

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G THE BENICIA CITY CHARTER MEASURE

VOTE NO on Measure G !

Don't be fooled: Measure G is not needed for a transfer tax. Benicia already has a transfer tax. It's 55 cents per \$1,000 of value. Benicia is a General Law city. It can't raise its transfer tax any higher because of statewide caps. That's why City Hall wants Measure G. To bypass the caps and put forth Measure H, to massively increasing the existing transfer tax by 727%.

Don't be fooled by Measure G's claim that it's for the "sole purpose of allowing voters to consider enacting a real property transfer tax (Measure H)." Read the fine print in the Ordinance, Article II, Sec. 200. It says the Charter is "in relation to municipal revenues **including taxation and assessment, . . .**"

Don't be fooled: Measure G is not limited to increasing the transfer tax. It will give City Hall the GREEN LIGHT to increase permit fees, license taxes, parking fees, usage fees, special assessments—the list goes on—al beyond Statewide tax caps!

Don't be fooled by Measure G proponents. Benicia has been a General Law city since it was incorporated in 1851. Proponents of Measure G want to change 173 years of history. Why? For City Hall's history of poor fiscal management. Just look at the City's payroll. For 2024, the City is on track to spend \$41+ million on payroll, almost 20% more than last year.

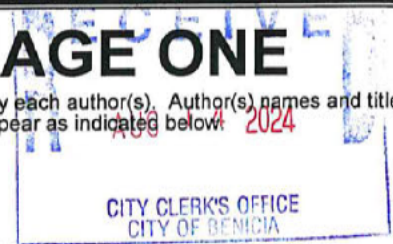
Don't be fooled by City Hall claims that Measure G will provide "necessary" funding for infrastructure. Revenues would go to the GENERAL FUND. City Hall will have the go-ahead to raise taxes, fees and assessments for anything, not just for infrastructure.

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Association of Benicians Opposing Charter City and Real Property Transfer Tax Measures
s/ Christopher Shenfield, Attorney at Law
s/ Lawrence Morsen, Retired Water Utility Executive
s/ Kenneth Boco, 40-Year Benicia Resident
s/ William J. Groves, Retired Title Insurance Executive
s/ Melinda A. Laudy, Principal Interior Designer



SIGNATURE STATEMENT PAGE ONE



All arguments/rebuttal arguments concerning measures shall be accompanied by this form to be signed by each author(s). Author(s) names and titles listed will be listed and printed in the Voter's Information Pamphlet in the order provided below and will appear as indicated below.

The undersigned author(s) of the:

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
300 WORDS

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
250 WORDS

ARGUMENT AGAINST
300 WORDS

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
250 WORDS

Ballot measure letter G at the NOVEMBER 5, 2024 - GENERAL ELECTION
Name of election

Election for the CITY OF BENICIA
Jurisdiction - name of district

to be held on NOVEMBER 5, 2024 hereby state that such argument
Election Date

is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1) [Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date]
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote
CHRISTOPHER SHENFIELD
Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet
Association of Benicians Opposing Charter City and Real Property Transfer Tax Measures
Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or **NO**

Attorney at Law If yes complete page 2 Please circle one **A**

2) [Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date]
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote
LAWRENCE MORSEN
Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet
Retired Water Utility Executive
Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or **NO**

If yes complete page 2 Please circle one **A**

3) [Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date]
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote
KENNETH BOCOX
Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet
40 Year Benicia Resident
Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or **NO**

If yes complete page 2 Please circle one **A**

4) [Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date]
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote
WILLIAM J. GROVES
Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet
Retired Title Insurance Executive
Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or **NO**

If yes complete page 2 Please circle one **A**

5) [Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date]
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote
MELINDA A. LAUDY
Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet
Principal Interior Designer
Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or **NO**

If yes complete page 2 Please circle one **A**

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(Elections Code Section 9600)



CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING & RECORD LETTER OF MEASURE

- Argument in favor of measure Rebuttal to argument in favor of measure
 Argument against measure Rebuttal to argument against measure

ARGUMENTS and/or REBUTTALS FILED BY (Check any of the following that apply:

Board of Supervisors or Governing Board
Contact Person's Printed Name _____
Contact Person's Signature _____
Title _____
Phone # _____ Fax# _____ E-mail _____

The following information is submitted by the filer(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens:

Bona Fide Association of Citizens or Filers of Special District Initiative
Name of Association: ASSOCIATION OF BENICIANS OPPOSING CHARTER CITY AND REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX MEASURES
Principal Officer's Printed Name: CHRISTOPHER SHENFIELD
Principal Officer's Signature: _____
Title: PRESIDENT
Phone# (650) 218-8647 Fax# (650) 481-9022 E-mail shenfield@hotmail.com

A Form 410 Statement of Organization – establishing the group or organization as a Primarily Formed Ballot Measure committee to support or oppose Measure _____ was filed on _____ Committee I.D.# _____ (The Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of the date the committee receives \$2000.00 in contributions)

The organization meets on a regular basis. Meetings are held at BENICIA, CALIFORNIA ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH at the following schedule 7:00 PM AT 1453 SHERMAN DRIVE, BENICIA, CA 94510.

Other information that would support the claim that the group or organization is a Bona Fide Association, rather than a group of individuals who support or oppose Measure _____ SECRETARY OF STATE, REGISTRATION OF UNINCORPORATED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION, FILED 07/15/2024, REGISTRATION NO. 19527, BYLAWS

Contact person name & phone# CHRISTOPHER SHENFIELD (650) 218-8647

New - Senate bill 665 requires an organization or association submitting an argument for or against a measure to submit additional information to enable the elections office to determine if the organization qualifies as a bona fide association of citizens.