



F A C T S H E E T

MAY 25, 2010 SPECIAL PARCEL TAX ELECTION SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ABOUT THIS ELECTION

The purpose of the special election is to submit Measure A pertaining to a special parcel tax to qualified voters of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The District has requested the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) conduct the election as a Vote-by-Mail election under Education Code § 5303 and Election Codes §§§§ 1003, 4000, 4108 and 10002.

Measure A Text (ballot sample attached):

Measure A – To protect our high-quality local schools against severe funding cuts imposed by the State of California; prevent widespread teacher layoffs; maintain academic excellence in reading, writing, math, and science; preserve elementary school music; keep school libraries open; shall the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District levy a parcel tax of \$198/year for five years, with senior homeowner exemptions; mandatory annual public audits; independent citizen oversight; no funds used for administrator salaries; and all funds supporting our local Santa Monica and Malibu schools?

The vote requirement for measure passage is 2/3 of all votes cast.

ELECTION STATISTICS

Estimated Cost of Election:	\$360,000
*Active Registered Voters:	73,547
*Permanent Vote by Mail Voters:	14,029
Ballot Groups:	1
Vote by Mail Precincts:	102
Average Voters per Precinct:	721
Covered Languages:	Spanish
*Figure as of 4/23/10	

SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTE BY MAIL INSTRUCTIONS BOOKLETS

All eligible registered voters in the district are automatically mailed Official Sample Booklet and Vote by Mail Instructions Booklets. Voters may also access Sample Ballot content interactively on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net and clicking *View Sample Ballot* in the *Online Services* box of the main page. The Vote by Mail Instructions Booklet may also be accessed online by clicking the *Vote by Mail Instructions Booklet* link in the *Highlights* section of the main page.

VOTER INFORMATION

- This election is being conducted as a Vote by Mail election.
- Beginning April 26, eligible registered voters in the district were mailed an Official Sample Ballot Booklet and Vote By Mail Instructions booklet.
- Voters may check the status of their Vote by Mail ballot online at www.lavote.net by clicking the *Vote By Mail* button in the *Quick Links* box on the main page.
- > **Mail the Vote by Mail ballot back to the RR/CC.** Voted Vote by Mail ballots must be received by the RR/CC no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25 (postmarks are not acceptable).
- > **Drop the Vote by Mail ballot off at one of the following drop-off locations available only on Election Day between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.:**

Election Day Ballot Drop-Off Locations	
Santa Monica City Hall - Lobby	1685 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401
Malibu Library - Front Entrance (7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.) - Meeting Room (9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.)	23519 Civic Center Way Malibu, CA 90265
Fire Station #99 – Parking Lot	32550 Pacific Coast Hwy. Malibu, CA 90265

Note: These are only drop off sites; blank ballots will not be available.

- > **Return the ballot in person to the RR/CC Headquarters**, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, no later than 8:00 p.m. on May 25.

- **Deadline for voted ballots to be received by the RR/CC – Tuesday, May 25, 2010 by 8:00 p.m.** Ballots received after 8:00 p.m. on May 25, 2010 will not be counted.
- **Replacement Ballots** – If voters damage or lose their ballot, a replacement ballot may be requested by contacting the Vote by Mail Section at (562) 466-1323, weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, prior to Election Day.

Additional information or any questions regarding Vote by Mail services and voting can be obtained by calling the Vote by Mail Section at (562) 466-1323, weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by accessing the RR/CC website www.lavote.net.

AVAILABILITY OF SEMI-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ON ELECTION NIGHT 5/25/10

On Election Night, semi-official election results will be available at the RR/CC website www.lavote.net. Click the *Election Results* tab in the *Quick Links* box on the main page.

The first run of Semi-official Vote by Mail election results may be available at approximately 8:15 p.m. Updated cumulative results may be available throughout the evening and will be posted on the RR/CC website.

Election night results are always semi-official. Additional ballots are counted in the days following the election including:

- Vote by mail ballots received through the mail at the RR/CC Office on Election Day. Vote by Mail ballots must be individually signature-verified and then opened prior to tabulation;
- Provisional ballots cast at the RR/CC office on Election Day by persons whose eligibility to vote cannot immediately be verified. Provisional ballots must be individually researched to determine eligibility; and
- Damaged ballots that the RR/CC is unable to process through the election tally equipment and must be duplicated prior to tabulation.

AVAILABILITY OF SEMI-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS AFTER ELECTION NIGHT FROM 5/26/2010

Semi-official precinct results will be available on the RR/CC website, in the RR/CC Election Information Section and by telephone. Office and telephone hours on the day after the election are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- RR/CC Website: www.lavote.net – click on the *Election Results* button in the *Quick Links* box on the main page

http://lavote.net/Voter/Statement_Vote_Cast.cfm - for direct access to the Statement of Votes Cast election results page
- RR/CC Election Information Section: 12400 Imperial Hwy., Rm. 2013, Norwalk, CA 90650
- Telephone Numbers: Public (562) 466-1310
Media (562) 462-2648 or (562) 462-2726

FINAL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

- The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. (May 27, 2010) (E.C. §§ 10547 & 15301).
- The official canvass must be completed within 28 days of the election. The legal deadline for the county elections official to certify election results is June 22, 2010. (E.C. § 15372)

NOTE: On June 4, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. On June 8, the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to declare the election results official.

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For Multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese call (800) 481-8683.

ABOUT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

The mission of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is to serve Los Angeles County by providing essential records management and election services in a fair, accessible and transparent manner.

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