

Vote NO on Measure EE.

We all want an effective public education system for our children and support greater funding to get there. Unfortunately, LAUSD's proposed parcel tax isn't the answer. It includes no guarantee to spend our tax dollars in the classroom to improve education.

Voters approved tax increases in 2012 and again in 2016 to fund schools. LAUSD continues to shortchange our children with poor student achievement scores in English and math, low graduation rates and declining enrollment.

DON'T BE FOOLED. Money from the tax won't add resources to classrooms. It will be used to temporarily fix a budget deficit and to pay for LAUSD's over-promised pension and health insurance costs.

A 2018 Reason Foundation report found that over the last 15 years, the district has lost more than 245,000 students. But, the cost of the district's employee benefits have increased 44% since 2014. Its spending on outside consulting services rose 110% since 2014.

The Daily News wrote, "Parcel taxes tend to take a greater percentage of income from lower-income taxpayers." This tax "will add hundreds of dollars annually to homeowners' property tax bills and thousands of dollars to the annual expenses of supermarkets, retail stores, office buildings, warehouses and commercial facilities."

This tax includes apartment buildings. High rents will increase more!

Families are getting crushed with unaffordable housing. A new tax of 16-cents per sq.ft. of building space (\$537 per parcel average) makes matters worse.

Needlessly, this June 4th Special Election is costing taxpayers \$12.5 million.

LAUSD WASTES OUR MONEY.

District bureaucrats and defenders of the failed status quo want taxpayers to bail out a school district with a history of red ink, appalling education results, declining enrollment, runaway administrative hiring and exploding retirement and health care costs.

REFORMS MUST COME FIRST.

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