

Full Text of Measure E (2001 June)

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Special Tax for Loma Prieta Joint Union School District

In order to maintain the quality of education shall the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District be authorized to implement a special tax \$150 per parcel for each year beginning July 1, 2001 and continuing for nine years thereafter, increasing annually at a rate of 3.5% compounded?

The revenue generated will be used to offset ongoing expenses needed to attract and retain qualified teachers and staff as well as provide for competitive salaries to maintain current programs.

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B the appropriations limit for the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District will be increased by the aggregate sum collected by levy of this special tax in each of the years covered by this Resolution. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this measure or its application is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this measure.

The revenue generated will only be used for the specified purposes of the tax as stated above, and not for any other purpose.

The tax revenue will be deposited into a fund to be held by the Santa Clara County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code.

The Superintendent of the District shall file an annual report with the Board of Trustees of the District, commencing not later than January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, which report shall contain information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the project listed in the ballot measure.

The following exemptions shall apply to collection of the tax:

1. for the owners of a minor unimproved parcel of less than one acre upon which no habitable structure exists.
2. for the owner, or one owner in joint ownership, of a parcel who has attained 65 years of age or older on or before July 1 of an applicable year and who uses that parcel as his or her principal residence, and on whose property no other habitable structure exists.
3. for the owner of multiple parcels which are contiguous and are part of one economic unit in the same name.
4. for a property owner who has had his/her residence rendered uninhabitable by the damages of a natural disaster and declared so by county government on or before July 1 of an applicable year, and where no other habitable structure exists on that same parcel. Such exemption shall end when said structure becomes habitable during any given year.
5. for a property owner who has had his/her business structure rendered uninhabitable by the damage of a natural disaster and declared so by county government on or before July 1 of an applicable year. Such exemption shall end when said structure becomes habitable during any given year.

The District has established an administrative review process to grant exemption and consider appeals for senior citizens, owners of minor unimproved parcels of less than one acre, contiguous parcels, and hardship due to natural disasters.