



HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 10, 2003

Bob Smith
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1101 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Hope Elementary School District Qualified Special Tax Election,
November 4, 2003

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to a discussion you had with Jon Isom of Caldwell, Flores, Winters, Inc., attached is a proposed resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Hope Elementary School District ordering a qualified special tax election for November 4, 2003. This election is being ordered pursuant to Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code Sections 50075 et seq. and 50079 et seq. (the "Law") and requires approval by two-thirds of the electorate voting on the measure.

In order to comply with the Law, the Board will consider for adoption July 22 a full ballot text (Exhibit A) to be printed in the ballot pamphlet, and an abbreviated form of measure (Exhibit B).

Our counsel is William Kadi at Jones Hall (415-391-5780) 650 California Street, 18th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108) and our Financial Advisor is Jon Isom at Caldwell, Flores, Winters, Inc., (510) 596-8170, 2200 Powell Street, Suite 990, Emeryville, California 94608.

The Board of Trustees will officially request on July 22 consolidation of this election with others occurring on the same day and will be submitting a copy of the resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on July 23.

Yours very truly,

Les D. Imel
Superintendent

RESOLUTION NO. 03/04-04

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT
THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A QUALIFIED SPECIAL TAX UPON
EACH PARCEL IN THE DISTRICT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES
AND ESTABLISHING THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION
ORDER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Hope Elementary School District (the "District") has determined that the present revenues of the District are inadequate to fund the cost of education within said District, and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and California Government Code Sections 50079 et seq. and 50075 et seq. (the "Law") authorize a school district, upon approval by 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, the Board has on this date held a public hearing which was duly noticed where all interested persons have been heard on the matter of holding an election in the District on the matter of levying a qualified special tax on each parcel in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires at this time to order an election to be held on November 4, 2003 in the District for the purpose of submitting to the voters in the District the matter of levying a qualified special tax on each parcel in the District for educational purposes and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Education Code Section 5320 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, ORDER AND DETERMINE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether a qualified special tax shall be levied and collected in the District for the purposes as set forth more fully in the ballot proposition approved below. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election and shall constitute the "specifications of the election order" pursuant to Education Code Section 5322.

Section 2. Election Date. The date of the election shall be November 4, 2003, and the election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.

Section 3. Purpose of Election; Ballot Proposition. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a full copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A", containing the question of whether the District shall levy a qualified special tax in the District for the purpose stated therein, together with the accountability

requirements of Government Code Section 50075.1. As required by Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B". The Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the proposition as required to conform to any requirements of the Law or the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters.

Section 4. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and California Government Code Sections 50079 et seq. and 50075 et seq. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 5. Type of Tax, Rate and Method of Collection. Said qualified special tax shall in an amount not to exceed \$58 per parcel for four years assessed against each parcel of taxable land in the District. A parcel shall be defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a separate tax bill from the Santa Barbara County Assessor's Office. All property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes will also be exempt from the qualified special tax. An exemption shall also be available to persons who are 65 years or older and own and occupy as a principal residence a parcel (as defined in this Section) and apply to the District for such exemption pursuant to guidelines established by the District.

Section 6. Accountability Requirements. The members of the Board, the Superintendent 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 the following: (a) a statement indicating the specific purposes of the special tax, (b) a requirement that the proceeds be applied only to the specific purposes identified, (c) the creation of an account into which the proceeds shall be deposited, and (d) an annual report pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3 as provided in Section 7 hereof. Such accountability measures shall be set forth on the ballot in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 7. Annual Report. Pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3, the Board directs the chief fiscal officer of the District to file a report with the Board each year containing (a) the amount of funds collected and expended and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded as identified in Section 6(a) hereof.

Section 8. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters (the "County Registrar") and the Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Section 9. Consolidation of Election. The County Registrar and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 4, 2003, within the District.

Section 10. Ballot Arguments. Any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument. The Superintendent, President of the Board, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any document and to perform all acts necessary to place the bond measure on the ballot.

Section 11. Notice of Election. That the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to prepare a formal Notice of Qualified Special Tax Election in time, form and manner as required by law. The suggested form of notice of the election is as follows:

HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Hope Elementary School District (the "District") of Santa Barbara County, that in accordance with law, an election will be held on Tuesday, the 4th of November, 2003 in the District, at which election there will be submitted the question of levying a qualified special tax of \$58 on each nonexempt parcel of land in the District for the purpose of raising money for the cost of public education.

Section 12. Reimbursement for Services Performed. The Hope Elementary School District agrees to reimburse Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters for services performed when work is completed on the election upon presentation of a bill.

Section 13. Election Pursuant to Law. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, said election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding school district elections in the District.

Section 14. Certification by Clerk of the Board. That the Clerk of the Board shall certify to the passage and adoption of and shall make minutes of the passage and adoption therefore in the records of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the District, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this ___ day of July, 2003.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
HOPE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 
President

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Trustees

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)

I, _____, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Hope Elementary School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of said District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of July, 2003, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

By: _____
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the
Hope Elementary School District

By: _____
Superintendent
Hope Elementary School District

EXHIBIT A
BALLOT MEASURE - FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

To guarantee reliable funding, improve educational programs, keep small class sizes, provide updated classroom textbooks and supplies, maintain programs that aid students with reading, and continue providing a quality education so our community will remain a great place to live, shall the Hope School District be authorized to implement an instructional parcel tax of \$58 per year per parcel for a term not to exceed four years, with an exemption for eligible senior citizens?

PARCEL TAX AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District will be authorized to levy a qualified special tax of \$58 per parcel for the specific purposes described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. As required by the laws of the State of California, the proceeds of the qualified special tax will be deposited into a special account established by the District and will be applied only to the specific purposes identified below. The District has covenanted to have on file with its governing board each year a report stating the amount of the funds collected and expended and the status of any project authorized to be funded.

SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific purposes shown below are a part of the ballot proposition and must be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the proposition. The proceeds of the parcel tax will be expended on the following purposes. The purposes which are described below include all related and incidental costs.

To maintain the educational quality of the District, the parcel tax is intended to be spent on specific projects including:

- continuing providing programs that aid students with their reading skills;
- maintaining current library programs and services;
- continuing providing students with up-to-date classroom materials;
- keeping computer labs open, updated, and allow for continued student learning;
- maintaining small class sizes for optimum learning throughout the District; and
- maintaining cultural arts programs such as music and art classes.

An exemption shall also be available to persons who are 65 years or older and own and occupy as a principal residence a parcel and apply to the District for such exemption pursuant to guidelines established by the District.

EXHIBIT B

BALLOT MEASURE - ABBREVIATED FORM

To guarantee reliable funding, improve educational programs, keep small class sizes, provide updated classroom textbooks and supplies, maintain programs that aid students with reading, and continue providing a quality education so our community will remain a great place to live, shall the Hope School District be authorized to implement an instructional parcel tax of \$58 per year per parcel for a term not to exceed four years, with an exemption for eligible senior citizens?