

Vista Del Mar Union School District
Resolution No. 2-2018-2019: Opposition to Proposition 5
Property Tax Transfer Initiative

WHEREAS, California has the fifth largest economy in the world, and the largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, despite California's leadership in the global economy, the state falls in the nation's bottom quintile on nearly every measure of public K-12 school funding and school staffing; and

WHEREAS, K-12 school funding has not substantially increased, on an inflation-adjusted basis, for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, local governments and community-funded school districts rely upon property tax revenues to support critical community services and students' education; and

WHEREAS, the housing-led Great Recession took a substantial toll on local property tax revenues that support local governmental services and community-funded school districts; and

WHEREAS, the modest education and local government funding increases since the Great Recession have been eroded by rapidly increasing costs for health care, pensions, transportation, and utilities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 5—the Property Tax Transfer Initiative (2018)—would allow homeowners aged 55 and older (or severely disabled or disaster victims) to transfer their existing property tax base to any new home of any value, anywhere in the state, and any number of times; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Legislature's nonpartisan policy and fiscal advisor, estimates Proposition 5 would lead to annual property tax losses for local governmental services of more than \$100 million for the first few years to about \$1 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Analyst's Office estimates Proposition 5 would lead to annual property tax losses for school and community college districts of more than \$100 million for the first few years to about \$1 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, community-funded school districts rely nearly exclusively on local property taxes to fund their schools and would experience a real loss of property tax revenues should Proposition 5 be approved; and

WHEREAS, State General Fund revenues would be required to backfill the lost property tax revenues for state-funded school districts should Proposition 5 be approved, thereby reducing revenues for other critical health and safety net programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vista Del Mar Union School District opposes Proposition 5—the Property Tax Transfer Initiative (2018).

Passed, approved, and adopted this (date) _____.

SIGNED:

Nicole Jones, President
Vista Del Mar Union School District Board of Education