Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure S

The two opponents don't live in Fairfield or Suisun City. They don't understand the needs of our schools. And they clearly don't understand how Measure S works because they overlook one **VERY IMPORTANT FACT**: <u>Measure S will NOT increase taxes.</u>

Everything the opponents say about increasing taxes simply isn't true and should be ignored. **Measure S does not increase tax rates.** It extends the rate we already pay to fund repairs and upgrades at our aging and outdated schools.

Consider the FACTS and vote Yes on S.

FACT: Every penny from Measure S <u>must</u> be spent in Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District schools. This isn't an opinion or talking point: it's a legal requirement. The project list in your voter pamphlet details the use of funds. No funds can be taken away by the State or used for administrator salaries or benefits.

FACT: Measure S requires an **independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits to ensure transparency and accountability.** The oversight committee of Fairfield and Suisun City residents reviews the use of funds and reports their findings.

FACT: Fairfield-Suisun **schools were built up to 70 years ago**. While some local schools have been upgraded, others have not. Measure S updates classrooms, science labs, job training facilities, and technology.

FACT: Measure S helps **Fairfield-Suisun schools compete for millions in state matching funds** that would otherwise go to other communities.

FACT: Quality schools bring **employers and good jobs to our area**. Good schools **protect strong home values**.

Don't be misled! Study the <u>FACTS</u> and vote <u>YES on S</u> for quality Fairfield-Suisun schools – without increasing taxes.

- S// Jana Modena, Chair, Measure J Citizens' Oversight Committee
- S// David Isom, Vice President, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Governing Board
- S// Sean Quinn, Retired City Manager
- S// Kim Liew, Parent/Realtor
- S// Gwendolyn Harrelson Lawton, Retired Administrator