



**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

**Sample Ballot and  
Voter Information Pamphlet**

**DUBLIN UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Special Vote by Mail  
Election**

**NO POLLING PLACES WILL BE  
UTILIZED FOR THIS ELECTION**

**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014**

**001**



# ~ INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT ~

Follow These Easy Steps To Ensure Your Vote Counts:

- Use black or blue ballpoint pen **Only**
- To vote on the measure, **Completely** connect the arrow pointing to your “YES” or “NO” choice
- Make sure you clearly mark your ballot

**TO VOTE:** Completely connect the arrow pointing to your choice.

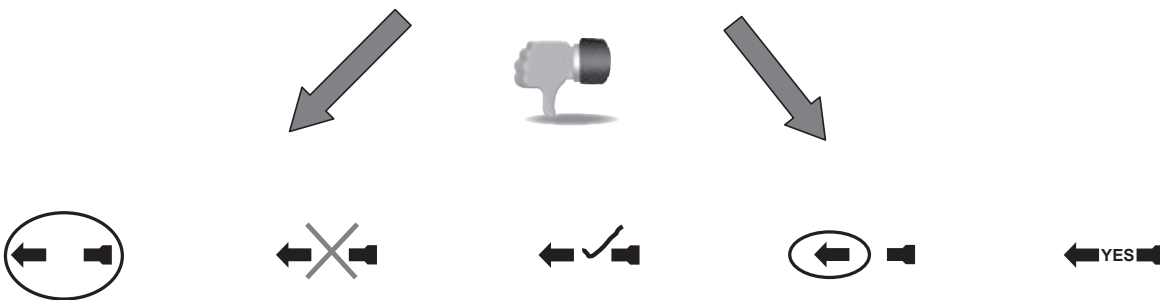
MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
1	Shall every registered voter be required to vote in every election?
YES	←
NO	←

**Right Way:**  
Connect the arrow as shown



Below are examples of errors in marking the ballot.

**Wrong Way**



## VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT EARLY

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Mail your ballot by May 1st to ensure it is received in time.

Ballots can be dropped off at any of the following locations:

- **Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office**  
Monday – Friday from 8:30am – 5:00pm  
Election Day from 7:00am – 8:00pm
- **24 Hour Drop-Off Boxes**  
*Alameda County Administration Building*  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland  
*René C. Davidson Courthouse*  
1225 Fallon Street, Oakland



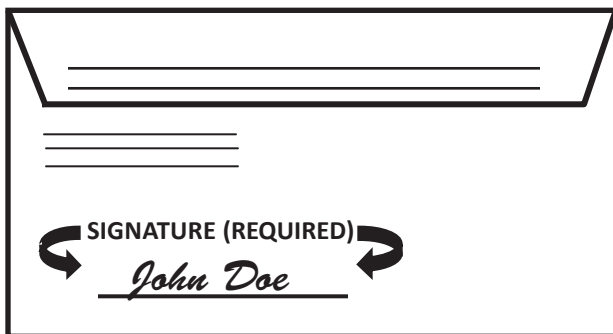
**ATTENTION**

## DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS

- This is a special vote by mail election; ballots will be automatically mailed to all registered voters who reside in the Dublin Unified School District.
- **NO polling places will be utilized for this election.**
- **NO postage necessary to return the ballot.**
- Voted ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 6, 2014. Postmarks are **NOT** acceptable.

**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT...**

Remember to sign the back of your return envelope!



### IMPORTANT DATES

- April 7, 2014 – First day of early voting at the Registrar of Voters Office
- April 7, 2014 – First day to mail Vote-By-Mail ballots to voters
- April 21, 2014 – Last day to register to vote for this election

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL  
 DISTRICT SPECIAL  
 VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION  
 ALAMEDA COUNTY  
 MAY 6, 2014

# BALOTA OFICIAL

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE VOTACIÓN  
 POR CORREO DEL DISTRITO  
 ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE DUBLIN  
 CONDADO DE ALAMEDA  
 6 DE MAYO DEL 2014

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: USE BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PEN ONLY.**

To vote on any measure, complete the arrow after the word "Yes" or "No."



**INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS VOTANTES: USE UN BOLÍGRAFO CON TINTA NEGRA O**

**AZUL SOLAMENTE.** Para votar por cualquier medida, complete la flecha después de la palabra "Sí" o "No."

**MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS  
 MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES**

**SCHOOL  
 ESCUELA**

**B** "Without increasing the existing tax rate and to maintain high quality education for all grades by sustaining academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing, and utilizing technology; supporting engineering/medicine/biotechnology academies; attracting/retaining highly qualified teachers; and maintaining school libraries, current instructional materials/technology, shall the Dublin Unified School District renew its expiring \$96 parcel tax for five years, with a senior exemption, independent oversight, no money for administrators salaries and all funds staying in Dublin schools?"

"Sin incrementar las tasas impositivas vigentes y para conservar la alta calidad de la educación para todos los grados al mantener los logros académicos en matemáticas, ciencia, lectura, escritura y el uso de la tecnología; apoyar a las academias de ingeniería, medicina y biotecnología; atraer o conservar a maestros altamente calificados; y mantener a las bibliotecas escolares, así como a la tecnología y el material educativo actuales, ¿deberá el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Dublin renovar su impuesto predial que está por expirar de \$96 durante cinco años, con una exención para las personas de la tercera edad, una supervisión ciudadana independiente, sin dedicar este dinero al salario de los administradores y que todos los fondos permanezcan en las escuelas de Dublin?"

YES SÍ	←	↓
NO NO	←	↓

**Sample Ballot**

# Sample Ballot

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# OTHER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

The following pages contain:  
**MEASURE INFORMATION**

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN  
OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAWS  
ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.**

If you have questions about voting  
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Or

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
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The Registrar of Voters office  
provides the Measure Information in  
an audio MP3 format on our website  
at:

[www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov)

or

on a CD format (mailed by request)

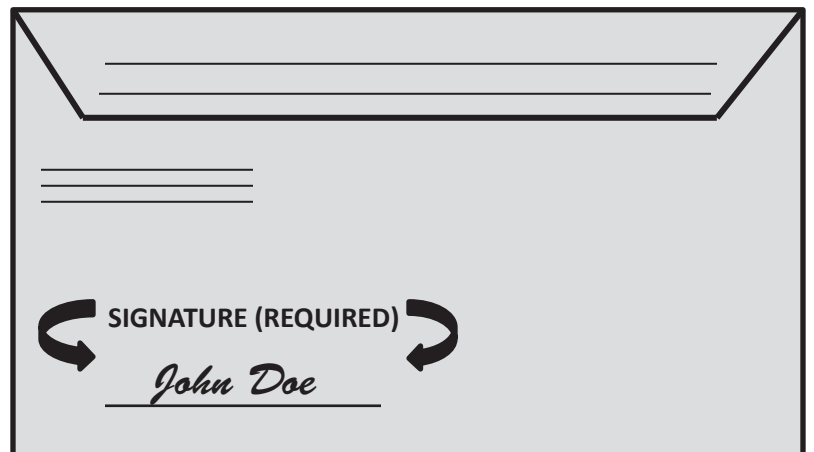
Please call (510) 272-6933 for CD  
requests

Hearing Impaired

(510) 208-4967

## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT...

Remember to sign the back of  
your return envelope and return it  
no later than 8 p.m. on Election  
Day



## DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE B

<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;"><b>B</b> “Without increasing the existing tax rate and to maintain high quality education for all grades by sustaining academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing, and utilizing technology; supporting engineering/medicine/biotechnology academies; attracting/retaining highly qualified teachers; and maintaining school libraries, current instructional materials/technology, shall the Dublin Unified School District renew its expiring \$96 parcel tax for five years, with a senior exemption, independent oversight, no money for administrators salaries and all funds staying in Dublin schools?”</p>	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

### COUNTY COUNSEL’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE B

#### ANALYSIS BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

Measure B, a Dublin Unified School District (“District”) special parcel tax measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to renew and extend a special parcel tax in the amount of \$96.00 per year on each parcel of taxable real property, beginning July 1, 2014 for five years, to fund the programs set forth in the measure. The District’s voters previously authorized a special parcel tax assessment at the same rate on November 4, 2008.

A school district has the authority to levy special taxes upon approval by two-thirds of the votes cast on the special tax proposal. (*See* Cal. Const. Art. XIII A, § 4; Art. XIII C, §2; Cal. Gov’t Code §§ 50075-50077, 50079, & 53722, *et seq.*)

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the special tax revenue will be used for the specific purposes set forth in the full text of the measure printed in this sample ballot. Those purposes include, but are not limited to: recruiting and training teachers, maintaining class sizes, and maintaining school library services. The measure further provides that the Board of Trustees will use the revenue for those purposes, unless it determines in any given year that changes in student population, fiscal constraints, or other changes in state or federal funding make doing so infeasible or inadvisable. A community oversight committee will help ensure that the special tax monies are spent for their authorized purposes and report annually to the Board of Trustees and the community on the expenditure of such monies.

If the measure passes, the tax will be collected by the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner as *ad valorem* property taxes are collected. Annual exemptions are available for seniors and persons on Supplemental Security Income upon application to the District as outlined in the text of the measure. Individuals seeking either one of the two exemptions must apply to the District on or before July 1 of each tax

year. Any contiguous parcels used solely for one owner-occupied, single-family residence and held under identical ownership shall, upon approval of an application to the District, be treated as a single parcel for purposes of the special tax.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to extend the special tax.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER  
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B, which measure is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official’s office at (510) 272-6933, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov).

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B**

Vote YES on Measure B to protect excellent education in Dublin schools—without increasing taxes.

**Measure B continues locally-controlled funding that stays in our Dublin schools.**

Our students receive a high-quality and well-rounded education in local schools. They continue to achieve high scores on statewide exams and are prepared to compete for the best colleges and 21<sup>st</sup>-century careers.

In 2008, over 70% of Dublin Unified School District voters approved funding to protect essential academic programs and retain teachers. While funding for education is improving, state funding for Dublin schools will not be fully restored for at least another seven years. With our increasing enrollment, it is more critical than ever for Dublin Unified School District to maintain stable local funding.

Now this funding is set to expire this year, which means our schools will lose millions of dollars and be forced to cut critical science, reading and technology programs.

Measure B protects the essentials of an excellent education—without increasing taxes.

Specifically, Measure B will:

- Maintain academic excellence in math, science, reading, writing and technology
- Create and expand educational academies in science, engineering, medicine and biotechnology
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- Maintain school libraries and up-to-date instructional materials for students

All Measure B funds will continue to be controlled locally—Sacramento cannot take a single penny.

- The independent Citizens' Oversight Committee will continue to ensure funds are spent as promised
- None of the money raised can be used for administrators' salaries
- Homeowners, aged 65 and older, will continue to be eligible to receive an exemption
- If passed, Measure B will expire in 5 years and could not be renewed without voter approval

Join parents, teachers, local businesses and community leaders and vote YES on B.

s/Tim Sbranti

Mayor and Dublin High School Teacher

s/Janine Thalblum

Dublin Rotary President and Parent

s/Janet Lockhart

Supt. Dublin Schools Foundation (DPIE) Enrichment Academy

s/Jan Cohen

Dublin Teacher

s/Edy Coleman

Dublin Resident 37 Years, 2013 Mayor's Volunteer Award Winner

## **NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B WAS SUBMITTED**



## **FULL TEXT OF MEASURE B**

### **DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEASURE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Without increasing the existing tax rate and to maintain high quality education for all grades by sustaining academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing, and utilizing technology; supporting engineering/medicine/biotechnology academies; attracting/retaining highly qualified teachers; and maintaining school libraries, current instructional materials/technology, shall the Dublin Unified School District renew its expiring \$96 parcel tax for five years, with a senior exemption, independent oversight, no money for administrators salaries and all funds staying in Dublin schools?

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide local revenue that cannot be taken by the state and to maintain exceptional public education in our schools, the Dublin Unified School District proposes to renew and extend its expiring qualified special parcel tax for a period of five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2014, at the rate of \$96 per Parcel of Taxable Real Property within the Dublin Unified School District, with an annual exemption available for seniors and persons on Supplemental Security Income, upon application, and to implement accountability measures in connection with the special parcel tax to provide oversight and accountability to ensure that the funds are used to:

- a) Maintain academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing and utilizing technology support educational academies in science, engineering, medicine and biotechnology
- b) Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- c) Maintain school library services
- d) Maintain current instructional materials and technology for students
- e) Provide ongoing teacher training in the latest instructional methods
- f) Maintain small class sizes
- g) Protect taxpayers' investment in education and ensure District accountability by providing for an independent community oversight committee and financial audits of revenues and expenditures.

The Board of Trustees will not fund any program or reduction other than those listed above from the proceeds of the special parcel taxes. The Board of Trustees will utilize parcel tax proceeds for the purposes listed above, unless the Board of Trustees determines in any given year that changes in student population, fiscal constraints, or other changes in state or federal funding make doing so infeasible or inadvisable.

## **PROCEDURES**

Subject to two-thirds approval of the voters, the renewed and extended parcel tax shall become effective as of July 1, 2014 and be collected by the Alameda County Tax Collector at the same time as and along with, and shall be subject to the same penalties as general *ad valorem* taxes collected by said tax collector. The tax and penalty shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid. Any tax levied shall become a lien upon the properties against which taxes are assessed and collectible as herein provided.

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the Alameda County Tax Assessor or other appropriate County tax official ("County") 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 special parcel tax, including the Senior Citizen Exemption as allowed below, the decisions of the District shall be final and binding. The procedures described herein, and any additional procedures established by the Board of Trustees, shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking an exemption, refund, reduction, or re-computation of the special parcel tax. Whether any particular claim is to be resolved by the District or by the County shall be determined by the District, in coordination with the County as necessary.

The District's Board of Trustees may adopt such additional or supplemental procedures as it deems necessary or convenient for the administration of the special parcel tax.

#### **OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE**

An optional exemption from the special parcel tax will be made available annually to each individual in the District who will attain 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the tax year, and who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, and who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence, and who applies to the District on or before July 1, 2014, or July 1 of any succeeding tax year. Any application for such exemption must be renewed annually.

An optional exemption from the special parcel tax will also be made available annually to each individual in the District receiving Supplemental Security Income, regardless of age, who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, and who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence, and who applies to the District on or before July 1, 2014, or July 1 of any succeeding tax year. Any application for such exemption must be renewed annually.

Any parcels that are contiguous to each other, used solely for one (1) owner-occupied single-family residence, and held under identical ownership shall, upon approval of an application from the owners thereof submitted to the District on or before July 1, 2013, or July 1 of any succeeding year, be treated as a single parcel for purposes

of the special parcel tax. Any one (1) approved application from a qualified applicant will provide such treatment for the remaining term of the special tax, so long as all of the parcels continue to be held under identical ownership and be owner-occupied.

The District shall annually provide to the County Tax Collector or other appropriate County tax official a list of parcels that the District has approved for a Senior Citizen Exemption, Supplemental Security Income Exemption, or contiguous property designation.

### **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 special parcel taxes levied in accordance with this Measure: (a) the specific purposes of the special parcel tax shall be those purposes identified above; (b) the proceeds of the special 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 special parcel taxes 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 special taxes and (ii) the status of any projects, programs, or purposes required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the special taxes, as identified above.

In addition to the accountability measures required by state law, an independent Community Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to advise the Board on the expenditures funded by the measure in order to help ensure that said funds are spent for the purposes approved by the voters. The Community Oversight Committee will monitor the expenditures of these funds by the District and will report on an annual basis to the Board and community on how these funds have been spent.

### **PROTECTION OF FUNDING**

Current law forbids any decrease in state or federal funding to the District because of the District's adoption of a parcel tax. However, if any such funds are reduced because of the adoption of this parcel tax, then the amount of the special parcel taxes will be reduced annually as necessary in order to restore such state or federal funding.





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