

PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2020-21

Measures T and U

Committee Charge

The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) is charged with overseeing expenditures funded by voter-approved parcel taxes and ensuring that such funds are spent in the manner intended by each ballot measure. To that end, the PTOC prepares an annual report regarding the expenditure of parcel tax funds supporting District programs and services. The report is presented to the Board and is made available to the public.

Members

Matt Farrell, Senior Organization Representative, Chair
Rob Darrow, Community at Large Representative, Vice- Chair
Carol McKee, Elementary Parent Representative
Isabelle Tuncer, Secondary Parent Representative
Linnea Holgers, Business Community Representative

Summary of the Committee's proceedings

The committee met four times in the 2020-21 school year: October 6, 2020, December 29, 2020, March 23, 2021 and April 29, 2021.

At each meeting, Committee members reviewed the 2020-21 Parcel Tax Budget Summaries. Members considered whether the expenses were in line with the language of each parcel tax. District administrators and principals have made efforts to ensure that 2020-21 parcel tax revenues are spent in this school year. 2020-21 has presented challenges with budgets allocated to services and supplies due to the COVID19 virus limiting in person instruction. Staff has matched budgeted expenses to the revenue expected for the year. Some changes may result from bargaining group agreements negotiated throughout the year. Parcel tax budgets may vary with staff salary increases for longevity and the number of senior parcel tax exemptions filed.

Measure T funds high school career technical education, science, technology, engineering, visual and performing arts, counseling, library and after school athletic programs to keep kids safe, healthy and engaged in school.

Measure U funds elementary and middle school library and counseling services, maintains smaller class sizes, and supports science, art, music, and after school athletic, enrichment, and academic support programs.

Measure O funds programs in Career Technical Education, science, technology, engineering, visual and performing arts, counseling, library and after school athletic programs to keep kids safe, healthy and engaged in school

At the 10/06/20 PTOC meeting, Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented on the 2019-20 parcel tax reports that corresponded with the unaudited actuals for Measures I, J, O, and P. Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced new Measures T and U resources and explained that Measure O will be the only measure with carry-over that will likely be spent by the end of the school year.

At the 12/29/20 PTOC meeting, Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the updated Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Bylaws reflecting changes based on the new measures and the Measure T and U financials. A video on high school athletics was shown to the Members regarding the importance of Parcel Tax dollars on athletic programs.



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At the 03/23/21 PTOC meeting, Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented on the updated budgets for Measure T and Measure U as well as updates from Measure O. A video from music teacher Christina Latham was shown to the Members regarding the importance of Parcel Tax dollars to the music program. At his meeting, parcel tax oversight members requested if a video could be presented on other district music programs.

Santa Cruz High & Mission Hill Middle School

Music Program

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1DChurL644>

At the 04/29/21 PTOC meeting, Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented on the updated budgets for Measure T and Measure U and the update on Measure O. A video from music teacher Nicholas Bianchini was shown to the Members regarding the importance of Parcel Tax dollars on the music program. The Committee also discussed the draft annual report. There was also discussion of a member resignation.

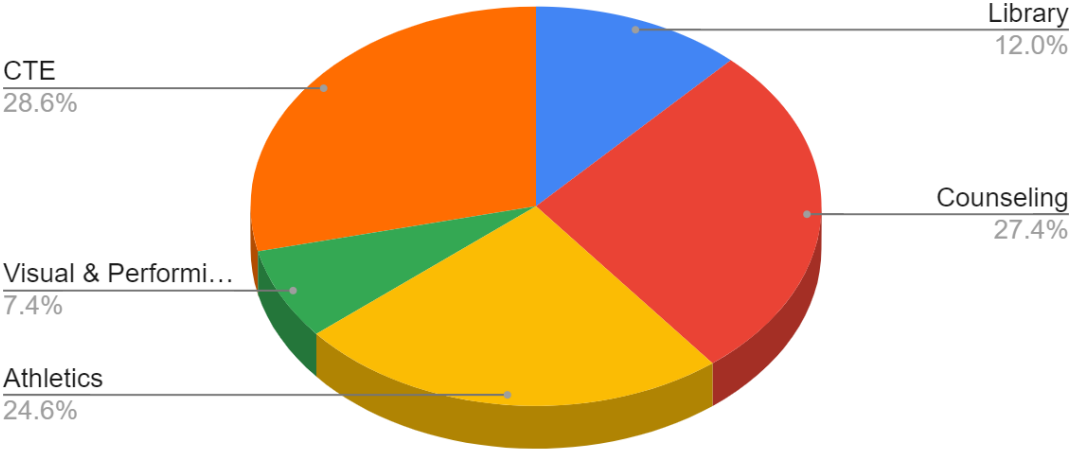
HARBOR HIGH & BRANCIFORTE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS



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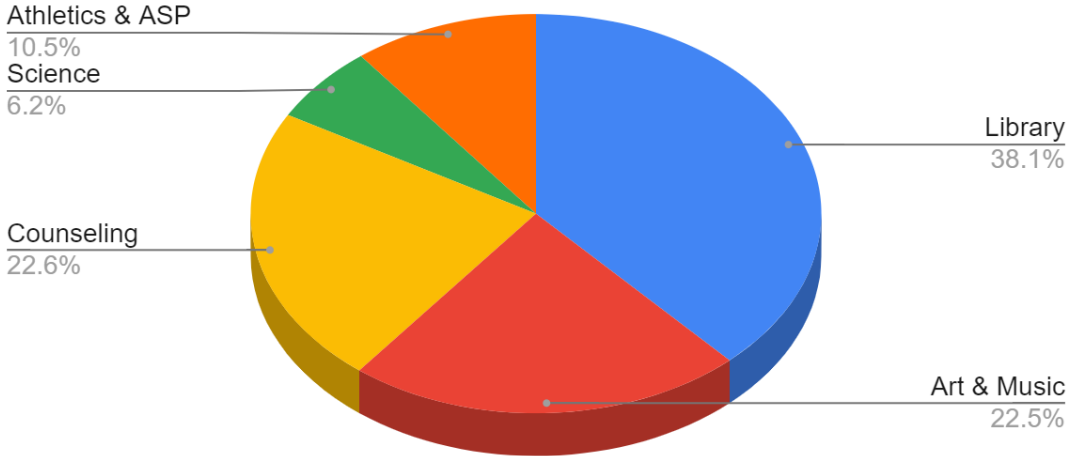
At Committee Members' request, categories of expenses are shown as percentages of the total expenses for each parcel tax to provide a metric for comparison. The amount and percentage of total funds budgeted to each parcel tax program for 2020-21 are shown in the graphs below.

Measure T



Library: \$574,283 **Counseling: \$1,318,776** **Athletics: \$1,181,068**
CTE: \$1,376,266 **Visual and Performing Arts: \$355,856**

Measure U



Library: \$1,143,092 **Art & Music: \$674,012** **Counseling: \$677,555**
Science: \$187,279 **Athletics & After School Programs: \$315,408**

Based on the information provided to the PTOC by the District, the PTOC is satisfied that funds received for the fiscal year 2020-21 from Measures T, U, & O Parcel Taxes, as approved by voters, were in fact budgeted in accordance with the ballot language in said Measures and, if ultimately expended as budgeted by the District, those funds will have been spent by the District in accordance with said Measures. The PTOC reports that the District is using the Parcel Tax money appropriately. The PTOC thanks the Santa Cruz community for its unwavering support of these excellent programs.

Signed this 29th Day of April, 2021

Matt Farrell, Chair	Senior Representative	_____
Rob Darrow, Vice Chair	Representative at Large	_____
Carol McKee	Elementary Parent Representative	_____
Isabelle Tuncer	Secondary Parent Representative	_____
Vacant	Business Representative	_____