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District Superintendent
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CLERK OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Bob Smith
Office of the Registrar of Voters
1101 Anacapa
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District Qualified Special Tax Election, November 5, 2002

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed is a resolution of the Board of Education of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District ordering a qualified special tax election for November 5, 2002. 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 has adopted 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 Dale Scott at Dale Scott and Company Inc., (415-956-1030) 400 Montgomery Street, Suite 805, San Francisco, CA 94104, Fax (415) 956-1322.

Please notify us and the above individuals as to the filing deadlines for the arguments.

The Board of Education has requested consolidation of this election with others occurring on the same day and we are submitting a copy of the resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Yours very truly,

Fred Van Leuven, Ed.D.
District Superintendent

cc: Michael Allan (w/ copy of Resolution)
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RESOLUTION 2002/2003-3

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2002 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 Education (the "Board") of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High 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 Education desires at this time to order an election to be held on November 5, 2002 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 EDUCATION OF THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH 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 5, 2002, 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 \$80 per parcel for 5 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 no later than January 1 of 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 5, 2002, 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, is 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:

**SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District (the "District") of Santa Barbara County, that in accordance with law, an election will be held on Tuesday, the 5th of November, 2002 in the District, at which election there will be submitted the question of levying a qualified special tax of \$80 on each nonexempt parcel of land in the District for the purpose of raising money for the cost of public education.

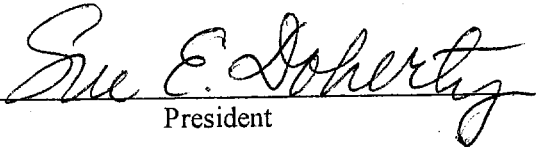
Section 12. Reimbursement for Services Performed. The Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District agrees to reimburse Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters for services performed when work is completed on the election upon presentation of a bill.

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 Education of the District, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 15th day of July, 2002.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 
President

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board of Education

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)

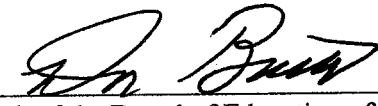
I, Don Bratt, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15th day of July, 2002, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: **Mrs. Jamieson, Mr. Dugan, Mr. Bratt, Mr. Petersen,
 and Mrs. Doherty**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

By: 
Clerk of the Board of Education of the
Santa Ynez Valley Union High School
District

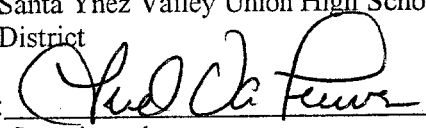
By: 
Superintendent
Santa Ynez Valley Union High School

EXHIBIT A

BALLOT MEASURE FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

To improve our schools, maintain small class sizes, retain and attract quality teachers and other personnel through competitive salaries, support campus safety, improve school maintenance, and enhance programs including science, music, libraries, counseling, special education, and athletics, shall Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District levy a tax of \$80 per parcel for five years so long as a senior citizen (65 and over) exemption is provided, with guaranteed annual financial audits, and a citizens' oversight committee is established?

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 \$80 per parcel for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Project List 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 no later than January 1 of each year a report stating the amount of the funds collected and expended and the status of any project authorized to be funded.

PROJECT LIST

The Project List shown below is 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 projects. The specific projects which are described below include all related and incidental costs.

- Maintain class size reduction programs
- Maintain funding for technology, library materials, and instructional supplies in all subject areas
- Maintain services for under-performing students and limited English students
- Maintain counseling support services
- Maintain competitive salaries for all staff
- Increase campus supervision and safety measures
- Reinstate school custodial and maintenance staff to 2000/2001 level
- Reduce special education encroachment
- Restore school site supplies and materials budget to 2000/2001 level
- Increase computer technology support
- Reinstate library/media clerk position
- Enhance programs including music, fine arts, agriculture and athletics
- Reinstate clerical support staff positions to 2000/2001 level

EXHIBIT B

**BALLOT MEASURE
ABBREVIATED FORM**

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