

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE C BENICIA SCHOOL BOND

Look at your property tax bill for a list of the current school general obligation bonds that you are still paying with interest for the next 25 plus years.

Much of the work described in Measure C is deferred maintenance of school properties for which the Education Code requires school districts to pay for from a deferred maintenance fund. Now the District tells us that the schools require replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, repairing/replacing leaky roofs, urgent repairs and critical student access to computers and modem technology.

If the District had been a good steward, repairs and replacements would have been completed as needed rather than waiting for a new bond.

Passage of Measure C will result in an estimated tax rate increase of \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. For a homeowner with a property assessed at \$500,000, this would mean an annual tax increase of \$300. Just remember that over fifty percent (50%) of your property taxes go to schools. As property values are increasing schools will receive more of your money!

Even the promise of "citizen oversight" is hollow. We know how "oversight committee appointees selected by the school district" work.

NO MORE TAXES! -- Taxpayers are facing high costs of food, energy, utilities, and automobile fuel. And let's not even mention the looming recession.

Join overtaxed property owners - **VOTE NO on MEASURE C.**

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