

VOTER'S PAMPHLET
MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS

(whichever is applicable to your ballot)
Arguments in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

LAKESIDE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE A

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Effected parcels: 9108104, 9108107, 9108109, 9108118, 9108121, 9108136, 9108137, 9108138, 9108140, 9108142, 9108143, 9108144, 9108145, 9120102, 9120103, 9120104, and 9120105 located in the County of Santa Cruz, CA

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE A**

If this measure is approved by a majority of persons voting upon it, seventeen parcels of real property will be transferred from the Lakeside Joint Union School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

All registered voters of the Lakeside Joint Union School District (located partially in Santa Cruz County and partially in Santa Clara County) are eligible to vote on the question, although the properties subject to the transfer are located entirely within Santa Cruz County (on Marty Road and Jensen Spring Road). This is in accordance with a State law that provides that where an affected school district (in this case, Lakeside) opposes such a transfer and has an average daily attendance under a specified number, the election shall be held in the entire territory of the district opposing the transfer.

This measure provides that if the transfer of the parcels is approved, those properties will no longer be obligated to pay the parcel tax previously approved for the Lakeside Joint Union School District, or its general obligation bonds, but will instead pay a previously approved Loma Prieta Joint Union School District parcel tax. The bond obligations of those seventeen parcels will be reapportioned to the remaining Lakeside parcels.

A "yes" vote is to approve transfer of the seventeen parcels from Lakeside Joint Union School District and into Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

A "no" vote is to oppose transfer of the parcels.

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NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A WAS FILED.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Lakeside needs your help. For 132 years, Lakeside has been educating our children and is currently one of the top-ranked districts in the state. This is true even though the state has been reducing funding for the last several years, requiring many careful cuts. If this measure were to pass, it would transfer students and funding away from Lakeside, making it evermore challenging to continue our tradition of excellence. Here are three reasons to vote "No":

First, this would push the majority of children in the proposed territory transfer area away from their school of choice, just to accommodate one student who wishes to attend another school. There is a simpler process called "inter-district transfer" that allows children to attend their preferred school without negatively impacting other families or their school of residence. The chief petitioners of this territory transfer, who are also the parents of this child, have never initiated an inter-district request.

Second, families in the territory transfer area are not unanimous in agreeing with this proposal. We should support all families in our school district (including those who live in the territory transfer area and don't want their children to be forced out of Lakeside) instead of following the desires of a few who want to rewrite the boundary to suit themselves.

Third, school funding is tied to parcels within our district. If these parcels were to transfer out, the resulting funding reductions will impact every student in the district. Further cuts will have to be made, and with few paths remaining we may have to reduce the teaching staff. This would negatively impact the education of all students in the district, with larger classes and more combined grades.

Help us insure the lasting success of Lakeside. Vote "No" on Measure A.

- s/ Steve Cox
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District
- s/ Bryan Loomas
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District
- s/ Theresa Bond
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District
- s/ Les Niles
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- s/ Linda Kelley
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