

Yucaipa Calimesa Unified School District Bond Election-Measure "O", Nov.6 2012

"Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure "O"

August 29, 2012

Arguing No on Measure "O" does not mean arguing against students. In fact the opposite is true. We support funding for academic achievement, but that doesn't happen with Measure "O". *BALLOT MEASURE STATEMENT* - To repair and upgrade local schools..... by issuing \$98,000,000 in bonds". These school board incumbents, three up for election this year, have cut: the school year, new textbooks, bussing, library, counseling, safety officer, increased class sizes and closed a school. But this bond sale is for school facilities only! Here is the law: "Authorizes bonds for repair, construction, or replacement of school facilities, classrooms, if approved by 55% of local vote.... prohibits use of bond proceeds for salaries or operating expenses". It makes no sense to burden local property taxpayers with \$98 Million of debt when proceeds cannot be used to reinstate academic programs.

Here is the reset of the story: Reinstating cuts they made with a property tax hike, requires a 66 2/3% yes vote. This can't be done with a facilities (Proposition 39) - 55% yes vote. School districts have matching grants for big ticket items like roofing and flooring through "Deferred Maintenance", when the state funds them. School Boards should prioritize spending for students then if higher taxes are justified, have a 2/3 election. Measure "O", a back door way to more tax money by implying great academic advantages when in reality "O" is for buildings not kids. Vote No on "O".

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Rebuttal argument

AGAINST ballot proposition (measure) O (primary or rebuttal) at the Nov 6, 2012 (letter) (title of election)

election for the YUCNPA CALMESA JUSA to be held on Nov 6, 2012 (jurisdiction) (date of election)

hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his / their (his/her/their)

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