ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Dear Valley Voters,

Our Lagunitas School District provides outstanding education through unique programs, great teachers, and extraordinary parent involvement. Our innovative programs serve as models for other schools across the nation. Our graduates consistently excel in standardized test scores and high-school grades, emerging unusually well-adapted to the real world.

Yet the Lagunitas School District is the lowest-funded in Marin. This is because our District is not big enough, nor small enough, nor rich enough, nor poor enough to receive equitable funding by California's complicated 19-page formula. California itself has been among the lowest states in per-pupil funding for decades.

As a result, our School District depends on local funds for 21% of its educational budget to pay for vital programs including:

- Environmental Studies
- Class Size Reduction
- Library Services
- Technology
- Counseling Services
- Art
- Music
- Foreign Language
- Physical Education
- Science
- Instructional Materials

As Valley voters, we have proudly supported local funding for these programs for 15 years. Measure B does not request new funds, but merely continues our commitment to these critical programs.

To offset reduced state funding, volunteers and staff have held numerous fundraisers, lobbied the State Legislature, and secured grants from Federal, State, and local agencies. To reduce costs, our District released staff, cut programs and services, and engaged more volunteers.

Strong schools like ours develop responsible citizens and leaders. They also keep our community vital and enhance our property values. Your support for Measure B is essential for the Lagunitas School District to continue to provide quality education that the children of our Valley deserve.

If Measure B fails, local funding for these programs will end in June. Please Vote YES on Measure B.

s/ David Cort, Director
San Geronimo Valley Cultural Center

s/ Edie Robinson
Long-Time Valley Resident

s/ Jack Kornfield, Senior Teacher
Spirit Rock Center

s/ Frances L. Van Midde
Homemaker

s/ Kent Julin, PhD
Forest Ecologist

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

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