

Americans by nature are a generous optimistic people willing to help others in need.

And that is particularly true in Solano County. Take a look at all the free and low-cost services we currently provide to children in this County with millions and millions of our tax dollars:

- Free education and nutrition for K-12th grade
- Public libraries
- Free parks and recreational facilities
- Affordable health care and mental health care under the Affordable Care Act and MediCal
- California CalWORKs providing cash aid and services to eligible needy California families.
- Food and nutrition services through the Women Infants and Children's program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and foodbanks
- Foster Youth Success Initiative at SCC
- Court Appointed Special Advocates program
- California Children's Services for special needs children
- Child welfare services, Foster Care, Children's Protective Services
- Special programs for children 0-5 through First Five including day care
- Summer employment for youth through the Workforce Investment Act
- In addition, service organizations, non-profit organizations, hospitals, and church organizations provide free or low-cost after-school and other programs specifically for children. Take a look at the Leaven program, the Fun on the Run program, the Kroc Center, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Girl and Boy Scouts, City athletic leagues, the Police Athletic Center, Tools of Learning for Children, and the list goes on and on.

No one likes to say no to children.

But then again, no one likes to say no to seniors, veterans, the blind and disabled, the homeless or law enforcement.

A strong case can be made for each of these special interest groups to come before the voters for another 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 or 1 cent sales taxes. If Measure B passes, this is only the beginning.

The Board cannot withstand the political pressure brought by special interest groups. Can you?