

Dear Editor and Citizens,

As it is now, if a bond passes by one vote, it is in place, no matter how many times it was voted down before.

With all of the built in advantages for the bond proponents such as:

1. The ones pursuing the votes for a government entity have a lot of people in that government entity to work for the bond.
2. People in one school help with one bond so that the people at the other school support theirs.
3. It is very easy to exploit students, sick people, seniors, etc.
4. The often used tactic of not maintaining a building they wish to destroy so it will run down, etc.

There needs to be some changes made to offset such exploitation.

1. A bond should have to pass with at least 70% yes vote.
2. I would like to see a rule that before a person can vote on a bond election, that person has paid at least a thousand dollars in local property tax in each of the past three years. That way the people paying the tax debt are the only ones to vote on increasing the tax debt.
3. I know some people will say that is not fair to people not to be able to vote on the bond issue. I ask how is it fair for people who pay little if any property tax to vote a bigger bond that will last for decades on people who carry the load.
4. How much money will be wasted on interest while that bond is being paid off?
5. How much are we already wasting in interest on debt that hasn't been paid off yet? Shouldn't they be telling us that so we have the whole picture when we vote?
6. Stop continuously bringing up bond elections which is a big waste of time and taxpayer money. No does not need to be said three times.
7. Stop all help from the architects, construction firm(s), and bond selling agency to sell the bond that get paid with taxpayer money if the bond sells. We see them provide help to sell the bond and how to fight the people who are against the bond. If they get any help, that information should be made public information within hours of receiving that help.
8. There should be at least two years between bond elections to stop the trick of wearing down the opposition.

Did you notice how the tax increase is advertised as just so much a month? Tax bills come yearly not monthly. Multiply by a dozen to see if it is such a small bite.

I have been working against this bond issue. The vast majority of people tell me that they don't need more taxes. Not all taxpayers live on fat street. When taxes increase a person has less money for their family, to maintain a home, run their business, retire, put money into savings, etc.

Have you been reading in the local papers in the past several months seeing how many people have been sued for delinquent taxes. The "We don't need more taxes." statement has a lot of credibility.

I am a 20 plus year student, (full/part time), at our college, taking classes that are helpful in my business and that are of interest to me. Our college is extremely important to me and I'm a big long-time supporter. I'm not happy with the management. I urge you to vote no for the bond and yes for new management.

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