

depend upon the bond market at the time of each bond sale. Actual assessed valuation in future years will depend upon the value of property within the City as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Hence, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated stated above.

s/PHIL KAMLARZ

City Manager, City of Berkeley

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE FF

Measure FF will restore Berkeley's four branch libraries, allowing these cherished community resources for lifelong learning to continue to serve Berkeley neighborhoods.

The branch libraries are an essential part of our community and each neighborhood. The library system provides more than 500,000 books, videos, DVDs, cassettes, CDs, books on tape, and microfilm for children and adults alike. But, the branches are old and out of date and must be improved in order to support the over 800,000 visits during the year. Most have not been renovated in more than three decades. The buildings have crowded spaces, suffer from structural and infrastructural damage, need to be ADA-accessible and lack the infrastructure to meet current and future technology needs.

This measure will bring the buildings up to current code standards, meet seismic requirements, make all of the branches fully accessible to Berkeley's diverse population, provide environmentally sustainable "green" operations, and create adequate space for the Tool Library and Berkeley Reads, the adult literacy program. Renovations will preserve and restore the historic architectural features at the branch libraries.

The measure would also require the Board of Library Trustees to report annually to the City Council on the use of the bond proceeds.

As members of the community, we support our branch libraries so the neighborhoods can continue to benefit from their resources. The passage of this measure would ensure their safety.

s/Tom Bates

Mayor

s/Shirley Dean

Former Berkeley Mayor

s/Miriam Hawley

Individually and on behalf of, Action Co-Chair, League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville

s/Darryl Moore

Berkeley City Councilmember and Vice-Chair, Board of Library Trustee

s/Nancy Skinner

Director, Ward 1, East Bay Regional Park District