

## **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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