## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "G" MAMMOTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Given its location, our community and its economy is unique. In Mammoth, we all agree on the value of maintaining quality local schools and the importance of a good education. We need to support our schools to benefit our children and families, and to attract and maintain jobs, businesses, and the investment in our community. Measure "G" is a *renewal* of the \$59 educational parcel tax that we have paid annually since 2003 to maintain the quality of our schools and fund educational needs the State refuses to provide. It has served us well.

Our schools rely on the parcel tax to provide additional local funding for educational programs beyond that funded by the State. Measure "G" will protect our schools by preserving funding for:

- Qualified, high-performing teachers
- Enhanced math and science classes
- Music, arts, and enrichment programs
- Extracurricular and athletic programs
- Technology, including software, hardware, and support

Measure "G" is a local measure with local control. All revenue from this measure will be spent at our local schools and cannot be taken by the State. It includes an independent oversight committee of parents, teachers, and community members to ensure money is used only for voter-approved programs, materials and expenses. This Measure will last for a limited period of five years and provides exemptions for local senior citizen property owners, ages 65 and older.

Without Measure "G," Mammoth schools will have to make cuts. Our children stand to lose. Let's renew our commitment to our children and to quality local education.

We need a local source of funding that the State cannot take away to ensure the quality of our schools and the desirability of our community, now and into the future.

Vote YES, June 7, on Measure "G" for GREAT MAMMOTH SCHOOLS!

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