

## Argument AGAINST M & O Override-TUSD

By law, school districts are allowed to override their Revenue Control Limits if their voters approve. School districts often do this, and this proposed override is for \$18 million per year.

But because of a desegregation lawsuit, the court has allowed TUSD to spend a massive amount of money, \$64 million this year, or approximately \$126 per residence, for desegregation expenses.

People in TUSD have had a desegregation surcharge added to their taxes every year for the last 25 years. Other school districts don't have the use of such money, which is far greater than a typical override.

TUSD has used the desegregation money for general expenses; so, in effect they have been receiving a huge override every year without voter approval.

For years, the TUSD budget has been increasing along with the number of employees, while school district enrollment has steadily decreased by approximately 1600 students on average, per year, which results in a large increase in per-student spending each year. Again, this is an increase that other school districts don't generally receive.

Unemployment and foreclosures are continuing to increase in our area. As a part of our community, TUSD should be willing to bear its fair share of the burden.

We urge you to vote NO!

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