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Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure C

The Yuba Community College proposal lists 31 items the bond money will be used for. Many are routine maintenance type items which should be paid for with annual budget resources and many of the same items were listed in Measure Q approved by the voters in 2016. However, as with many cities, counties, school districts and special districts in California, payments to the two pension systems (CalSTRS and CalPERS) have undoubtedly grown significantly in recent years which, in turn, depletes funding for routine maintenance. The College District is looking to fill the void with bond money.

Many of the items listed are extremely general and not specific as to what is planned, such as “Maintenance Building/Print Shop,” “Multi-Purpose Facility,” “Gyms,” “Automotive,” and “New District Offices Building.” There is absolutely no detail listed for those and other items. When asking for taxpayers to fund college projects, the projects should be clearly and specifically defined.

The Argument in Favor states that no funds will be spent on Administrators’ salaries, pensions or benefits. Does that mean it can be spent for salaries, pensions and benefits for instructors and classified employees?

The Sutter County Taxpayers Association urges you to VOTE NO ON MEASURE C.