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Berkeley Association Board (NEBA)

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE GG**

### **VOTE YES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The small group that opposes Measure GG claims to support public safety and wants public safety to “*come before politics.*” But by misleading the voters about the real needs of our Fire Department and our emergency services, the opponents are sacrificing public safety for politics.

Legally, Measure GG funds can only be used for Berkeley’s Fire Department; paramedic services; and disaster preparedness. That’s why Measure GG requires a two-thirds vote from the community.

- Measure GG will stop neighborhood fire station closures.
- Measure GG will equip paramedics at every fire station in Berkeley.
- Measure GG will fund neighborhood disaster preparedness

**While opponents are using Measure GG as a means to attack their political adversaries, Berkeley’s families are put at risk as fire stations are closed, and emergency services weakened. Using emergency services as a political wedge issue puts the safety of fire fighters and families at risk.**

As fire fighters and community members we support Measure GG because the continued degradation of local emergency resources undermines our ability to save lives and protect the community.

**Measure GG puts the readiness of Berkeley’s Fire Department and our community’s emergency services in the hands of voters. Today, you have an opportunity to prevent station closures; support emergency medical response; and restore disaster preparedness.**

Teachers, neighborhood leaders, and Congressman Barbara Lee are supporting Measure GG because it guarantees funding for neighborhood fire stations and Berkeley’s emergency services.

Vote YES on Measure GG.

s/Loni Hancock

State Assemblywoman, 14<sup>th</sup> District

s/Allen Stross

Senior, Commission on Aging

s/Cathryn A. Campell

President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers

s/David Stark

Block Captain Santa Fe Ave, Westbrae Neighborhood,  
CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Leader

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