

RESOLUTION No. 70-08

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF PLACING THE RENEWAL OF THE PARCEL TAX FOR THE WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THE NOVEMBER 2008 BALLOT.

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District provides quality educational programs and services to the Richmond community; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is not providing sufficient funds to provide for the continuing quality of these educational programs and services; and

WHEREAS, voters in the West Contra Costa Unified School District in March 2004 approved a parcel tax to support quality educational programs and services, and reduce the impact of reductions in funding by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District has responsibly managed all revenues from the parcel tax, strictly allocating funding according to community priorities and consistently complying with all required financial accountability measures; and

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District conducted extensive community outreach and polling that indicates sufficient voter support exists to renew the parcel tax at its current rate and for a similar term of five years, with all the same financial accountability measures and none of the revenue going to administrator salaries; and

WHEREAS, revenue from the parcel tax is imperative to avoid significant budget cuts, maintain reduced class sizes for our youngest students; enhance core subjects including reading, writing math and science; retain qualified teachers, counselors, and custodial staff; prepare students for college and the workforce; support libraries, computer training and athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District community, including parents, teachers, union members, and business owners all worked together to recommend placing the parcel tax renewal on the November ballot; and

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District on June 4, 2008 unanimously approved a ballot measure to appear on the November 4, 2008 ballot that would renew the existing parcel tax beginning in the 2008-09 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby encourage voters of Richmond to review the language and arguments concerning Measure X and thereafter vote "Yes" on November 4, 2008.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting thereof held on June 17, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

[SEAL]

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

LOUISE RENNE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 70-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held June 17, 2008.