

## **Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure B**

### **YES on Measures A and B!**

Children are the special interest of everyone! Our future, the future of the entire county, depends on how well we prepare and care for the next generation.

The very people who work on behalf of children are the ones who have worked diligently to get these measures before the voters. They know that all Solano children need and deserve so much more. The waiting lists for healthcare, high quality childcare and affordable housing are long; too many services are available only after families and youth are already in crisis; we have huge opportunity gaps - gaps that do not exist in our neighboring counties.

Many children in Solano still need our help:

- Child poverty has almost doubled in less than 10 years.
- 2300 children are on childcare waiting lists.
- Youth unemployment in Solano is DOUBLE other Bay Area counties.
- 2100 school-age children are homeless.

Investments in prevention have been proven to work, to save money and lives, yet most funding coming to Solano is directed by law to high cost intervention programs.

Opponents describe children as a “special interest group.” Children do not lobby the Board of Supervisors; they do not write campaign checks and they do not vote. It is our responsibility to be their voice in the political process, as their future success in life is in all of our “special” interest. We must vote for them.

Together, let’s invest in Solano’s children.

### **Vote “Yes” on Measures A and B!**

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/s/ John Anderson, Board Chair of the Solano Children’s Network

/s/ Leneshia Anderson, Parent Advocate

/s/ Christie speck, Board President of Solano Family & Children’s Services