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**Taxpayers Association Announces Key Recommendations:**

**YES on SD School Bonds - Measure U**  
**Prevent Uvalde in San Diego!**

**NO on Repeal of the People's Ordinance - Measure B**  
**B is bad. It's garbage!**

*Watchdog group says it's time to finish the job of securing our schools,  
while protecting less affluent communities from new garbage fees*

**San Diego, CA (September 8, 2022)** – Two of the most expensive and contentious measures before voters in November were tackled recently in ballot recommendations announced by the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

“Some of our ballot recommendations this election cycle may be unexpected, but that’s because we’re thorough and we’re non-partisan,” said Haney Hong, president and CEO of SDCTA. “Our research and analysis are above politics.”

SDCTA is recommending voters reject Measure B, which would give the City of San Diego the ability to charge twice for garbage pick-up by neglecting the fact that everyone, including those who live in apartments, pay into property taxes.

“Everybody in San Diego already pays for garbage pick-up through their tax dollars just like people in New York City, Boston, and Chicago,” said Mark Nelson, chair of the Association’s board of directors. “San Diego’s plan would make everyone pay twice, and that just isn’t fair. Measure B would allow the city to impose new fees that could hurt lower-income communities the most, especially homeowners south of I-8. Measure B creates a trash monopoly instead of letting competition keep prices down.”

Hong added, "The Association believes there’s a better way to do this. A way that helps the City while protecting taxpayers. And that’s not Measure B.”

To view SDCTA’s full policy report containing its position on the People’s Ordinance, you can access it on our website [here](#).

SDCTA is also recommending voters approve Measure U, which authorizes San Diego Unified School District to issue \$3.2 billion in bonds for school security and campus upgrades.

“We conducted in-depth research and review, and while there are elements of the measure with which we disagree, this appears to be a well-designed program that is focused on real school district needs,” Hong said. “Every San Diego family deserves safe schools.”



While SDUSD says it will spend \$250 million on school security upgrades through 2024, it says it needs another \$300 million to finish the job. School officials demonstrated to SDCTA that Measure U puts school security on a separate fast-track for funding. The plan of finance does not utilize any capital appreciation bonds, which are notorious for saddling taxpayers with heavy debt and little to show.

“Our children, teachers, staff and volunteers deserve to be safe and secure at school. Prop U will ensure that all of our 226 school sites are equipped with the most protective facilities and technology available now and in the future,” said Richard Barrera, president of the San Diego Unified School Board.

Planned upgrades reportedly include fencing, secure single point of entry to campuses, lighting, security cameras, door locks, and integrated emergency communication systems.

Over the next month, the SDCTA will release additional voting recommendations before ballots are mailed to San Diego voters.

**SDCTA President and CEO Haney Hong is available to speak with the media. Please email [press@sdcta.org](mailto:press@sdcta.org) to arrange an interview.**

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