

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date: 3/7/11**

**Title of Item:** Presentation Regarding Support of Los Altos School District Parcel Tax

### **Background and Analysis:**

Mr. Jay Gill will give a presentation regarding Measure E, the Los Altos School District parcel tax campaign that will be on the May 3, mail only ballot.


The Los Altos School District is also asking the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution in support of Measure E.

**Recommendation:** Chancellor Linda Thor recommends adoption of a resolution in support of the Los Altos School District's Measure E Parcel Tax

Submitted by: Linda Thor, ext. 6104
Additional contact names:
Is backup provided? Yes

**Protect Excellent Los Altos Schools**


# Yes on **E**



**Jay Gill, Co-chair**  
**Keep Los Altos Schools Strong, Yes on E**

FPPC # 1241930

Protect Excellent Los Altos Schools



## **Los Altos Schools Investing in Excellence**

- Outstanding academics:
  - Strong programs in reading, writing, math, science
  - District consistently ranks 1 or 2 in the state
- Fiscally prudent:
  - only 1.5% of expenses for central administration (far below CA average)
  - lower total cost of education than similar, high-performing districts



## What is Measure E?

- Los Altos School District local revenue measure on May 3 ballot
- \$193 per parcel
- Purpose:
  - Preserve outstanding core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science
  - Retain highly qualified teachers
  - Provide books and classroom materials



## Measure E is Fiscally Sound

- All funds stay in Los Altos schools—not one penny can be taken away by the state
- No funds pay administrators' salaries
- Measure E expires in six years
- Senior citizens may receive an exemption
- Independent citizen oversight ensures funds are spent as promised



## Why is Measure E Critical?

- Unstable state funding: \$4.1 million cut in past 2 years
- Shortened the school year
- Eliminated teaching positions
- Limited classroom supplies and books
- Next year, LASD faces **at least \$4 million** in added cuts.
- Measure E will provide \$2.3 million/year.
- A key part of a total solution that includes increased parent donations and compensation negotiations



## We Need Your Support!

- Please endorse Measure E.
- Suggested resolution:  
*"The Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees endorses Measure E, the local education measure to protect academic excellence in Los Altos schools."*

**Foothill-De Anza Community College District  
Board of Trustees**

**ENDORSEMENT  
IN SUPPORT OF LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE E**

**Resolution #2011-09**

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees endorses Measure E, the local education measure to protect academic excellence in Los Altos Schools.

AYES \_\_\_\_\_

NOES \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTENTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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