

# San Rafael Chamber

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## **San Rafael Chamber Announces Endorsement of Measures A and B to Support Local Schools**

**SAN RAFAEL, CA** – Chamber leadership announced today that they are in support of the continued funding of top quality education in San Rafael by endorsing Measures A & B. The measures will ensure local funding for San Rafael Elementary and High School Districts by renewing an existing parcel tax for eight years beginning in 2014. The measures will dedicate resources to programs like math, reading, and science, support small class sizes, and prepare students for college and 21<sup>st</sup> century careers. The Chamber now joins dozens of other prominent community leaders in supporting the measures.

Chamber President and CEO Rick Wells stated, "This is an opportunity for local voters to support the high quality of our education system in San Rafael. Ultimately, these measures will further our economic vitality by protecting local funding and helping to ensure a capable and dynamic workforce for the future of our business community." San Rafael Chamber Board Chair and San Rafael resident Laura Bertolli explained, "I support the measures because all funds will stay in our schools and cannot be taken by Sacramento, and no funds can be used for administrator salaries."

The election is being conducted by mail-in ballot and all ballots are due by Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Since 2009 the State of California has cut over \$17 million in funding for San Rafael Schools. More information about Measures a & B can be found at [www.yes4sanrafael.org](http://www.yes4sanrafael.org)

In 2012 the San Rafael Chamber also endorsed Marc Levine for California State Assembly and Jared Huffman for United States Congress.

*The San Rafael Chamber represents over 585 members with over 12,000 employees. The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce is a member-based business advocacy organization providing a strong voice in support of the economic vitality of our community. For more information visit [www.SRChamber.com](http://www.SRChamber.com)*

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