

# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report



**Meeting:** September 8, 2022

**From:** City Manager Department

**Subject:** Resolution Supporting Local Measure K on the November 8, 2022 Ballot

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**Recommended Action:** Adopt resolution supporting Local Measure K (Santa Cruz High School District Bond) on the November 8, 2022 Ballot.

**Background:** The Santa Cruz City High School District (District) provides public secondary education for residents in the City of Capitola. Generally, high-school aged Capitola residents attend Soquel High School, which is in the Santa Cruz City High School District. Our public schools are one of our community's most vital assets and are in dire need of investment to maintain facilities and infrastructure. A measure on the November 2022 ballot provides an opportunity for the community to address these critical needs in secondary schools.

### *Measure K: Santa Cruz High School District Bond*

Our secondary schools have educated generations of students, but the facilities are aging and in need of major repair, upgrades, or replacement. Today, these schools are in constant use, and in dire need of continued repair and maintenance. Investment in these facilities now represents an investment in our community's future.

Measure K authorizes a prudent, responsible plan to upgrade secondary schools to protect the outstanding quality of education at our local public schools and to help ensure that they continue to provide an academic environment where our students can thrive.

Measure K will:

- Continue ongoing modernization of classrooms to support high quality instruction in reading, writing, math, science, engineering, and technology
- Repair and replace aging roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos, lead pipes, and lead paint from older school sites
- Reduce our schools' environmental impact and save money by funding installation of solar panels and fund other energy and water conservation projects
- Construct affordable rental housing to attract and retain highly qualified teachers and essential staff

All funds will remain local, and the State cannot take this funding away or use it for other purposes. Mandatory taxpayer safeguards are included. No funds are allowed for administrators' salaries, and Independent Citizens' Oversight and annual audits ensure funds are spent properly. Passing Measure K also qualifies the school district to receive millions in State matching funds when they become available, leveraging local tax dollars even further.

Without Measure K, those State funds will go to other communities that have passed local measures.

**Discussion:** The City of Capitola has many active and strong partnerships with local schools, including school safety, youth programs and facilities agreements. The success of this measure will complement these partnerships and help further the opportunities for local youth.

**Fiscal Impact:** Supporting Measure K has no fiscal impact on the City of Capitola. If Measure K is approved by the voters, the measure will authorize issuance of \$249 million in bonds and will levy an assessment of an estimated three cents per \$100 assessed value on property owners.

Attachments:

1. Resolution in Support of Measure K

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