

## Cupertino Union School District

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Honorable Patricia M. Lucas, Presiding Judge  
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
191 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

(ENDORSED)  
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Clerk of the Court  
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara  
BY Janice Jones DEPUTY

Dear Presiding Judge Lucas,

The Cupertino Union School District (CUSD or District) continues to work hard to support all eligible citizens in applying for and receiving an exemption from the voter-approved CUSD parcel tax.

Below is the response of the District's Board of Education to the 2017-2018 findings of the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Final Report follow-up titled, *School Districts Still Failing Seniors (Parcel Tax Exemption Law)*. The Governing Board approved the following responses at its August 30th, 2018 meeting.

Report Finding 1:

The District failed to make it convenient for resident homeowners who are 65 or older or disabled to apply by not having a clearly marked parcel tax link on the home page of the website.

Board Response to Finding 1:

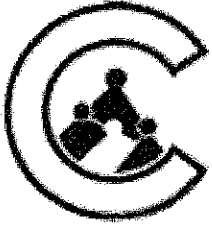
The District disagrees with this finding to the extent the "Parcel Tax" link was located within "Community" drop down menu on the homepage. Further, the webpage with information about exemptions was also available by searching the District's website, and is the top result from a Google search for "Cupertino Union School District Parcel Tax."

Report Recommendation 1:

The District should place a parcel tax link clearly marked on the home page of its website that leads directly to parcel tax information and exemption forms, by Aug. 31, 2018.

Board Response to Recommendation 1:

The recommendation has been implemented. The parcel tax exemption link is now on the home page of the District website directly under the header of "District Notifications." There is a direct link entitled "Information and Exemption Forms under Parcel Tax (Measure A) as illustrated below.



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### District Notifications

Parcel Tax (Measure A)  
Information and Exemption  
Forms.

As such, the District is in compliance with the recommendations of the Civil Grand Jury.

#### Report Finding 3:

The Grand Jury commends the CUSD for offering online parcel-tax exemption applications or accepting e-mail applications for persons who are 65 or older or disabled.

#### Board Response to Finding 3:

The District agrees with this finding. As noted above, the District continues to work hard to support all eligible citizens in applying for and receiving an exemption from the voter-approved CUSD parcel tax.

Please feel free to contact me if you seek additional information or have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,



Dr. Craig Baker  
Superintendent  
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cc: Board of Education