



Local Ballot Measure: C

Measure C

Bellevue Union School District

Measure Question

2/3 (Two-Thirds) Needed to Pass

To support student success with funding that cannot be taken by the State; provide science, technology, engineering, math programs; promote library programs and literacy; maintain and expand programs in music and art; increase physical activity and athletic opportunities for student health; shall Bellevue Union School District's measure be adopted authorizing a parcel tax for four years at \$49 per parcel, raising approximately \$350,000 annually, with no funds for administrators' salaries, exemption for seniors, and all funds staying local?

What Your Vote Means

YES	NO
A "yes" vote on Measure C is a vote to approve an educational parcel tax of \$49 per year per parcel at a fixed rate for four years, commencing in fiscal year 2026-27.	A "no" vote on Measure C is a vote against the educational parcel tax of \$49 per year per parcel at a fixed rate for four years.

For and Against Measure C

FOR	AGAINST
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County Counsel's Impartial Analysis of Measure C	Argument in Favor of Measure C
The Bellevue Union School District ("District") has called an election to ask voters to approve a \$49 educational parcel tax ("special tax"). If approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those voting, Measure C would permit the District to raise revenue to support academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts and math; fund library programs and promote literacy; maintain and expand art, music and dance programs; and increase physical activity and athletic opportunities to support student health. Measure C was placed on the ballot by the Governing Board of the District. Measure C would impose a special tax of \$49 per year per parcel, raising approximately \$350,000 annually to fund educational programs. This special tax would commence in fiscal year 2026-27 for a period of 4 years. The proposed special tax would impose accountability requirements to ensure that funds are spent appropriately, including placing the funds in a separate, special account; restricting the use of the funds to those identified in the measure; and preparing an annual report showing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any projects, programs or purposes identified in the measure. None of the funds could be used for administrator's salaries or pensions. The special tax would be applied to each unit of real property in the District that receives a separate tax bill for property taxes. Multiple parcels that are contiguous and are part of one economic unit under the same name and ownership would be charged as one parcel. Exempted from this special tax are parcels which are exempt from property tax, or on which no property tax is otherwise levied, as determined by the Sonoma County Tax Collector. In addition, exemptions from payment of the special tax may be granted for parcels owned and occupied as a principal residence by persons 65 years of age or older, or parcels owned and occupied as a principal residence by persons with qualifying low-income or disabilities as specified in the proposed measure. Persons claiming exemptions based on senior, low-income or disability status would need to apply to the District for approval of an exemption. A "yes" vote on Measure C is a vote to approve an educational parcel tax of \$49 per year per parcel at a fixed rate for four years, commencing in fiscal year 2026-27. A "no" vote on Measure C is a vote against the educational parcel tax of \$49 per year per parcel at a fixed rate for four years. JOSHUA A. MYERS County Counsel By: s/ Adam Brand Assistant County Counsel	Our schools are the most important assets in our community and should be our top priority. Quality schools create higher-achieving students and safer neighborhoods. Yet the state continues to cut funding for public education. That is why we must act locally to protect the quality education our children deserve. The Bellevue Union School District needs Measure C to help fund essential programs. These local dollars will directly support instructional opportunities by strengthening academic programs, library services, fine and performing arts, and technology. Our students need your Yes vote on Measure C! If successful, Measure C will continue to provide a stable source of local funds to offset the uncertainty of state funding. With the kind of support provided by funds from Measure C, our students can become well-rounded, contributing members of the community. Without it, their educational experience will be compromised. If passed, Measure C will support academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM); fund school library programs to promote literacy; maintain and expand art, music and dance programs; and increase physical activity and athletic opportunities to support student health. Measure C makes financial sense and protects taxpayers. By law, all parcel tax funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State. Measure C provides for an exemption for any parcel owned and occupied by a person 65 years of age or older. Also, spending will be reviewed annually by an independent auditor and reported to the public. Measure C maintains academic programs, helps improve the education of local students, and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and vote Yes on Measure C! SHE TINTS s/ Shana Layola, Owner MBS & TAX s/ Monserrat Martínez, CEO MOORLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TEAM s/ Esther Lemus, President MOORLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TEAM s/ Norma Yukich, Secretary s/ Stephanie Merrida-Grant Advocate for Underserved Populations No Argument Was Submitted Against Measure C



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Full Text of Measure C

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property tax roll, then the first levy shall commence with the fiscal year 2027-28 roll.

PURPOSES

To provide local revenue that cannot be taken by the State and to maintain high-quality public education in schools in the Bellevue Union School District (the "District"), the District is seeking voter approval for an education parcel tax, as more fully described below under "EDUCATION PARCEL TAX AND PROCEDURES." The proceeds from the education parcel tax shall be deposited in a special fund to be used for the following purposes:

- Supporting academic programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM),
- Funding school library programs and promote literacy,
- Maintaining and expanding art, music, and dance programs,
- Increasing physical activity and athletic opportunities to support student health

EDUCATION PARCEL TAX AND PROCEDURES

Amount of Education Parcel Tax. Subject to two-thirds approval of District voters, the education parcel tax of \$49 per parcel (except exempt parcels, as described below) for four years and be collected by the Sonoma County Tax Collector at the same time as and along with, and shall be subject to the same penalties as general *ad valorem* taxes collected by said tax collector.

Definition of Parcel. A parcel shall be defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a separate tax bill from the County Tax Collector.

Exemptions. Exemptions available to District property taxpayers in connection with the Parcel Tax are as follows:

- Otherwise Exempt Property. All property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes shall also be exempt from the education parcel tax.
- Senior Citizen Exemption. An exemption shall be available to persons who are 65 years or older and own and occupy as a principal residence a parcel (as defined above) and apply to the District for such exemption under the procedures established by the District or otherwise as required by law or by the Sonoma County Tax Collector.
- Supplemental Security Income Exemption. An exemption shall also be available to persons who receive Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, and own and occupy as a principal residence a parcel (as defined above) and apply to the District for such exemption under procedures established by the District or otherwise as required by law or by the Sonoma County Tax Collector.

Initial or new claims for an exemption must be received by the District on or before May 1 of each assessment year. Exemptions once granted will continue to provide an exemption for the parcel for the remaining term of the education parcel tax so long as such exemption continues to apply. The applicant shall not have to re-submit an exemption application annually. The District shall adopt administrative review processes to review and grant exemptions.

Duration. The duration of the parcel tax shall be for four years, commencing from the first year of levy, expected to be fiscal year 2026-27. In the event that the first levy does not, due to timing constraints or other considerations, occur on the fiscal year 2026-27

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the qualified special taxes levied in accordance with this Measure:

- the specific purposes of the education parcel tax shall be those purposes identified above under the heading "PURPOSES,"
- the proceeds of the education parcel tax shall be applied only to those specific purposes identified above under the heading "PURPOSES,"
- a separate, special account shall be created into which the proceeds of the education parcel tax must be deposited; and
- the District shall annually prepare and file or cause to be prepared and filed a written report with the Board of Trustees of the District showing (1) the amount of funds collected and expended from the proceeds of the education parcel tax and (2) the status of any projects, programs, or purposes identified above under the heading "PURPOSES."

PROTECTION OF FUNDING

Current law forbids any decrease in State or Federal funding to the District because of the District's adoption of an education parcel tax. However, if any State or Federal funds are reduced because of the adoption of this education parcel tax, then the amount of the education parcel tax will be reduced annually as necessary in order to restore such State or Federal funding.

SEVERABILITY

The Board of Trustees of the District has declared and the voters by approving this measure concur, that every section, paragraph, sentence and clause of this measure 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 measure 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.