



## Berkeleyans Against Soaring Taxes!

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### Neighbors say ... **VOTE NO** on FF, GG & HH Fund Essential Services First!

**FF** Why do they want \$26 million when only \$5 million would solve the safety issues? Why estimate construction at nearly \$1,000/sq.ft. when the average in California is only \$344? The City of Lafayette built its library by raising \$24 million without new taxes – from public grants, private foundations and voluntary contributions. Why can't Berkeley do the same?

**GG** A vote for new taxes doesn't guarantee adequate fire protection, and it won't prevent City Council from diverting other funds from fire protection to pet projects. The Fire Department has a management problem with scheduling: 25% of Berkeley's firefighters make over \$200,000 because of 37,000 hours of overtime that cost us \$2+ million a year.

**HH** "Special assessments" are supposed to be for temporary needs, not a blank check forever. The routine City services included in HH were once funded by our general fund, and should be again.

These unnecessary taxes hurt the poor, the elderly and young families. **THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF MONEY. Only 5% of the City's budget could fund all these programs.** Berkeley can be progressive without breaking the bank. In 2004, we stood together and voted NO to a wish list of additional taxes. The City got the message, funded necessary services, and even had a surplus! **Stand with your neighbors again, VOTE NO.** Tell our City Council to fund essential services first, rather than divert our money to non-essential and wasteful projects.

**Fix the Budget First!**

**We are your neighbors. We care about our City. We need Fiscal responsibility. We don't need more taxes. VOTE NO: FF, GG & HH**

Some of the Organizations Opposing the November Tax Measures Are:

\_ Berkeley Alliance of Neighborhood Associations (BANA) \_ Berkeley Can Do Better  
\_ Berkeley Property Owners Association (BPOA) \_ Black Property Owners Association  
\_ Blake and California Neighborhood Association (BCNA) \_ Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association - CENA \_ Council of Neighborhood Associations (CNA) \_ Le Conte Neighborhood Association \_ Oregon Street Neighborhood Watch \_ Stanton Neighborhood Association \_ The Board of North East Berkeley Association (NEBA) \_ The Telegraph Business Improvement District (TBID) \_ Tyler and King Neighborhood Association (TKNA)

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