

50-280 (Rev. 01-26/8)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

Lorenzo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 pm on August 17th, 2026 at the Lorenzo ISD Board Room at 1003 Polk Ave, Lorenzo, TX, 79343. This meeting is to discuss

the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate the school district will adopt.

The school district invites public participation in the discussion.

The tax rate the school district ultimately adopts at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 0.7954 /\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.0000 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations % increase or 26.82 % (decrease)
Debt service % increase or % (decrease)
Total expenditures % increase or 26.82 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 194,734,647	\$ 172,311,763
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 532,629	\$ 0
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 165,950,324	\$ 140,053,314
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 409,409	\$ 0

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** New property is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** Taxable value is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance and Operations	Interest and Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 0.6822	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.6822	\$ 7,164	\$ 12,657
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.6732	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.6732	\$ 5,886	\$ 13,746
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.7954	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.7954	\$ 6,951	\$ 14,901

* The interest and sinking fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 128,422	\$ 143,418
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.6822	\$ 0.7954
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 0	\$ 0
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 0

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person age 65 or older or their surviving spouse, if the surviving spouse was age 55 or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.6754. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$0.6754.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 3,385,000
Interest and Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$ 0

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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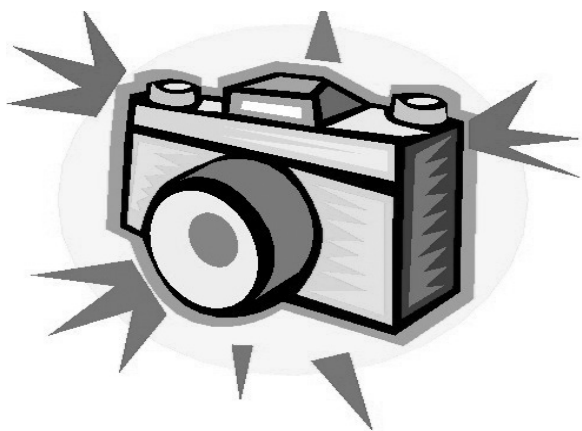
By John Valentine
It is a little scary to see how many socialist communist Democrats are running for office in this country and about half of them have won in their Democratic primaries and some primaries are still to be held. The Democratic Socialist of America along with the regular Democratic Party have backed about 150 of these socialist candidates and at least 30 to 40 have won in their primaries over moderate candidates. These include high-profile House of Representatives primary wins in states like New York and Colorado, as well as prominent municipal and Mayoral primary contests. But even moderate democrats are hell bent on destroying this nation.
It's a fact that at least half of the citizens of this country have no idea what the Socialist Democrats actually stand for and even what Republicans stand for and if they go vote they are just vote for the persons looks or someone they have heard of are go by what the news media said.
There is only about a third of the citizens of Crosby County that go vote and even less in mid-term elctions. Even the small community newspapers in America or nearly all Democratic leaning publications which I have never figured out why. It is hard to believe but only 11 percent of New York Citizens elected the Mayor.
In the State of Texas we have a important race for Senator with a Socialist Democrat Candidate James Talirico running against Republican Ken Paxton. Talirico is as far left as you can get but the public actually does not know very much about him except he is a state rep from Austin and it is reported that he is gay. Talirico believes in open borders and says the Texas Border should be the front porch to welcome the world, he says he loves trans-kids, he said that Jesus was a radical feminist, and supports all the other things that the Democrats are wanting to do that will destroy America. Ken Paxton has been impeached and accused of fraud and other things just like President Trump but never convicted of anything. He is a true Republican Conservative.
The left wing Democratic Media has just came out with a poll that says Talirico is leading Paxton by 2 points. I don't who in the heck they were polling but it sure was not rural America. There is no way that Texas is going to elect a socialist communist Senator as long as conservatives get out and vote.
Be sure and go vote in elections and vote common sense.



Rave On

A Column by Jona Janét

This has been my best Tour de France experience. I had a tour buddy! My sister, Leslie, agreed to watch the tour with me this year. Yes, all 21 stages. After viewing, we would text furiously about the day’s stage, commenting on the course, particular riders, the crazy fans, and any other thing that caught our attention: the sunflowers, the castle the ruins, the magnificent churches, and the fabulous scenery. We moaned at the crashes, reveled in the sprint victories, and just had a great time together. And then, the withdrawals. When the tour is over, I always feel hungry for more. Leslie experienced the same. We are looking into the possibility of a tour of the tour in the summer of 2028. I’m ecstatic! To see the tour in person would be a dream come true!



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