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COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

**Sample Ballot and
Voter Information Pamphlet**
Muestra del Voto 選票樣本

GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2002

POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8 P.M.

**TAKE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT TO THE POLLS
AND PRE-MARK IT TO AVOID DELAY**

**WARNING:
THE LOCATION OF
YOUR POLLING PLACE
MAY HAVE CHANGED**

**SEE BACK COVER FOR YOUR POLLING PLACE
LOCATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST**



**VEA EN LA CUBIERTA POSTERIOR SU LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN,
LA SOLICITUD PARA BALOTA DE VOTANTE AUSENTE Y LA SOLICITUD
PARA UNA MUESTRA DEL VOTO EN ESPAÑOL.**

**有關你的投票站地點，索取中文選票樣本
及缺席選票申請表資料，請參閱封底。**

CITY OF BERKELEY BOND MEASURE I

I **MEASURE I:** Shall the City of Berkeley be authorized to issue \$7.2 million of General Obligation Bonds to acquire property, if necessary, and to construct or rehabilitate a building for an animal shelter which meets the requirements of state law?

BONDS YES

BONDS NO

Financial Implications: Additional tax rate to meet the estimated debt service on bonds would be the highest in FY 2003 at 0.66 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The average tax rate required to meet the estimated debt service would be 0.40 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE I

This measure would authorize the City Council to issue \$7.2 million in general obligation bonds to acquire property if necessary and construct or rehabilitate a building for a new, larger animal shelter. The measure will be used to ensure that the shelter meets the additional requirements which have been imposed by state law regarding the length of time animals are to be held in the shelter and related services which must be provided for them. Site acquisition and construction, or rehabilitation, including construction of a new shelter at the existing site, would require environmental review and zoning approval.

Financial Implications

In fiscal 2003, the year after the first bonds are issued, the tax rate required to meet the estimated debt service would be 0.66 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate is expected to peak at 0.66 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in 2003. The average tax rate required to meet the estimated debt service would be 0.40 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Assessed valuation	Average annual cost
100,000	\$ 4
200,000	\$ 8
400,000	\$16

s/MANUELA ALBUQUERQUE
Berkeley City Attorney

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE I

An election will be held in the City of Berkeley on November 5, 2002, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City, the question of incurring a bonded indebtedness of the City in a principal amount not to exceed \$7,200,000. It is expected that bonds would be issued in a single series. The following estimated projections are made assuming said bonds are sold in a single series with an annual interest rate of 6% and using 2001-2002 assessed valuation of the City of Berkeley, County of Alameda, California as the base year. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property of the City. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Sections 5301 and 5304 of the California Elections Code. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the City, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the City's assessed valuation, and assuming the entire debt service will be amortized through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement is 0.66 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuation available at the time of filing this statement, is 0.66 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation for the year 2003/2004.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuation available at the time of filing this statement is 0.66 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation for the year 2003/2004.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the City. The actual times of sales of said bonds and the amount sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the City and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which in any event will not exceed 12%, will 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
Deputy City Manager, City of Berkeley

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

Vote YES on Measure I, to replace the antiquated Berkeley Animal Shelter. City Council voted unanimously to put this bond measure on the ballot because they know how decrepit this public facility is.

The Animal Shelter is 'Berkeley's dirty little secret', according to one former employee. It was built in the 1940's when the 'dogcatcher' picked up strays and killed them soon after. But new State laws require that animals be held for longer periods, that they receive medical care if sick or injured, and may not be killed if they can become healthy. State law also requires that animals be spayed or neutered before leaving the Shelter.

The building wasn't built to meet these demands, and cannot.

It is unsafe for everyone – staff, volunteers, visitors and the animals.

Raw sewage backs up in the kennels. The electrical system is a fire hazard and there is no sprinkler system should a fire break out. There is no space to separate sick and contagious animals from healthy ones, so disease spreads quickly. The dark & gloomy chain link kennels discourage adoptions. Rodent infestation is chronic.

Almost every other city in the Bay Area has built a new shelter. Berkeley lags behind.

We must build a Shelter Berkeley can be proud of – which meets the legal and medical requirements, provides a safe working environment for our staff and a community friendly facility for the public.

Our plan includes a vet clinic to provide low income residents, seniors and the disabled affordable medical care for their animals. Low cost spay/neuter surgeries will stem the flow of unwanted animals into our shelter, saving the city money.

Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson and Nancy Hair, Co-Chair of the Berkeley Citizens Humane Commission join other community leaders urging you to VOTE YES ON MEASURE I.

s/SHIRLEY DEAN, Mayor

s/TOM BATES, Former State Assemblyman

s/SHIRLEY ISSEL, President, Berkeley School Board

s/BETTY OLDS, Councilmember

s/DONA SPRING, Councilmember

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I WAS SUBMITTED.

CITY OF BERKELEY BOND MEASURE J

J MEASURE J: Shall the City of Berkeley be authorized to issue \$21.5 million of General Obligation Bonds to renovate, seismically retrofit, Old City Hall (2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way), and make it fully accessible using a base isolation design?

Financial Implications: In fiscal 2005, the year after the first bonds are issued, the tax rate required to meet the estimated debt service would be 2.48 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate is expected to peak at 2.48 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in 2005. The average tax rate required to meet the estimated debt service would be 1.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

BONDS YES

BONDS NO

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE J

This measure would authorize the City Council to issue \$21.5 million in general obligation bonds to renovate, seismically retrofit, Old City Hall (2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way). The seismic retrofit would employ a base isolation design and the building would be made fully accessible. The retrofit would also result in an increase in usable space. Construction would require environmental review and approval by the Landmarks Preservation Commission and possibly the Zoning Adjustments Board.

Financial Implications

In fiscal 2005, the year after the first bonds are issued, the tax rate required to meet the estimated debt service would be 2.48 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate is expected to peak at 2.48 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in 2005. The average tax rate required to meet the estimated debt service would be 1.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Assessed valuation of property

100,000
200,000
400,000

Average annual cost

\$13
\$27
\$55

s/MANUELA ALBUQUERQUE
Berkeley City Attorney