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COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE A

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A Cambrian Benefit Assessment Oversight Committee will annually report and review expenditures.

By approving this ballot measure, voters are authorizing an increase in the District's Gann Appropriations Limit by the amount of the revenue generated by the special tax for the next four years.

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Impartial Analysis from ANN MILLER RAVEL County Counsel

By: JEFFREY L. BRYSON Deputy County Counsel

California law permits a school district to levy a qualified special tax (known as a parcel tax) after obtaining approval by two-thirds of the electorate voting on the measure. If such a parcel tax is approved, the proceeds of the tax cannot be appropriated (spent) by the district unless a majority of voters also authorizes an increase in the district's appropriations limit. An increase in the appropriations limit expires after four years.

The governing board of the Cambrian School District proposes to adopt a new parcel tax effective July 1, 2001, with annual review by an oversight committee. The purpose of this tax is to build vital educational programs critical to the success of District students, by improving children's academic performance, reducing class size, improving teaching quality, and expanding art, science, music, technology, and physical education.

The governing board also proposes to increase the District's appropriations limit for a period of four years. Such an increase, if approved, would terminate on June 30, 2005. The parcel tax would continue in existence beyond that date, but the District would not be able to spend proceeds from the tax unless a majority of voters renews the increase before June 30, 2005.

The amount of the tax would not exceed \$63 per year, adjusted each year by the change in a specified Consumer Price Index. The tax would be assessed against each parcel of taxable land, defined as any unit of land in the District which receives a separate tax bill from the county assessor. Upon annual application, an exemption would be granted for parcels owned by one or more persons 65 years of age or over who occupy said parcel as a principal residence. All property which is exempt from ad valorem property tax would be exempt from this parcel tax. The tax would become a lien upon applicable properties, and would be collected at the same time

as and along with, and would be subject to the same penalties as, general and ad valorem taxes. The tax and any penalty would bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid ad valorem property taxes until paid.

A "yes" vote is a vote to authorize the District to levy and spend a parcel tax.

A "no" vote is a vote not to authorize such a tax.

Arguments For Measure A

We are proud of our local schools - but they can and must get better. Measure A will improve the quality of education for children in our district by generating additional funding and by bringing our level of funding closer to the county average.

The facts are clear:

- Smaller class sizes improve individual instruction from teachers. All students need lower class sizes for optimal learning. State funds have reduced class sizes up to grade 3 # Measure A will reduce class sizes in grades 4-8.
- Studies show that student comprehension of basic subjects like English and math increases when schools offer music, science, art, and physical education programs. Measure A will expand and extend these vital programs in our schools.
- We must invest in the skills and talents of our classroom teachers. Measure A funds will ensure that teachers are trained for today's classroom technology and other innovative teaching techniques.
- Community donations have provided additional computers and technology in our classrooms - but we need additional funds to train all of our teachers in updated computer technology and assure that our students will continue to have access to these vital learning tools.

Measure A will cost property owners less than \$6 a month. This small assessment will bring a large return to our community.

It is important to remember that a complete exemption from the assessment is available for residents 65 years or older.

A committee of parents and community members will ensure that every school gets their fair share of funds and every dollar is spent appropriately and efficiently - and only on projects that directly benefit the quality of student learning.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure A. Your investment in our children and in our community will pay dividends for generations to come.

JIM BEALL County Supervisor

SUSAN HAMMER Vice President, California State Board of Education/Former Mayor of San Jose

STEVE TEDESCO President, San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

RANDY J. SCOFIELD President, Cambrian Board of Trustees

JOY HART Cambrian Teacher of the Year

(No arguments against Measure A were submitted)

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