

Vote **“NO”** on Measure ES !

Quarter Billion Dollar+ Tax Hike on Homeowners, Renters, and Taxpayers West of PCH (Sepulveda)

THIS GRASSROOTS FLYER PROVIDES THE FACTS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HIDING.

These facts are from government public record information. See PublicSafetyProject.org.

- **Evidence of Pay-For-Play:** \$81,000 in BIG campaign contributions mostly from out-of-town & out-of-state special interests that make money from school bond taxes, including architect, construction, consultant, & technology companies, & lawyers. \$5,000 from ESUSD’s law firm. **(SEE BACK SIDE)**
- Special interests often receive a MILLION TAX DOLLARS for every THOUSAND DOLLARS they contribute. They don’t donate \$5,000 to \$10,000 each to get nothing in return.
- **Measure ES Campaign:** Organized by a school board member and a former city treasurer who resigned in disgrace; Managed from Oakland; Slick mailers designed, printed, & mailed in Berkeley.
- **ALL of the School District’s TAXPAYER COST NUMBERS are OPTIMISTIC ESTIMATES!**
The Tax Rate Statement for Measure ES states, "... the foregoing information is based upon the District’s projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District."
- **By Law, ES authorizes unlimited property tax increases** to secure the bonds for the “investors”.
- **Total homeowner/renter/taxpayer cost of up to \$368 MILLION for principal and interest!**
 - **\$193,428,000 estimated taxpayer cost** for principal and interest is **wildly optimistic.**
 - **Legal maximum cost to taxpayers is FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT BORROWED: \$368 MILLION.**
- Renters pay property taxes passed on to them in their rent as an overhead cost.
- By law, **ONLY 25 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR IS GUARANTEED to be spent for schools!**
- **\$92 MILLION for schools,** and up to **\$276 MILLION in interest to hand-picked “investors”**, without a competitive bid to determine bond interest rates, durations, and sales fees.
- **12% Maximum Legal Interest Rate for up to 40 Years!** That’s what “at legal rates” means in ballot statement. ESUSD violated E.C. §13119 by not disclosing bond duration in ballot statement.
- **We are Still Paying 13.899%, 9.704%, and 8.09% for previous ESUSD Bonds** until 8/1/2033, 8/1/2025, and 8/1/2027, respectively.
- **ESUSD regularly sells Risky Capital Appreciation Bonds that exploit taxpayers.** They pay no principal or interest for a span of years, add unpaid interest to the principal, & pay interest on interest.
- **ES will spend MILLIONS on computers and technology that will be obsolete and trashed or recycled in 3 to 5 years,** and finance it at up to 12% for up to 40 years, secured by our homes!
- **Bond Money WILL BE SPENT ON SCHOOL EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND BENEFITS.**
 - Measure ES text states: “Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff” (salaries & benefits – see back side & TransparentCalifornia.com).
- **“Citizens’ Oversight Committee” is a farce:** Hand-picked by School Board using District recommendations, serves at will of School Board. Last one disbanded before all money was spent.
- **Past Annual Audits DID NOT STOP ESUSD from VIOLATING the LAW on use of Tax Money.**

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- **ESUSD VIOLATED laws against spending taxpayer money on political campaigns.** E.g., contract approved 2/14/2017 with True North Research, Inc. for campaign polling & communications.
- **School District spends operating and maintenance money on lavish salaries, benefits, and pensions,** then cries “poor”, “leaky roof”, & “unsafe” to guilt taxpayers into paying double & triple.
- **EXAMPLES from El Segundo USD Salary and Pension Data at TransparentCalifornia.com :**
 - **School Board Member William Watkins,** a **retired ESUSD teacher & administrator** with **40 years** of service, **gets a CalSTRS pension of \$138,830 per year for life** with **\$2,127 annual COLA raises.** His pension paid him **\$931,920 for 2011-2017,** and ~ **\$2 Million for 2001-2017,** mostly from taxes.
 - **School Board Candidate Paulette Caudill,** a **retired ESUSD teacher & teachers union member** with **< 35 years** of service, **gets a CalSTRS pension of \$91,077 per year for life + \$1,535 COLAs.**
 - **School Board Member Nancy Cobb,** a **retired ESUSD teacher & teachers union member** with **17 years** of service, **gets a CalSTRS pension of \$40,170 per year for life + \$680 COLA raises.** **She organized the YES on Measure ES campaign scam,** with all the contributors below.

Most of the \$81,000 in Measure ES campaign contributions are from out-of-town and out-of-state businesses that make money from school bond tax hikes. Some worked on Wiseburn high school in E.S. Silver Creek Industries below **sold 4 modular classroom buildings to ESUSD** and wants to sell more.

YES ON ES CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT	WEBSITE	TYPE OF BUSINESS
PBK, Inc., Houston, TX	10,000.00	PBK.com	Architecture
DLR Group, Omaha, NE	10,000.00	DLRGroup.com	Architecture, engineering, planning, and interior design
WLC Architects, Rancho Cucamonga, CA	10,000.00	WLCArchitects.com	Architecture
Balfour Beatty, Dallas, TX	8,500.00	BalfourBeattyUS.com	Construction
Atkinson Andelson Loya Romo & Rudd, Cerritos, CA	5,000.00	AALRR.com	ESUSD's law firm – probably paid over \$1 Million with our tax money.
Network Integration, Rancho Cucamonga, CA	5,000.00		Network integration services
Continental Development, El Segundo, CA	5,000.00		Real Estate Development
Elements Consulting, El Segundo, CA	5,000.00		Consulting services
TELACU Construction Management, Los Angeles, CA	5,000.00	TELACU.com	Construction management
VPLS Solutions, Orange, CA	4,999.99	VPLSolutions.com	Sell and install large computer networks and communication systems
Pringle Associates, Torrance, CA	2,000.00	PringleAssociates.com	Construction inspection consultants
Silver Creek Industries, Perris, CA	1,500.00	Silver-Creek.net	Sold 4 modular classroom buildings to ESUSD approved at 2/14/2017 ESUSD Board Meeting.
Koury Engineering & Testing, Chino, CA	1,250.00	KouryEngineering.com	Engineering and testing for construction
Geo-Advantec, San Dimas, CA	1,000.00	GeoAdvantec.com	Geological engineering services for school construction projects
Williamson Construction Co., Lawndale, CA	1,000.00		Construction company
Omar Sadek, Redondo Beach, CA	1,000.00		Owner, Transportation services
TOTAL \$	76,249.99		