

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE C**

This measure would authorize the Williams Unified School District to issue up to a total of \$11.0 million in bonds with interest rates up to the statutory limit of 12%. Bond proceeds can only be used to fund specific construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities authorized and listed in the measure, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities. Bond proceeds cannot be used for any other purpose such as teacher salaries, administrative salaries, or other school operating expenses.

This measure requires the establishment of a citizen's oversight committee which will include, among others, representation of a taxpayers association, a business organization, and a senior citizens organization. District employees or vendors will not be allowed to serve on the oversight committee. Furthermore, the District Board of Trustees is required to perform an annual performance and financial audit to ensure that bond proceeds have been spent on specifically authorized projects. Additionally, so long as any bond proceeds remain unspent, the District is required to provide the Board of Trustees with an annual report describing the status of any bond proceeds and the school facilities projects funded by those proceeds.

The best estimate of the average tax rate needed to fund the proposed issuance of bonds by the District is \$49.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of the bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases/decreases in assessed valuation. The total estimated principal and interest to be repaid is \$23,300,000 if all the bonds are issued and sold.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Williams Unified School District. It requires at least a 55% yes vote to pass.

/s/ Marcos A. Kropf
Colusa County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Our schools are some of the most important assets in our community and should be our number one priority. From higher achieving students, to greater neighborhood safety and improved property values, quality schools make a difference. While our teachers and staff do a great job in educating our children, many classrooms and school facilities at the Williams Unified School District are outdated and inadequate to provide students with the facilities they need to succeed. This is why our children need your **YES vote on Measure C!**

Although our schools have been well maintained over the years, aging classrooms and facilities must be upgraded since many do not meet 21st century standards. Measure C would allow the District to improve our local schools and the quality of education provided to students. By investing in our schools, we can meet today's safety, technological, and educational standards and better our community.

If passed, Measure C will provide funding to make facility improvements at Williams schools including:

- Modernizing and renovating outdated classrooms, restrooms, libraries, and school facilities
- Making health, safety and handicapped accessibility improvements
- Improving student safety at drop-off and pick-up areas
- Replacing temporary portables with permanent classrooms
- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs
- Upgrading inadequate electrical systems

Measure C makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.

- All funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State.
- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- Funds can only be spent to improve our local schools, not for teacher or administrator salaries.

Measure C upgrades and renovates old and inadequate school facilities, improves the education of local students, and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and **VOTE YES ON MEASURE C!**

/s/ CJ LaGrande, Farmer

/s/ Andi Armstrong, Business Owner

/s/ Roberto Mendoza, Business Owner

/s/ Kent Boes, Williams City Councilman

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C

None Filed

