

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE AA

Measure AA increases protections for renters evicted through no fault of their own during this unprecedented housing crisis, including families with children, and updates the Rent Ordinance to conform to changes in state law. This measure was placed on the ballot by the Mayor, Rent Board, and a unanimous City Council because it requires a vote of the people.

EVERY CHILD deserves the security of the same home and classroom throughout the school year. This is true whether the child's parents own their home or are tenants. Measure AA would delay owner move-in evictions of children until school is out for summer and require fair relocation payments. As in other cities, this measure will bring needed **stability to our classrooms**.

Moving is expensive! The number of **“no-fault” evictions have tripled in the last few years**. Without fair relocation payments tenants cannot afford to stay in Berkeley. **Measure AA will increase relocation payment amounts, which have not been adjusted in thirty years**, and are far less than in cities like San Francisco, Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

A few **“good government”** clean-up changes to the Rent Ordinance are included in Measure AA. These changes will not weaken the law or change the way the Rent Board administers it, but **will make the law easier to understand and follow**.

A YES vote will:

- * Protect Families with Children from owner move-in evictions during the school year.
- * Provide Fair Relocation Payments to tenants who are evicted for owner move-in.
- * Protect Landlords and Tenants by making the Rent Ordinance easier to understand.
- * Promote Neighborhood Stability and Preserve Diversity

Join City Council and School Board members, the Associated Students of the University of California, Berkeley Tenants Union, Landlords, and East Bay Young Democrats in **Voting YES ON MEASURE AA**.

s/Judy Appel
Berkeley School Board

s/Maxwell G. Anderson Jr.
City Councilmember District 3

s/Katherine Harr
Vice-Chair Rent Stabilization Board; Small Property Owner

s/Matthew Lewis
ASUC Housing Commission Chair, on behalf of the Associated Students of the University of California

s/Christina Murphy
Housing Coordinator