

Argument in Favor Of Measure A

Parents, community members and professionals all agree-**children and families in Solano County do not get the support that children in other counties rely on.** This is a major barrier to our children's success in school and in life. Our children deserve better!

Two measures on this ballot will create and fund the Solano Fund for Children and invest in preventative programs that will fill some of the gaps confronting local children and their families. Measure A will impose a ¼ cent sales tax throughout the county, raising an estimated 16.8 million dollars per year for ten years. Measure B assures that all Measure A revenues will go entirely to the Solano Fund for Children to serve only Solano children and their families. Money from the Fund will be spent on:

- **Homeless Children**
- **Prevention of Child Abuse**
- **Quality Preschool and Afterschool Programs**
- **Preventative Child Health Care**
- **Jobs for Youth**

Solano does not get its fair share of state and federal funding for children's services, and gets almost no private foundation funds at all to support children. If we want to compete with the rest of the region, we have to support our own children by creating the Solano Fund for Children. It is what responsible citizens and caring adults must do.

We will make sure that the funds are spent responsibly, efficiently and as promised. This measure includes strict accountability provisions including a citizen's oversight committee, annual audits and public reporting of all expenditures.

We can make sure that every child in our community has the opportunity to succeed, and remember, **both measures must pass to assure the creation and funding of the Solano Fund for Children.**

Join us and **Vote "Yes" on Measure A and "Yes" on Measure B!**

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

/s/Juan Cisneros, President of the Solano Children's Alliance

/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