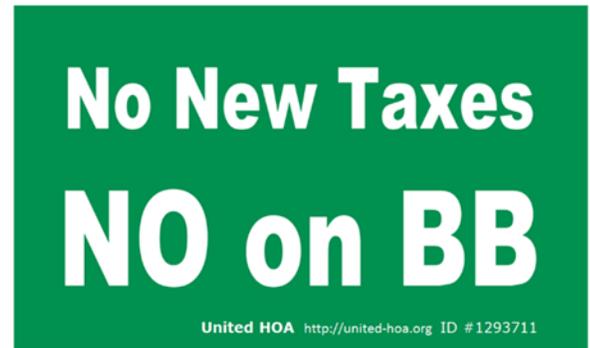


Why We Must Stop Measure BB?

Here are the main reasons why we must say NO to the expensive and destructive Measure BB:



High Cost – The 1997 \$59 million bond cost taxpayers \$165 million with interest and fees. After 20 years, we've paid off \$60 million at \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value. The new \$258 million bond will cost at least \$449 million. With \$105 million unpaid balance from the 1997 bond, we face a tax liability to ABC School District that is over nine times what we have been able to pay in 20 years. To pay off this \$554 million debt in 30 years, we will have to pay over six times what we have been paying each year. How can property owners afford that, especially those living on fixed income?

More Waste – ABC is awash in State and Federal funding. They receive over \$200 million a year in ADA funding alone, over 85% of which goes straight to the payroll. They receive millions of dollars a year in extra funding, which also goes to salaries. They have enough money to pay their top administrators up to \$299,000 a year, \$100,000 more than what Governor Brown makes. On top of that, they get paid tens of thousands in bonuses each year. They spend way more money lining their own pockets than fixing our schools and protecting our kids. There is no reason to give them more.

Too Many Schools – Multiple demographic studies show a declining trend of school-age children population in ABC School District. In-district student enrollment has fallen by 25% since 1998. Instead of following California DOE's recommendation and closing schools to save money, they insist on maintaining the same number of schools and employees. They recruit thousands of out-of-district student to fill up the space and "raise funds", yet they want us property owners to make long-term investment on all schools to support their selfish activities. This is totally unfair.

Too Few Benefits – ABC School District plans to issue the \$258 million bond in four series over a period of 10 years. Now if they really want the money to fix our schools, why are they doing it this way? The answer is they are not interested in fixing schools, but only interested in our money. In fact, no one knows when they will work on what project for how much. This is against the law. And by the time this money is all spent, most of our students will have already left ABC.

No Supervision – ABC School District has a history of using bond money for nefarious purposes. They claim this will not happen again because there will be a citizen oversight committee. That is bogus. With the administration and the unions pulling the strings, a few Board member appointees on the committee can never stop any mismanagement or wasteful spending. There have been numerous reports of how school bond funds are being abused statewide. We do not need to fall victim to the same scam.

We must stop the wasteful spending and irresponsible taxation by the ABC School District. We must vote No on Measure BB. It's the last item on your ballot. **Fill the bubble before the word NO.** Thank you for your support. For more information, please visit our website at www.united-hoa.org.