

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure A

YES on Measures A and B!

These measures were brought to the Board of Supervisors by a BROAD GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY COALITION after over a decade of study including exploring other funding alternatives. It is made up of the people in Solano that are most knowledgeable about the needs of children: parents, childcare workers, teachers, nurses, non-profit leaders and even young people themselves.

The money will go to under-resourced services for children and youth through a rigorous, transparent selection process overseen by representatives from the community, including every city in the County.

Measures A and B together include multiple measures of accountability:

- The Oversight Committee will consist of local experts on the needs of our children who have the knowledge and commitment to ensure that no money is wasted.
- Independent evaluations and audits are required.
- Transparency and community input is required. The public can see how every dime is spent and how effective the programs are.
- The measure will sunset in ten years. This is a strong incentive to ensure, during this limited time, that all that can be done for kids is done.

The community coalition that is sponsoring this measure will still be here as watchdogs and will monitor the implementation of the Children's Fund every step of the way.

Our children are worth one-quarter of one penny on our purchases. It's a tiny price to pay for our children's future. Investing in children is the best investment our community can make.

Say "YES" to our children!

/s/ James W (Jay) Speck, Solano County Superintendent of Schools

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/s/ Joanie Erickson, Executive Director of the Solano Coalition for Better Health

/s/ Rev. David C Isom, Senior Pastor of St Stephen CME Church

/s/ Shelee Loughmiller, Program Manager at Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano