

NO ON MEASURE H REBUTTAL ARGUMENT



VOTE NO on Measure H !

Don't Be Fooled: Measure H will not “invest in our roads only”. It would allow more fiscal mismanagement. Consider our small town’s salaries that have grown comparable to cities much, much larger in size and with more problems and complexity than Benicia.

- The combined yearly compensation, including cushy benefits, of the top four positions in the City—City Manager, Public Works Director, Fire Chief and Police Chief—is over \$1,482,989. Nearly one and a half million dollars! These fat salaries, and other positions as well, have over the years increased far more than the rate of inflation. Measure H would allow even more out-of-touch increases that we cannot afford.
- City Hall needs to pay over \$80 million in unfunded employee pension liabilities due to poor fiscal management. Measure H opens the door to more spending this and other items that are not streets or infrastructure.

Don't Be Fooled: Measure H is, or should be, opposed by every small business owner and resident who cares about Benicia’s long history of feckless financial management. Do we want to give the City more money to waste? The revenues from Measure H go into the General Fund and can be spent in any manner the Council wants.

Don't Be Fooled: While two oversight committees are claimed to provide accountability, this is unlikely. Committees are appointed by the same council that is responsible for the current financial difficulties.

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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 Bocox, 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

ARGUMENT AGAINST

300 WORDS

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

250 WORDS

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

250 WORDS

Ballot measure letter H 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

Election Date

hereby state that such argument

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

1) [Redacted] [Redacted] 8/17 2024
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

CHRISTOPHER SHENFIELD

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

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet

Attorney at Law

If yes complete page 2

Please circle one A

(Optional) Print title to appear before name
2) [Redacted]

[Redacted] 8/17 2024
Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

LAWRENCE MORSEN

If yes complete page 2

Please circle one A

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet

Retired Water Utility Executive

(Optional) Print title to appear before name

3) [Redacted] [Redacted] 8/17 2024
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Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

KENNETH BOCOX

If yes complete page 2

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40 Year Benicia Resident

(Optional) Print title to appear before name
4) [Redacted]

[Redacted] 8/17 2024
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Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

WILLIAM J. GROVES

If yes complete page 2

Please circle one A

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet

Retired Title Insurance Executive

(Optional) Print title to appear before name
5) [Redacted]

[Redacted] 8/17 2024
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MELINDA A. LAUDY

If yes complete page 2

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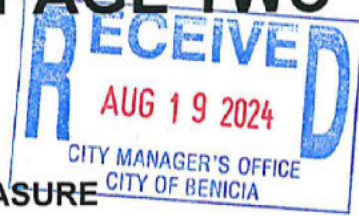
Principal Interior Designer

(Optional) Print title to appear before name

IF SIGNING ON BEHALF OF A GOVERNING BOARD OR BONA FIDE ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS YOU MUST COMPLETE PAGE 2
FILER NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE# Christopher Shenfield, 1453 Sherman Dr, Benicia, CA 94510 (650) 218-8647

SIGNATURE STATEMENT PAGE TWO

(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.