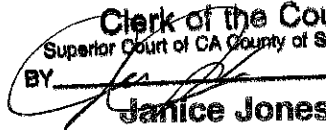




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RESPONSE TO CIVIL GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT – *SHOW ME THE MONEY*

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Dear Judge Lucas:

Please find below the San José Unified School District's response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Final Report, *Show Me the Money: School Parcel Tax Exemptions for Seniors and Homeowners with Disabilities*.

If you have any questions regarding the following, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Stephen McMahon
Deputy Superintendent

Finding 7: The San José Unified School District did not have a parcel tax in place when the Grand Jury concluded its data collection and was thus not included in the calculations nor in other Findings and Recommendations.

† **Agree as San José Unified did not have a parcel tax during the Grand Jury's investigation.**

Recommendation 7: In anticipation of the assessment of the \$72 parcel tax with a senior exemption, the San José Unified School District should implement the following Recommendations in the report: 1a, 1b, 1c, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6, and 9b.

- † **Recommendation 1a has been implemented as information about the parcel tax was available through a variety of means other than the Internet.**
- † **Recommendation 1b has been implemented as there is a link on the home page of the district's website that includes the words "parcel tax".**
- † **Recommendation 1c has been implemented as the "parcel tax" link on the home page of the district's website leads to the exemption application procedures and forms.**
- † **Recommendation 3a has been implemented as parcel tax exemption applicants can apply by mail without making a special request.**
- † **Recommendation 3b has been implemented as requests for parcel tax exemptions may be submitted electronically, without the need to apply in person or by traditional mail.**
- † **Recommendation 4 has been implemented as exemption application forms for the parcel tax are available year round.**
- † **Recommendation 5 will not be implemented because it is not reasonable as San José Unified has no authority over other locally elected governing boards.**
- † **Recommendation 6 has been implemented as renewals are not required unless the Office of the Assessor records a change in ownership for the specific property.**
- † **Recommendation 9b will not be implemented because it is not reasonable as San José Unified has no authority to standardize the processes of other governing boards.**

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