

The Pros and Cons for Local Measures The March 3, 2020 Primary

Measure C: Alameda County Children’s Health and Child Care Initiative

The way it is now: Many children in Alameda County do poorly in K-12 schools because they have received inadequate pre-school education and healthcare, both of which are unaffordable for many low and middle income families because of the very high cost of living in Alameda County.

What Measure C would do if it passes:	YES People for Measure C say	NO People against Measure C say
<p>Improve critical early education for children and healthcare of children and young adults in incorporated and unincorporated areas of Alameda County by enacting a 20-year half-percent sales tax on transactions and use of tangible property providing approximately \$150 million annually until 2040-2041 --</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 20% of funds to protect local childrens’ healthcare safety net and Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center and healthcare of young adults; 2) 80% of funds to increase access to high quality affordable childcare, preschool and early education of children in order to improve kindergarten readiness, school success and high K-12 graduation rates. 	<p>Effects on a child’s brain of an inadequate pre-K education cannot be reversed so must be prevented before children begin their K-12 education.</p> <p>Adequate healthcare for children and young adults will help them avoid more costly care and greater suffering as they age which will be more of a drain on public service resources if permitted to occur.</p> <p>Citizens’ oversight and mandatory annual audits will ensure lawful spending of all revenue.</p>	<p>No arguments available.</p>

Measure E: Berkeley Public Schools Educator Recruitment and Retention Act of 2020

The way it is now: Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) employee salaries fall significantly below the regional average of other teachers and Classified staff in the Bay Area so that many teachers are leaving Berkeley and the Bay Area because they cannot afford to live here at their current compensation.

What Measure E would do if it passes:

Measure E would allow the City of Berkeley to levy a parcel tax on homeowners of 12.4 cents/square foot on improved properties and \$25 on unimproved parcels to raise \$9.5 million annually in local funds over 12 years,

1)95% of which will increase and make competitive Berkeley public school teacher and staff salaries to help retain teachers and Classified employees who live and work in the Berkeley community;

2)5% of which will create a “pipeline” for future, new teachers by recruiting them and providing for their development.

YES People for Measure E say

1)Measure E is a smart investment in our schools, children and community that will help keep highly qualified BUSD employees in Berkeley.

2)Measure E will cover a 12% cost-of-living raise for all BUSD staff salaries, to be adjusted over the next 2 years.

3)Exemptions from paying this relatively modest tax will be given to select groups of low income homeowners.

NO People against Measure E say

Homeowners should not be targeted to support schools with yet another parcel tax.

Measure G: Berkeley Unified School District Bond Proposition

The way it is now: K-12 schools are hard-pressed to finance infrastructure improvements because there is never enough state revenue to make repairs for safety and security and to upgrade classroom equipment for science and technology. Delays in addressing these needs put staff and students at risk and/or handicap them.

What Measure G would do if it passes:

The facilities bond measure passed in 2010 is out of funds so will be renewed as a \$380 million bond repaid at a rate of no more than 5.9 cents/\$100 in 37 years.

Bond funds will be used to purchase computers, build science labs, clean up hazardous materials and renew or replace parts of buildings including:

2 high schools, 3 middle schools, 11 elementary schools, 1 adult school, 3 pre-schools, Moellering Field, facilities for plant and other operations and transportation.

YES People for Measure G say

Improvements to school structures paid for by Measure G bonds will make students and staff safer and upgrade tools they need.

Citizens' and government oversight, exemptions for low income seniors and disabled persons, no spending on administrative or teachers' salaries ensure bond funds will be spent on stated items.

NO People against Measure G say

There needs to be an end to taxing homeowners to fix school infrastructure.

Measure H: Berkeley Public Schools Facilities and Maintenance Act of 2020

The way it is now: Buildings and grounds of Berkeley Public Schools are repaired and maintained with revenue from a parcel tax passed in 2010 and expiring in 2020. Keeping Berkeley schools and grounds safe for educating students continues to become more costly as infrastructure ages, materials become more expensive and responsibilities of maintenance staff grow.

What Measure H would do if it passes:

Terms of the 2010 parcel tax will continue as before: 9.1 cents/sq. ft. on improved property and \$20 per unimproved parcel until 2030 to yield \$7.3 million of revenue for school facilities repair and maintenance with provisions for cost-of-living increases, citizens' and government oversight and exemptions for low income seniors, very low income owners and disabled owners.

YES People for Measure H say

1) Aging Berkeley school buildings and grounds must be kept safe for teachers and staff to continue to provide students with an excellent education.

2) Keeping up a maintenance program avoids future costs.

NO People against Measure H say

No arguments available.

Measure B Albany Unified School District Preserve Funding for Albany Schools Act of 2020

The way it is now: The education parcel tax levied by Measure LL on residential property and approved by Albany voters in 2014 is due to expire in June 2021. In order to maintain the quality of education in the Albany Unified School District and mitigate loss of revenue to AUSD due to passage of Prop. 30, an extension known as Measure B of the current education parcel tax, Measure LL, is needed until June 2027.

<p>What Measure B would do if it passes:</p> <p>To maintain excellent schools in Albany, Measure B would continue the parcel tax LL of \$318 per year on residential property, expiring in June 2021, and add \$130 annually (with exemptions for senior citizens, SSDI recipients and SSI recipients) with cost of living adjustments and independent audits, to raise \$2.2 million annually to be spent on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting and retaining exceptional teachers and counselors • Protecting science, arts, language, library services, and reading and math support • Limiting class sizes • Keeping schools safe • And keeping classroom technology and materials up to date. 	<p>YES People for Measure B say</p> <p>The cost of maintaining excellent schools continues to rise so an increase in the parcel tax is needed in order to attract excellent teachers and counselors.</p> <p>Also, teachers need support for science, arts, language, library services and reading and math to do their best teaching.</p> <p>Small class sizes, a safe atmosphere and up-to-date classroom technology and materials are also vital and increasingly costly for students to learn.</p>	<p>NO People against Measure B say</p> <p>If property taxes continue to rise, homeowners won't be able to keep up with these increases.</p>
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Measure F Local Funding for Local Needs

The way it is now: Property and auto theft are increasing in Emeryville, as well as concerns about building safety and health. Furthermore, pre-K children are not obtaining the help they need to be ready for K-12 schooling because of a shortage of pre-K teachers at Emeryville Child Development Center.

What Measure F would do if it passes:

- Protect safety of Emeryville residents by hiring more police, firefighters, emergency responders and staff and increasing building resources to make them healthier and safer.
- Setting path to success for pre-K students in Emeryville Child Development Center so they will succeed in K-12 grades.

YES People for Measure F say

1. Rising crime in Emeryville needs to be met with more police, firefighters, emergency responders and staff. Decreasing building safety requires measures to make buildings safer.

2. Pre-K students need more preparation for K-12 education by more pre-K teachers at Emeryville Child Development Center.

3. To pay for more police, firefighters, emergency responders and staff, pre-K teachers and improve building safety, a 0.25 cent sales tax (i.e. 25 cents/\$100) will be added to all purchases made in Emeryville to yield \$2 million.

NO People against Measure F say

Increasing sales taxes will turn shoppers away and result in more on-line shopping and less revenue for Emeryville businesses.