

MESSAGE TO TUSD GOVERNING BOARD:

I'm here tonight on behalf of the Pima Association of Taxpayers. For years, considerable taxpayer dollars have already gone to this utter folly of looking into a bond for TUSD, in terms of consultants, exorbitant staff expense, bond attorneys and advisors, but don't mistakenly throw more money at it.

Just the election alone will cost TUSD \$1.2M.

Due to the fiscal mismanagement and mistrust in TUSD, as documented by your own hired survey consultant, do you really want to risk asking voters to approve additional debt for this district, and receive absolute rejection, further demonstrating lack of confidence by your constituents?

Please consider the \$64 million dollars annual cost to property owners, in so called "desegregation funds," to residents, and passed on through businesses to non-property owners, which TUSD already receives, without any voter approval and despite annual declines in TUSD enrollment and closures of numerous schools.

TUSD recently submitted documents to the federal court, seeking partial unitary status in the area of facilities, avowing that the district is in compliance, so this bond proposal is diametrically opposed to that assertion, demonstrating disingenuousness.

We don't have the specifics as to where the money would go. This denial of crucial information to the public is improper and disrespectful, so characteristic of TUSD. Also, how can you, as board members, adequately assess the need and analyze the potential, let alone vote on this item without knowing precisely for what you're voting? In the last bond issue passed, it was admitted to the bond fiscal oversight committee that the details were not in place prior to the bond election. This is deplorable business strategy. In the most recent bond election, when voters turned down the bond, it was because it was common knowledge that the district was already seeking RFPs and proceeding with implementation, with or without voter approval.

Interest on whatever amount of bond you would determine, would be harmful to TUSD residents, and constitute an even greater cost to businesses. **WE CANNOT AFFORD ADDITIONAL DEBT.**

PLEASE VOTE THIS DOWN TONIGHT, OR AT LEAST TAKE ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONSIDER REASONABLE REALITY IN TUSD AND DELAY A DECISION.

Have you considered the additional tax burdens already approved from the city and county? How much more do you figure the taxpayers can assume?