



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 2, 2019

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 408  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re.: SCA 3 (Hill)**

**Position: Support**

Dear Senator Hill:

On behalf of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, I am writing to express our support for Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 3 (Hill). This measure is scheduled to be heard before the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on April 24, 2019.

If approved by the Legislature and California voters, SCA 3 proposes to modify the property tax inheritance exclusion law by requiring the child/grandchild that inherits the property to actually live in it as their primary residence in order to receive the property tax exclusion. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that in 2015-16 parent-to-child exclusions reduced statewide property tax revenues by around \$1.5 billion from what they would have been in the absence of the exclusion. This is about 2.5% of total statewide property tax revenue.

SCA 3 will allow California voters to decide whether to close this tax exclusion loophole and solidify if it was their original intent when this exclusion was created to allow inheritors to rent out their inherited properties rather than live in them.

For these reasons, we support SCA 3 and urge members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee to vote "aye" for this measure.

Sincerely,

Ben Drati  
Superintendent

cc: Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
The Honorable Jerry Hill

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