

City Attorney Impartial Analysis of Measure A

Ballot Measure A presents the voters with the option of establishing a parcel tax to provide supplemental funding for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District for twelve years.

This Measure, if adopted, would add Chapter 8.40 to the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code. The new Chapter would establish a flat rate annual parcel tax to provide supplemental funding for the Manhattan Beach School District. This tax would initially be \$1,095 per year per parcel, whether the parcel is improved or unimproved, and would be adjusted for inflation each year. Collection of this tax would end after twelve years.

Parcels that are exempt from property taxes also would be exempt from the tax established by this Measure. Additionally, the City would be able to grant exemptions for parcels used as a senior citizen's principal place of residence. The City also would be able to grant exemptions for persons who are receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, or receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, and whose yearly income does not exceed 250% of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines.

Proceeds of the parcel tax established by this Measure would be deposited into a special fund maintained by the City and then transferred to the Manhattan Beach School District. The School District would only be allowed to use the tax proceeds for certain purposes including: academic, arts, and education programs; maintaining manageable class sizes; investing in technology, learning tools, instructional materials, and supplies; providing professional development to teachers; and increasing staffing levels and salaries. Additionally, the City would be able to use a portion of the tax proceeds to monitor the School District's expenditures for compliance with this Measure. A City-created oversight committee would perform such monitoring and would issue annual reports to the Mayor, City Council, and School District Board of Trustees.

A "yes" vote on Measure A amends the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code to establish a twelve-year flat rate parcel tax, with annual adjustments to account for inflation, to provide supplemental funding for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. A "no" vote would reject a new parcel tax to support the School District.

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