

**1<sup>st</sup>-TIME APPLICATION: 2006-07 SENIOR EXEMPTION FROM MEASURE "S" PARCEL TAX**

**NOTE: If you previously applied for & received the Senior Exemption, a Renewal Form will automatically be mailed to you in May, 2006 to be returned by July 31, 2006.**

Background: On June 3, 2003, the voters approved Measure "S", a 6-year parcel tax of \$225 per parcel to be "used to preserve the core curriculum in all grades and prevent deterioration in quality cause by reduced state funding" for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. *Please see other side for background information.*

**To qualify: for the Senior Exemption from Parcel Tax, you must:** 1) turn 65 years old before July 1, 2006; 2) own & occupy your property as your primary residence; 3) annually apply to be exempted by July 31st each year. **\*PLEASE NOTE: RENTAL PROPERTIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE unless owner-occupied (i.e, duplex)**

1. Please complete ALL the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's ID # (Assessor's Parcel Number) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*CONTIGUOUS PARCELS ONLY:** If you have more than one parcel "contiguous" to (touching) the main parcel, list below or attach a separate sheet. (You receive a property tax bill for each parcel owned.)

\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Please sign below:**

**Penalty of Perjury Clause (Signature Required):**

I certify that I own and occupy the property listed above and use the property as my primary place of residence. I declare under penalty of perjury that this Application (including accompanying copies of proof documents) is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

3. **PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF PROOF OF:**

< **Age:** California Driver's License or California Identification Card or passport or birth certificate

< **Property Ownership:** Your most recent property tax bill

4. **Return to:** SMMUSD - 1651 16th St./Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891, ATTN: Dawn.

*The completed & signed application and subsequent renewal form MUST BE RECEIVED / POSTMARKED BY JULY 31ST of each year to receive the exemption.*

**This space reserved for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Only**

Application Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Application Denied \_\_\_\_\_ School District Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you own multiple parcels within the District, you may only claim the Senior Exemption for the parcel that constitutes your primary place of residence and any Contiguous Parcels. "Contiguous Parcels" are any parcels that share a common lot line with the parcel on which an owner-occupied residence is located (each an "Immediately Adjacent Parcel"), and any parcel that shares a common lot line with any Immediately Adjacent Parcel. **Revised 4/19/06**

## Measure "S" - Background Information

At the November 21, 2002 Board Meeting, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved Recommendation No. A.19: Creation of a District Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to Consider Placing a New Parcel Tax (or Other Taxing Mechanism) on the Spring (or Future Date to be Determined) Ballot. The Committee was comprised of 45 community members from Santa Monica and Malibu, along with 7 Ex Officio Members of the Financial Oversight Committee. This was known as the "Save Our Schools" Committee, which met numerous times in December and January, eventually advising the Board of Education that a new flat parcel tax should be placed on the ballot.

At the February 1, 2003 Board Meeting, the Board of Education adopted Resolution Number 01-18: Ordering An Election, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order and Requesting Placement on the General Election Ballot of the County of Los Angeles to be Held on June 3, 2003.

Summary Text of June 3, 2003 Ballot Measure:

### **SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION PRESERVATION ACT OF 2003**

**To preserve the quality of local schools despite unprecedented state cuts in public education, shall the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District levy a qualified special tax of \$225 per parcel each year for 6 years exempting property owned and occupied by persons age 65 and older? Mandatory resident taxpayer oversight and independent annual audits will ensure that these revenues are used to preserve the core curriculum in all grades and prevent deterioration in quality caused by reduced state funding.**

**Measure "S" Passed:**

**Yes: 67.61%**

**No: 32.39%**