Measure A Pleasant Hill Recreation & Parks District Bond – COCOTAX Opposes

VOTERS SHOULD VOTE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL:

Taxpayers are already paying interest on the prior bond, and will for many years to come.

The bond language allows bond money, on which taxpayers will pay long-term interest, to be used for “repairs” and “renovations”; taxpayers should not have to pay interest for work that should have been funded from the District’s operating budget.

The District wants to use bond money for routine maintenance because its operating budget is stressed to pay rapidly rising payments for unfunded pension debt.

The amount of the bond is too large, considering the financial impact on working families, who are struggling to meet high living costs and a flood of other tax proposals.

Pleasant Hill property owners will also bear the costs of building and maintaining a new library, a responsibility the county abandoned in order to meet its own $1.2 billion unfunded pension debt.

The governing board needs to learn a lesson - what working families know and have to do every day - live within its means.