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A NO Vote on the GANN Measure will keep the City honest!

The City can and must keep the services you pay for and enjoy at the same level, without this measure. Furthermore, the 11% population increase gives the City an 11% spending limit increase. Rate of growth is built into the state spending formula!

There are ways to stay within state limits.

Last year, the City's library system took in \$4 Million more than they spent. This excess can be spent on the libraries or the tax goes back to the citizens. Yes, that is what the constitution requires if the GANN spending limit is reached.

But, the City wants to spend more, preferring to divert the excesses to higher citywide staff salaries and benefits. Are Berkeley citizens enjoying increased household income during the pandemic?

Most of Berkeley is belt-tightening, and the taxes keep increasing! Tighten even more...three costly taxes for the Berkeley schools will begin in December.

When the proponents say they will lose millions in taxes, this really means they must become accountable to you, the citizen. Why is the City so loathe to spend revenues for their specified purposes, when this is the right thing to do?

The 11 Harmed Homeowners have pondered this very question. Their homes have been overcharged for these taxes for years yet are denied a correction.

We want to see our tax dollars used for their intended purposes or refunded as the law requires.

Vote NO on the GANN Measure.

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