

Local Revenue Measures March 2007

A relatively few number of local governments placed ballot measures on the March 6, 2007 special election. Among the nineteen measures we have identified, fourteen concerned local agency taxes and financing. Six measures were proposed by cities, five by special districts and three by schools. All but two of the measures were 2/3 vote parcel taxes, including all three school measures and all five special district measures. There were two majority vote city Utility User Tax (UUT) measures.

All but one of the twelve parcel tax measures, achieved the 2/3 vote needed for passage, including all four city measures and all three school measures. In Calaveras County, the Bar XX County Service Area #2 fell seven votes short of the 56 needed to pass the proposed \$1,816 annual special tax for road maintenance. Each of the three 2/3 vote school parcel tax measures passed.

A majority of voters in the City of South Pasadena agreed to extend the city's 5% UUT, but voters in the City of Covina rejected a ten year extension on that city's 6% UUT.

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	Total	Pass	Passing%
City Majority Vote	2	1	50%
City 2/3 Vote	4	4	100%
Special District (2/3)	5	4	80%
School 2/3 Vote	3	3	100%
Total	14	12	86%

City and Special District Parcel Taxes (2/3 vote)

Agency Name	County	Measure Name	Rate	Purpose	Sunset	YES%	NO%	
City of Palos Verdes Estates	Los Angeles County	Measure A	\$622/s.f.parcel	Fire/paramedic	10 years	87.5%	12.5%	PASS
Extension. Funds contract with county fire dept.								
City of Pasadena	Los Angeles County	Measure C	\$30/s.f. parcel	Library	15 years	80.3%	19.7%	PASS
Extension for library operations.								
City of Monrovia	Los Angeles County	Measure L	\$62/s.f. parcel	Library	30 years	69.5%	30.5%	PASS
Financing for construction of new library.								
City of California City	Kern County	Measure A	\$100/Parcel	General Services	5 years	67.9%	32.1%	PASS
up from \$75. A \$105 proposal failed with only 48.6% yes in Nov 2007.								
Paradise Cay County Service Area 29	Marin County	Measure B	\$1200/s.f. parcel	Waterway dredging	10 years	93.8%	6.3%	PASS
Extend & increase from \$925/parcel								
Coast Life Support District	Sonoma County / Mendocino County	Measure A	\$32/edu	Paramedic		82.4%	17.6%	PASS
Extend & increase from \$16/edu.								
Denair Fire Protection District	Stanislaus County	Measure D	\$48/edu	Fire		80.4%	19.6%	PASS
New								
Sonoma Valley Healthcare District	Sonoma County	Measure B	\$195/parcel	Hospital	5 years	74.1%	25.9%	PASS
Extend								
Bar XX County Service Area	Calaveras County	Measure A	\$1,816/parcel	Roads	10 years	49.0%	51.0%	FAIL
83 voters. Up from current \$175 - \$225 tax to maintain 7 miles of road.								

School Parcel Taxes

Agency Name	County	Measure Name	Rate	Sunset	YES%	NO%	
Ross School District	Marin County	Measure A	\$627/s.f.parcel	8 years	80.3%	19.8%	PASS
Las Lomas Elementary School District	San Mateo County	Measure P	\$311/parcel		74.9%	25.1%	PASS
San Marino Unified School District	Los Angeles County	Measure R	\$295/s.f.parcel	6 years	71.0%	29.0%	PASS

Utility User Tax Measures - Majority Voter Approval (General Purpose)

Agency Name	County	Measure N	Rate	Sunset	YES%	NO%	
City of South Pasadena	Los Angeles County	Measure U	Extends existing 5% rate	8 years	72.0%	28.0%	PASS
City of Covina	Los Angeles County	Measure A	Extends existing 6% rate	10 years	40.4%	59.6%	FAIL

Sources and acknowledgements: County elections offices, Smart Voter (<http://www.smartvoter.org>).

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