

Arcadia Unified School District

CITIZENS' MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

"Local funding that helps protect quality education"

Arcadia Teacher and Academic Instruction Protection Measure

In March of 2012, voters in the Arcadia Unified School District passed a \$228 per parcel tax for 5 years in order to help offset severe state budget cuts to neighborhood schools and keep Arcadia schools among the best in California.

The local funds help protect quality education by:

- Retaining and attracting high quality teachers
- Protecting quality math, science, reading, art and music programs
- Keeping schools safe and clean
- Maintaining advanced placement and honors courses, in such subjects as physics, chemistry and biology
- Preventing the reduction or elimination of extracurricular activities for students, like the Arcadia High School Marching Band

An oversight committee was formed for the purpose of reviewing the annual expenditures of the parcel tax to confirm compliance with the voter-authorized use of these funds.

In March of 2017, voters in the Arcadia Unified School District passed a \$288 per parcel tax for 18 years in order to continue to support Arcadia schools. The existing oversight committee continues to operate and ensure that the proceeds of the 2017 measure are spent for the authorized purposes.

2020-2021 Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee



Top, left to right (highlighted in yellow): Denise Weaver, Jennifer Tom, Sharon Van Kirk, Raymond Mynster, Anthony Leung, Jennifer Vargo, and Calvin Lin

District staff (highlighted in blue): Dierk Esseln and Connie Chu

2021-2022 Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee

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Chairperson's Message

It is the duty of the Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee to ensure that the proceeds from the 2012 and 2017 parcel tax elections are spent as intended. The Committee met three times this year for this purpose. We reviewed all expenses and determined that they were, in fact, spent as required. The independent accounting firm of Nigro & Nigro, PC completed its annual audit as of June 30, 2021 and certified that the Arcadia Unified School District complied with the requirements.

Jennifer Vargo

Financial Summary

Income: The total parcel tax amount collected in 2020-2021 was \$4,351,225.78.

Expenditures: The chart below shows the total expenditures of \$4,047,355.89 in 2020-2021. All of the parcel tax revenue was used for salaries, supporting core academic programs, and attracting/retaining outstanding teachers and counselors.

The 2020-2021 excess income of \$303,869.89 was added to the fund balance. The ending fund balance as of June 30, 2021 is \$2,233,866.37 and is available for future use towards the authorized purposes.

Parcel Tax Expenditures

