Overview of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

The Ventura Unified School District voters approved a parcel tax on November 26, 2012. The parcel tax was extended by the Ventura Unified School District voters on November 8, 2016. The parcel tax measure in the amount of $59 per parcel creates revenue to:

- Maintain and protect academic programs including science, technology, reading, writing, and math.
- Maintain and protect school art and music programs.
- Help prevent further increases in class sizes.
- Increase student access to technology and computers in the classroom.
- Help recruit and retain highly qualified teachers.
- Purchase up-to-date student textbooks and workbooks.

The parcel tax ballot language also specifically provided for accountability measures, including an independent citizen oversight committee. The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee will provide that oversight and shall be comprised of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eleven (11) members who shall serve for a term of one (1) or two (2) years without compensation, and for no more than two consecutive terms.

Duties

Duties of the Committee will include:

- Meet at least twice per year, following Brown Act procedures.
- Ensure parcel tax funds are spent for the purposes approved by the voters.
- Receive and review expenditure reports produced by the District regarding parcel tax funds.
- Reporting to the Board of Education and the community, on an annual basis, on how the parcel tax funds have been spent.
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parcel Tax Oversight Committee
Application for Appointment

General Information

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________

Home Telephone #: ( ) ___________________ Email: ________________________________

Employer Information

Name of Applicant’s Employer: _________________________________________________

Work Address: _______________________________________________________________

Work Telephone #: ( ) ___________________ Email: ________________________________

Committee Membership Designation

Committee by laws require that representatives of designated special interest organizations fill certain positions on the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. Please indicate the committee designation(s) for which you are qualified. Please check all that apply.

☐ Active Member (at the time of application) of a business or community service organization active within the District
  Organization Name: __________________________________________________________

☐ At-Large/Community Member

☐ Parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the PTA/O or School Site Council
  School site name and organization: __________________________________________

☐ Parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District
  A single individual may be appointed as a representative of more than one of the above categories.

Educational Background (response is optional – you may attach additional pages or résumé) – e.g. college and/or university, degree/major, vocational and/or training, certificates, technical training, etc.

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**Additional Information**

Are you now, or have you ever been an employee or official of the Ventura Unified School District? □ yes □ no

If yes, please explain:
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Are you now, or have you ever been a vendor, contractor, or consultant for the Ventura Unified School District? □ yes □ no

If yes, please explain:
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Describe your community service background, including participation and membership in local and civic organizations. (*You may also attach additional pages or your résumé.*)
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Describe your professional skills and training in finance, facilities, and/or construction, or other relevant experience, including participation in professional organizations. (*You may also attach additional pages or your résumé.*)
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Please Answer the Following Questions

1. How long have you been a resident within the boundaries of the Ventura Unified District?
   _______ Years      _______ Months

2. Have you or your children ever attended District schools?  □  yes  □  no

3. Do you have or have you had any relatives or close friends who have attended District schools?
   □  yes  □  no

   Comments:
   ____________________________________________________________

4. Do you know of any reason, such as a potential conflict of interest (real estate, business, litigation, etc.),
   which would adversely affect your ability to impartially serve on the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee?
   □  yes  □  no

   Comments:
   ____________________________________________________________

5. Please explain why you would like to be appointed to this committee:

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Certification of Applicant

I certify that the answers and statements in this document are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: ___________________________      Date: ________________________

Completed applications must be received by the Ventura Unified School District, Business Services Department by Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

Please send your application to Rosi Cortez, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, 255 W. Stanley Avenue, Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001, or via email to rosi.cortez@venturausd.org.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business Services Department at (805) 641-5000, x1202.