Argument Against Measure W

Do the math: That's $335 in new parcel taxes over the next 5 years!

Many people need that money to pay their bills. Or eat dinner.

64% of students in our district come from low-income families qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch programs. For a miniscule increase in the District’s budget (roughly 1½ %—a fraction of administrative spending), Measure W would force them to skimp on necessities, or pile up credit card debt.

Wouldn’t it be more efficient to spend $335 on your children yourself, rather than turn it over to a faceless bureaucrat who might do something worthwhile with it?

Not counting state taxes we pay, annual property taxes to support the RCSD already exceed $1,600 per parcel on average. Renters can’t deduct property taxes, even though their rent pays for them.

Just what is this parcel tax for?

Some board members asked for specificity in the description. One responded “Some people might not be interested in P.E. fields”. Given the vague language that evolved, who knows what they will do with this money.

Independent Oversight Committee? Ha!

The Board itself would determine its “composition, duties, funding...formation, and operation”. Did you spot the part about funding? Just what we need—more yes-men in the bureaucracy, doing nothing of real value.

Remember when the San Mateo Community College District board built a health club with bond money, right under the nose of their “Independent Oversight Committee”?

Our community is an island of relative affordability, surrounded by California’s most expensive school districts. Please, vote NO, and help keep Redwood City affordable.

* Note: a complex ERAF/State Aid funding swap arrangement obscures reporting of property taxes.


A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of an association of citizens/organization, the name of the association/organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. If the measure is presented to voters pursuant to an initiative petition in a special district election, please contact the Elections Office for special instructions.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300

Ballot Measure for the Redwood City Elem. School District to be held on 6/5/2012.

☐ Primary Argument in Favor of
☐ Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by: (check all that apply)

☐ The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District

If this argument is filed by the governing body of the County of San Mateo, a school district or a special district, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form.

Governing Body:

Contact Person's Printed Name: ___________________________  Contact Person's Signature: ______________

Title: ________________

Phone: ________________  Email: ________________

☐ Member(s) of the Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District

If this argument is filed by any member(s) of the governing body, fill in the information below and complete both sides of this form. By statute, members of school district governing boards need board authorization to file an argument.

Member(s) of the Governing Body: ___________________________

Name of Governing Body: ___________________________

Contact Person's Printed Name: ___________________________

Contact Person's Signature: ______________

Title: ______________

Phone: ______________  Email: ______________

☐ Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization

If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association/organization, be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf, provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the organization, and complete both sides of this form.

Name of Association/Organization: Libertarian Party of San Mateo County CA

Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title: Harland Harrison, Chair

Principal Officer's Signature: ___________________________

Contact Person's Printed Name: Jack Hickey

Email: harrison@lpsm.org

Phone: ______________

Fax: ______________

☐ Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure

Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.

Contact Person: ___________________________

Phone: ______________

Mailing Address: ___________________________

Fax: ______________  Email: ______________

Please complete the reverse side of this form.
No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed.

Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below.

If the signers are part of a bona fide association/organization, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual(s), the title under the signer’s name shall list the name of that bona fide association/organization and may include their position within that association/organization.

By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading.

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Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.