

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE FF

This Measure fails to guarantee that the Tax SHALL be spent on delivering the listed benefits. The Proponents enumerate all the benefits that citizens MIGHT receive. They list the 'Emergency' needs that citizens actually have. However, the Proponents fail to even promise that the taxes will be spent on the listed benefits. The best the Proponents can promise is that these new taxes 'will help' provide beneficial services.

The Measure has set up the classic 'bait & switch' scheme. The Measure and the Proponents have identified services that the public wants. The voters are left to assume that the City's statement of the need is the same as the City's promise to fulfill that need. Don't be FOOLED. The Tax Measure does NOT promise to fulfill the NEED and the Proponents don't promise delivery either.

Be realistic. The City can't afford to deliver these services and catch up with the out-of-control pension costs. Berkeley's Fiscal Report states that the City increased expenses last year by \$27.9 million primarily due to salaries and benefits. Voters will not approve 'more taxes for the Bureaucrat's benefit package.' So, Proponents are going the next best thing; trying to FOOL the voters with empty promises.

Voters can be certain that they are being BAMBOOZLED by the Proponents of this New Tax because the Proponents never mentioned the BIGGEST financial problem: Pensions. Pensions are the reason that the City needs more and more money to deliver basic services.

Just Vote NO!

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