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County Supes to Consider Project Labor Agreements next Tuesday - Your Help is Needed!

Taxpayers would bear higher costs if the Sonoma County supervisors decide to mandate project labor agreements (PLAs) for County construction projects. A PLA is a project-specific collective bargaining agreement between a construction contractor and labor unions. When a PLA is mandated by a government agency, the agency's construction contracts can be awarded only to contractors and subcontractors who hire union workers. That means substantially more expense for the taxpayers. SCTA urges you to send each of the five Sonoma County supervisors the following email:

"Why are PLAs even being considered since they discriminate against 85% of the construction industry not signatory with the unions? If you supervisors do choose to adopt a policy mandating PLAs for County construction projects, you should at least follow the recommendation of your subcommittee on PLAs (Supervisors Rabbitt and Carrillo) -- You should put the projects out to bid asking that each bid be submitted with and without a PLA as part of it. That way the County will know if the taxpaying public is getting the best deal for its money, or having its money wasted as a favor to a small special interest group."

If you prefer, you may of course compose your own email. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to discuss County policy on PLAs next Tuesday, January 14 at 2:00 pm. So please send your email to each supervisor at the following addresses by Monday, January 13. Thank you for your help.

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