

MEASURE D

FREE AND ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING

- New Graduate and Undergraduate Compulsory Fee: \$0.75/quarter (\$2.25/year).
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 1999, permanent fee (no ending date).
- This fee was approved for placement on the undergraduate ballot by petition, and on the graduate student ballot by resolution of the Graduate Student Association (GSA).
- If approved, this fee would generate approximately \$23,924 in 1999-2000.

MEASURE D QUESTION

Shall UCSC students (graduate and undergraduate) establish a \$0.75/per quarter fee, effective Fall 1999, to provide free and anonymous testing through the HIV Peer Test Counseling Program?

Yes

No

MEASURE D BALLOT STATEMENT

This \$2.25 fee would establish an alternative to the \$25 Confidential Testing offered at Student Health Services and, for the first time, HIV Peer Test Counselors would be able to augment testing at Health Services with special outreach testing at colleges and campus events. We expect this would nearly double the number of HIV tests provided each year. Finally, this fee would cover the cost of student supervision for, and administration of, the program.

- Health Center clinicians will continue to offer confidential HIV tests (for a fee) to those who need it for travel abroad, etc.
- All anonymous tests will utilize equally effective oral testing methods instead of blood draws.

PRO/CON Statements for Measure D

Pro:

Currently, all HIV tests at UCSC are confidential and cost \$20-\$25. This mandatory fee and the lack of anonymity are barriers that drive students off campus for testing. Both barriers could be eliminated by Measure D. A painless and reliable oral testing method (Orasure), will allow HIV Peer Test Counselors to conduct tests in non-clinical settings. Therefore, outreach testing could take place across campus. This greater accessibility would most likely increase the demand for testing. The \$0.75 per quarter fee would pay for approximately 750 tests per year (double the number currently done) and pay for a student coordinator to ensure that the new service maintains the high quality of the current test program. By providing free and anonymous testing on campus, Measure D would reduce student traffic at off-campus test sites, thereby freeing up these services for non-students at risk in the greater Santa Cruz community. This measure is strongly supported by both SUA and GSA

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Con:

This measure will charge all students to pay for HIV testing, yet there will not be enough testing for all the students of UCSC. You might end up paying for this fee and still not be able to get a needed HIV test. Vote NO on D.

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