



Council Meeting: April 6, 2010

SUBJECT: City Positions Regarding Fremont Union School District Measure B

BACKGROUND

Staff is providing this report, as requested by Council, to afford the City Council an opportunity to take a public stand on a local measure on the May 4, 2010 ballot.

Council direction is that staff provide an analysis, a citation of adopted City policy on the issue, and a recommended position for measures which are considered City business. City business is defined as all matters directly related to service delivery, or otherwise contributing to the City's operational success (Council Policy 7.3.2 *Legislative Advocacy Positions*).

Consistent with other ballot measures, no public funds have been or will be used to campaign for or against these measures.

EXISTING POLICY

Council Policy 7.3 C.1: Represent City policy in intergovernmental activities in accordance with adopted policy guidelines.

DISCUSSION

The Fremont Union High School District has a measure on the May 4 by-mail-only ballot. Measure B would extend, for six years, the current parcel tax of \$98 which is set to expire next year.

Specifically, the measure states:

Measure B - To provide, stable, local funds needed to protect teaching positions, and assure the Cupertino, Fremont, Homestead, Lynbrook, and Monta Vista High School students are prepared to successfully compete for college admission, shall the Fremont Union High School District renew its existing, expiring parcel tax with a tax at the same annual rate of \$98 per parcel for six years commencing July 1, 2010, with all funds benefiting local high schools, and offering an exemption to seniors and the disabled?

Staff typically does not provide analysis or a recommendation on school bond measures as they are not considered City business.

The County Registrar of Voters will release a Voter Information Pamphlet with additional information on the measure, including arguments in favor and in opposition; this pamphlet has a publication date of April 5, 2010. Staff will have

copies of the pamphlet available on the dais for Council and in Council Chambers for members of the public on April 6, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to this report.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt a supporting position on Measure B.
2. Adopt a position against Measure B.
3. Take no position on Measure B.

RECOMMENDATION

As this measure does not relate to service delivery, or otherwise contribute to the City's operational success, staff makes no recommendation.

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