

Increase Voter Turnout in LBUSD Elections – Vote Yes on **LBU**

Aligning Long Beach School District (LBUSD) elections with our municipal and state elections is a common-sense way to both increase voter turnout and save money for our city. It's not just good policy — it's ultimately a civil rights issue.

Consolidation will:

- Reduce the number of times voters are asked to go to the polls each year, making it easier to stay engaged and vote;
- Save money for taxpayers. Fewer elections mean fewer costs, and aligning LBUSD elections with the state and county means cities won't have to pick up the entirety of the costs of local elections;
- Most importantly, it means more voices are heard, and the community is better represented.

LBUSD elections are extremely important, but when they take place apart from a state or national election, turnout has historically been extremely low. Cities statewide are moving to consolidate elections. We know this increases turnout and simply put, more people voting is good for our families and community.

We saw this in 2020, when the City of Long Beach aligned elections with the state cycle and turnout in the primary effectively tripled compared to 2016.

That's healthy for our democracy and makes our government more representative.

LBUSD has historically held elections at a different time from state and national elections, without any good reason. That's confusing, and it reduces turnout. Finding time to learn about candidates and to actually vote can be challenging for people — especially those who work multiple jobs and have to take care of family members.

Voting is the core of civil rights and at the heart of our democracy. Anything we can do to increase turnout — we should do. It's the right choice for our schools.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE **LBU**