

RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSING THE RENEWAL AND INCREASE OF A QUALIFIED SPECIAL TAX  
AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Portola Valley School District ("District") has been inadequately funded by the State Legislature for a period of years, and as a result, the District will be unable to continue to offer the high quality of educational programs that our community expects; and

WHEREAS, the current parcel tax is nearing the end of its authorized term and increased revenues are necessary to continue meeting the educational needs of the students of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has engaged in a variety of efforts to generate funds for the District's educational program, including local fundraising efforts and cost-cutting measures, but these efforts have not produced sufficient revenues/savings and the continued excellence of education in the District is at risk; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code Sections 50077 and 50070 authorize a school district, upon approval of two-thirds of the electorate voting on the measure, to levy a qualified special tax for specified purposes following notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that such a qualified special tax is necessary to provide continued educational excellence and opportunities for the students of this District; and

WHEREAS, a superior and comprehensive education program delivers many long-lasting benefits and advantages to all the residents of our community;

THEREFORE; be it resolved that:

1. This Board hereby proposes to adopt a qualified special tax for the purpose of continuing vital educational programs critical to maintain the excellence already established in the District's instructional program.
2. Said qualified special tax shall not be more than \$195 per year for each parcel (as defined in Paragraph 3) for a period not to exceed ten years.

3. Said qualified special tax shall be assessed against each parcel of taxable land in the District, a parcel being defined as any unit of land in the District which now receives a separate tax bill from the San Mateo County Assessor's Office, except that only one tax will be assessed to owners whose property includes one or more contiguous parcels. All property which would otherwise be exempt from property taxes will also be exempt from the imposition of said special tax.
4. An exemption from the assessment shall be made available to each individual in the District who will attain the age of 65 years prior to July 1 of the assessment year and who applies to the District on or before June 30, 1994 or June 30 of any succeeding assessment year, and who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, or a divided or undivided portion of such parcel, and who uses such a parcel as his or her principal place of residence. Said application for exemption must be supported by proof of age, ownership, and occupancy as principal place of residence in accordance with regulations adopted by the School Board and, once approved, shall remain in effect for the term of the assessment year.
5. In connection with the proposal of said special tax, this Board further proposes to increase the District's appropriations limit per fiscal year, in an amount equal to the levy of special taxes for said year, as permitted by Article XIIIB, Section 4 of the California Constitution.
6. This Board hereby requests that the San Mateo County Clerk (the "County Clerk") submit to the voters of this District as a special election on April 12, 1994, the following ballot measure:

"Shall the Portola Valley (Elementary) School District, for the benefit of students in Portola Valley, be authorized to impose a qualified special tax a) to maintain the excellence, range and high academic standards of its educational programs; b) to provide appropriate teacher/student ratios and class size; and c) to provide for maintenance, service and safety of its facilities; at a rate not to exceed \$195 per year per parcel of land, for a period not to exceed ten years, with exemptions for certain property exempted by law and exemption for any beneficial owner of a parcel who will attain the age of 65 years on or before July 1 of any applicable year and who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence, and shall the appropriations limit of the District be raised each year in the amount equal to the levy of said tax for said year?"

7. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the California Education Code.
8. That this Resolution shall stand as the order to the County Superintendent of Schools to call an election within the boundaries of the District on April 12, 1994.
9. That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools so that said Superintendent receives it on or prior to December 10, 1993.
10. That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Clerk no later than December 10, 1993.
11. That the County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to deliver this Resolution, which constitutes the order of election, and a formal notice of the election to the County Clerk no later than December 13, 1993.
12. That this Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election to be held on the same date as specified above and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election; and that this Board consents to such consolidation.
13. The Clerk of this Board of Trustees is ordered and directed to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.
14. Subject to two-thirds voter approval and prior to adoption of a resolution levying the qualified special tax in any given year, this Board shall conduct a public hearing on the matter. Notice of the time, date, and place of hearing shall be published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6061 posted at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, posting shall commence at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing. Following said hearing, this Board may adopt a resolution fixing the amount of tax to be raised and the rates for each type of property. Any tax levied shall become a lien upon the properties against which taxes are assessed and collectible.

- 15. Subject to said voter approval, and the adoption of a resolution levying the qualified special tax by the Board of Trustees, the County Controller is authorized to place the special tax as a charge on the tax roll commencing with the 1994-95 fiscal year, and the San Mateo County Tax Collector is authorized to collect the special tax at the same time as and subject to the same penalties as general ad valorem taxes collected by the Tax Collector. The tax and penalty shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid ad valorem property taxes until paid.
- 16. The collection of the qualified special tax provided for herein shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this second day of  
December, 1993

IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION:

*Catherine A. ...*  
*...*  
*John ...*  
*...*  
*W. Christoph ...*

AGAINST RESOLUTION:

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ABSENT:

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ABSTAIN:

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Board  
 President

John J. Griffin  
 President of the Board

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Secretary of the Board