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**ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N**

We strongly urge you to vote NO on ALL Berkeley tax measures until we have the fiscal FACTS and a comprehensive community consensus plan to address the City's looming insolvency.

Berkeley has \$1.2 Billion in unfunded liabilities, half for employee costs and half for infrastructure needs. Infrastructure needs include \$28 Million for parks, \$87 Million for streets, \$118 Million for public facility seismic retrofit, and \$207.5 Million for watershed.

**Who will determine which are most important—you, the public, or our insular City Council responding to their own priorities and relentless lobbying from special interest groups?**

**A \$19.4 Million bond for pools and a \$604 Thousand inflation-indexed annual operations tax are NOT aligned with voter priorities.** Voters rejected a similar measure in an expensive special election two years ago. Further, in a recent voter survey, the use of scarce tax resources for pools ranked second to bottom among eleven possible funding areas.

**Why would our City need more money for operation and maintenance** when it annually funds \$200 Thousand for employee health club membership, a \$240 Thousand inflation-indexed guaranteed annual retirement for our former City Manager, and many other no-cost-to-employee benefits?

*BH* **Yes, pools and swim skills are very important.** But Berkeley already has nine pools open to the public (two City/BUSD, four Cal, and three YMCA), another pool at Berkeley High, and two pools available nearby in Albany. These pools have excellent swim programs, and reasonable rates. *well-priced*

**Choices need to be made about how to spend our scarce tax dollars.** These choices must reflect community priorities and be part of a consensus plan. Do you really think \$20 Million for more pools is top priority?

*BH* **We urge a <sup>NO</sup> NO Vote on Measures N and O**

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