

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE BB

“The Irvine Support Our Schools Initiative of 2012.”

Support Our Schools – Vote YES on Measure BB!

Our Irvine schools are facing an emergency and desperately need our support. That is why 18,000 of your fellow Irvine residents signed petitions to place Measure BB, the Support Our Schools (SOS) Initiative, on the City of Irvine November 6th ballot.

As a result of the continuing state budget crisis, our Irvine schools have suffered more than \$50 million in budget cuts since April 2009, reducing the number of teacher instruction days, increasing class sizes and slashing budgets for school health programs, supplies and school security. Another \$10 million in budget cuts have been threatened for next year.

Your YES vote on Measure BB will more than double the support our City gives to our schools and will provide \$5.5 million annually in public and private funds for all of the schools attended by Irvine students, whether they are in the Irvine or Tustin districts.

Measure BB funds come from accumulated surpluses in our City's General Fund. Measure BB does not raise taxes.

When passed by Irvine voters, SOS will:

- Provide funding for teachers, instructional aides, school nurses, school safety officers and classroom supplies.
- Allocate \$2.5 million annually to the Irvine Education Partnership Fund to support academic performance for Irvine's K-12 students served by the Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts from 2013 through 2016.
- Allocate \$1.5 million annually from 2013 to 2016 to support programs designed to reduce class size. These funds are intended to be matched by corporations and nonprofit organizations.

Sadly, we cannot depend on Sacramento to protect the quality of our schools in Irvine. Measure BB provides funding to Irvine schools, which Sacramento politicians can't take away. Vote YES on Measure BB.

Please join our campaign at www.SOSIrvine.com

s/ Larry Agran
Irvine City Councilmember
Chair – Yes on Measure BB

s/ PK Wong
Irvine Finance Commissioner
Co-Chair – Yes on Measure BB

s/ Carolyn Inmon
Retired Teacher
Irvine Child Care Committee
Co-Chair – Yes on Measure BB

No argument against this measure was submitted.