

## Myths vs. Facts

Measure E, on the November 5, 2024 ballot, will provide funding to upgrade aging classrooms and school facilities to maintain quality education and protect student safety in all LUSD schools. Voting Yes on E would provide locally controlled funding to repair our schools so all students attend class in safe and up-to-date schools.

Myth: California's budget process provides funding for school facilities and repairs.

<u>Fact:</u> California does not provide dedicated state funding for school facilities but defers to local districts to raise funding for such needs. Should state funding become available through a state facilities bond, the state requires a local match to receive any of this potential funding.

Myth: Proposition 2, the statewide school bond measure on the November 2024 ballot, will fund school repairs for LUSD.

<u>Fact:</u> If Proposition 2 passes in November, the state will enlist a competitive process for school districts to seek funding. No funding is guaranteed to go to LUSD, much less at the level of funding needed to address the most urgent upgrades and repairs at all school sites. Measure E funding is the only guaranteed funding for LUSD needs that cannot be used for any other purpose but can be used to leverage other sources of funding to supplement Measure E funding for these repairs.

Myth: The State of California can take some or all the funding under Measure E.

<u>Fact:</u> California may <u>NOT</u> take funding raised by Measure E. Rather, all funds must be spent locally and are subject to strict accountability and oversight as explicitly provided for in the bond measure language.

<u>Myth:</u> Measure E funding will go towards administrators' salaries and pensions and other general operating expenses.

<u>Fact:</u> <u>NO</u> funding from Measure E can be spent on administrators' salaries, pensions or general operating expenses whatsoever.

Myth: LUSD residents' taxes will increase exponentially under Measure E as market values grow for homes in our area.

<u>Fact:</u> Measure E will calculate a \$27 per \$100,000 of assessed value – not market value – of a home in the district boundaries. As such, a home that is assessed at a value of \$500,000 (even if market value is higher) will pay about \$135 for the entire year (**NOT** monthly).

Myth: Measure E funding will be used for new school construction in LUSD boundaries.

<u>Fact:</u> Measure E funding will <u>NOT</u> be used for the building and construction of any new school campus. Instead, it will be used to repair aging classrooms; restrooms; leaky roofs; replace failing heating, cooling, electrical systems, water and gas lines; upgrade plumbing to maintain safe drinking water on existing campuses for students; and remove discarded hazardous materials like asbestos and lead in old and aging school buildings. To review projects that could be funded with the passage of Measure E, please see <u>Project List (yesonmeasureelusd.com)</u>.

Myth: I do not have children in the LUSD schools and will therefore not benefit from Measure E.

<u>Fact:</u> Property values in the LUSD boundaries are affected by the quality of its schools, which are in desperate need of repairs and urgent upgrades. Investments through Measure E will help improve the quality and ensure the ongoing safety of our current LUSD school infrastructure.

For more information, please see <u>Yes on Measure E LUSD</u>.

Yes on Measure E LUSD 2024

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