ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

The Yuba Community College District – serving all or part of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties – has quietly grown into a critical player in the economic health of our region. Consider:

- With five college campuses and one learning center, Yuba CCD is now the most important provider of job training to adults of all ages in the area.
- Given the high cost of the University of California and California State college systems, our students must now look to their local community colleges as a high-quality, affordable alternative.

Your Yes vote on Measure C will allow Yuba CCD to become an even more effective job training and education center while building in ironclad taxpayer protections to ensure our tax dollars are spent prudently and wisely. With improvements and upgrades throughout the district, Measure C projects will:

- Expand the Wildland Firefighting program and Fire Prevention Technology
- Allow for increases in nursing and other health service occupations
- Develop Teacher Credentialing programs to meet the regional teacher shortage
- Expand career and technical education programs
- Construct new labs and learning spaces
- Meet handicap accessibility (ADA) requirements on all campuses
- Construct agriculture technology facilities
- Upgrade fire alarm and emergency communication systems

Measure C imposes tough taxpayer protections by:

- Ensuring our local community college projects are eligible for state matching funds
- Requiring independent citizen oversight and annual audits
- Prohibiting funds from going to administrators' salaries, pensions, or benefits
- Imposing tough legal restrictions requiring all monies to be spent on local college campuses so that the state cannot take local bond funds and spend them elsewhere

For improved local job training, an affordable college alternative for our students and taxpayer protections, please join us in voting YES on Measure C.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

The Yuba Community College proposal lists 31 items the bond money will be used for. Many are routine maintenance type items which should be paid for with annual budget resources and many of the same items were listed in Measure Q approved by the voters in 2016. However, as with many cities, counties, school districts and special districts in California, payments to the two pension systems (CalSTRS and CalPERS) have undoubtedly grown significantly in recent years which, in turn, depletes funding for routine maintenance. The College District is looking to fill the void with bond money.

Many of the items listed are extremely general and not specific as to what is planned, such as “Maintenance Building/Print Shop,” “Multi-Purpose Facility,” “Gyms,” “Automotive,” and “New District Offices Building.” There is absolutely no detail listed for those and other items. When asking for taxpayers to fund college projects, the projects should be clearly and specifically defined.

The Argument in Favor states that no funds will be spent on Administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. Does that mean it can be spent for salaries, pensions and benefits for instructors and classified employees?

The Sutter County Taxpayers Association urges you to VOTE NO ON MEASURE C.

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