

**Santa Cruz City Schools
Parcel Tax Oversight Committee
Application for Appointment**

Overview of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

On June 5, 2012, the voters of Santa Cruz City High School District approved Measure I – a parcel tax measure in the amount of \$38/parcel, effective July 2013 through June 2021, to create revenue to help fund Grades 9-12 Library and Counseling Services.

On June 5, 2012, the voters of Santa Cruz City Elementary School District approved Measure J – a parcel tax measure in the amount of \$85/parcel, effective July 2013 through June 2021, to create revenue to help fund Grades K-8 Art and Music programs, Library programs and Counseling services.

On November 17, 2015, the voters of the Santa Cruz City High School District approved Measure O, a parcel tax measure in the amount of \$72/parcel, to help fund career technical education, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs, visual and performing arts and job-training instructional programs, and after-school athletic and enrichment programs in middle and high schools to protect student safety, health and well-being.

On November 17, 2015, the voters of Santa Cruz City Elementary School District approved Measure P – a parcel tax measure in the amount of \$105/parcel, effective July 2016 through June 2024, to create revenue to help fund Grades K-3 class size reduction, lowered class sizes in grades 4-6, library services, art supplies, Life Lab, and a variety of other K-6 programs.

The above parcel tax measures specifically provided for an independent community oversight committee to be appointed by the Governing Board to oversee all expenditures funded by the Measures in order to ensure that funds are used only for the purposes approved by the voters and to report on an annual basis to the community on how these funds have been spent.

On March 3, 2020, the voters of the Santa Cruz Elementary School District approved Measure U, and on that same date, the voters of the Santa Cruz High School District approved Measure T (together, the “2020 Measures”). Each of the Measures approved the levy of an education parcel tax on parcels within the respective Elementary School and High School Districts, specifically replacing Measures I, J, O, and P. Each Measure included a commitment that an independent citizen’s oversight committee would be established for the purpose of reviewing expenditure of parcel tax proceeds to ensure they are spent only for the specific uses enumerated in the 2020 Measures.

The 2020 Measures were renewals and modifications of Measures I, J, O, and P (the “Prior Measures”) previously approved by the voters.

The District adopted Resolution No. 15-20-21 on November 4, 2020, which replaced the existing citizen’s oversight committee with a new citizen’s oversight committee (“Oversight Committee”), and adopted bylaws and operational guidelines for the Oversight Committee.

The Board shall have sole discretion to select and appoint Oversight Committee members and to determine its final size. No employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District may be appointed to the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee will consist of five to seven (5-7) members, including the following representation:

- A. One member shall, at the time of appointment, be active in a business organization representing the business community of the District;
- B. One member shall, at the time of appointment, be a member of the community at large;
- C. One member shall, at the time of the appointment, be a member of a Senior Citizen's Organization,
- D. One member shall, at the time of appointment, be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the Elementary District;
- E. One member shall, at the time of appointment, be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the High School District.

A single individual may be appointed as a representative of more than one of the above categories, if applicable.

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Duties

Duties of the Oversight Committee will include:

- Meet at least four times per year, following Brown Act procedures.
- Receive and review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that parcel tax revenue was expended in accordance with the purposes set forth in Measures T and U.
- Provide an annual report to the Governing Board.

General Information

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Employee Information

Name of Applicant's Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Oversight Committee Membership Designation

Oversight Committee bylaws require that representatives of designated groups fill certain positions on the **Oversight Committee**. Please indicate the Oversight Committee designation(s) for which you are qualified, check all that apply:

☐ Business Representative: _____
(Business Affiliation)

☐ Community at Large: _____
(Home Address)

☐ Senior Citizen Organization Representative: _____
(Name of Organization)

☐ Parent of SCCS Elementary Student: _____
(Student's Name, Grade & School attended)

☐ Parent of SCCS High School Student: _____
(Student's Name, Grade & School attended)

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Education Background *(Response Optional -You may attach additional page or resume.)*
(e.g. college and/or university, degree/major, vocational and/or other training, certificates, technical training, etc.)

Additional Information

Are you now or have you been employed by the District? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please explain:

Describe your community service background including participation and membership in local and civic organizations. *(You may attach additional page or resume.)*

Describe your professional skills and training in finance, facilities, and/or construction or other relevant experience, including participation in professional organizations. *(You may attach additional page or resume.)*

Please answer the following questions

1. Are you a resident within the boundaries of the Elementary School District, High School District, or both? Elementary School District ☐ High School District ☐ Both ☐

2. How long have you been a resident within the boundaries of the District? ____ Years ____ Months ____

2. Have you or your children ever attended District schools? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Do you have or have you had any other relatives or close friends who have attended District schools? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments: _____

4. Do you know of any reason, such as a potential conflict of interest (real estate, business, litigation, etc.), which would adversely affect your ability to impartially serve on the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments: _____

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5. Explain why you would like to be appointed to this committee:

Certification of Applicant

I certify that answers and statements in this document are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed applications must be received by the Santa Cruz City Schools District
Attn: Jimmy Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
133 Mission Street, Suite 100
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
or at jmonreal@sccs.net

If you have any questions, please contact Santa Cruz City Schools at (831) 429-3410.