

EXHIBIT A
MEASURE TEXT

I. ABBREVIATION OF THE MEASURE

*[This summarizes, in 75 words or less,
the full text of the proposition which appears below.]*

"To continue providing the colleges of Alameda, Berkeley, Laney, and Merritt, funds that cannot be taken by the state to support affordable college education, including core academic programs to prepare students for university transfer and successful careers, by providing tutoring and teacher support; shall Peralta Community College District continue to levy \$48 per parcel annually for eight years, providing \$8,000,000 annually, with internal and citizens' oversight, no funds for administrator salaries, and all funds benefitting local colleges?"

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

Protect affordable education, teachers and students without raising tax rates – **Vote YES on X!**

Our local Community Colleges – Oakland’s Laney and Merritt Colleges, College of Alameda, and Berkeley City College – are an essential safety net for students who transfer to university or get specialized job training that prepares them for well-paying, 21st century careers.

YES on X preserves core in-demand academic programs including math, science and English that help students prepare for transfer to 4-year universities.

YES on X saves students and their families thousands of dollars. As the cost of U.C. and Cal State tuition continues to rise, Measure X will maintain critical core academic programs; tutoring, and attract and retain high-quality faculty – again, without raising tax rates!

Measure X simply continues voter-approved, locally-controlled funding that **MUST** be spent on our local community colleges. By law, **NO** funding could be taken by the state.

YES on X continues to be fiscally accountable. Every penny will stay in our community and **NO** funds can be used for administrators’ salaries.

Vote YES on X! We must maintain programs that train and prepare students with high-quality, affordable education. Measure X will continue providing students with valuable job skills while also making a difference in our community, like the current program building much-needed housing for people who are homeless.

Our local Laney, Merritt, Alameda and Berkeley colleges serve tens of thousands of students per year, preparing them for university transfer and successful careers. We must continue Measure X, without raising tax rates, amid rising costs of education and living in our region.

Join the Board of Trustees, students, educators, businesses and community leaders in voting **YES on X!**

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PLEASE VOTE NO on this premature AND unnecessary TAX EXTENSION. For three years, 2015-2018, I served as Chairperson of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, group appointed by the Peralta Community College District to represent the interests of taxpayers on Peralta District ballot measures. Unfortunately, For three years, I have seen the misuse of your parcel tax dollars.

In 2012, voters approved an eight year Parcel Tax giving the Peralta Community College District \$8 million annually to assist Peralta's four colleges to educate students for successful careers and university transfer. Two years remain on the current tax.

From 2012-2014, monies were properly spent. But, In 2015 matters changed.

Since 2015, taxpayer money has been shifted from the colleges, classrooms and students to pay for non-academic District office expenditures. An audit disclosed a drastic reduction in parcel tax funded academic expenditures.

As Oversight Committee Chairperson, I implored the District to honor taxpayer intent and return funding to the colleges, classrooms and, most importantly, the students. I asked for records showing which funds were allocated to the colleges and how they were used. These requests were denied or ignored.

Now, the Peralta Community College District is asking taxpayers to extend the \$8 million annually to 2028 without guarantees that the money will be spent as the taxpayers intended.

As Oversight Committee Chairperson, I asked the Peralta Community College District to postpone this ballot measure until 2020 and implement measures guaranteeing the money is spent properly. Request denied.

Your NO vote sends a clear message that you expect fiscal responsibility and accountability. Your money must focus on students.

With solid reforms, I will support a parcel tax extension in 2020, Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Michael B. Mills, former chairperson (2015-18), Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Parcel Tax

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E

Did the opponent even bother to check the facts? Voting **YES on E** continues Peralta Colleges commitment to strong fiscal stewardship, transparency and accountability focused on **STUDENT** success – without raising tax rates!

Here are the facts the opposition wants you to ignore:

FACT: A recent independent audit found that the "...Peralta Community College District has properly accounted for expenses...and that such expenditures were made for the purpose and activities authorized by the voter..."

FACT: **NO** Measure E funding can be spent on district administrators' salaries. **ALL** Measure E funding must be spent as voters authorized, which the recent publically-available audit found.

FACT: A Citizens Oversight Committee and independent financial audits will continue to guarantee Measure E accountability so **YES on E** can continue to support high-quality affordable college education amid ever increasing U.C. and Cal. State costs, critical core academic programing, tutoring, workforce/career/job training, and attracting/retaining high-quality teachers so students continue to be prepared for university transfer and successful careers.

FACT: Measure E simply extends existing, voter-approved funding – without raising tax rates. Thirty thousand students, veterans and their families rely on Laney, Merritt, Berkeley, and Alameda Colleges to save thousands of dollars on education while preparing for university or high-paying jobs in our region – we must continue Measure E.

Join students, teachers and community leaders in voting **YES on E** to support our local community colleges, students and teachers.

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REBUTTAL STATEMENT TO MEASURE E

The health of Laney, Merritt, College of Alameda and Berkeley City College is critical to the educational and economic well being of our diverse communities. PROPER use of the current Parcel Tax is essential to ensuring student success.

Taxpayers intended the annual \$8 Million Parcel Tax revenue to be given to the colleges to use for student success. Unfortunately, the administration has spent little on the classroom.

Board of Trustees, you are responsible for the administration's conduct. Are you listening to student pleas about class cuts and unavailable classes adding semesters to their educational careers? Do you ask why classes are being cut? Do you ask for clear expenditure records and accountability for the annual \$8 million? The answer to all is no.

Taxpayers, the District Administration is asking you to extend the \$48 per year to 2028. Don't the administration and the Board owe you a GUARANTEE that the colleges and students get your money?

Two years remain on the current parcel tax. There is time to develop an enforceable plan.

Your NO vote shouts out clearly: show us how you use the money for the remaining two years and have a specific plan for the future.

As promised, I'll gladly support a Parcel Tax in 2020 if the District complies with the taxpayer's original intent. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Michael B. Mills, former chairperson (2015-18), Citizens' Oversight Committee

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II. FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

BEGINNING OF FULL TEXT OF MEASURE----->>>>>

PERALTA COLLEGES EDUCATION RENEWAL MEASURE

This Proposition may be known and referred to as the “Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure” (the “Act”) or as “Measure ___”. [*Letter designation to be assigned by County Registrar of Voters*]

TERMS OF THE SPECIAL TAX

Terms and Purposes. Upon approval of two-thirds of those voting on this measure, the District shall be authorized to extend the existing parcel tax (Peralta Community College District Parcel Tax of 2012) for eight (8) years until 2028. The net effect of this measure would be to authorize the District to impose a total of \$48 in taxes per parcel annually each year between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2028.

The qualified special tax shall be known and referred to as the “Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure.” Proceeds of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure shall be authorized to be used to support core academic programs such as math, science and English, train students for careers, and prepare students to transfer to four-year universities. Proceeds of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure are to be spent exclusively for instructional purposes with classified expenditures limited to defined instructional support.

ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

Annual Audit. Upon the levy and collection of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure, the Board of Trustees shall cause an account to be established for deposit of the proceeds. For so long as any proceeds of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure shall remain unexpended, the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration, Chief Financial Officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Trustees no later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31, 2020, stating (1) the amount of Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure received and expended in such year, and (2) the status of any projects or description of any programs funding from proceeds of the tax. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period, as the Chancellor shall determine and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board of Trustees.

Citizen’s Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. The Citizens’ Parcel Tax Oversight Committee created by the Board of Trustees and currently serving will continue to oversee expenditures for the duration of the tax approved by this measure, pursuant to the bylaws the Board of Trustees has adopted for the Citizen’s Parcel Tax Oversight Committee as amended from time to time.

Internal Planning and Accountability. During the term of the measure the Peralta Community College District Staff, in cooperation with staff from each of the Peralta Colleges will

develop expenditures plans in two year increments for the funds generated by the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure for approval by the Board of Trustees. At least thirty (30) days prior to approval by the Board of Trustees, the proposed expenditure plans will be provided to the Planning and Budget Council and the Participatory Governance Council for review. The Shared Governance Committees may provide recommendations with respect to the proposed expenditure plans to the Board of Trustees in writing and at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees will consider the recommendations of the Shared Governance Committees before approving the expenditure plans. The expenditure plans will include measurable outcomes. An annual presentation on the parcel tax plans, expenditures, and progress toward student success and identified outcomes will be prepared by the Presidents of the Peralta Colleges for review by the Board of Trustees annually in October.

Specific Purposes. Funds generated by the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure may only be used to augment (rather than substitute for) funds already allocated for supporting core academic programs such as math, science and English, training students for careers, and preparing students to transfer to four-year universities. The funds are to be used for instructional purposes only with classified expenditures limited to defined instructional support.

Appropriations Limit. The Board of Trustees shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code or any successor provision of law) for any increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the funding of the Peralta Community College District Parcel Tax of 2012, and of all qualified special taxes levied by the District, may be spent for the authorized purposes and an election shall be conducted by the District for such purpose only if required by the general laws of the State applicable to community college district qualified special taxes. This provision shall be deemed to be declaratory of existing procedures governing District expenditures.

LEVY AND COLLECTION

The education parcel tax shall be collected by the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector. Unpaid taxes shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid. The collection of the education parcel tax shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.

"Parcel of taxable real property" shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District, which receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. All property, which is otherwise exempt from or on which are levied no ad valorem property taxes in any year, shall also be exempt from the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure tax in such year.

The Alameda County Assessor's determination of exemption or relief for any reason of any parcel from taxation shall be final and binding for the purposes of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure. Taxpayers wishing to challenge the County Assessor's determination must do so under the procedures for correcting a misclassification of property pursuant to Section 4876.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or other applicable

procedures. Taxpayers seeking a refund of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure paid shall follow the procedures applicable to property tax refunds pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

SEVERABILITY

The Board of Trustees hereby declares, and the voters, by approving this Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure, concur, that every section, paragraph, sentence and clause of this Act has independent value, and the Board of Trustees and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this Act by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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