

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. -----
**SUPPORTING THE ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
MEASURE , THE 2020 STRONG SCHOOLS for ALAMEDA PARCEL TAX**

WHEREAS, the State of California continues to annually underfund education over the past several years in an effort to balance its budget; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain our high-performing schools and provide Alameda's students the support they need, AUSD needs to be able to continue attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff who can provide excellent instruction; and

WHEREAS, Alameda teachers and staff are among the lowest paid in the County; and

WHEREAS, many employees indicate they work second or third jobs to support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, less than half of AUSD staff can afford to live in Alameda compared to ten years ago, when nearly 80% lived on the Island; and

WHEREAS, as a result of living outside of Alameda, employees often have significant commutes to work; and

WHEREAS, AUSD loses nearly 20% of their teachers and staff to other school districts each year, largely because neighboring districts offer higher compensation and stronger benefits, which has negative impacts on the quality and consistency of the academic instruction provided to local students; and

WHEREAS, The proposed parcel tax includes exemptions for seniors and residents receiving SSI for a disability; and

WHEREAS, to help minimize the impact of cuts and maintain the quality of education for Alameda children, the Board of Education ("Board") has determined that maintaining stable local revenue from a school parcel tax focused on attracting and retaining quality teachers and staff is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alameda supports Measure , the Alameda Unified School District's proposed Replacement Education Parcel Tax.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in regular meeting assembled on the 17th day of December, 2019, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the said City this 18th day of December, 2019.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda