law to institute additional accountability measures for the tax proceeds. These measures include: (1) using the tax proceeds only for the specific purposes described in the Measure; (2) depositing the tax proceeds into a separate account from other District funds; and (3) providing an annual written report to the Board detailing the amount of funds collected and expended and the status of any project(s) authorized to be funded by parcel tax proceeds.

A "yes" vote is a vote to approve a special tax of \$18 per parcel within the District for nine (9) years.

A "no" vote is a vote to not approve the tax.

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE I-Continued**

If at least two-thirds of all voters casting ballots in the District vote "yes" on Measure I, the tax will be approved.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE I

SAN JOSE-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT JOB TRAINING, STUDENT SUPPORT AND AFFORDABILITY MEASURE I

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

To provide funding for programs which prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, provide local reliable funding that cannot be taken by the State, attract and retain high quality faculty, ensure an affordable education to local students and families, support homeless, hungry students, maintain programs to prepare students for good-paying jobs, provide counselors, provide financial aid to low-income students, with no proceeds used for administrators' salaries, benefits and pensions, the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District ("District") proposes a voter approved student support parcel tax for a period of nine years from starting date of July 1, 2021 at a rate of \$18 per parcel per year, and to implement accountability measures, to ensure the funds are used to help:

- **Provide assistance to students to keep college affordable.**
- Better prepare students and workers for transfer to four-year colleges and universities;
- Maintain programs that prepare students for the good-paying jobs;
- **Provide financial aid to low-income students and students who are the first in their family to attend college;**
- **Provide affordable programs to students facing food insecurity and hunger;**
- **Support students experiencing homelessness;**
- Offer classes to all students to ensure that they are aware of the biases about different ethnic and racial communities and are trained to be part of a culturally competent workforce.
- Attract and retain a high-quality faculty;
- Expand mental health services and counselors; and
- Provide assistance with the cost of student fees and books to help students graduate on time.

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

DEFINITION OF "PARCEL"

For purposes of the student support parcel tax, the term "Parcel" means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Santa Clara County Assessor. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall be exempt from the educational and teacher excellence 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

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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 educational and teacher excellence parcel tax.

REDUCTION IN TAX IF RESULT IS LESS OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The collection of the student support 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 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.