

MEASURE CL PARCEL TAX ANNUAL REPORT

Presented by the Hawthorne Citizens' Oversight Committee to
the Hawthorne Board of Trustees on December 14, 2016

2015-16 MEASURE CL ANNUAL REPORT - BACKGROUND

- November 6, 2012 – 70.42% of Hawthorne voters approved Measure CL
 - Parcel Tax commenced on July 1, 2013 and remains in effect indefinitely
 - Hawthorne School District receives 16.6% of the proceeds
- Parcel Tax can be spent to:
 - Protect academic quality in local K-12 schools
 - Maintain math, science, English programs
 - Provide education for students with disabilities/special needs
 - Support computer technology and school security
 - Prepare students for college/careers
 - Retain excellent teachers

2015-16 MEASURE CL ANNUAL REPORT – ROLE OF HCOC

- Review the expenditure of the proceeds of the qualified special tax to ensure that such proceeds are spent in accordance with this Measure.
- The HCOC Bylaws indicate the HCOC will:
 - Receive and review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that parcel tax revenue was expended in accordance with the purposes set forth in Measure CL
 - Prepare and present to the Board, in open session, an annual written report which will include:
 - A statement indicating whether the District's Measure CL expenditures were in accordance with the stated purpose
 - A summary of the Committee's proceedings for the preceding year

2015-16 MEASURE CL ANNUAL REPORT – SUMMARY OF HCOC PROCEEDINGS

- September 28, 2016
 - current HCOC approved by Hawthorne Board of Trustees
- October 5, 2016
 - HCOC review of 2015-16 Unaudited Actuals and 2015-16 Annual Report
 - HCOC review of 2016-17 Adopted Budget
- November 9, 2016
 - Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum
- March 15, 2017
 - 2016-17 Second Interim Review

2015-16 MEASURE CL ANNUAL REPORT – REVENUE

- Hawthorne School District received \$1,540,596.78 in parcel tax revenue during the 2015-16 fiscal year.
- We are pending a copy of the 2015-16 revenues and exemptions from the Authority so we are unable to confirm this is 16.6% of total revenues received.
- The revenue was deposited directly into HSD accounts by the Los Angeles County Office Treasury, so we are fairly certain the revenues reflect 16.6% of total Measure CL revenue received.

2015-16 MEASURE CL ANNUAL REPORT – EXPENSE

- Hawthorne School District spent \$1,904,137 in 2015-16 in an effort to spend down prior year carry over of \$363,541.
- \$1,904,137 was spent to support computer technology and school security
 - Employee Salary and Benefits = \$1.5 million
 - Books/Supplies/Other Expense = \$391,918

2015-16 MEASURE CL ANNUAL REPORT – HCOC SUMMARY

The HCOC is satisfied that the funds received for the fiscal year 2015-16 from proceeds of the Measure CL Parcel Tax, as approved by the voters November 6, 2012, were in fact budgeted and spent in accordance with the ballot language of Measure CL.

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QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS