

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY
CITY OF IRVINE
MEASURE BB**

The Irvine Support Our Schools Initiative of 2012

In November of 2010, Irvine voters approved the Irvine School Support Initiative measure to ratify and extend prior decisions of the Irvine City Council to provide certain financial support to public schools for K-12 Irvine students served by the Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts. The prior measure directed the City Council to continue to allocate certain funds annually for the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund and the Challenge Match Grant programs for Fiscal Years 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

The current ballot measure, if approved by the voters, will continue, modify and extend the Irvine School Support Initiative, as follows:

- For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the sum of \$2 million will be added to the \$500,000 already directed to be allocated to the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund program, for a total allocation of \$2.5 million.
- For Fiscal Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, the sum of \$2.5 million will be allocated annually to the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund program.
- For Fiscal Years 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, \$2 million of the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund will be annually allocated in identified amounts for specified purposes as described in the current ballot measure. These purposes include without limitation: employment of school nurses, instructional aides and classroom staff; scholarships to attend Irvine Valley College; public service instructional programs; classroom supplies; removing barriers to securing health, nutritional, housing and other services; ensuring federal government compliance with commitments under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; planning, development and provision of sports facilities; expansion of the School Resource Officers Program; and educational field trips. The remaining \$500,000 will be allocated each Fiscal Year in the same manner as has been utilized for the existing Educational Partnership Fund.
- For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the sum of \$500,000 will be added to the \$1 million already directed to be allocated to the Challenge Match Grant program, for a total allocation of \$1.5 million.
- For Fiscal Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, the sum of \$1.5 million will be allocated annually to the Challenge Match Grant program.
- The Santa Ana Unified School District will be entitled to participate in the Challenge Match Grant program, with the grant portions of the Irvine, Tustin and Santa Ana school districts being determined by the actual Irvine student enrollment ratio in each district.
- The existing class size support measures, matching school district funding sources, and financial accounting statement requirement for the Challenge Match Grant program will remain the same.

The allocations would come from the City's General Fund; no new taxes are imposed.

A majority of the voters must approve the current ballot measure for it to be adopted. If adopted, the provisions of the ballot measure could be subsequently amended by a four-fifths vote of the City Council, but only to the extent such amendments further or expand the intent and objectives of the measure. Otherwise, all other amendments to or any proposed repeal of the ballot measure must be approved by the voters to be effective.

Dated: August 6, 2012

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