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Rebuttal to Argument in Opposition to Measure T

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7B **ARGUMENTS AGAINST MEASURE T ARE OUTRAGEOUS DISTORTIONS AND HALF-TRUTHS.**

Measure T does not include Aquatic Park. Aquatic Park was specifically removed from Measure T when the Citizens for East Bay Shoreline Park, Sierra Club and the Audubon Society raised concerns. It is disingenuous for opponents to say Aquatic Park will change under Measure T. They know full well it is not included in this measure.

Measure T (West Berkeley's voluntary plan) has been considered for 7 years in more than 75 community meetings. Saying it hasn't been discussed by the community is not true.

7B Only six sites in West Berkeley, ^{TOTALING} approximately 40 acres, not 150 acres as opponents would have you believe, are eligible.

Opponents say everything is fine in West Berkeley, but we have lost over 1500 jobs. Measure T is necessary to bring back jobs and provide space for emerging startup companies.

Opponents say there will be tall buildings throughout West Berkeley, but Measure T limits building heights to designated areas and only allows buildings of up to 75 feet, with an average height of only 5 feet higher than currently allowed.

Measure T is voluntary zoning. If property owners want to use it they must enter into a binding development agreement that guarantees community benefits like job training and affordable housing.

Measure T will help meet the goals of Berkeley's climate action plan by providing housing near jobs.

7B Reject the exaggerations, distortions, and half-truths.

Vote yes on Measure T for jobs and economic progress.

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