

SANTA CRUZ

COUNTY OF



SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

(Transfer of 16 parcels from Scotts Valley Unified School District to Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary District and the Los-Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District)

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2001

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS AND VOTER'S INFORMATION PAMPHLET

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS – This election is being conducted only with ballots mailed to all voters who reside in the 16 parcels on Schulties Road who are the subject of transfer from Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary District and the Los-Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District. The Santa Cruz County Elections Department will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day to assist voters. See back cover for more information.

Please refer to the next page for "Instructions to Voters" regarding how to mark your ballot. The back cover contains information on returning your ballot.

Voted ballots must be received by the Santa Cruz County Elections Department no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2001. Postmark is not acceptable.

***THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IS THE ONLY ONE
YOU WILL RECEIVE.***

PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

USE ONLY A NO. 2 PENCIL TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BLUE ENVELOPE: The blue envelope your ballot was mailed in provides instructions with an illustration on how to mark your ballot.

VOTING ON THE MEASURE: To vote on the measure, FILL IN THE RECTANGLE in the square to the right of the word "YES" or the word "NO".

MARKS NOT ALLOWED: All distinguishing marks on the ballot (such as your name, written comments, drawings, etc.) or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.

DAMAGED BALLOTS: If you wrongly mark, tear or deface any portion of your ballot card, replace the card in the gray Secrecy Envelope, check the "SPOILED" box on the green return envelope, and mail the ballot to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department. A second ballot will be mailed to you.

If you damage your ballot seven or fewer days before election day, there may not be sufficient time for you to return your damaged ballot to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department and time for the department to send you a new ballot. At that late date, you are advised to come to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department in person to surrender your damaged ballot and obtain a second one, or on election day, go to the polling place listed on the back page of this booklet and surrender your ballot and receive a second one.

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING, carefully remove the top stub end from the voted ballot card. (The stub is your record of having voted.) Place the voted ballot card in the gray secrecy envelope. Place the gray envelope containing the voted ballot card in the green postage-paid return envelope provided.

SIGNING THE ENVELOPE: In order for your ballot to be counted, you must sign your name on the green envelope used to return your voted ballot. Your signature must compare to the signature on your voter registration affidavit in order for your ballot to be counted.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY VOTERS BEWARE: The school district includes voters both in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara county. Each county is independently conducting the election for their portion of the district. Therefore, Santa Cruz County voters must vote the ballot provided by Santa Cruz County and return it by mail to Santa Cruz County Elections or the polling place provided for Santa Cruz County voters.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, or need assistance, please call us at the Santa Cruz County Elections Department at 831-454-2060. FAX: 831-454-2445. E-mail: gail.pellerin@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

FOR VOTER'S INFORMATION AND ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS ON THE INTERNET:

<http://www.votescount.com>

VOTER'S INFORMATION PAMPHLET

MEASURE, ANALYSIS AND ARGUMENT

Arguments in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION (Transfer of 16 parcels from Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary and the Los-Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District)

X Shall the common boundary line between the Scotts Valley Unified School District and the Loma Prieta Elementary and Los Gatos-Saratoga High School Districts be reorganized in such a manner that the parcels listed below shall no longer be a part of the Scotts Valley Unified School District which is under the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools and shall become a part of the Loma Prieta Elementary and Los Gatos-Saratoga High School Districts which are under the jurisdiction of the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools?

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APN 095-011-02
APN 095-011-04
APN 095-011-11
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APN 095-021-05
APN 095-021-08

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE X

An election has been called to be held to determine whether the parcels of real property listed in the ballot question should be transferred from the Scotts Valley Unified School District and into the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary District and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District. The reorganization requires approval by a majority of those voting on this measure in order to pass.

A "yes" vote is to approve the transfer of this territory from Scotts Valley Unified School District into the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary and Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School Districts.

A "no" vote is against transferring this territory from Scotts Valley Unified School District into the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary and Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School Districts.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE X

The Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization urges you to vote "YES" to reorganize the common boundary line between the Scotts Valley Unified School District and the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District. Voting "YES" means these sixteen parcels will be transferred from the Scotts Valley Unified School District into the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary District and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School Districts.

The Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization held public hearings and received public and school district input regarding the proposed transfer. The Committee concluded that it is in the best interest of the students currently residing in the area – and students who will reside in the area in years ahead – that these parcels be transferred. The sixteen parcels to be transferred are located on Schulties Road, north of Scotts Valley in Santa Cruz County. All of these parcels have Los Gatos addresses and are within the Los Gatos telephone service area. Traditionally, students living in the area have attended schools in the Loma Prieta Elementary School District. A parent of former Loma Prieta Elementary student testified that she believed the parcels were always in the proposed transfer District.

Parents of students living in the area to be transferred indicate that they identify more with the suburban and urban areas of the Silicon Valley. They say they work, patronize businesses, attend churches, and take part in community, youth, cultural and social activities in Santa Clara County. They also said that Loma Prieta and Los Gatos schools were closer by automobile travel. Scotts Valley Unified Schools does not provide bus service to the area. The most used access to and from schools in the Scotts Valley area requires a parent to drive from the Santa Clara side of the hill to Scotts Valley. Parents working in Santa Clara County would have to make the trip twice a day. Transportation for students attending schools in the Loma Prieta School District requires a drive of approximately two (2) miles on County roads rather than the major artery of Highway 17. Parents said that they dropped student attending Los Gatos-Saratoga High School on their way to and from work or other activities in the greater San Jose area.

Your "YES" vote will make attending public schools easier and more convenient for the students of Schulties Road.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
s/ Mary Bryant, President

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE X WAS FILED.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

To be counted, your voted ballot must be returned in one of the following ways:

1. **By Mail** – The ballot must be received by the Santa Cruz County Elections Department no later than 8 p.m. on June 5, 2001. Your ballot cannot be counted if received after 8 p.m. on election day, regardless of postmark.
2. **By You in Person Prior to Election Day** – to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department. The Elections Department is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3. **By an authorized representative of the voter.** If you are unable to personally deliver your ballot because of illness or other disability, you may authorize, on the green envelope, your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister to deliver the voted ballot on your behalf. The ballot may be delivered on election day to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department.
4. **By You in Person on Election Day**– to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, June 5, 2001. The County Building, which meets American with Disabilities Act accessibility standards, will be open on election day for voters who:
 - wish to deliver their ballot in person;
 - prefer to take the ballot mailed to them and vote it in a voting booth;
 - need a second ballot;
 - have questions regarding their eligibility to vote; or
 - need assistance with voting.

Santa Cruz County Elections Department
701 Ocean St., Room 210
Santa Cruz
831-454-2060

IF YOU LOSE YOUR BALLOT: If you lose or discard the enclosed ballot mailed to you, you may vote a provisional ballot at the location listed above on election day, or at the Santa Cruz County Elections Department beginning May 7, 2001. Once election officials confirm that you did not vote the ballot mailed to you, your provisional ballot will be counted.