



Meeting Date: April 8, 2026

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Scott Mitnick, Town Manager

Subject: Endorsement of Moraga School District Ballot Measure I ("Teacher Retention and Academic Preservation Measure")

RECOMMENDATION

Endorse the Moraga School District Ballot Measure I ("Teacher Retention and Academic Preservation Measure")

BACKGROUND

On February 24, 2026, the Moraga School District Governing Board adopted Resolution 26-30 to place Measure I on the June 2, 2026 election ballot seeking two-thirds voter approval to provide funding for recurring operations (including teacher compensation, technology, and academic supplies) at all schools. Supporters of this ballot measure have requested the Town Council to review and endorse Measure I.

Over the years, voters have passed a series of Moraga School District revenue measures to raise funds to improve school facilities. Examples included:

- Measure K - \$325 Flat Parcel Tax (March 2004)
- Measure B - \$192 Flat Parcel Tax (November 2013: expired in 2020)
- Measure V - \$30 per \$100,000 Assessed Value Bond (November 2016)
- Measure M - \$192 (with inflator) Parcel Tax (March 2020)
- Measure D - \$30 per \$100,000 Assessed Value Bond (March 2024)

Currently, Measures K, V, M and D are still on the books. Measures K and M are parcel taxes based on a set dollar amount. Measures V and D are bonds based on a set dollar amount per \$100,000 in property assessed value.

The proposed Measure I will be a parcel tax starting at \$295 per year for non-exempt properties and will be subject to an annual inflation adjustment for a seven year period.

DISCUSSION

Per the County Clerk Recorder's website, the Measure I ballot measure will include the following:

Ballot Measure Title

"Teacher Retention and Academic Preservation Measure."

Ballot Measure Summary

"Shall the local school funding measure to attract and retain the best qualified teachers, continue effective science, technology, engineering, math, arts, music and reading programs, maintain manageable class sizes and prevent academic cuts and teacher/educator layoffs by levying \$295 per parcel, providing \$1,700,000 annually, for 7 years, with senior exemptions, inflation adjustments, independent oversight, audits, and all funds supporting local elementary and middle school students, be adopted?"

Moraga School District Governing Board Resolution Ordering the Bond Measure

Please refer to Attachment A for a copy of the School District Resolution 26-30 for more details about the ballot measure, how the revenues will be collected, what the funding will be spent on, tax duration, etc.

Full Ballot Measure Text

Please refer to Attachment A - Exhibits A, B, and C of School District Resolution - for a full copy of Measure I as it will be presented to voters.

Formal Opposition

Staff is not aware of any formal opposition to Measure I at this time.

Analysis

Please refer to Attachment A, Exhibit C of the School District Resolution for a more detailed discussion of Measure I's funding, tax rate, cost, etc. In simple terms, the cost to each property will start at \$295 per parcel and will be adjusted each year for inflation, for a period of seven years. Seniors will be exempted from this "parcel tax." This new tax is estimated to generate approximately \$1,700,000 per year.

These funds will be used for recurring operational expenditures (funding teacher salaries, benefits, supplies, technology, etc.). There will be independent oversight of how the funds are expended, annual audits, etc.

Approving this funding will avoid cuts to teachers, increased class sizes, cuts in academic programs, cuts to critical teaching supplies, etc. By maintaining high quality local elementary and middle schools, Moraga will remain attractive to families and local businesses.

Please also refer to the following documents for additional background information:

- Attachment B - "*A Local Funding Plan to Help Avoid Teacher Layoffs and Additional Cuts in Moraga Schools*"
- Attachment C - "*Moraga School District: Learning and Belonging Everyday*"

Please note that staff's recommendation to endorse the School District's proposed Measure I is symbolic in nature. If Town Council chooses to support Measure I, no Town funds will be spent in support of Measure I.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact on the Town associated with preparing this staff report. Indirect costs of staff time to prepare this report were de minimis. If Measure I passes, there will not be a fiscal impact due to the Town's properties being exempt from property taxation.

By way of example of the impact of the passage of Measure I on property owners, a Moraga home with an assessed value of \$1,000,000, and without the senior exemption, will be subject to a new tax starting at \$295. This will be in addition to the existing total Moraga School District annual taxes which total over \$1,000.

The actual aggregate impact to the non-exempt local Moraga property owners of adding Measure I to the existing four Moraga School District revenue measures will vary depending on each property's assessed value. For many Moraga property owners, their total Moraga School District property tax obligation will remain over \$1,000 per year. For eligible seniors, Measure I will not have an impact on their aggregate property tax payment.

Note that this does not include the two Acalanes Union High School District revenue measures that Moraga property owners currently pay. The average Moraga property owner pays approximately \$500 per year for this District's existing taxes.

With the passage of Measure I, non-exempt Moraga property owners will be responsible for paying seven annual local school district revenue measures totaling, on average, over \$1,800 per year.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

Consideration of this endorsement is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.), because it is not a project in and of itself.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Endorse Measure I with comments; or
2. Do not endorse Measure I and provide direction to staff.

NEXT STEPS

If Town Council decides to endorse Measure I, Town staff will inform the Moraga School District and other interested parties.

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A - Moraga School District Resolution 26-30](#)

[Attachment B - Local Funding Plan Info](#)

[Attachment C - Moraga School District Town Hall Presentation](#)