Analysis of Argument against PLA

Primary Thesis: The PLA amounts to a giveaway and is not needed.

Secondary Thesis: The PLA violates voter trust

Secondary Thesis: PLA’s drive up the costs of construction.

Reasons: The Bertolini Student Center and the Doyle Library were completed without a PLA

Studies show that PLA’s drive up the cost of construction by 13 to 15% more. The Bertolini Center would have costs 2.5 million had there been a PLA

Contractors would pay double, one for their own retirement and another for union retirement

Assurance for the above; National University System Institute for Policy Research.

The Builder of the Bertolini Student Center

Counter Argument (implied)

Workers receive higher wages under a PLA;

Refutation of Counter; All are paid prevailing wages.

Level of Language: Descriptive: 2.5 million higher, 13 to 15% higher, 78000 square foot; contractors would pay double, one for their own retirement and another for union retirement

Normative; giveaway, betray trust

Warrant: Whenever there is a PLA it will drive up costs.

Whenever there is a vote on a capital improvement bond, voters should know about labor agreements.