



June 2, 2026: Statewide Direct Primary Election Local Measure Pros & Cons

Measure C: Redwood City Elementary District: Parcel Tax

Ballot Question:

To support Redwood City Elementary School District students by attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers/counselors; preserving hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math instruction; supporting quality reading and writing programs; and maintaining manageable class sizes; shall Redwood City Elementary School District's measure be adopted, levying 17.5¢ per building square foot with a cap on the total amount, and \$25/unimproved parcel, providing \$12,200,000 annually for 8 years, with independent citizens' oversight, senior citizen exemptions, no funds for administrators, and all funds staying local?

Type of measure: Tax Measure submitted by Redwood City Elementary School District

Explanation:

If this Measure is approved by voters, it would authorize a tax of 17.5¢ per square foot of building area per year on improved parcels and \$25 per year on unimproved parcels within the District, subject to a maximum annual tax per parcel. The tax would be imposed for eight years, starting on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2034, and is estimated to raise approximately \$12,200,000 each year. The proposed parcel tax would apply to parcels of real property located wholly or partially within the District.

The proceeds of the parcel tax would be placed in a special account and used only for the purposes described in the Measure. An annual report accounting for parcel tax revenues collected and expended would be filed with the Board of Trustees. An independent citizens' oversight committee would be appointed to review expenditures of the parcel tax. The Measure also requires annual independent financial audits of the parcel tax revenues and expenditures.

Voting YES would authorize the District to levy the parcel tax for eight years.

Voting NO would not authorize the District to levy the parcel tax.

50%+1 voter approval is needed to pass this tax measure

Arguments in Favor:

This measure will help support student success by attracting and retaining teachers and counselors for schools. No funds from this measure can be spent on administrator salaries or pensions. Without these funds, the school district is at risk of layoffs and cuts to school programs.

Measure C upholds high fiscal transparency standards by requiring independent audits and annual reporting to ensure funds are spent responsibly.

Supporters:

<https://strongschools4rwc.org/en>

Brenna Geer, Veronica Escamez Martinez, Courtney Barrone, Alicia Aguirre, Florence Ortiz, Barbara Britschgi, Kelly Andrasik McLeod, Jessica Meunier, Tony Chan, Dee Eva

RWC Teachers, Casa Circulo Cultural, RWC Education Foundation

Arguments Against:

This is a way for the county to raise taxes without proper oversight.

Opponents: Mark W.A. Hinkle