

Fact Sheet—Measure CL

- Measure CL was placed on the ballot by the Local Classrooms Funding Authority (LCFA) – an agency created by all five-school districts in the Centinela Valley:
 - Hawthorne School District
 - Lawndale Elementary School District
 - Lennox School District
 - Wiseburn Unified School District
 - Centinela Valley Union High School District

- The purpose of the measure is to restore local control to tax revenue; all funds collected by the parcel tax will stay local and be used by the five school districts. This will attempt to make up for recent budget cuts from Sacramento that have cost the schools in these Districts more than \$120 million over the last five years.

- Use of the parcel tax proceeds is highly restrictive; the funds can only be used for the following areas, as stipulated in the actual language of the parcel tax measure:
 - Protect academic programs in Math, Science, English
 - Fund education for students with physical/learning disabilities or special needs
 - Prepare students for success in college and universities
 - Foster student learning in computers and technology
 - Equip students to compete for jobs and careers
 - Attract and retain teachers and staff
 - Support school security

- Proper use of the parcel tax proceeds will be ensured by six citizen oversight committees, one associated with the Local Classrooms Funding Authority, and one from each member district. Compliance also will be ensured by external auditors who will verify that expenditures associated with parcel tax revenue are within the specified allowable categories.

- The cost to property owners is 2 cents per square foot of lot for residential property, and 7.5 cents per square foot of lot for other types of property. The median amount that a homeowner will pay is approximately \$120.00 per year; the typical homeowner will pay approximately \$100.00.

- Property owned by senior citizens as their primary residence is exempt from the parcel tax. Senior citizens, as well as individuals receiving SSI income for a disability, will be able to apply for and receive a permanent exemption.

- There can be an adjustment for inflation. If implemented, this adjustment will be based on the regional consumer price index. The LCFA Board does have discretion to defer the adjustment.

- It is possible that the parcel tax can be terminated. There will be advisory ballot measures in the future; the Board Members of the LCFA can act after the certification of the election results to cease or reduce the levy of the tax.

- Distribution of the parcel tax proceeds is based on a formula agreed to by all five school districts. Because this is a parcel tax, much of the formula is based on assessed value of property within the boundaries of each school district.