

Argument in Favor Measure P

Because of a state mandated ceiling on city expenditures, this ballot measure comes before the voters every four years for approval. **It must pass or city services will be sharply curtailed.**

This measure does not raise taxes.

During the past decade, the **city's population has grown by more than nine percent.** We are providing **essential services** for our expanding population with a **smaller city staff.** Our citizens want a wide variety of city services and have voted by a two-thirds margin to fund those services during the past two decades. Those tax measures included funding for City libraries (1988), parks (1997) Emergency Medical Services (1997), Emergency Services for Severely Disabled Persons (1998), and for keeping fire stations open and improving emergency medical response and disaster preparedness (2008).

This measure will allow City of Berkeley Departments to continue to provide these important, tax supported community services to our growing population.

If the measure does not pass, the City will lose tens of millions of dollars in already approved tax revenue, forcing dramatic reductions in landscaping, park maintenance, library services, paramedic and physically disabled services, fire safety, and disaster preparedness. **These services impact the quality of life throughout our city.**

This measure was passed unanimously by the City Council.

We urge your AYE vote.

Loni Hancock, State Senator

Winston Burton, Chair Berkeley Board of Library Trustees

Ronald D. Adler, Medical Doctor

Jan Garrett, Disability Rights Activist

John Steere, Environmental Planner