

SDCTA Definition of Ballot Box Budgeting

Any initiative or bond measure that is deemed to be ballot box budgeting would generally not be supported by the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

Ballot Box budgeting is defined as any measure voted on by the people, whether put on the ballot by the people or an elected governmental body, that would limit a government body or elected officials' ability to set budgeting priorities by tying their hands and permanently earmarking funds for a specific purpose.

This definition would not apply under the following conditions:

1. The measure was put on the ballot by an elected governmental body because of a legal obligation to do so or
2. The measure identifies a new revenue source to pay for itself.