

s/Laurie Bright
individually and on behalf of, President, Council of
Neighborhood Associations (CNA)

s/Dean Metzger
individually and on behalf of, President, Claremont Elm-
wood Neighborhood Association (CENA), Former City
of Berkeley Commissioner Transportation and Zoning
Advisory Board

s/Karl J. Reeh
individually and on behalf of, President, Le Conte
Neighborhood Association

s/Betty J. Hicks
individually and on behalf of, Oregon Street Neighbor-
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Council & Former City of Berkeley Planning Commis-
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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE HH

With the passage of Prop 13 in 1978, property tax rev-
enues and city service levels were substantially reduced.
To restore service levels for the Library and city parks and
to provide new emergency services, voters passed four
replacement taxes by two-thirds majorities. The *opponents*
of Measure HH *do not accept the will of an overwhelming*
majority of Berkeley voters and are now *attempting to*
overturn their decisions by denying the reauthorization of
these voter-approved revenues.

The opponents falsely claim that funding for essential ser-
vices has not increased where in reality annual Public
Safety (Police & Fire) expenditures have increased 60%
from \$47 million to \$76 million from FY2000 to FY2009.
Second, the opponents claim that city staffing is out of
control, whereas for the last eighteen years, Berkeley's
total number of employees has been roughly constant at
about 1,600. The opponents falsely claim that taxpayers
are paying more for no additional services, whereas
Berkeley is providing many new services, such as new
emergency medical, recycling of green waste, and exten-
sive health services. Finally, Berkeley actively seeks and
receives tens of millions in State & Federal funding.

Measure HH **does not create a new tax.** Measure HH
only authorizes the City to continue using already voter-
approved tax dollars to fund Berkeley's libraries, parks,
and emergency medical services.

**Reject this backdoor attempt to subvert the will of the
voters. Join a unanimous Berkeley City Council and the
League of Women Voters in supporting Measure HH.**

s/Tom Bates
Mayor

s/Laurie Capitelli
City Council Dist 5

s/Gordon Wozniak
Berkeley City Council

s/Therese Powell
individually and on behalf of, Chair, Board of Library
Trustees

s/Barbara Allen
North Berkeley Hills Neighborhood Leader