

## Measure H Ballot Language

To provide outstanding academics in math, science, reading, writing, instructional technology and programs in athletics, arts and music; provide high quality teachers; limit class sizes; and support student health and safety; shall the Davis Joint Unified School District replace its expiring parcel taxes with a single eight-year parcel tax of \$620/year, raising approximately \$9.5 million/year, adjusted for inflation; with senior and disability exemptions; with citizens oversight; for the exclusive use of Davis schools

**YOU WILL PAY \$620/YR. X 8 YRS. = \$4,960 NEW TAX.**

### **TOO EXPENSIVE FOR TOO LONG**

Let's get something straight at start. We are not against taxes for education. We are against abusing the taxpayers and double billing them. Measure H is a deceptive measure. It is the biggest parcel tax increase targeted only to property owners. The School District currently receives \$86.9 million from taxpayers already "to provide outstanding academics in math, science, reading, writing, instructional technology and programs in athletics, arts and music; provide high quality teachers; limit class sizes; and support student health". All of these are normal obligations the School District must provide with the \$86.9 million the taxpayers are already paying. The parcel taxes do very little to contribute. There is nothing new or extra in Measure H. However the proponents make it look like the parcel taxes are sustaining the quality of education in Davis. This is false.

The Davis School District receives \$10.8 million from proposition 30, a statewide ballot measure specifically approved in 2014 by the taxpayers to support education. Measure H is an unnecessary expensive new tax that obligates each property owner to pay \$4,960 and will collect another \$76 million dollars. What do the taxpayers' get in return? Isn't this taking advantage and single out property owners to make them pay for the free ride of others? Namely, Apartment residents, seniors, out of town residents, Temporary residents, Renters. These people do not have to pay but they can vote to have you pay and increasing your mortgage bill for eight more years.

Currently you are paying \$531/year, \$327 for Measure C and \$204 for Measure E, both, four years. Your bill for Measures C and E is \$38 million in four years. Measure H on the other hand at \$620 for eight years obligates taxpayers (you) to pay \$76 million. It, represents doubling (100% increase) in the current parcel taxes.

The Davis School Board, a group of insensitive politicians, wants you to increase your mortgage bill \$620/year for 8 years. Too expensive for too long.

Measure H is deceptive because it does not explain that they are replacing two parcel taxes already on the books besides doubling the time and amount you will have to pay.

You can stop this by voting NO on MEASURE H. The School District at \$86.9 million/year is receiving enough money already. They have not justified the need for an additional \$76 million dollars in eight years more from you the taxpayers.

If you own a home in Davis you need to get out and vote NO on Measure H. If you don't, other people who do not live in homes, others who do not live in Davis permanently, and those who do not have to pay the new tax will make that decision for you.

It does not tell voters the amount of what they are paying and what they could pay with the new proposal that replaces two other measures in place.

It is deceptive as it does not inform the voters that Measure H duplicates the amount of the taxes from the current taxes.

It is a new tax, not a simple merger or two measures because it changes the amount from \$537 to \$620 and duplicates the term. This is not explained clearly to the voter.

It does not explain that Measure C \$327 produces \$6 million and Measure E (204) the taxpayers are paying \$3 million. Both combined produce \$38 million for the district. Measure H is a \$76 million proposal. This is hidden from the voters.

The wording of the measure misleads the voter into thinking that all of these:

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are supported exclusively by the measure they are voting on. Not true. These is a list of the normal duties and obligations of the school district which are being paid by the \$86 million they receive from the taxpayers.

It hides from the voter a major fact. They are receiving \$10.9 million dollars from Proposition 30 a statewide measure approved just in 2014 by the voters to support schools.

The terms “replace its expiring parcel taxes” misleads the voters as it does not indicate what are the parcel taxes they are replacing. The term replace has the hidden connotation of a new tax which is not clearly spelled out and will definitely create confusion and mislead the voters into thinking they are replacing what they currently have without realizing that this measure doubles the current taxes.

**Vote NO on Measure H.**