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Superintendent Banda's statement on Measure G

*Parcel tax would have generated \$6 million-\$7 million annually for
SCUSD schools*

November 17, 2016 (Sacramento): Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent José L. Banda today thanked supporters of Measure G and expressed disappointment over the initiative's narrow defeat at the polls.

Measure G was supported by 65 percent of Sacramento voters – just short of the two-thirds needed for passage. Although more voters cast ballots in favor of Measure G than Proposition 55 – a statewide tax measure – Measure G failed to reach the supermajority required by law.

"I deeply appreciate all the parents, teachers, students and community members who worked valiantly for Measure G's passage," Superintendent Banda said. "Unfortunately, Measure G was almost the last item on a very long ballot and needed a two-thirds majority – a high bar. We came very close to securing its success."

Measure G was a \$75 a year, per parcel tax that would have taken effect on July 1, 2017, and remain in effect for six years. It would not have affected tax-exempt real estate or property owners 65 and older who receive school parcel tax exemptions.

"Our work now is to continue to seek out new funding sources that will help us implement and sustain programs for students across the district," said Superintendent Banda. "Our mission remains the same: To provide every student at every school with the resources they need to be successful."

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