ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

Measure for 21st Century Schools and Academic Excellence

In La Habra, good schools improve our property values and maintain the desirability of our community. We need to improve our schools so students have quality classrooms and modern facilities to be better prepared for high school and college.

As our schools age they require more annual repairs and improvements. Measure “O” will provide a sustainable source of funding for the modernization and upgrades required to meet current building standards throughout the La Habra City School District.

State and Federal funds for schools are decreasing. Measure “O” will provide a local source of funding that the State cannot take away to ensure the quality of our schools. Funds would stay in La Habra, and be used to renovate classrooms, libraries, and support facilities.

MEASURE “O” WILL:

• Provide a permanent source of local funding for improved student and teacher access to computers and modern classroom technology
• Create and equip middle school academy facilities focused on enhanced instruction related to Math, Science, Arts, and Humanities
• Upgrade science classrooms and provide digital media equipment
• Modernize classrooms and upgrade lighting, window, heating, and ventilation systems to extend the life of our schools and improve energy efficiency
• Protect the General Fund from ongoing repair expenses and put money back in the classroom

MEASURE “O” PROVIDES TAXPAYER SAFEGUARDS:

• An independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee
• Annual financial and performance audits
• Requires that funds are used only for voter approved projects - not for salaries, administration, or overhead

Every student regardless of background should have the opportunity to excel academically. We need to improve our schools so all our children have the facilities they need to succeed. Measure "O" will guarantee local funding to offset State budget cutbacks, modernize classrooms, improve technology, and reduce operating costs.

Please join us and Vote YES on Measure "O"!

s/ James Gomez
Council Member
s/ Kathy Felix
Realtor
s/ Rose Espinoza
Council Member
s/ Paul Rodriguez
Board Member
s/ Nancy S. Zinberg
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No argument against this measure was submitted.