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RESOLUTION #20-02 IN SUPPORT OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS MEASURES T AND U IN THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz City Schools provides 21st-century learning instruction that prepares students for college and future careers; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz City Schools' highly-qualified teachers and strong academic and career technical education programs provide the tools students need to succeed in the workforce; and Santa Cruz voters' ongoing support for Santa Cruz City Schools has helped improve the quality of education with essential library, counseling, visual and performing arts and music programs, after school programs that keep students safe, healthy, and engaged in school, commitment to small classes, hands-on science, and credentialed librarians; and if local funding sources cease, the District would be forced to examine eliminating these programs; and

WHEREAS, to continue Santa Cruz City Schools' commitment to protecting quality education, especially in light of California's status as 41st in the nation for school funding, Santa Cruz City Schools' Board proposes to call an election and submit to the voters of the District the question whether the District shall continue levying a parcel tax within the District w for the purpose of continuing vital funding to support TK-12 programs in the District; and

WHEREAS, local funding measures strengthen the local economy by ensuring local high school graduates have the skills they need for the workplace, and help improve the quality of teaching and academics in classrooms, while also protecting property values by maintaining quality local schools; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Trustees has placed Measures T and U on the ballot for the March 3, 2020 primary election to support critical programs for student success; and

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WHEREAS, ALL Measure T and U funds stay LOCAL to benefit our Santa Cruz City Schools and maintain our local quality of education; none of these funds can be taken away by the State or used for other purposes;

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Santa Cruz County Board of Education endorses ballot Measures T and U and recommends the voters renew this local funding to continue the identified programs in Santa Cruz City Schools.

PASSED AND ADOPTED January 16, 2020:

AYES: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Sue Roth (Board President)

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary)

County Superintendent of Schools