

Measure G Annual Report for 2019

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Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

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I. Executive Summary

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II. Introduction

On June 3, 2014, 72.41% of Livermore voters approved the Measure G Parcel Tax, authorizing the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) to levy an annual parcel tax of \$138 on each parcel of taxable real property. The stated purpose of Measure G is to help the LVJUSD provide advanced courses in math, science, and engineering help keep schools well-maintained, attract and retain highly qualified teachers, provide elementary school science and technology specialists and keep classroom technology and instructional materials up-to-date. At the time of voter approval, Measure G included the two charter schools operated by the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation in Livermore, Livermore Valley Charter School and Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School.

Measure G thus ensured that Livermore schools would continue to receive a stable, reliable, local source of funding. Overall, the LVJUSD serves over 13,800 students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade at nine elementary campuses, two K-8 schools, three middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, and two alternative schools. Specifically, the Measure G funds would be used to:

- x Provide advanced courses in math, science and engineering,
- x Keep schools well maintained,
- x Attract and retain highly qualified teachers,
- x Provide elementary school science and technology specialists,
- x Keep classroom technology and instructional materials up-to-date and,
- x To the extent that funds are available, to maintain academic programs, including the purchase of instructional equipment, materials, and supplies.

This Parcel Tax commenced on July 1, 2015 and remains in effect for seven fiscal years, with exemptions from the Parcel Tax for citizens over the age of 65 if such citizens applied for an exemption. As part of Measure G, a Citizens' Oversight Committee ("Committee") is convened annually to ensure that proceeds of the tax are spent wisely and only for the purposes named in Measure G.

This report covers the fourth fiscal year (FY 2018-2019) of the Parcel Tax and details the Committee's assessment of how the funds were dispersed and used in this fiscal year.

III. Committee Membership, History and Process

The Committee was appointed by the Board of Trustees of the LVJUSD and was convened on February 7, 2019 with the following members:

G. Bryan Balazs, Chair*	Victoria Lamica
Chung Bothwell	Nicole Sardella
Robert DeLiso	Todd Storti
Terilyn Finders**	David Struebing, Secretary*

*At this February 7 meeting, the Committee elected Bryan Balazs as Chair and David Struebing as Secretary.

**Although Terilyn Finders was appointed to this Committee in early 2019, subsequent changes in her work assignment led to what she perceived as a potential conflict of interest issue and thus she resigned at this point from the Committee.

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IV. FY2017-2018 Measure G Revenue, Parcels, Exemptions and Fees

Financial consultants Francisco & Associates provided information on the Measure G revenue for FY2018-2019, totaling \$3,984,612 which consisted of \$3,968,742 from 28,759 valid real estate parcels in Alameda County and \$15,870 from 115 valid parcels in Contra Costa County.

LVJUSD begins filling positions with the most highly qualified applicants from the pool. This process starts with the consideration of those who have worked for the LVJUSD in temporary positions the prior year and have done an outstanding job. Retention of the best temporary teachers is a high priority, as they have already shown their site principals that they are capable of outstanding work.

The LVJUSD also makes several external efforts to attract quality teachers throughout the school year. In March of each year, the LVJUSD holds a Job Fair. Additional job fairs were held at local colleges and universities as well as posting jobs on Handshake a website for job postings aimed at college students and recent graduates that posts to 80% of colleges and universities in California. LVJUSD also uses multiple platforms for job postings including EdJoin, Peachy, and LinkedIn to reach a wide range of applicants.

The LVJUSD is a five-time Bay Area News Group

Work in the labs include the Scientific Method, PLTW STEM activities, and participation in Science Odyssey and Science fairs.

Lawrence Elementary

The Elementary School Science and Technology Specialists are providing twice per week, 40-minute science labs for students in grades 1 to 5, giving students a hands-on science experience. The specialist also organized a Family Science Night, developed a Green Team, and works with community agencies to enhance student learning. Teachers are also receiving training on HyperDocs and other new resources.

Marylin Avenue Elementary

The Elementary School Science and Technology Specialists are providing twice per week, 40-minute science labs for students in grades 1 to 5, giving students a hands-on science experience while learning about NGSS. The Science Specialist also hosts a Family Science Night, a District Show, and the Planetarium dome for a week at the school.

Rancho Elementary

The Elementary School Science Specialist helps students develop problem-solving skills, motivates them toward a lifelong interest in the natural world; and provides a hands-on science lab. The Science Specialist also hosts a Family Science Night, maintains a Makerspace program, and with others, tends the Rancho To-Ed-Ed School Science 603 minra (e) T. 0. 2 -0ip2828 T. 2 (a) 02 T. Tc 01TJ 2.7

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cable, cords, etc. for classroom setup. Ten new iMacs have been ordered, as well as two touch screen laptops for school use.

Vineyard Alternative - Purchase of student ID maker system including software. Purchase of MS Office.

To the Extent Funds Are Available, to Maintain Academic Programs, Including the Purchase of Instructional Equipment, Materials and Supplies

Analyzed by Committed Member Todd Storti

The Parcel Tax funds allow purchase of science laboratory materials and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) schools (by LTW exclusively)

VI. Conclusions

Overall, the Committee concludes that the \$3,984,612 of Measure G revenue for the LVJUSD in FY2018-2019 did indeed advance the Measure's stated purpose to provide advanced courses in math, science, and engineering, help keep schools well-maintained, attract and retain highly qualified teachers, provide elementary school science and technology specialists, and keep classroom technology and instructional materials up-to-date. The benefits of Measure G funds have been documented across all the schools within the LVJUSD, the expenses are within budget, appropriate for the Measure's intent, and have demonstrated a commitment to keeping L

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Respectfully Submitted,

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