

Application for Legislative Endorsements by the Democratic Party of Contra Costa (DPCCC)

Please follow all instructions for this application. We can only consider applications that follow all instructions. If you need an exception, please contact the emails listed in this application directly.

- *Make a copy of this document and add the bill number or resolution title into the document title [Example title: 2025-2026 SB 79 (Wiener) Application for Legislative Endorsements by DPCCC Issues Committee]*
- *Send applications **in google docs form** to: issues@contracostadems.com, jeremylevineucsb@gmail.com, and iredpccc@gamil.com*
- *Applications may refer to resolutions or legislation.*
- *Please submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the next scheduled Issues Committee meeting. The Committee generally meetings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Applicants should either plan to attend the meeting to speak on behalf of their request or inform the committee chair (email above) that they will not be available.*
- *Please limit your application to 4 pages if possible. Consider how to make your application readable, such as by changing the formatting of the text you use from that of the questions (ie remove italics from your responses) so members of the committee can easily read what you write.*

Section I: Administrative Information

Name or Title of Issue: Measure X

Date of application: August 20, 2026

Name of organization or individual submitting application:
Liberty Union High School District

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Section II: Background Information

What is the summary of your issues' intent and impact? Include bill number if appropriate.

If you are requesting a position on legislation, please answer Questions 2-5.

1. *Please summarize your issue.*

The Liberty Union High School District would like support for its Bond measure that will be on the November ballot. The measure will be instrumental in providing crucial updates to all five high schools in the District, including Liberty High School, which is the oldest high school in Contra Costa County.

Our high schools are among the best in the region. Liberty, Freedom, and Heritage High Schools provide outstanding instruction that prepares students for college, careers, and lucrative jobs. All three schools have earned recognition as California Distinguished Schools and California Gold Ribbon Schools.

To maintain that standard, Measure X will fund critical repairs and upgrades needed for student success. Many facilities are more than 60 years old. Aging infrastructure has caused gas leaks, water leaks, sewage backups, and more than 150 roof leaks in the past two years alone. These problems must be addressed.

2. *What legislative body is considering this legislation*

East Contra Costa County

3. *Please include any companion bill numbers for legislation moving through the other house. None*
4. *What is the bill title? Measure X*
5. *Who are the author and any co-authors of the bill? LUHSD*
6. *What position are you asking the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County to take? Endorse Measure X*
7. *How does this issue align with the California Democratic Party platform and/or values? If it does not currently align with the platform, please explain why it is a Democratic value that we seek to include in a future platform. Please include specific name/date of platform plank, previous legislation, or resolution.*

This aligns with the Platform on K-12 Education -- We must fully fund public education to correct years of insufficient allocations, increase funding to put California in the top states in per student spending, and equitably distribute funding to school districts most in need; Children and Families -- California Democrats understand that children and young people are integral to our society. For them to thrive, we will work to provide them with a healthy start, a solid education, and a safe community. We support the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, recognizing as a human right that children should be afforded special care and protection; and Business and Economy -- A robust economy and business climate that creates jobs and expands opportunity for all is fundamental to the promise of the American Dream and the spirit of California. Work provides dignity and contributes to our individual and collective growth. We contribute to the tax base that funds programs and policies we champion as Democrats to advance economic justice and a fair distribution of resources. We must continue encouraging creativity and innovation that typify all 6 parts of California and draw people from across the country and the world.

8. *What are the expected outcomes of your issue for residents of Contra Costa County? Please include any reference sources that*

will help our committee understand the issue/history surrounding the legislation, including URLs and web links. The more our committee knows, the better we can review and analyze the issue.

(Please see attachment for specific projects that have been identified)

- Removing hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead pipes from older schools*
- Upgrading campuses to meet current health, safety, and accessibility standards*
- Repairing or replacing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines, heating, ventilation, electrical systems, and aging portables*
- Providing modern classrooms, technology, and facilities that support instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology*
- Expanding career technical education with updated labs and equipment for programs such as health sciences, agriculture, skilled trades, law enforcement, and fire safety*
- Improving student safety through upgraded fencing, cameras, emergency communication systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers*

9. *What is the timeline regarding your issue? Are there any deadlines or time constraints that the committee should be aware of when considering this matter, and making recommendations to the Central Committee membership? If you become aware of time constraints after submitting this application, please update the Issues Committee.*

Just to have it endorsed in time for the November election

10. *How does your issue relate to other current or proposed legislation? n/a*

11. *What has been the experience of your issue in previous legislative sessions and/or other states?*

Liberty has a strong history of successful ballot measures and we just completed two bonds which has seen successful upgrades to Liberty and Heritage high schools.

12. *What is the fiscal impact of your issue?*

If approved, Measure X will bring up to \$35 million in state matching funds to our district that would otherwise go elsewhere, maximizing the value of local taxpayer dollars.

13. *Who are the primary proponents (including legislators) of this issue, and what resources do they bring to this effort?*

We are working with a citizen's committee who will be providing fund-raising expertise and donations of time and resources of their own. These residents include but are not limited to:

Seana Fippin

Founder and CEO of Red Box Business Solutions

Roy Ghiggeri

*Former Liberty Union High School District Board Member;
Partner/Owner of G&S Farms*

Brian Swisher

*Former Mayor, City of Brentwood; Controller, Wayne E. Swisher
Cement*

James Hamilton

Vice President, Board of Directors, Delta Community Services

Eric L. Volta

Former Superintendent, Liberty Union High School District

14. *Are there other elected officials or organizations that have signed on in support?*

Yes, LEA as well as all of the LUHSD board

15. *Who are the primary opponents? (Please be Specific) What arguments are used to oppose this policy?*

So far there are no opponents

16. *Are there other elected officials or organizations that have declined support? If so, why? n/a*

17. *Have you had any contact with elected officials or organizations that support or oppose this issue?*

We are currently reaching out to elected officials and are not prepared to state their names yet.

Section III: Requested Actions in Support

If endorsed by DPCCC, how best can the DPCCC support this proposal? (The DPCCC Issues Committee will let you know how much support we can offer.)

- *Use DPCCC's name/logo on fact sheets, endorsee list*

- *Post information on DPCCC website*
- *Written/oral testimony*
- *Inform Contra Costa County Elected Delegation*
- *Inform Endorsed Democratic Local Elected Officials*
- *Action Alerts to members*
- *Letters to the editor*
- *Send to CADEM Legislation Committee*
- *Other_____*

Endorsements will be shared on the DPCCC website and in other advocacy venues

If you have any questions, need additional assistance, or require ADA accommodations, please let us know by email at issues@contracostadems.com. You can also reach us by phone or text at (206) 619-5030 or 510-423-1153. All information and communications are confidential.

*For more information on DPCCC's Issues Committee, visit:
<https://www.contracostadems.com/leadership>*

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