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Council Backs Measure B

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It was unanimous, City Council members were all in favor of approving a proclamation in support of Measure B - the Lafayette School District Parcel Tax Measure. Council Member Don Tatzin, who is the liaison to the school district, described the state funding situation as "grim." Calling the district an "efficient organization," Tatzin explained that only twelve administrators serve 3200 students - and that the district has already cut \$2 million from the budget. "I strongly support Measure B," said Mayor Carl Anduri. "Everyone has an obligation - this is an investment in the future."

The Lafayette School District is seeking an emergency, temporary \$176 parcel tax on the May 3 ballot, for a term of four years. Seniors 65 and over will be exempted. Without the funds generated by the tax, the district will be forced to make further significant reductions in staffing. Even with the generous support of Lafayette Partners in Education, PTAs and Parent Clubs, and already having cut \$2 million from the budget, the District will be forced to cut basic educational services.

Noting that he can't do much about impacted university programs, something he's familiar with as a parent, Council Member Brandt Anderson supports this effort.

Council Member Carol Federighi, who volunteered at local schools when her kids were younger, commented that Measure B "helps all of us."

A number of parents and their children, not usually in attendance at City Council meetings, echoed the sentiments of the Council.

For more information, go to www.yesonmeasureb.net.

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