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The Cupertino Union School District performs in the top 2% of all school districts in California. The District is made up of 20 elementary and 5 middle schools. It serves approximately 18,000 students in a richly diverse community representing 46 different languages in a 26-square mile area that includes the city of Cupertino and portions of San Jose, Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Los Altos, and Santa Clara.

CUPERTINO UNION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



**CITIZENS' MEASURE A PARCEL  
TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Report to the Community  
Fiscal Year 2016-2017

## **Citizens' Measure A Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report to the Community**

On May 6, 2014, voters of the Cupertino Union School District approved Measure A, renewing and consolidating Measure B and C parcel taxes. Measure A maintains the same rate previously approved by both Measure B and C and is an eight-year parcel tax of \$250 per year, effective July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2023. The parcel tax represents a significant investment by the community in supporting the District's culture of success and student achievement. It continues to offer the same exemptions as previous measures.

Measure A Parcel Tax funds represent 4.6 percent of the District's total budget. These funds are specifically used to:

- Protect outstanding core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science
- Retain highly qualified teachers
- Keep schools safe, clean and well-maintained
- Keep libraries up-to-date and retain music and art programs
- Provide updated classroom technology for a 21st-Century Education

The Cupertino Union School District maintains a Citizens' Parcel Tax Oversight Committee which provides oversight to ensure funds collected from the parcel tax are spent in a manner consistent with the provisions of the voter approved measure. This Committee meets annually. On November 6, 2017, the Committee certified the expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017 were spent only for purposes approved by voters.

### **Citizens' Measure A Parcel Tax Oversight Committee - Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

Piu Ghosh

Parent/Guardian of a student in the District and active in PTA

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Member At Large

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## **Measure A Parcel Tax – By the Numbers**

- Length of Measure A: Eight Years Ending 6/30/23
- First Year Collected: 2015-2016 Fiscal Year
- Annual Amount Per Parcel: \$250
- Positions Funded - Teachers & Support Staff: 90.3
- Total Funds Received in 2016-2017: \$8,568,670
- Exemptions Granted in 2016-2017: 4,242

Full ballot language for Measure A is available at <https://www.cusdk8.org/Measure A>

### **OPTIONAL PARCEL TAX EXEMPTIONS**

*A parcel is defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a tax bill from the Santa Clara County Tax Collector's Office.*

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION**

Individuals may qualify if they are 65 years of age or older on or before June 30 of the current tax year. In addition, the parcel must be located within the District and serve as their primary residence. (The senior must live in the home.)

#### **CONTIGUOUS PARCEL EXEMPTION**

This exemption allows a property owner to combine adjacent parcels (parcels that share a common border) into one taxable unit. These combined parcels must also be used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) FOR A DISABILITY EXEMPTION**

Community members qualify for an exemption if they receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for a disability and the parcel is their primary residence. The community member must own and live in the home as of July 1 of the year the tax is due.

*For information on how to apply for an exemption, please visit our website (<https://www.cusdk8.org/MeasureA>) or call the Business Services Department at 408-252-3000*

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