

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure C Berkeley Pool Bond Measure

Let's make reasonable choices that benefit everyone, including Berkeley's swimmers.

- Berkeleyans (tots, teens, adults, disabled) can use Cal's pools/programs
- BUSD disabled students use YMCA pools
- **Giving Berkeley's senior and disabled swimmers Cal or YMCA memberships costs only about 1% of this measure's maintenance. These pools meet needs of nearly all warm pool swimmers:** children, adults, pregnant, seniors, obese, arthritic, multiple sclerosis per the Aquatic Exercise Association (AEA).
- **Measure calls for demolition of a National Landmark**
- **NO mention of green technology** to heat or build pools
- **91F pools have limited usability**, not recommended for tots, children, pregnant, arthritic, seniors, obese
- **If a regional hot pool is needed, enlist partnerships like Palo Alto did.** In 2007 Palo Alto received \$5,274,346 from public and private sources, **city taxpayers paid only \$40,356.**

Berkeley faces skyrocketing debt and hundreds of millions in unfunded liabilities. \$22,500,000 for construction and \$3,500,000 annual maintenance -- with annual adjustments tied to the highest inflator -- is too expensive, especially when Berkeley is cutting essential services

City and BUSD should serve the public better:

- **School districts everywhere open their pools to the community outside school needs, why won't BUSD?-**
- In the 70's Berkeley's Measure Y provided for our right to use school facilities, for recreation, outside school needs.
- **Public funding, public use.**
- **This measure needs to be rewritten** to better serve Berkeley's residents.

Keep Berkeley swimming with better, greener, sustainable alternatives, a legacy we can be proud of. VOTE NO.

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