

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY MEASURE O

The issues aren't education's importance or Sacramento's budget cuts.

The issues are:

- Proposition 98 guaranteed that 40% of California's general funds be spent on public education. According to the Governor's budget, statewide education spending/student continues to increase! The "crisis" isn't REVENUE; it's SPENDING!
- Property taxes **already** fund Cupertino Union School District.
- Additionally, homeowners are **STILL** repaying the District's infrastructure bonds: 1995 - \$71,000,000; and 2001 - \$85,000,000.
- Last March, Proposition 55 authorized \$12,300,000,000 more to relieve overcrowding and repair older K-12 schools!
- All of the money raised by this new tax can be used to inflate teachers' salaries. There's no requirement that any of it go to enhancing student achievement or maintaining educational programs.

Why **another** tax that only property owners pay?

Homeowners are on a property taxing merry-go-round. How many different "creatively labeled" property taxes are necessary? When is enough enough? When do tenants and exempted seniors (Cupertino Union School District offers seniors exemptions for votes) pay their fair share?

Tenants and senior homeowners (44.6% of the electorate) **escape** taxation altogether!

To the District "the ends justify the means." Only residents vote, whether or not they are homeowners. It's unfair for those who **WON'T** be paying to vote for more property taxes! Tax **EVERYONE** or **NO ONE**!

TWICE before, Cupertino Union School District parcel tax measures have been **DEFEATED**! History demonstrates Cupertino Union School District DOESN'T LISTEN!

Your **NO** vote on Measure O doesn't mean you are against schools, it means you are for wise spending.

For more information see www.VoteNoOnO.us

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The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal to the argument in (favor of) against ballot measure 0 at the
(circle one) (letter)

General special election for the Cupertino Union School District
(title of election) (name of jurisdiction)

to be held on 11/2/04 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best
(date of election)
of their knowledge and belief.
(his / her / their)

1. Signature 8-7-04 Date
Chair, Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County
Title to Appear on Argument
Allen Hacker M
Residential Address Print Name as Signed Male/Female
2. Signature 8/7/04 Date
President, Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Association
Title to Appear on Argument
Dennis Umphress (M)
Residential Address Print Name as Signed Male/Female
3. Signature 08/06/04 Date
Homeowner
Title to Appear on Argument
MICHAEL EDLICK (M)
Residential Address Print Name as Signed Male/Female
4. Signature 8/11/04 Date
Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Association
Title to Appear on Argument
SACK E. DAVIS (M)
Residential Address Print Name as Signed Male/Female
5. Signature 8/16/04 Date
Board Member, Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Assn.
Title to Appear on Argument
Elizabeth C. Brierly (M)
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I, Allen Hacker, bona fide association member, am
also the filer of this argument.