

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS IN
SUPPORT OF THE CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX
MEASURE ON THE MAY 4, 2021 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the Cupertino Union School District (“District”), a school district of the County of Santa Clara (“County”), State of California (“State”), provides a high-quality education to more than 15,000 students; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the City of Los Altos lies within the Cupertino Union School District; and

WHEREAS, the District provides this high-quality education despite the fact that the District receives less money per student than surrounding districts; the annual per student funding the District receives is significantly lower than county, state and national averages; and

WHEREAS, District voters have supported the District’s educational program with parcel taxes, most recently through approval of Measure A in 2014; and

WHEREAS, to date, the District has sustained classroom programs by utilizing Measure A proceeds and decreasing operating costs, consolidating jobs through attrition and spending from the District reserve fund; and

WHEREAS, the \$250 parcel tax authorized by Measure A will expire after the 2022 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to increase and extend the current parcel tax with this Measure to continue to support programs funded by Measure A and to help to prevent school closures due to a lack of funding; and

WHEREAS this Measure will replace the current \$250 school parcel tax with a new parcel tax of \$398 per year; and

WHEREAS, this Measure will raise \$14 million per year to provide the District with stable, local funds to retain highly qualified, experienced teachers and maintain the District as one of the highest achieving school districts in the State; and

WHEREAS, this Measure’s proceeds will help the District to support programs funded by Measure A, help to prevent school closures due to a lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, this Measure will provide funds to increase strategies and programs to develop the whole child, including mental health support, enrichment and electives for middle school students, and additional academic and intervention support; and

WHEREAS, California Constitution, Article XIII A, section 4 and Government Code sections 50075 et seq. authorizes the District, upon approval of two-thirds of the electorate, to levy qualified

special taxes on real property in the District for the purpose of providing quality educational programs in the District and other lawful purposes of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cupertino Union School District, following community feedback and public hearings and comment, requested that the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools (“County Superintendent”) and Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (“County Registrar of Voters”) call an election on May 4, 2021 and submit to the voters of the District the question of whether the District shall levy a qualified special tax (“Parcel Tax”) within the District for the purpose of raising additional revenue for the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council supports the Cupertino Union School District Parcel Tax Measure on the May 4, 2021 ballot.
2. The City Council encourages all citizens concerned with supporting programs funded by Measure A and helping to prevent school closures due to a lack of funding to vote yes on the Measure; and
- 3 The City Council authorizes the use of its name in support of the Measure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

vote:

AYES:	Council Members Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor Fligor
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None



Neysa Fligor, MAYOR

Attest:



Andrea Chelemengos, MMC, CITY CLERK