

**Los Rios Community College District
Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure E**

VOTE NO ON MEASURE E. The claim that Measure E imposes protections for the Taxpayers because there will be an “independent oversight committee” is just an empty promise.

Since 2000, local bond measures that pay for school construction require on 55 percent local voter approval, instead of two-thirds. With that change, the legal requirement of a citizen watchdog group which would monitor bond expenditures was established.

However, the Little Hoover Commission in their 2017 scathing report titled “Borrowed Money: Opportunities For Stronger Bond Oversight” addressed the lack of effectiveness of oversight groups. “By and large...have proven ineffective” wrote the Commission in their report. Most of the concerns revolved around bond oversight committee members who are handpicked by the Districts, lack training, have conflicts of interest, either real or perceived, and the difficulty committee members have receiving required documents from the districts.

Currently the appointment is handled by school district officials, the group that the committee supposedly oversees. Thus, the Commission recommended changing the oversight committee appointment process. However, nothing has been done! The “independent Oversight Committee” is not that independent.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE E. Do not let politicians tell you to give them more money.

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