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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE N

Berkeley's municipal swimming pools are a treasure. Countless children, families and individuals rely on them for exercise, recreation and swim instruction. However, Berkeley has 50% fewer public pools than it did two years ago.

In 2010, Berkeley voters came close to approving Measure C, which would have funded the renovation of the King, West Campus and Willard pools and rebuilt the Warm Water Pool.

After Measure C lost, the city closed two of the four public pools due to a shortage of operating funding.

After 40 years of providing recreation to children in South Berkeley, Willard Pool is instead filled with dirt. The Warm Water Pool has also been demolished, disenfranchising the children, elderly and disabled who need a multi-use warm pool for therapy and swim instruction. The locker rooms at King and West Campus also need major renovation and repair.

Children, the disabled and elderly, and all Berkeleyans deserve modern, energy-efficient pools. For the health, sustainability and recreation of Berkeley residents, we need Measure N.

Measure N would provide needed funds to renovate and reopen Willard Pool and build a new Warm Water Pool. It would also make needed improvements to the King and West Campus pools.

While some say we shouldn't approve bonds until the City fixes its budget situation, we shouldn't punish our children, the disabled and elderly. We can fix our pools and plan for our city's financial health at the same time.

This is our **last chance** to repair and keep open all of our pools.

Measure N was put on the ballot by a unanimous City Council. Please join community leaders; the Presidents of major neighborhood associations; and elderly and disability advocates in supporting Measure N. Lets restore the Willard and Warm Pools for the health and wellbeing of future generations.

/s/ Loni Hancock, State Senator

/s/ Tom Bates, Mayor of Berkeley

/s/ John Selawsky, President Berkeley School Board

/s/ Ed Gold, Chair, Berkeley's Commission on Aging

/s/ Jim Bullock, President, Bateman Neighborhood Association on behalf of the
Bateman Neighborhood Association