

Yes on S from mayor

June 7 is Election Day. I encourage Hermosa Beach residents to vote in support of Measure S. Some objections have been raised and I would like to dispel some myths. First, the community center is fully utilized, serving members of our community, young and old. It is not for sale. It is important to understand that the city cannot sell the community center to the school for a nominal sum, because that would be considered a gift of public funds, which is illegal. The property would have to be purchased at current market rates. Why would the school buy property when it already owns property? Second, the criticism referring to "waste" is misguided. Education spending in California ranks at the bottom of the country, and we rank at the bottom in the South Bay. We cannot waste what was never there in the first place. That said—this bond is about infrastructure investment, not spending on operating expenses. Third, traffic could actually be mitigated because the school would serve third and fourth graders who could potentially walk through Valley Park, as opposed to very young children currently driven to North School who require an adult for drop off/pick up. Our schools are outdated and overcrowded. Children are educated in trailers. If you look to the north and south, you will see that our neighbors have already demonstrated their commitment towards educational infrastructure. I urge Hermosa Beach residents to unite in support of Measure S and by extension, the future of our community.

—Carolyn Petty, Mayor of Hermosa Beach

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