

Los Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District
Measure A Argument Against

The 2011 parcel tax was a temporary solution to solve a temporary problem. Because the temporary problem no longer exists, this tax should not be renewed. You should vote NO on this measure.

The Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District (High School District) is a "basic aid", or "excess tax" district, meaning its property tax receipts are greater than its state mandated education spending and it gets to retain the property taxes that exceed the state mandated minimum.

Historically, the High School District's tax base has increased more than 7% annually. The problem in 2011 was that the economy was in decline. For the High School District, instead of the historical growth of more than 7%, the tax base increased 2.22% in 2010, declined 0.94% in 2011, and increased 1.18% in 2012. Rather than tightening its belt, the High School District sought and received voter approval for the short term parcel tax to address the recession. The recession is over and the tax base has increased 4.30% in 2013, 7.64% in 2014, 5.64% in 2015 and 7.44% in 2016. The High School District's core funding is its LCFF/Revenue Limit Sources receipts, consisting of property tax receipts and basic state assistance, which have increased from \$31.9M in 2011-12 to \$40.6M in 2015-16.

The Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District does not require the parcel tax to supplement the automatic tax increases it receives from increasing property values. Vote NO on this measure.

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA By [Signature] Deputy

The undersigned author(s) of the argument in favor of (circle one) against ballot measure A at the Special Mail Ballot election for the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

(title of election) (name of jurisdiction) to be held on May 3, 2016 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best (date of election)

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