

## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C

**We like to swim. We support both our city and schools, but let's make the choices that benefit everyone in our community, not just a narrow interest group.**

### **Better, greener alternatives exist:**

- Berkeley has 15 pools: 9 public, 6 private (3 non-profit).
- **Rehabilitating existing pools can be done at 1/3 the cost!**
- **The greenest facilities are the ones already built; demolition and construction burn fossil fuels, choke landfills and waste resources.**
- **For warm pool needs, giving Berkeley's senior and disabled swimmers passes to YMCA or Cal Stars wouldn't cost millions, and would help keep those facilities economically viable.**
- If a new regional facility is truly needed, Berkeley should pool funding (get it?) from other cities, like we did for Gilman Sports Fields and Palo Alto did for their warm pool.

### **Our finances are stretched too thin already:**

- Unemployment is 11.3%, a ten year high
- Berkeley's municipal debt skyrocketing: \$4 million this year, \$14+ million next year
- \$20 million new taxes added last November
- \$208 million new BUSD bond coming this November
- More taxes and fees issuing from Federal, State, City governments

### **City and BUSD should rethink their priorities:**

- **Maintenance has grown to 380% of original estimates – don't spend money like water!**
- UC and BHS already have competition pools, residents don't need another
- **All other school districts open their pools to the community outside school needs**
- BHS pool should be made available to the community, including Barracudas
- **Recreation Taxes hiked by 38% just for expensive new pools** while Parks and Recreation budget facing 25% cuts in next two years.
- **City still hasn't responsibly prioritized and funded essential services**

**Vote for better, greener, sustainable alternatives to keep Berkeley swimming --VOTE NO!**

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