

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF SOLANO COUNTY MEASURE A

Measure A is really about two lawsuits:

§ The one Solano County should be filing, but is strategically delaying.

§ The one Solano County will face if Measure A passes.

Proponents claim children in Solano County don't receive the same support children in other counties receive because "Solano does not get its fair share of state and federal funding for children's services."

If that's true, then Solano should sue for its fair share! Why ask voters to raise taxes? Is the plan to raise taxes first, then sue for state and federal funding so the Measure A money can be diverted elsewhere?

Remember, Measure A is carefully drafted to contain NO GUARANTEES the money will go to children's programs!

The second lawsuit? California's constitution requires TWO-THIRDS voter approval of taxes promised for specific purposes. The County thinks it has outwitted the constitution by separating the tax (Measure A) from the purpose (Measure B). It plans to impose the tax with simple majority approval.

But if the County levies the tax without 2/3 approval, taxpayer organizations and public interest groups are ready to sue. Then every penny generated by the new tax could go to lawyers instead of children's programs.

Proponents try to guilt us into raising taxes by saying it's what responsible citizens do. Actually, responsible citizens demand that county leaders represent them in petitioning state and federal agencies for their fair share of funding. And responsible citizens avoid foolhardy gambles that invite lawsuits costing millions. Vote NO!

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