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From:	Robert Nolty ‹
Sent:	Sunday, October 04, 2020 9:37 PM
To:	PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject:	Monday City Council: Possible City Position on Prop 20 and Measure J

Hi all --

I was disappointed to see the recommendations of the Legislative Policy Committee on Proposition 20 and Measure J. I think they are out of step with the people of Pasadena and with the times. People want action on redirecting resources from the prison pipeline to life-giving social services. Please oppose Prop 20 and support Measure J.

Bob

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From:	Paul Little
Sent:	Monday, October 05, 2020 7:28 AM
To:	PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc:	City_Council
Subject:	PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 17-City Council Endorsements

Good afternoon.

The Board of Directors of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce took a very strong OPPOSE position to PUSD Measure O-the $516million bond that is on the ballot for November 3rd.

This was a well-considered and thoroughly discussed position.

The Board objected to the measure for many reasons. Briefly stated they are these:

1. The additional tax burden will be borne by local taxpayers for more than 25 years. Titled the Pasadena Unified School District Repair, Technology, Student Achievement Measure, less than 15% is dedicated to technology upgrades. None of the funds generated are allowed to be spent on instructional materials or teacher salaries, per California law.
2. The Pasadena area is experiencing the harshest financial downturn since the Great Depression. Unemployment has skyrocketed, recovery will be a long slow process and no one but the wealthy among us can afford any additional expenses right now.
3. Pasadena Unified needs to concentrate on student achievement and the educational environment in its classrooms, not be distracted chasing construction funds that are unnecessary and unwarranted at this time. PUSD leadership is on record stating they have "failed" African-American students.
4. Pasadena Unified is suffering from significantly declining enrollment, with projections that only 14,000 students will be attending PUSD schools within five years. School district officials and board members have blamed the decline, at least in part, on a lack of affordable housing in the PUSD service area. Ironically, passage of Measure O would make residential rents even less affordable as landlords pass tax increases along to tenants. Struggling small businesses will see their rents increase to cover additional costs forced upon them by Measure O.
5. The PUSD Board of Education has struggled to maintain a healthy financial outlook for the district, getting to the verge of a takeover by the LA County Office of Education due to its inability to make tough financial decisions. At the same time the school board struggled to determine which campuses to close as a result of its significantly declining enrollment. The Chamber Board would like to see the PUSD show a few years of financial solvency and leadership in making difficult decisions before seeking a half billion-dollar investment from local taxpayers,"

Measure O is bad for Pasadena residents and businesses. Please do not endorse passage of this flawed and very ill-timed measure,

Thank you,

Paul Little
President and CEO

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Subject: Measure O

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I urge the City Council NOT to support Measure O. This is the wrong time to raise indebtedness and taxes. Further, this is a blank check with very little to no definition of specific plans and no justification. Further, the measure is misleading in that most of it will not be spent for technology.

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From:	Dennis De Pietro <dennis@depietroholdings.com>
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Subject:	City Council Agenda Item 17 regarding Measure O

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Dear members of the City Council,

My name is Dennis De Pietro and my wife Susan and I live in Pasadena. I am a licensed architect.
I am one of the co-signers arguing against Measure O in the Los Angeles County Official Sample Ballot.

I am asking you to take a position against Measure O.

This is obviously the wrong time to raise taxes by over half billion dollars plus the additional enormous sums needed to service the bond's debt.
The Pasadena School District is overspending on facilities and not focusing on instruction.
The School District has a bad record of accountability.
The projects referred to are just everybody's wish list with **88%** to be spent on **non-**technology items.
In the past 22 years, student enrollment has declined 24% and is expected to decline another 11% by 2025.
In the past 20 years PUSD has raised property taxes twice by almost $600,000.000.00, incurring large sums to service their debt. These bonds will not expire until 2037.

Please, oppose Measure O.

Respectfully submitted.

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