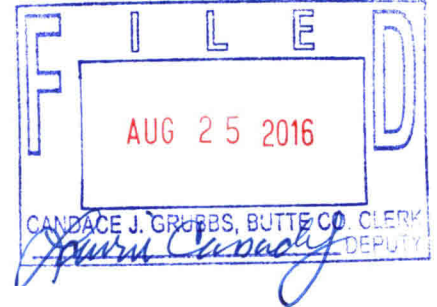


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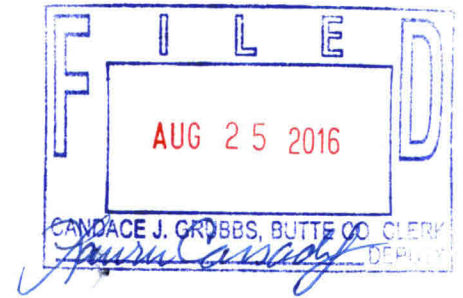
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Ballot measure letter K, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on NOV. 2016 in the County of Butte, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure K

Measure K proponents remind us that every student should have safe, up-to-date, quality facilities, while admitting, "many of our schools were built over 50 years ago, have not been updated and are in great need of significant structural repairs and upgrades."

Why? Because Chico Unified School District, according to the 2016 budget narrative, practices "deferred maintenance", postponing maintenance and repairs to save costs, meet budget funding levels, or realign available budget monies for other purposes.

The latest budget shows \$31 million for employee benefits, 21 percent of the total budget, while \$4.5 million, only 3 percent, is budgeted toward Capital Outlay, money spent to either purchase a fixed asset or extend it's useful life.

District pension expenditures are projected to increase from an 11 percent contribution to over 19 percent by 2020. According to the budget narrative, "The concern and challenge will be when the increased revenue from COLA will not be enough to cover projected increased costs in retirement contributions alone."

The measure specifies that funds cannot be used for teacher or administrative salaries or pensions, but the school district will be able to realign funds formerly set aside for Capital Outlay toward increasing pension costs.

The measure states, "The Board will appoint a citizen's oversight committee..." allowing the Board to choose members who support their spending decisions.

Excessive public debt is bad for the community, including students. Excessive tax burden prohibits investment, which stimulates the economy and produces jobs.

Please reject Measure K.