
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE AA

The world's most innovative and fastest growing industries are right here in the heart of Silicon Valley. With exciting technological advances for medical devices, semi-conductors, driverless cars, solar and renewable energy being developed daily, our high school students need to have the skills to compete for these pioneering careers.

We cannot expect our students to be a part of tomorrow's innovations when they are learning in labs and classrooms that were built in the 1960s and have aging electrical systems that do not support modern instructional technology.

Branham, Del Mar, Leigh, Prospect and Westmont high schools require repairs and renovation to improve infrastructure, labs and job training classrooms for a modern education in the fields of science, engineering, medicine and technology.

Measure AA ensures our high schools meet current safety and seismic standards, and are modernized so students develop the tools to be competitive for careers in Silicon Valley and the worldwide job market.

Yes on AA:

- Upgrades classrooms and labs for science, engineering, robotics, coding, biotech and computer technology courses
- Repairs leaky roofs and removes hazardous asbestos
- Improves school access for students and teachers with disabilities
- Strengthens the seismic safety of school buildings
- Upgrades infrastructure including wiring, networks and instructional technology

Mandatory taxpayer protections are required:

- Every penny must stay local to support our high schools
- By law, funds cannot be taken away by the State
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits are required
- No funds can be used for administrator salaries

Whether or not you have school aged children, good schools keep our neighborhoods desirable and protect the value of our homes.

Help prepare our high school students for future success. Join parents, teachers, elected leaders and the business community in voting YES on Measure AA.

/s/ Matthew R. Mahood
President & CEO San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

/s/ Judy Chirco
Former San Jose City Councilmember

/s/ Laura Hallinan
Campbell Union High School District Teacher of the Year

/s/ Nicole Shaddox
President, Westmont High School PTSA

/s/ Manny Barbara
Vice President, Silicon Valley Education Foundation

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE AA

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Now, just 10 years later, they want to do it all over again, but at more than 3 times the cost, plus interest.

It's amazing how fast classrooms become obsolete these days.

Can the Campbell Union High School District be trusted with this \$275,000,000 bond debt?

The answer is clearly NO!

They have already been wrongly entrusted with \$90 million to upgrade facilities, and now they want another \$275 million (saddling us with *another 25-30 years of debt!*)...to do the same thing all over again.

Are school buildings constructed so poorly that they need repairs every 10 years?

This bond expense, per student, equals \$36,897. At 20 students per classroom, that's \$737,957 for each classroom. That's some fancy classroom!

They want to "modernize classrooms, labs" at a cost of 3 times what that cost just 10 years ago. That's outrageous.

Would you take out a 25-30 year loan to buy a computer?

No? But, that's what the district wants you to do.

That's just nuts!

No sane person would take out a loan for 25-30 years to buy technology that's going to be obsolete in 3-5 years. But, that's just what the District is asking you to do.

Let's reject these wasteful expenses by voting "NO," on Measure AA.

You can be for schools, for students, for teachers, but against Measure AA.

For more information:

www.SVTaxpayers.org/2016-campbell-union-high-school-district-bond

/s/ Mark W.A. Hinkle
President: Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association

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They say they want to prevent "overcrowding", but student enrollment from 2010-11 school year has declined from 7,581 students down to 7,453 in 2014-15. Virtually no change in 5 years.

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Our lone opponent files an identical argument against nearly every measure on the ballot, every year. He's entitled to his ideology, but he doesn't live in our community and hasn't bothered to understand our needs.

If he did, he'd know that our high schools were built in the 1960s, and that classrooms built to teach home economics are now housing our engineering curriculum. The world has changed dramatically and educational standards have evolved as well.

We can't expect our kids to be a part of the next wave of innovation in Silicon Valley if they don't acquire modern skills to compete for tomorrow's careers. Our students can't succeed with severely outdated classrooms and labs.

Measure AA:

- Upgrades classrooms and labs for modern science, engineering, robotics, coding, biotech and computer technology courses
- Upgrades infrastructure including wiring, networks and instructional technology

The district has been fiscally responsible with taxpayers' money, refinancing debt when possible. It's returned roughly \$14 million to taxpayers in just the past 2 years and has earned an AA+ credit rating which is awarded to less than 10% of school districts statewide. The district will not finance technology with long-term bonds, only short-term bonds. Not just because that's the responsible thing to do, it's the law.

There is no other funding source other than Measure AA. Funds cannot be taken by the State and citizen oversight and annual audits ensure they're spent as promised.

Vote YES on Measure AA.

/s/ Carl Guardino

President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

/s/ Elena Shea

President, California 6th District PTA

/s/ Fitzgerald Vo

Science Teacher, Branham High School

/s/ Evan Low

State Assemblymember

/s/ Eve C. Walton

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