REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Measure G is the THIRD recent tax increase by this District. Vote NO!

While citizens struggle to absorb the largest tax increase in California history, the San Mateo County Community College District wants more.

They want to increase taxes to cover recent lavish pay raises to administrators. The District has 23 deans, which cost us $3.1 million last year! Not to mention 160+ employees receiving over $100,000/year.

They say this tax won’t be used for salaries. But their own Argument says more money “helps retain qualified instructors.” How? By freeing up other money which can go to salaries.

They can’t find money to give “students the classes they need.” Yet they found money to build (in their words) first class faculty housing ... with stunning views ... and rents at half the market average.

Perhaps they should prioritize spending before raising our taxes!

The new faculty housing is also tax exempt, meaning they won’t pay their new tax on us!

They say they’ll appoint a “citizens’ oversight committee.” But citizens’ oversight committees for K-12 funding have proven useless. They “review” wasteful spending but are powerless to stop it.

Seniors, don’t rely on the “senior exemption.” Lawyers believe the exemption is barred by state law. If a court agrees, you’ll pay too.

Renters, if you vote to increase your landlord’s property taxes, it will be passed on to you.

A 2009 audit shows District property tax revenues have increased every year, and DOUBLED over the past decade. Property taxes are high enough!


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March 25, 2010

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