

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L

Esparto School District's two prior bonds have failed mostly, in part, because the last approved bond, the 1996 Bond (receiving a landslide 75% approval), was for a football and track complex (like almost every other school district has) and a middle school which was constructed with bond and development fees. The 1996 bond paid for the land for both the middle school and the sports complex. However, the sports complex, although promised, was never built and that property has now been given to the control of the County for the Pool and County Park eliminating any chance of what was promised to the voters and our students.

We are still paying each year on our property tax rolls for that property and almost two generations of students have now attended Esparto High without a field and track that they can be proud of. Meanwhile, the District has received untold tens of thousands of dollars in development fees for school construction and improvements but never built the sports complex. Rather the District bought additional property west of Esparto for a new high school with zero voter approval. Land that now sits vacant.

Our District needs to fulfill its obligation to the community and our students as voted on in the 1996 bond, get the District's property back from the County, and build our kids the sport complex that we promised them over 25 years ago. No doubt we need to fix and improve our schools, but first the District needs to fulfill its obligation to the 1996 Bond that was overwhelming approved by our community.

I urge a no vote until the District fulfills its prior Bond obligations to the voters and our kids. It's a matter of confidence and trust which must be regained before we consider another bond.

/s/ Charlie Schaupp

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