

PRIMARY ARGUMENT

Vote NO on Measure I

Do not approve this measure which will increase already strained housing costs for homeowners, renters, senior citizens and those on limited or fixed incomes.

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Etiwanda School District maintains one of the highest percentages of reserves in the entire County of San Bernardino. Their 2016/2017 total revenue listed on the website is \$126 million with reserves listed at \$44 million. That is a 35 percent reserve! Their reserves are so large in fact, that one of the district's biggest concerns in 2015 under SB 858 was that the state might force them to spend down their reserve!

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The bond cites SAFETY as a primary goal yet there is absolutely NO mention of BUSING which has been a controversial safety issue following the DEATH of a Colony STUDENT in the crosswalk on 12-4-13. A campaign was started to restore busing called Bringbackbus.com including a petition with over 1000 signatures. I led this effort that lasted over a year. After prolonged pressure the board members brought back LIMITED fee-based busing. Parents now pay \$75 a month per child. Recently multiple rider discounts were discontinued so a family with 3 children is charged a whopping \$225 a month for transportation.

Other districts provide BUSING for FREE.

How can the district justify this \$137 million bond while ignoring a basic safety need like transportation?

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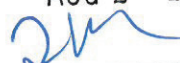
Another stated goal of the bond is to "retain and attract quality teachers". Last year the teachers received sizable raises that were retroactive. This resulted in large bonus checks for the teachers in addition to raises. Etiwanda teachers are already highly compensated.

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Incurring massive bond debt is irresponsible and unnecessary.

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