



# Acalanes Union High School District

## Measure G & A Senior Exemption

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

**Do I have to reapply every year?** No. Once you're on the "list" you stay on the list until the property changes hands, is placed into a Trust (at which time you will need to reapply), or you no longer live in or own the property.

**Is it retroactive?** No.

**Is it based on income?** No.

**Are the Acalanes Bonds exemptable?** No. Only the Measure G & A parcel tax of \$301 qualifies for the exemption.

**I sent in my application months ago and haven't heard anything.** The District sends out confirmation letters as late as August of the current fiscal year. If you have not received your letter by August 31, bring in a copy of your application to the District Office and it will be honored as an original.

**Do I have to live in the home to get the exemption?** Yes.

**I put my home in a trust and my exemption fell off; why?** The name changed on the property. You will need to reapply.

**I sent in my application on time but the charge is still showing up on my tax bill; why is that?** You are probably looking at the Acalanes bonds; there are three bonds on your property tax bill which are NOT exemptable under the measure. Another reason could be that you sent your application to the wrong school district. **Within the Lamorinda/Walnut Creek city/town limits, you are served by six different school districts; each needs to be contacted accordingly.**

**I just own "sliver" of land/right of way/unbuildable parcel; do I still have to pay the whole parcel tax?** It depends. Please send the District a letter explaining your specific situation. Include a copy of your property tax bill and the reason you feel you've been unjustly charged and an individual decision will be made based on the information.

**I own multiple parcels...do I have to pay on them all?** Yes. Only your permanent resident parcel is exemptable.

**I turn 65 years old after July 1 of the current year; can I still get the exemption?** No.

**All my children are grown. Do I still have to pay?** Yes.