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Why Did You Receive this Ballot?

The former Oak View Elementary School was operated for 50 years, most recently by the Ventura Unified School District, until the aging facility was closed. The school district has declared this site to be surplus property and now intends to sell it.

Since this site could be sold for residential development, concerned citizens worked to develop other alternatives. In response to citizen requests, the County of Ventura has prepared a plan to create a local funding measure to acquire and preserve the Oak View School site as a neighborhood park and community center for the public. This ballot allows property owners to vote by mail on this proposed plan for the future of the Oak View School site.

What Would This Measure Provide?

If approved by property owners in Oak View, this measure would provide funding to:

- Acquire and preserve the Oak View School site as a resource for the Ojai Valley;
- Create a neighborhood park;
- Make minor improvements to the buildings on the site, largely to protect them from weather damage;
- Maintain this neighborhood park site with regular watering of the playfields and landscaping, mowing, trash removal and other regular maintenance services.

Additional Matching Funds for Project

If this measure is approved, additional matching funds of over \$600,000 would be included in the project. These funds would come from State park bond funds and the sale of two miscellaneous lots that are not a part of the planned park site. The County has indicated that it will not contribute any additional funds to the measure. However in order to make further improvements to the Oak View School site, local citizens are currently pursuing grants and matching funds from other sources.

Why Should You Vote?

Your vote on this matter is important because only returned ballots will be counted. Your ballot will help decide the future of the Oak View School site.



To Create Public Recreation Areas

Why Are You Receiving a Ballot by Mail?

This measure will be decided by property owners by mailed ballots. All property owners in the boundaries of the proposed Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance District will receive ballots by mail and will have the opportunity to indicate their support or opposition for this measure by returning their ballots.

What are the Public Accountability Safeguards?

If approved by property owners, all available funds from this measure would be used to acquire, improve and maintain the Oak View School site. In addition, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee would review the budget and services funded by this measure.



Measure would acquire and preserve the Oak View School site

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**Official Assessment Ballot
Oak View School Preservation and
Maintenance District Measure
by Ventura County**

**Please Return Promptly
Your Vote is Important**

INSTRUCTIONS:

To count, this Ballot must be marked with your vote, signed and received before the end of the public input portion of the Public Hearing scheduled for July 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. After completing this ballot, detach it along the dotted lines, fold at solid line below, tape the end and mail or deliver it in person as described on the other side of this notice.

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Yes, I approve the Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance assessment.

No, I do not approve the Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance assessment.

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am the record property owner of the parcel(s) identified on this notice and ballot.

Signed _____
Signature of Record Property Owner

How Much is the Assessment?

The proposed assessment for your property for fiscal year 2002-03 is shown on your ballot with your mailing address; for most single family homes in your area it is \$49.00, while other property types are assessed accordingly. The total amount that would be raised by the proposed assessments for fiscal year 2002-03 is \$143,899.

If Approved, will this Assessment Increase in the Future?

If approved, this assessment may be levied annually. The assessment cannot be increased in future years without approval from property owners in another assessment ballot proceeding, except for an annual adjustment tied to the change in the Los Angeles Area Consumer Price Index not to exceed 3%.



To Create a Neighborhood Park

More Information/Public Input

For additional information concerning the Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance District, please contact the office of County Supervisor Steve Bennett, County of Ventura District No. 1 at (805) 654-2703.

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**Please Return Your Ballot
Only Returned Ballots Will Be Counted**

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County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA, 93009

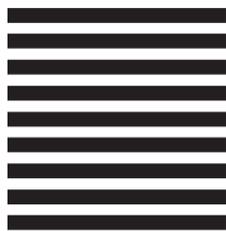


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c/o Assistance Plus
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Fairfield, CA 94533-9832



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OFFICIAL BALLOT

**OAK VIEW SCHOOL PRESERVATION AND
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**



To Preserve the Oak View School Site

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Tape this end

Detach Here and Tape this end

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on July 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in the County of Ventura Government Center, Hall of Administration located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. You are invited to attend the public hearing. At the hearing, you will obtain more information about the assessment and will have the opportunity to ask questions and give input to the Board of Supervisors.

Tabulation of the returned ballots will commence after the close of the public input portion of the hearing and the results of the tabulation are expected to be announced at the public meeting scheduled for July 23, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in the County of Ventura Government Center, Hall of Administration located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. At this meeting, the Board, based on the outcome of the assessment ballots, will consider appropriate action.

How was the Assessment Determined?

The total cost of the Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance District to be funded by the assessments is allocated to each property based on estimated special benefit received. The method of benefit allocation is based on the relative benefit to a property in relation to a single family home, the type of property, its location and its size.

An Engineer's Report describing the proposed acquisition and improvements, method of assessment, budgets and assessments for each parcel is available for review at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Ventura Hall of Administration, located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009.

Additional Information

If this measure is approved and the Board establishes the assessments, the funds raised will be used to acquire the Oak View School site and improve and maintain it. The yearly funds from this measure are expected to be sufficient for the future cost of maintaining the site. However, in the event that the future funding for maintaining the school site is insufficient, the County reserves the right to sell a portion of the property to raise additional funds for maintenance.

Method of Voting

Complete the attached postage paid ballot and return it immediately. **To count, your ballot must be signed and received before the end of the public input portion of the Public Hearing on July 16, 2002.** Mail your ballot to the address on the ballot or deliver it in person at the public hearing to be held on July 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in the County of Ventura Government Center, Hall of Administration located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

According to the provisions of Proposition 218, only returned ballots which are signed and marked with the property owner's support or opposition are counted. Ballots are weighted by the amount of assessment paid and will be tabulated accordingly by Assistance Plus, an independent firm. If a majority of weighted ballots returned are opposed, this assessment will not be levied. If a majority of weighted ballots returned are in support, the assessment may be levied for fiscal year 2002-03 and is anticipated to be continued in future years.



*To Improve and Maintain
Children's Playgrounds*

**Official Assessment Ballot
Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance District by the County of Ventura**

County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

PRESORTED
FIRST-CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
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PERMIT NO. 43

Official Assessment Ballot for the Oak View School Site

Die cut: 1.625" by 4.25"
(address from return ballot will show through here)
1 inch from bottom, 1.5" from left side