

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure B-26

The argument against B-26 rests on several flawed premises and omissions.

First, B-26 is intentionally designed to acquire Sunnyside and fund operations and maintenance, creating the platform to pursue grants, philanthropy, and partnerships for phased improvements. Calling the tax “inadequate” because it doesn’t fund the entire build-out on day one misrepresents how park projects are typically financed.

Second, labeling Sunnyside’s topography and buildings a “liability” ignores modern park design and adaptive reuse. Multi-level sites and existing structures are routinely transformed into valuable public assets—playfields, community centers, performance spaces, and childcare—when communities invest over time.

Third, invoking the Habitat Conservation Plan as a substitute for local parks confuses regional habitat protection with neighborhood recreation. The greenbelt preserves habitat and community edges; B-26 gives kids, families, and seniors a place to gather, play, and connect in town.

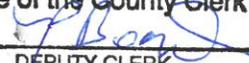
Fourth, it is incorrect to say the LOCSD is “ill-suited” to own and manage Sunnyside. The district already has a Parks and Recreation function, and Sunnyside would expand that role. The parcel tax will provide stable funding to support additional staff and professional management. Acquiring Sunnyside lets LOCSD grow its parks capacity while addressing a severe shortage of usable community park space in Los Osos.

Finally, the supposed “choice” between Sunnyside and a hypothetical civic center with housing is false. Nothing in B-26 blocks downtown revitalization or new housing elsewhere. B-26 simply secures the last, best central site for public use before it is permanently lost.

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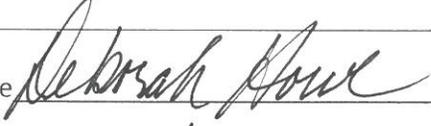
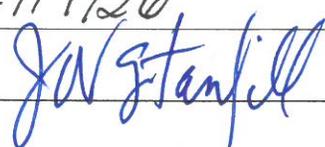
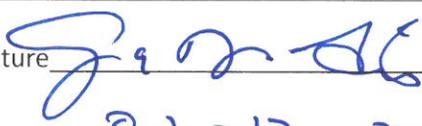
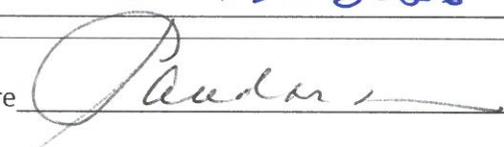
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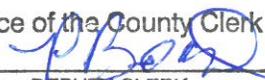
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