## ARGUMENT AGAINST VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE S

Our failed school district never stops coming to voters for handouts. Now, they want \$194 million for 'facilities' bonds. We're paying millions in taxes for existing bonds until 2028, dedicated to the same improvements! For many, these bonds already cost over \$1000/year in additional taxes.

By law, bond money can't be used to educate our children. It only goes to building and improvement projects. Instead of prioritizing education, the district wants structural upgrades that don't produce a quality education.

- This school district has been run with such incompetence they were taken over by the state after incurring \$60 million in debt that they couldn't pay! That state loan costs us over \$3 million/year until repaid in 2024. The district now faces *another* \$12 million deficit caused by lower enrollment and uncontrolled spending. Bond money CANNOT be used to pay this irresponsible debt.
- 60% of Vallejo's kids DON'T attend Vallejo schools, costing millions in state funding. The district has closed numerous schools due to falling enrollment, but still wants nearly a quarter billion dollars for "improvements". Parents paying to send their kids elsewhere also pay Vallejo school taxes, taxing them twice.
- State records show Vallejo has a high school dropout rate of nearly 50%, performs way below standards in student testing and ranks #2 in student absenteeism, reducing state funding even more.
- Our **property values** are depressed largely because of our undesirable schools, another hidden tax.
- Our outstanding common sense school board member, Ruscal Cayangyang, points out in opposing this bond measure, district spending is "out of control" and "fiscally irresponsible". He also defends overburdened taxpayers, noting vast increases in water, sewer and garbage, city proposals for yet another sales tax increase and the coming 60% increases in bridge tolls.

Enough! VOTE NO on this outrageous tax increase!

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