

**Alameda County Board of Education
and
Alameda County Superintendent of Schools**

Resolution No. 1902

Support for Berkeley Unified School District's Measures H and I, Emery Unified School District's Measure J, Fremont Unified School District's Measure K and Oakland Unified School District's Measure L

WHEREAS, reductions in the state General Fund revenue have led to significantly reduced school funding; and,

WHEREAS, state General Fund revenue is unstable and erratic, which results in unpredictable funding levels for school districts and county offices of education; and

WHEREAS, local parcel tax and bonds revenues can provide a stable, predictable source of school revenue; and,

WHEREAS, by allowing communities to directly support their schools with local resources they can fund important educational programs and initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District has placed on the ballot Measure H, the BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE ACT OF 2010, which will continue the existing special tax of 6.31¢ / square foot on residential buildings and 9.46¢ / square foot on commercial buildings, and \$20 on unimproved parcels to provide essential maintenance of schools and grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District has placed on the ballot Measure I which will issue \$210,000,000 in bonds to improve school safety and facilities for learning and teaching by: constructing new classrooms for growth; completing seismic upgrades; constructing science labs; upgrading computers and education technology; renovating playgrounds; replacing restrooms, cafeterias, roofs, heating and fire safety systems; removing hazardous materials; improving energy efficiency; and, qualifying for State grants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Emery Unified School District has placed on the ballot Measure J which will issue \$95 million in bonds to maintain academic excellence/student performance, attract and retain quality teachers by: replacing/upgrading outdated schools no longer meeting seismic safety standards; providing updated classrooms, technology, science/computer labs: improving school safety; and, creating energy efficient cost-saving facilities that provide job training, after-school, pre-school, and other community services; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Fremont Unified School District has placed on the ballot Measure K which will levy \$53 per parcel annually for 5 years to provide Fremont schools stable funding for quality local education, including: maintaining math, science, reading and writing programs; keeping school libraries open; supporting classroom/learning technology; maintaining college and workforce preparation programs; and, retaining qualified teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District has placed on the ballot Measure L, the OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, SUPPORT AND SAFETY MEASURE, which will levy a tax of \$195 per parcel annually for ten years to offset severe state budget cuts, improve student achievement, help every child read at or above grade level, and prepare students for college and careers by retaining teachers, teachers' aides, safety officers and other student support staff; and

WHEREAS, the quality and strength of our schools has a direct correlation to the quality and character of our community; and

WHEREAS, these measures are needed in order for these districts to be able to continue to provide their students a quality education in a safe learning environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alameda County Board of Education supports Berkeley Unified School District's Measures H and I, Emery Unified School District's Measure J, Fremont Unified School District's Measure K and Oakland Unified School District's Measure L.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1



Eileen McDonald, President
Alameda County Board of Education



Sheila Jordan, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education