


Local Ballot Measures

The Presidential Primary, February 5, 2008

SAN MATEO COUNTY SERVICE AREA #1 BALLOT QUESTION

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Shall Resolution No. 069094 of the County of San Mateo continuing the levy of a special tax for four years at a maximum rate of \$65 per parcel per year for fire protection and extended police services be approved?







 Impartial Analysis

YES ___ NO ___ 2/3 Majority Vote Required for Passage

SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION

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"To create a 10 year technology fund for upgrading classroom computers; to improve energy efficiency; to build classrooms for career, technical, and vocational education courses; and to improve, expand, modernize and construct classrooms and facilities at Carlmont, Menlo-Atherton, Sequoia, and Woodside High Schools and other district sites; shall the Sequoia Union High School District issue \$165,000,000 in bonds at interest rates within the legal limit with all expenditures monitored by an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee?"




-  Full text of the Measure
-  Impartial Analysis
-  Arguments in Favor
-  Arguments Against
-  Rebuttal to Argument in Favor
-  Rebuttal to Argument Against

YES ___ NO ___ Majority Vote Required for Passage (55%)

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION

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Local Elementary/Middle School Repair, Improvement, Student Safety Measure: To upgrade schools, classrooms, libraries, computer labs; repair roofs, walls, floors, restrooms, wiring, heating/cooling at older schools; improve student safety/security; add classrooms at existing schools to reduce overcrowding; and improve overall quality of local elementary/middle schools, shall San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District issue \$175 million of bonds at legal interest rates, with citizen oversight and annual audits to guarantee all funds improve local elementary/middle schools.

-  Full text of the Measure
-  Impartial Analysis
-  Arguments in Favor

YES ___ NO ___ Majority Vote Required for Passage (55%)

RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION

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"To improve students' reading, writing, math, and science skills by recruiting and retaining experienced, highly qualified teachers and support staff; and by supporting supplemental educational programs and services, shall the Ravenswood City School District levy an annual parcel tax of \$98 for five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2009; and increase the District's total appropriations limit annually according to statute, with exemptions available to individuals aged 65 and older?"

 Impartial Analysis

YES ___ NO ___ 2/3 Majority Vote Required for Passage

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING REMOVAL OF MEASURE K, CITY OF HALF MOON BAY BALLOT QUESTION

On Dec. 4, 2007, the Half Moon Bay City Council voted to remove Measure K, a ballot question that was to be placed on the Feb. 5, 2008 Presidential Primary ballot. The question, for qualified electors in the City of Half Moon Bay, sought approval of a two percent increase in the city's transient occupancy tax, and to designate the two percent increase as a special tax.

The City Council voted to remove the ballot question following a decision made on Nov. 28, 2007 in U.S. District Court in the case of *Yamagiwa v. City of Half Moon Bay*. Yamagiwa, the plaintiff, was awarded nearly \$37 million in damages, to be paid by the City of Half Moon Bay. According to the resolution, "the City Council finds that in light of the *Yamagiwa* decision and the need to consider its full financial implication for the City, it is prudent to withdraw the proposed transient occupancy tax increase from the February 5, 2008 ballot."

Measure K will not appear on the Feb. 5, 2008 Presidential Primary ballot.