

**League of Placer County Taxpayers
JUNE 6, 2006 BALLOT ISSUES**

MEASURE	LEAGUE ANALYSIS	LEAGUE RECOMMENDATION
LOCAL ISSUES:		
A	Measure F Sheriff Pay: Repeals 30-year-old ordinance equating Placer County Sheriff pay to that of surrounding counties. <u>Outdated.</u> Repeal would allow Sheriffs Association to negotiate pay with Placer County. Sheriff negotiators would be retired personnel or other non-self-serving persons. (See column 2, page 1)	YES
B	Sierra College Bonds - \$78.2 Million: College trustees "Gerrymandered" special bond district to exclude Lincoln area, but permits Lincoln youth to attend college. Bond funds proposed to repair leaky roofs, plumbing, and waste systems, which are items of maintenance. Bond money should not be used for routine maintenance.	NO
C	Appointed Lincoln City Clerk: Proposal to appoint clerk by city manager or Lincoln Council, not elected by the people. Do Lincoln residents want a <i>nonresident</i> clerk as a custodian of records and electronic documents?	NO
D	Lincoln - Appoint City Treasurer: Current elected treasurer position replaced by appointment of city manager or council. Appointee need not reside in Lincoln. Do Lincoln voters want their funds and investments administered by an outsider?	NO
E	Alta-Dutch Flat School Tax: \$52 Per parent. 2/3 Vote required. A parcel tax, not a bond, to continue education programs and maintenance.	VOTER CHOICE
G	Grant High School District - \$230 Million Bond: A very small part of Placer is in this district. The usual tired refrain of "leaky roofs, drainage systems, gutter, downspouts, exterior painting due to <u>lack of maintenance.</u> Bonds should not be used for operating expense items. Poor management.	NO
STATE MEASURES:		
81	Public Library Act - \$600 Million Bond: Proposes funds for construction and renovation of public libraries. Cost to state (public) \$1.2 billion over 30 year pay off. In 1988 voters approved \$75 million in library funds. In 2000 another \$350 million. Now we are asked for \$600 million. More for politicians to squander on other pet projects. State now has a heavy bond debt with proposed \$36 billion public works bond measure coming in November. Set some priorities; infrastructure ahead of libraries.	NO
82	Preschool Education Funded by Tax on Individuals with \$400,000 plus Income: Brings state into 4-year-old education. Generates expected \$2.4 billion. Cost of \$109,000 per student based on maximum enrollment of 22,000 children. A lavish money waster with state indoctrinating kids away from home—unless the money runs out due to rich lifestyle changes. A "meathead" brainwave. (See column 3, page 1)	NO

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time-consuming and unnecessary requirements. Many private providers would go out of business, leaving the state with a monopoly in educating (shall we say "brainwashing") your child.

The real victims, other than the 4-year-olds, would be low to middle income women who run nearly all private early-

care centers that comprise a majority of California's childcare industry. *Do we really want a completely state-run childcare program?* Sounds like 1984 or the USSR.

An obscure provision of Prop 82, the fine print, allows the state to assess a fee on parents, a new "parent tax." Also, Prop 82 could force the legislature to *raise taxes on all of us* if the revenues are not enough. **Vote NO on 82!**

— Wally Reemelin

**\$78 Million
and Change**

The administration of the Sierra Community College comes to the voters to pass Measure B on June 6 which would authorize a \$78.2 million bond. They want to float the bond to be repaid by a property tax override for 25 years. The administrators claim, probably correctly, that the money is needed badly. The money, they further claim, would be used for deferred maintenance. Of course, they do not use this terminology; they call it "critical needs," not mentioning that the deteriorated buildings on the Rocklin Campus are the result of misplaced priorities by the Sierra College administration.

Bonds should never be used as the funding method to pay for remedial work. Well, hardly ever. In rare cases where a real need exists and trustworthy individuals have replaced the scoundrels who have squandered taxpayer money by permitting the deterioration to occur, a bond may be justified to pay for remedial work.

One of the examples of misspending, smaller financially but more egregious ethically, was to use college district money to promote one ballot that involved a college bond.

Some persons who constitute the Sierra College administration were not involved in the malfeasance that resulted in deferred maintenance. The question is, has the leopard changed it's spots?

The new players have been careful not to tip their hands. However, on Sunday, April 23, astute observers obtained all the clues they need. Local papers published a "Sierra College Community Report" which was a paid half page advertisement issued by Sierra College. The advertisement included a paragraph praising, if not advocating, passage of Measure B. The advertisement, published less than seven weeks prior to the election, is clearly a poorly disguised promotion of a ballot measure. Apparently the leopard has at most rearranged it's spots, not changed them.

— Dan Sokol

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land and where specific sites were needed. Highway and railroad alignments are examples of the use of eminent domain being a necessary evil. However, the practice was expanded by grasping governmental units, institutions, corporations, and others who would hide behind the cover of corrupt or gullible government officials. Using a wide variety of reasons, these covetous entities have seized private property from unwilling sellers for many different noble and ignoble purposes.

The Auburn officials ask us to trust them. Even if we could trust the current AUDA members, how can we trust future members not yet elected or appointed, particularly with candidates for the Auburn City Council "kowtowing" to the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce for endorsements while running for office. A former member of the Auburn City Council stated during a council meeting that the *Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce was an arm of the city government.* Members of the current city administration appear to believe that the government of the City of Auburn is an arm of the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce.

—Dan Sokol

"DAFFY DEFINITIONS"

Democrat:

You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful. You vote people into office that put a tax on your cows, forcing you to sell one to raise money to pay the tax. The people you voted for then take the tax money, buy a cow and give it to your neighbor. You feel righteous. Barbara Streisand sings for you.

Republican:

You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. So?

Socialist:

You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor. You form a cooperative to tell him how to manage his cow.

Communist:

You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with milk. You wait in line for hours to get it. It is expensive and sour.

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