

DAVIS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-24

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DAVIS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING AN ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATION PARCEL TAX, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON MARCH 5, 2024

WHEREAS, Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) serves approximately 8,500 local students from preschool through 12th grade and adult education at our award-winning schools; and

WHEREAS, student achievement in DJUSD consistently ranks among the best in the State and nation; and

WHEREAS, for nearly forty years, Davis schools have benefited from locally controlled funding from an education parcel tax to provide a high-quality instructional program for students and to support teachers; and

WHEREAS, locally controlled funding from the voter-approved education parcel tax has been essential for making Davis schools less dependent on inadequate state funding, keeping great teachers in Davis classrooms and protecting critical programs in reading; writing; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); and art and music; and

WHEREAS, unless renewed by voters, funding from DJUSD's education parcel tax will expire in June 2025 and DJUSD would have to cut approximately \$12 million from its annual budget, potentially leading to extensive teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, and severe cuts to academic programs; and

WHEREAS, to maintain local funding and prevent cuts to teachers and classroom instruction, the DJUSD Board of Education believes the expiring education parcel needs to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed education parcel tax renewal measure would not increase taxes and would simply continue the current rate structure on an ongoing basis with annual adjustment for inflation; and

WHEREAS, if renewed by local voters, funding from the education parcel tax will continue to be used to maintain quality education by protecting quality math, science, instructional technology, reading, writing, art and music programs; attracting and retaining high quality teachers; maintaining library services, promoting student health and safety; and maintaining manageable class sizes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed parcel tax renewal measure would continue mandatory local control and fiscal accountability requirements, including mandatory public disclosure of all spending, an independent citizens' oversight committee's annual audit to ensure funds are

spent as promised, and a strict prohibition against funds being used for contract management salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, homeowners age 65 and over and owners receiving Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance would continue to be eligible for an optional exemption from the cost and do not have to reapply if they already qualify for an exemption; and

WHEREAS, all revenue from this measure must be spent locally for the exclusive use of Davis schools for the benefit of Davis students only; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that continuing locally controlled funding from the education parcel tax is vital for maintaining student achievement and ensuring students are prepared for success after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that quality Davis schools support the quality of life in Davis and help keep property values strong; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A and Section 2 of Article XIII C of the California Constitution and Sections 50075, 50076, 50077, 50079 and 53722 et seq. of the California Government Code authorize a school district, upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the electorate voting on the measure, to levy a qualified special tax for specified purposes following notice and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of this Governing Board ("Board"), following public hearings and comment, it is advisable to request that the Yolo County Clerk-Recorder and the Solano County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") call an election to submit to the voters of the District the question of whether the District shall levy a special tax within the District for the purpose of raising additional revenue for the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5303, with respect to school districts, such as the District, which are situated in two or more counties, the county elections officials in the counties in which any part of the district territory is situated, shall, by mutual agreement, provide for the performance of those duties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5342 and Elections Code sections 10400, 10402 and 10403 such election may be completely or partially consolidated with any other election held on the same day and in the same territory or portion of territory that is the same; and

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a noticed public hearing, as required by law, on the question of whether or not to request the District's voters to authorize funding to continue the programs and for the purposes identified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DAVIS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Board hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Board Determination. That the Board has determined in its best judgment that in order to maintain quality education in the District, an election is advisable

EXHIBIT D

FORMAL NOTICE OF PARCEL TAX ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Davis Joint Unified School District of Yolo and Solano County, California, that in accordance with the provisions of the Education Code and Government Code of the State of California, an election will be held on March 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition summarized as follows:

To continue outstanding academics in science, technology, engineering, math, reading, writing, arts/ music; attract and retain high quality teachers; support student mental health/ safety; continue athletics, library services, and limit class sizes, shall Davis Joint Unified School District's measure be adopted, renewing the expiring education parcel tax at the current rate of \$768/ year, raising approximately \$11,700,000 annually until ended by voters, with adjustments for inflation; senior/ disability exemptions; and independent oversight; for the exclusive use of Davis schools?

By execution of this formal Notice of Election the County Superintendent of Schools of Solano County orders consolidation of the election with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

The County Superintendent of Schools of Solano County, by this Notice of Election, has called the election pursuant to a Resolution and Order of the Governing Board of the Davis Joint Unified School District, adopted November __, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of Education Code sections 5302, 5325 and 5361.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day, November 6, 2023

/s/ _____
County Superintendent of Schools
Solano County, California

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/s/ _____
County Superintendent of Schools
Yolo County, California

to submit to the voters of the District the question of whether to call the Measure and levy the Parcel Tax to maintain the quality of the District's public education that has benefited all students and citizens.

Section 3. Resolution Constitutes Order of Election. This resolution shall constitute an order of election pursuant to Education Code section 5320 *et seq.* to the County Superintendents of Schools Yolo and Solano Counties ("County Superintendents") to call an election within the boundaries of the District on March 5, 2024. The Yolo County Clerk-Recorder and Solano County Registrar of Voters (each, a "County Registrar" and together the "County Registrars") are hereby requested to determine which County Registrar shall conduct the election on behalf of the District in accordance with Education Code section 5303.

Section 4. Date and Purpose of Measure. Pursuant to Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code section 50077, an election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 for the purpose of voting on a measure ("Measure"), the summary of which will be presented to voters in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, containing the question of whether the District shall impose a special tax for the educational purposes stated therein. In addition, the full text of the Measure ("Full Ballot Text") shall appear in the ballot pamphlet in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, or, in the alternative, the ballot pamphlet shall contain information as to how voters may obtain a copy of the full text of the Measure, as provided for in paragraph 11 of this Resolution.

Section 5. Amount of Tax. The qualified special tax shall be in the amounts and manner set forth in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. Exemptions from payment of the tax shall be made available to homeowners who are senior citizens, recipients of supplemental security income (SSI) for disability, or recipients social security disability (SSDI) benefits, all as detailed in **Exhibit B**.

Section 6. Collection of the Tax. Beginning July 1, 2024, if adopted by voters, the qualified special tax shall be collected by the County Tax Collectors of the Counties of Solano and Yolo ("County Tax Collectors"), as applicable based on parcel location, at the same time, in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties as ad valorem property taxes collected by the County Tax Collectors. Unpaid special taxes shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid ad valorem property taxes until paid.

The special tax shall be levied on all parcels of taxable real property in the District. "Parcel of Taxable Real Property" shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District that receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the County Tax Collector's Office. All property that is otherwise exempt from, or upon which ad valorem property taxes are not levied in any year shall also be exempt from the special tax in such year. With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the County Tax Collectors 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 tax, including the classification of property for purposes of calculating the tax, the decisions of a District administrative review panel shall be final and binding.

This Measure shall replace the final year of collection (2024-25) of the qualified special tax authorized by voters as "Measure H" in November, 2016. If this Measure is passed by voters, the final year of collection for the Measure H qualified special tax shall be 2023-24.

Section 7. Authority for Ordering Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in the Education Code, Elections Code, Government Code, and California

Constitution, including but not limited to Elections Code section 4108.

Section 8. Authority for Specifications. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in the Education Code.

Section 9. Resolution to County Officials. The Clerk of the Governing Board is hereby directed to immediately send a copy of this Resolution to the County Registrars, as the officers conducting the election, the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools and Solano County Superintendent of Schools ("County Superintendents"), and to the Yolo County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and Solano County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors ("County Boards"). The Board requests that the County Superintendents deliver a copy of all published notices to the Clerk of this Board.

Section 10. Formal Notice. The County Superintendents are hereby requested to prepare and execute a Formal Notice of Parcel Tax Election and consolidation order in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C** (the "Formal Notice"), and to call the election by causing the Formal Notice to be posted in accordance with the applicable law no later than December 6, 2023, or to otherwise cause the notice to be published as permitted by law or as required by the Registrars. The Secretary to the Board, on behalf of and as may be requested by the County Superintendent, is authorized to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.

Section 11. Conduct of Election.

- (a) *Request to Registrars.* Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code, the County Registrars are requested to take all steps to hold the election in accordance with the law and these specifications, including the determination of which County Registrar will act as the elections official. The Board requests that the County Registrars deliver a copy of all published notices to the Clerk of this Board pursuant to Section 12113 of the Elections Code.
- (b) *Voter Pamphlet.* The County Registrars are hereby requested to reprint the Full Ballot Text in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B** in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to the Elections Code. In the event the Full Ballot Text will not be reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrar is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the Measure, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure __. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the Yolo County Clerk-Recorder at (530) 666-8133 or (800) 649-9943 or call the Solano County Registrar of Voters at (707) 784-6675 or (888) 933-8683, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. The full text of the Measure may also be viewed online at: [insert url.]"

- (c) *Consolidation.* The County Superintendents and the Boards of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same and conducted in the manner prescribed by Elections Code section 10418.

E. Appropriations Limit

Pursuant to California Constitution article XIII B and applicable laws, the appropriations limit for the District will be adjusted periodically by the aggregate sum collected by levy of the Parcel Tax.

F. Accountability Measures

The proceeds of the Parcel Tax shall be applied only to the Programs identified above. The proceeds of the Parcel Tax shall be deposited into a fund, which may include subaccounts if needed, which shall be kept separate and apart from other funds of the District. No later than December 31 of each year while the tax is in effect, the District shall prepare and file with the Board a report detailing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project authorized to be funded by this measure.

In addition, a Citizens Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the Governing Board to ensure that the Parcel Tax proceeds collected pursuant to this measure are spent for their authorized purposes, and to report annually to the Board and the public regarding the expenditure of such funds. The Board may designate an existing Citizens Oversight Committee to oversee the Parcel Tax collections from this measure if desired.

G. Severability

The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this measure concur, that every section and part of this measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part of the measure, including the Parcel Tax, the Parcel Tax Rate, the Programs or any other aspect of the measure be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts of the measure hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.

H. Protection of Funding

Current law forbids any decrease in State or Federal funding to the District because of the District's levy of the Parcel Tax. However, if any such funds are reduced because of the levy thereof, then the amount of the Parcel Taxes may be reduced annually as necessary in order to restore such State or Federal funding.

- occupying said parcel as their principal residence ("Senior Citizen Exemption"); or
- 2. Receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, and occupying said parcel as their principal residence ("SSI Exemption"); or
- 3. Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and occupying said parcel as their principal residence ("SSDI Exemption").

Exemptions may be granted based on a one-time application, and exemptions granted under the requirements of prior measures levied by the District will not require reapproval. However, continued exemption is subject to the District's right to verify a property owner's continued eligibility with the requirements under which they were granted an exemption. The Board may elect to remove or add exemptions based on changes in the law that occur during the life of the tax.

The District shall annually provide to the County Tax Collector or other appropriate County official a list of parcels that the District has approved for an exemption.

D. Claim Procedures

With respect to all general property tax issues and billing matters within its jurisdiction, the Yolo or Solano County Tax Assessor, as applicable, or other appropriate County tax official 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 tax, including determination of Senior Citizen Exemption, SSI Exemption, and the SSDI Exemption, the decisions of the District shall be final and binding. In the latter case, a claim for a refund of the special tax shall comply with the following and any additional procedures or as otherwise established by the Board:

- 1. All claims shall be filed with the Superintendent of the District no later than one year after the date the Parcel Tax was paid. The claimant shall file the claim within this time period and the claim shall be finally acted upon the Board as a prerequisite to bringing suit thereon.
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code section 935(b), the claim shall be subject to the provisions of Government Code sections 945.6 and 946.
- 3. The Board shall act on a timely claim within the time period required by Government Code section 912.4.
- 4. The procedure described herein, and any additional procedures established by the Board, shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking a refund, reduction, or recomputation of the Parcel Tax. Whether any particular claim is to be resolved by the District or by a County shall be determined by the District, in coordination with the County as necessary.

- (d) *Canvass and Declaration of Results.* The Boards of Supervisors are authorized to canvass the returns of the election and declare the result pursuant to the Elections Code.
- (e) *Cost of Election.* The District will reimburse the County Registrars and the County of Yolo and/or Solano, as applicable, for costs associated with the election as required by law.

Section 12. Appropriations Limit. The Board shall provide in each year for an increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that the proceeds of the special tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

Section 13. Ballot Arguments. The Board President and/or their designees are hereby authorized to prepare and file with the County Registrar any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument, each within the time established by the Registrar, which shall be considered the official ballot arguments of the Board as sponsor of the Measure and to take all necessary action to prevent inclusion of false and/or misleading information in ballot materials related to the Measure.

Section 14. Accountability Measures. The members of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, and officers of the District are hereby requested and directed, individually and collectively, to provide accountability measures pursuant to Government Code section 50075.1 that include, but are not limited to, all of the following: (a) a statement indicating the specific purposes of the qualified special tax; (b) a requirement that the proceeds be applied only to the specific purposes identified pursuant to subsection (a); (c) the creation of an account into which the proceeds shall be deposited; and (d) an annual report pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the Government Code, as provided in Section 15 hereof.

Section 15. Annual Report. Pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the Government Code, the Board directs that the chief fiscal officer of the District file a report with the Board no later than January 1, 2018, and at least once a year thereafter. The annual report shall contain both of the following: (a) The amount of funds collected and expended, and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded by the special tax.

Section 16. Official Actions. The District Superintendent, Board President, or their designees are hereby authorized to execute any other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the Measure on the ballot, including making alterations to the Measure and Full Ballot Text stated in **Exhibits A** and **B** hereto, and to this Resolution without further Board action, to comply with requirements of law and election officials or which are, in the judgment of the Superintendent and/or Board President, in the best interests of the District.

Section 17. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED by the Governing Board of the Davis Joint Unified School District on November 2, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Durrah, DiNunzio, Jackson, Moon
 NOES: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: 0
 ABSENT: 0

By _____
Lea Darrah, President of the Governing Board

materials, equipment and services, and other educational equipment for schools;

- p) Provide availability of school site safety and support staff;
- q) Provide other educational programs and priorities as approved by the Board, and only if consistent with historic parcel tax programming.

In no event will parcel tax funds be used for contract management salaries or pensions.

B. Basis of Tax

This qualified special tax ("Parcel Tax") shall authorize the District to levy a tax on all Parcels of Taxable Real Property in the District at a rate of Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$768) per parcel ("Parcel Tax Rate"), commencing with the 2024-25 tax year, and adjusted annually thereafter as stated below. The Parcel Tax will be levied every year until such time as the Board or voters modify, replace or eliminate the Parcel Tax in accordance with applicable law.

This Parcel Tax shall replace the final year of collection (2024-25) of the qualified special tax authorized by voters as "Measure H" in November, 2016. If this Measure is passed by voters, the final year of collection for the Measure H qualified special tax shall be 2023-24.

To account for the impact of inflation on the cost of delivering the classroom programs and student services supported by the education parcel tax, the Parcel Tax Rate as set forth above, shall be adjusted annually for inflation, if an as determined by the Board, commencing as of the 2025-26 tax year, by the change in the "Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers California (1982- 84=100)" published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the event this index is no longer published, the Board shall adopt a comparable index of general price levels as it shall reasonably determine.

"Parcel of Taxable Real Property" is defined as any unit of real property in the District that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Yolo or Solano County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, as applicable depending on parcel location. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which no ad valorem property taxes are levied in any year shall also be exempt from the Parcel Tax in such year.

If more than one adjacent Assessor parcel constitutes a single parcel under the Subdivision Map Act (California Government Code section 66410 *et seq.*), then the parcel will be treated as a single Parcel of Taxable Real Property for purposes of the amount of tax due, and a claim for refund may be made by the property owner pursuant to the claim procedures outlined below.

C. Exemptions

Under administrative procedures established by the District, including deadlines for submittal of applications, an exemption from payment of the special tax may be granted on any single-family parcel owned by one or more persons who is/are:

1. An individual who will attain 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the tax year and

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SECTION II: TERMS

A. Purpose of Tax

The purpose of the tax is to support quality programs and services in the District by continuing to fund or extending funding as follows:

- a) Provide opportunities for all students to reach proficiency by supporting improved instruction in math and reading;
- b) Provide availability of elementary science instruction programs;
- c) Provide reduced class sizes for elementary grades;
- d) Provide availability of sufficient numbers of classes in secondary core subjects including science, math, English, history and social sciences;
- e) Provide availability of world language programs;
- f) Provide availability of elementary and secondary school music programs;
- g) Provide availability of advanced placement classes;
- h) Provide availability of elective course offerings such as fine art and Career Technical Education;
- i) Provide availability of school physical education classes;
- j) Provide availability of elementary and secondary librarian services;
- k) Provide availability of school counselor, school nurse, other student physical and mental health support staff positions;
- l) Provide availability of athletics and co-curricular programs including drama, debate, robotics and journalism programs;
- m) Provide supplemental staff training for classified and certificated employees;
- n) Improve student nutrition by providing fresh farm produce from scratch meals;
- o) Provide additional classroom and library instructional materials, technological

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
YOLO COUNTY)

I, Elizabeth Moon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No.25-24, which was duly adopted by the Governing Board of the Davis Joint Unified School District at the meeting thereof held on November 2, 2023, and that it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Barrah, DiNunzio, Jackson, Moon
 NOES: None
 ABSTENTIONS: None
 ABSENT: None

By _____
Clerk of the Governing Board

EXHIBIT A

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

The Measure shall be summarized in the following form, and the County of Yolo and County of Solano Registrar of Voters are requested to cause this summary of the Measure to appear on the ballot:

***** Begin Summary Text *****

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***** End Summary Text *****

EXHIBIT B

**FULL BALLOT TEXT
Measure ___**

[Letter designation to be assigned by Registrars of Voters]

Davis Joint Unified School District Parcel Tax Renewal Measure

SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

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