

CITY of CALABASAS

SAMPLE BALLOT

AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET



CALABASAS GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015



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**POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.
AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION
ON BACK COVER**

**THE LOCATION OF YOUR
POLLING PLACE
IS SHOWN ON THE BACK COVER**

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Pursuant to California Elections Code § 3206, . . .

Any voter whose name appears on the permanent vote-by-mail voter list shall remain on the list and shall be mailed a mail ballot for each election conducted within his/her precinct. If the voter fails to return an executed mail ballot for any 4 consecutive statewide general elections, the voter's name shall be deleted from the Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter list.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT

by phone: 562-466-1323

by writing: REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
P.O. BOX 30450
LOS ANGELES, CA 90030-0450

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPTO-MARK BALLOTS

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote for any candidate whose name appears on the ballot, completely fill in the oval in the area to the right of the arrow pointing from the candidate(s) of your choice with a **BLACK OR DARK COLORED PEN ONLY!**

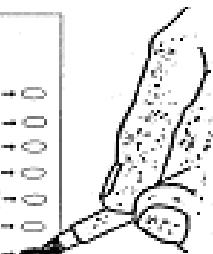
Where two or more candidates for the same office are to be elected, vote for all candidates for that office for whom you desire to vote, not to exceed, however, the number of candidates who are to be elected.

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate (a person not listed on the ballot), write the name of the qualified write-in candidate in the blank space provided for that purpose under the appropriate office heading and completely fill in the oval in the area to the right of the name written in.

To vote on any measure, completely fill in the oval in the area to the right of the arrow pointing from the word "YES" or from the word "NO" with a **BLACK OR DARK COLORED PEN ONLY!**

If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot card, return it to the precinct board member and obtain another.

For MEMBER of the HISTORICAL PARTY		
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SAMUEL CHASE		<input type="radio"/>
WILLIAM ELLERY		<input type="radio"/>
AMELIA EINHART		<input type="radio"/>
JOHN HART		<input type="radio"/>
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Measures Submitted to the Voters		
Shall the electors elect a mayor and four city councilmen?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	NO	<input type="radio"/>
Shall the term of office of mayor be two years?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	NO	<input type="radio"/>
Shall the term of office of mayor be four years?	YES	<input type="radio"/>
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I HAVE VOTED – HAVE YOU?
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF CALABASAS
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

THIS BALLOT STUB SHALL BE REMOVED AND RETAINED BY THE VOTER

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CALABASAS

For **MEMBER** of the **CITY COUNCIL**
 Vote for no more than **TWO**

STEVE ROSEMAN →
 HOA Attorney / Commissioner

ALICIA WEINTRAUB →
 Planning Commissioner / Businesswoman

FRED GAINES →
 Calabasas City Councilmember

→

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MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

O Shall Ordinance No. 2015-325 **YES** →
 be adopted to remove the **NO** →
 expiration date of November

8, 2030 in Ordinance No. 2005-225, and
 thereby make permanent the requirement to
 protect and preserve the existing areas of open
 space in Calabasas unless in a future election
 2/3 of the voters choose to redesignate the
 open space for another purpose?

**CONTINUE VOTING ON BACK
 FOR LVUSD SCHOOL BOARD
 & MEASURE E**



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Calabasas 11/3/15

**LAS VIRGENES
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For **GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**
 Vote for no more than **TWO**

LINDA MENGES →
 Parent / LVUSD Clerk

GARY L. MITTIN →
 Commercial Property Manager

MATHY WASSERMAN →
 Business Owner

→

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MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

E To protect the quality of **YES** →
 education in our local schools, **NO** →
 fund core programs in math,

science, reading, technology
 and the arts, attract/retain highly qualified
 teachers, counselors, and technology
 specialists, maintain smaller class sizes,
 enhance student achievement and prepare our
 students for success in college and careers,
 shall Las Virgenes Unified School District
 continue for twelve years the existing \$98
 annual school parcel tax without raising the
 current rate, with an exemption for seniors,
 and all money staying local?

END OF BALLOT

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Calabasas 11/3/15

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VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

The following pages contain:

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Each Candidate's Statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate. Although all candidates had the opportunity to submit a statement, some candidates may not have submitted a statement. A complete list of candidates appears on the Sample Ballot page of this pamphlet.

BALLOT MEASURES, ANALYSES, ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS

ANALYSES: The Impartial Analysis is an impartial summary of the results of the proposed measure or proposition.

ARGUMENTS: Arguments and/or rebuttal arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.

**FOR MEMBER OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

STEVE ROSEMAN

HOA Attorney/Commissioner

VOTE FOR STEVE ROSEMAN –
www.voteroseman.com



I'm honored to run for the Calabasas City Council. I ask for your vote on Election Day, Nov. 3rd or by Mail beginning October 5.

I promise to listen more than I speak; to respect my colleagues' views even when I disagree with them; and to apply the following common sense test to every action I take as your representative – does what's being proposed fit with Calabasas' history, character, environment and sense of community.

I'm a father of three in the LVUSD, a homeowner, HOA leader, environmentalist, and currently serve as the chair of Calabasas' Historic Preservation Commission.

As a HOA attorney, I have experience protecting homeowners by:

- Fighting uncompromising developers
- Stopping excessive taxes or fees
- Preserving community character

These skills, coupled with my love for Calabasas, the outdoors, and my desire to serve our community makes me well positioned to serve on the City Council. It is imperative that Calabasas be friendlier to an aging community, maintain support for our strong public schools, and protect open spaces to retain what's special about our community.

With your vote, as Calabasas' next Council representative, I'll focus on the following priorities for all our City's residents:

- Protecting the Santa Monica Mountains – that's why I was selected as a proponent for Measure O, the ballot measure that permanently protects Calabasas open spaces on this November's ballot
- Scrutinizing the onslaught of excessive hotels and other developments – to ensure that the unique nature of our community is preserved
- Protecting our excellent schools by supporting Measure E - a "yes" vote will increase our property values
- Preparing the community to better support our seniors who want to age in place – the senior center is a start but more must be done

I grew up in South Africa and came to America in 1991. I moved to the Calabasas community in 2004. Running for City Council is a life-long dream – the greatest expression of thanks I can give to a country that has given my family and me so much.

I'll fight for you every day to ensure Calabasas remains a special place to live, work and raise a family.

A vote for STEVE ROSEMAN is a vote for common sense to our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 3rd for Calabasas City Council.

VOTE FOR STEVE ROSEMAN – www.voteroseman.com

**FOR MEMBER OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

ALICIA WEINTRAUB

Occupation: Planning Commissioner /
Businesswoman



Calabasas is a special community and a wonderful place to call home.

My husband and I are proud to be raising our family in a city that values public safety, supports our schools, and protects our open spaces.

Still, there are areas where we can work together to make Calabasas even better--that is why I am running for City Council. As a businesswoman with a strong public policy background, I understand good governance, have experience balancing city budgets, building consensus, and improving public outreach.

For many years, I have been working to improve the lives of Calabasas residents:

- Vice-Chair, Planning Commission
- Chair, LVUSD Measure G Bond Oversight Committee
- Board Member, The Foundation for Las Virgenes Schools
- Board Member, Bay Laurel PFA
- Braewood Neighborhood Watch Captain
- Past Vice-Chair, Environmental Commission, Chaired Coyote Education Committee
- Past Member, Bicycle Advisory Committee

On our City Council, I will:

Keep Neighborhoods and Schools Safe

- Working with our sheriff, our Council's chief priority must be to ensure our community's safety.
- We need to reduce traffic congestion and bottlenecks to ensure our roads remain safe.

Improve Our Uniquely Calabasas Way of Life

- I am committed to providing services for all residents, from youth to seniors. I am a proud supporter of the new Senior Center and want to ensure that Seniors can age in place.
- Working with our Chamber of Commerce, we need to attract and retain community supported businesses that provide important city revenue while preventing overdevelopment of Calabasas.
- As a fiscally responsible Councilmember, I will oppose any new City taxes.
- We are fortunate to live amongst the spectacular beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains. I will work to acquire more parks and open spaces.
- I strongly support Measure O, our City's Open Space Initiative, and LVUSD's Measure E, which provide funding for our schools.

Make Our City Work Smarter and Better for Every Resident

- We need to proactively develop a sustainable water policy to address drought impacts.
- Through technology, town hall meetings, and walking tours, we can better involve and inform residents regarding neighborhood projects.
- As a community we need to better prepare in the event of a natural disaster.

On City Council, I will bring a fresh perspective, a unique combination of work and community experiences, leadership qualities, and dedication.

Join many of your neighbors, elected City and LVUSD officials, and friends in Voting For Alicia Weintraub for Calabasas City Council!

www.electalicia.net
electalicia@gmail.com

**FOR MEMBER OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

FRED GAINES

Age: 56

Occupation: Calabasas City
Councilmember



Calabasas is a great little City, and the most important job of a City Councilmember is to work hard to keep it that way.

- Maintain high levels of Public Safety
- Support our excellent Local Schools
- Continue our leadership on Water Conservation and Environmental Issues
- Serve as a Fiscal Watchdog

These have been our community priorities since the founding of our City, and these have been my priorities as your Mayor and City Councilmember these past four years.

But there are always areas where we can improve. I will continue to work to:

- Stop Over Development
- Ensure Citizen Input in City government decision making
- Acquire more Parks and Open Space
- Improve Traffic bottlenecks
- Enhance our Programs for Seniors and Children

And I will oppose any new City taxes.

I served for 12 years as a City Library Commissioner and as a Traffic and Transportation Commissioner. I was Vice President of the Greater Mulwood Homeowners Association and am a long time member of the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce. I am most proud of my work on the Calabasas Civic Center Task Force which directed the planning and construction of our beautiful City Hall and Library.

I am a practicing attorney with 29 years of experience in real estate and environmental law. I provide pro bono legal representation for the Mountains Restoration Trust and have successfully defended Calabasas open space from potential development. I was also counsel for the Canyon Creek senior citizen housing project in Old Town Calabasas.

I am a Past President of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Past Chairman of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), and a Director of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging.

I am a 21 year resident of Calabasas. Jill and I raised our three daughters here, Danielle (Northwestern '10), Stephanie (Colorado '12) and Allison (Cornell '14), and they are all Calabasas High School graduates.

I am proud to have the support of my fellow Calabasas City Council Members James Bozajian and David Shapiro, LVUSD School Board President Cindy Iser, and former Calabasas Mayors Dennis Washburn, Jonathon Wolfson, Bob Hill and Marvin Lopata.

Thank you for the privilege of being able to represent you on the City Council these past four years. I would be honored to have your support once again.

Please visit my website at www.fredgaines.org.

City of Calabasas MEASURE O

Shall Ordinance No. 2015-325 be adopted to remove the expiration date of November 8, 2030 in Ordinance No. 2005-225, and thereby make permanent the requirement to protect and preserve the existing areas of open space in Calabasas unless in a future election 2/3 of the voters choose to redesignate the open space for another purpose?	YES
	NO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE O PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

Measure O is submitted to the voters by the Calabasas City Council to further protect open space by removing the November 8, 2030 expiration date of ordinance number 2005-225, therefore making permanent the requirement for 2/3 voter approval for re-designation of open space lands in the City for non-open space use.

Background. On November 8, 2005 the voters of Calabasas approved Measure D which adopted ordinance 2005-225 (codified in section 17.16.030 of the Calabasas Municipal Code) which prevents the City from amending the General Plan or any specific plan to re-designate land in the City in the Open Space-Recreation (OS-R), Open Space-Resource Protection (OS-RP) and Public Facilities – Recreation (PF-R) districts, for non-open space use without the approval of 2/3 of the City's voters voting on the question. The measure included a sunset provision which provides that on and after November 8, 2030 the ordinance would be of no further force and effect unless sooner readopted, repealed or amended by the voters.

The Measure. Measure O would remove the November 8, 2030 expiration date and make permanent the requirement that any re-designation of land in OS-R, OS-RP and PF-R districts for non-open space use requires approval by a 2/3 vote of the City's voters.

If Measure O is approved by the voters, the only change to ordinance 2005-225 would be to remove the ordinance expiration date and make the 2/3 voter requirement to re-designate land in the three specified districts permanent. All other provisions of ordinance 2005-225 including, but not limited to, the 2/3 voter requirement to re-designate open space land to a non-open space use, would remain unchanged.

/s/ Scott H. Howard
Calabasas City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure O. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's office at (818) 224-1600 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

Calabasas Open Space Initiative Ballot Statement By James R. Bozajian June 10, 2015

Open space is irreplaceable. Once lost, it is gone forever; and once developed, the character of the land is forever altered. Approval of the 2015 Calabasas Open Space Initiative will help preserve existing areas of open space in our City in perpetuity.

In 2005, Calabasas voters approved the first Open Space Initiative ("Measure D") by a vote of 84% to 16% --- the largest margin of victory for anything on a Calabasas municipal ballot since incorporation.

The Open Space Initiative invests in the people the power to make important decisions regarding future growth. The Open Space Initiative requires a 2/3 vote of the electorate before any land in Calabasas zoned as open space in the General Plan can be re-zoned for other uses, thereby preventing a simple majority of the City Council from permitting urban development on these parcels.

The Open Space Initiative has been wonderfully successful. In the last 10 years, not a single inch of land zoned as open space has been lost to development. In fact, the City has actually added significantly to its inventory of open space. Today, fully 43% of Calabasas' 13.6 square miles is protected open space.

But the 2005 initiative had a sunset clause, meaning that if left unaltered, all of its provisions will automatically expire in 2030. The only change authorized by the 2015 Open Space Initiative is to delete this expiration clause.

While growth is inevitable, it should be balanced with an ability to guard against unchecked development. Indeed, the desire to exercise local control over land use issues was one of the primary motivating factors for the incorporation of Calabasas in 1991. And it ranks high among the many reasons why we choose to live here today.

Passage of the 2015 Open Space Initiative ("Measure O") will reflect our City's strong commitment to protect the natural resources which enhance our quality of life in Calabasas. Please join us in voting "Yes!" on the Calabasas Open Space Initiative.

Signed,

James R. Bozajian
Mary Sue Maurer
Dennis S. Washburn
Julie A. Elginer
Steven A. Roseman

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

Full text of Ordinance 2015-325

17.16.030 - Voter approval required for redesignation of open space for non-open space use.

A. Voter approval required as follows:

1. No amendment to the General Plan or any specific plan that would redesignate for non-open space use of any property in the city designated OS-R or OS-RP by the Land Use Map of the Calabasas General Plan, adopted on December 10, 2008 by Resolution Number 2008-1159 shall be effective for any purpose until that amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the voters of the city casting votes on the question. Prior to the placement of such amendment on the ballot, the city shall follow the procedures required by local, state, and federal law, including the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. f. Such an amendment may take effect only upon two-thirds approval of those casting votes on the question.
2. No amendment to the General Plan or any specific plan that would redesignate for non-open space use any property in the city designated PF-R by the Land Use Map of the Calabasas General Plan, adopted on December 10, 2008 by Resolution Number 2008-1159 shall be effective for any purpose without compliance with the applicable requirements of California law related to the protection of park lands, including Government Code Sections 25550.7, 37111, 37111.1, 38440 through 38462, 38501 through 38510 and Public Resources Code Sections 5400 et seq. If any future amendment of these sections reduce or eliminate requirements for a supermajority council vote or for a vote of the city's electorate, then such supermajority council vote or vote of the electorate shall continue to be required for the redesignation for non-open space use of property in the city designated PF-R.

B. Subsection (A) of this section shall not apply to:

1. Amendments determined by the council, on the advice of the city attorney, to be necessary to avoid an unconstitutional taking of private property or otherwise required by law;
2. Reorganization, renumbering or updating elements of the General Plan in accordance with state law, provided that such actions do not reduce the property designated OS-R, OS-RP, and PF-R; or
3. Amendments which facilitate any of the following land uses: uses permitted in the PF land use district; uses in support of open space uses such as bus shelters, parking facilities, and comfort stations; and public utility facilities (e.g., antennae and pipelines).

C. Any land designated OS-R, OS-RP or PF-R after July 20, 2005 shall become subject to the requirements of this section upon such designation.

**FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

LINDA MENGES

Occupation: Community Volunteer

We moved here in 1999 because of the excellent reputation of LVUSD, where our six children received an outstanding education. I am committed to preserving and improving our ranking as a high-achieving school district.

Experience:

- Career in banking with a solid background of fiscal management
- Parent Faculty board leader for sixteen years as President and Treasurer
- Created and implemented budgets that prioritized and maximized educational impact at every school level
- Treasurer for Conejo Valley National Charity League

Goals:

- Create an environment where our children receive the academic and interpersonal skills to prepare them for today's global economy
- Provide innovative education for the students we serve, and the professionals we employ
- Guide the responsible and transparent expenditure of district funds to maximize educational impact
- Work to expand good relations with our cities, agencies and legislators

I will bring to the LVUSD school board a detailed knowledge of the District; an understanding of the budgeting process; an ability to be objective and fair and an appreciation of what our students need to be successful in today's competitive college placement and job market. I would be honored to have your support.

Please visit: www.lindamenges.com

**FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

GARY L. MITTIN

Occupation: Commercial Property Manager

Common Core needs to be questioned and challenged.

In an era of tight education budgets, our government has imposed a misguided and harmful educational mandate, while failing to provide the funding our district needs to thrive. It is difficult for our community to know where the money is going to come from to pay for textbooks and instructional material, assessment testing, technology infrastructure and ongoing maintenance for state standards.

Teachable moments outweigh "teaching to the test", which serves no purpose other than to rate teachers and rank schools, and deprives our children of exciting and inspiring lessons.

Our kids deserve the best. I want a curriculum that is challenging, but not overwhelming. I want school repairs and maintenance to be completed in a timely fashion and spared from years of delays. Sports, music and the arts should not be "cut to the bone" for the sake of Common Core expenses. I want an end to the outrageous number of standardized tests.

But most of all, I want each student to get the most enriching and well-rounded education possible. As a member of our Governing Board, I will fight hard to make that happen.

**FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MATHY WASSERMAN

Occupation: Small Business Owner

I ask for your support so I can continue to serve the LVUSD community.

Twenty-one years ago, we moved to this area specifically for the LVUSD schools. Immediately, though we only had a preschooler, I became a **stakeholder** by volunteering at Round Meadow.

As our three boys matriculated, **my leadership, involvement, and dedication to LVUSD** grew. I was elected to key positions at each of my son's schools and appointed to oversight ones by our District.

I will advocate for students, families and staff with my extensive understanding of LVUSD, as well as its interrelationships with local, state and federal entities. While asking the tough questions, I will offer creative solutions in collaboration with the partnerships and communities served.

Proactively, I will scrutinize spending, academic targets, technology and facility updates to ensure LVUSD excels in providing the best educational opportunities and environment.

Background: Small **business owner**, former entertainment marketing executive

Appointed, Elected & Volunteer Experience:

- LVUSD Committees: Measure G Oversight, Technology, On-Line Registration, Measure E
- Calabasas High Registration, Tours, Community Outreach, 8th Grade Transition, Grants
- Parent Faculty Association/Club President, Superintendent's Council
- Former President, Hidden Hills Homeowners Association

www.mathywasserman.com

Las Virgenes Unified School District

MEASURE E

“To protect the quality of education in our local schools, fund core programs in math, science, reading, technology and the arts, attract/retain highly qualified teachers, counselors, and technology specialists, maintain smaller class sizes, enhance student achievement and prepare our students for success in college and careers, shall Las Virgenes Unified School District continue for twelve years the existing \$98 annual school parcel tax without raising the current rate, with an exemption for seniors, and all money staying local?”	YES
	NO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE E

By **Mary C. Wickham, Interim County Counsel**

Approval of Measure E would authorize the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Las Virgenes Unified School District (“District”), which placed this Measure on the ballot by Resolution, to levy a special parcel tax (“Tax”) on each parcel of taxable real property that lies wholly or partially within the District that receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the Ventura County or Los Angeles County Tax Collector. The Tax shall renew and extend the 2004 Parcel Tax, approved by the voters in 2004 and renewed in 2007 as Measure E. The Tax will be assessed annually against each District parcel in the existing amount of \$98 per parcel per year for a period of twelve years beginning July 1, 2016.

The Tax proceeds shall be used for maintaining core programs in math, science, technology, reading, arts, and athletics, and smaller class sizes; updating textbooks, technology and instructional materials; and attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers, counselors, career advisors, and technology specialists. No proceeds shall be used for administrative salaries, benefits, or pensions.

Upon application to the District, any parcels that are contiguous to each other, used solely for owner-occupied single-family residential purposes, and held under identical ownership, may be treated as a single parcel for purposes of the Tax. An exemption to the Tax is available to any owner of a parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single family residential purposes, who (a) is 65 years or older, or (b) receives Supplemental Security Income for a disability, or (c) receives Social Security Disability Insurance benefits whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Persons currently exempt from the Measure E tax shall automatically qualify for an exemption for the Tax without filing a new application. Decisions by the District shall be final and binding on matters specific to the levy of the Tax, including any exemptions and the classification of property for purposes of calculating the Tax.

Various statutory accountability requirements shall apply to the Tax, including but not limited to, Tax proceeds shall be limited to the purposes identified in this Measure, separate account shall be created into which the proceeds shall be deposited, and annual reports shall be made to the Board showing the funds collected and expended, and the status of projects funded from the proceeds. The District will maintain its Citizens’ Oversight Committee to oversee the Tax expenditures.

The Taxes levied under this Measure shall be collected by the Ventura County or Los Angeles County Tax Collector, as applicable, at the same time and manner, and subject to the same penalties, as general ad valorem property taxes. Unpaid Taxes shall bear the same rate as the rate for unpaid ad valorem property taxes. This Measure requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote for passage.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

Measure E does not increase current tax rates. Measure E simply continues an existing measure to maintain the high quality of education students receive in our local schools by protecting core academic programs in math, science, technology, reading and the arts and helping to attract and retain the highest quality teachers to educate our students.

Las Virgenes Unified Schools are a cornerstone of the cities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills and surrounding communities. They are part of what makes our neighborhoods special. Our excellent teachers and rigorous math, science and reading curriculum have prepared generations of students to succeed. Our schools are in the top 2% statewide. This measure is critical to help us keep pace with other top schools.

Measure E is a local measure. All funds generated will stay here, for local students. This money cannot be taken away by the State.

Specifically, Measure E will:

- Continue funding for core programs in math, science, technology and reading
- Help attract and retain high quality teachers
- Provide funds to keep textbooks and instructional materials up-to-date
- Continue funding for theater, music and athletics
- Maintain funding for teacher training in classroom technology
- Maintain smaller class sizes

Measure E does not raise current taxes. It is a modest, thoughtful proposal supported by parents, teachers and community leaders because it protects core academics and helps retain and attract our high quality teachers.

Measure E provides an exemption for senior citizens.

Great schools make great communities by protecting our property values and keeping our neighborhoods strong and prosperous. Measure E is a wise investment that will not increase local tax rates but will protect our local schools.

Join neighbors, parents, teachers and local community leaders to support our local schools.

PLEASE, VOTE YES on E.

RICHARD SHERMAN
Calabasas Park Homeowners Association
ED CORRIDORI
Former Mayor, Agoura Hills
CHARLOTTE MEYER
Calabasas Savvy Seniors
KAREN ZAK KENT
Small Business Owner, Agoura Hills
MICHAEL S. WILDERMUTH
Parent, Westlake Village

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE E

LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT High Quality Education and Local Control Funding Measure E

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

To continue **funding for core programs in math, science and technology**, provide local reliable funding for local schools that cannot be taken by the State, attract and retain highly qualified teachers, maintain smaller class size, fund programs in reading, technology, arts, theater, music and athletics, continue to fund college and career advisors and school counselors, train teachers for effective use of classroom technology, and keep textbooks, technology and instructional materials up-to-date, with no proceeds used for administrator salaries, benefits and pensions, the Las Virgenes Unified School District (“District”) proposes to renew and extend its existing high quality education and local control parcel tax, **without increasing the current tax rate**, for a period of twelve years from its current expiration date (June 30, 2016), starting on July 1, 2016 at a rate of \$98 per parcel per year, with an exemption available for senior citizens and certain disabled persons, and to implement accountability measures, including citizen oversight, to ensure the funds are used to:

- Maintain core programs in math, science and technology;
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers; and
- Maintain core programs in reading and the arts.

The proceeds of the parcel tax shall be deposited into a separate account created by the District.

DEFINITION OF “PARCEL”

For purposes of the high quality education parcel tax, the term “Parcel” means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Las Virgenes Unified School District, that receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the Los Angeles or the Ventura County Assessor/Tax Collector, as applicable. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which are levied no ad valorem property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the high quality education and local control parcel tax in such year.

For purposes of this high quality education and local control Parcel Tax, any such “Parcels” which are (i) contiguous, and (ii) used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, and (iii) held under identical ownership may, by submitting to the District an application of the owners thereof by June 15 of any year, be treated as a single “parcel” for purposes of the levy of the high quality education and local control parcel tax.

EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS AND SSI RECIPIENTS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50079 (b)(1), any owner of a Parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes and who are either (a) 65 years of age or older on or before June 30 of the fiscal year immediately preceding the year in which the tax would apply, or (b) persons receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, or (c) receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, may obtain an exemption from the parcel tax by submitting an application therefore, by June 15 of any year, to the District.

Persons currently exempted from the District’s expiring Measure E parcel tax shall automatically be exempted from this Measure without having to file a new application.

The District may establish administrative procedures to periodically verify the continuance of any previously granted exemption.

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector and the Ventura County Tax Collector, as applicable, or other appropriate county tax officials, shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision shall be final and binding. With respect to matters specific to the levy of the high quality education and local control parcel tax, including any exemptions and the classification of property for purposes of calculating the tax, the decisions of the District shall be final and binding.

REDUCTION IN TAX IF RESULT IS LESS OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The collection of the high quality education and local control Parcel Tax is not intended to decrease or offset any increase in local, state or federal government revenue sources that would otherwise be available to the District during the period of the Parcel Tax. In the event that the levy and collection does have such an effect, the District may cease the levy or shall reduce the Parcel Tax to the extent that such action would restore the amount of the decrease or offset in other revenues.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the parcel tax levied in accordance with this Measure: (a) the specific purposes of the parcel tax shall be those purposes identified above; (b) the proceeds of the parcel tax shall be applied only to those specific purposes identified above; (c) a separate, special account shall be created into which the proceeds of the high quality education and local control parcel tax must be deposited; and (d) an annual written report shall be made to the Board of Education of the District showing (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the proceeds of the high quality education and local control parcel tax and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the parcel tax, as identified above. In addition to the accountability measures required by law, the District will maintain its existing Citizens' Oversight Committee to provide oversight as to the expenditure of parcel tax revenues.

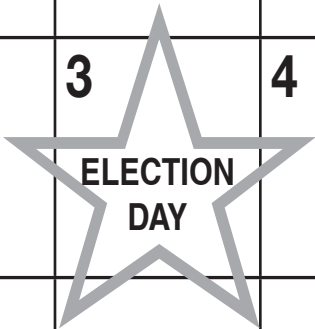
**Mark your calendar.
Don't forget to vote on November 3, 2015**

October - 2015

						<i>Saturday</i>
18	19 Last day to register to vote for this election	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot	28	29	30	31

Vote-by-Mail ballots may be dropped off at a polling place or to the elections official by the close of the polls on election day. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 3020, Vote-by-Mail ballots received via United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company must be postmarked or date/time stamped by November 3, 2015, and received by the elections official no later than 3 days after the election (November 6, 2015).

November - 2015

						<i>Saturday</i>
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PLEASE NOTE !!! Your POLLING PLACE for this election may be different from the polling place you voted for the last election. Please check the back page of this pamphlet for correct polling place.

Vote-by-Mail!

See Back Cover for Application

It's Easy!

It's Convenient!

It's Weatherproof!



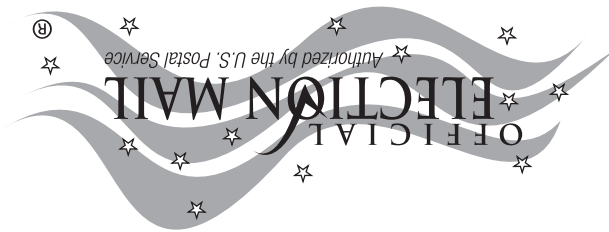

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CALABASAS CA 91302-4112



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DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION AND
PRINT YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS
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NOTICE TO THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED VOTER:



If the polling place is not accessible to the physically handicapped voter, such voter is entitled to vote in one of the following ways:

1. A precinct board member shall take a regular ballot to the physically handicapped person at a place as near as possible to the polling place and which is accessible to such person, qualify that person to vote, and return the voted ballot to the polling place;
2. If it is impractical to vote a regular ballot outside the polling place, please use the attached application and apply for a vote-by-mail ballot.

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CALABASAS CA 91302-4112
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FAX 818-225-7324



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POLLING PLACE or Drop your Vote-by-Mail ballot off here 



APPLICATION TO "VOTE-BY-MAIL"

CITY OF CALABASAS

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

To obtain a vote-by-mail ballot, complete the information on this form or online at <http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/elections/2015/vote-by-mail-application.pdf>
The elections official **MUST RECEIVE** this application by **OCTOBER 27, 2015**.

Print Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Residence Address: _____
(As Registered) Number and Street City, State Zip Code

Mail My Ballot To: _____
(If different from above) Number and Street City, State Zip Code

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:	
Precinct No.	Ballot Group No.
Date Issued	Date Returned
Ballot No. (optional)	



Signature of Applicant (Must be signed to be processed) _____ Date _____ Daytime Phone No _____

I have not applied for a vote-by-mail ballot for this election by any other means. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct.

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**POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.
AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**TAKE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT TO YOUR
POLLING PLACE FOR REFERENCE**

**POLLING PLACE: Your polling place may
have changed!**

See above for your polling place.