REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

Don't let the same old special interest rhetoric get in the way of the safe, modern library that thousands of El Cerrito residents have said they want — vote YES on B!

FACT: Thousands of El Cerrito residents and library stakeholders have been engaged in setting priorities and a vision for an updated library. The opponent did not bother to provide input or attend any of these planning sessions.

FACT: NO funds from Measure B can be spent on any other purpose other than a seismically-safe library. Measure B also requires Independent Citizens Oversight and mandatory annual audits.

FACT: El Cerrito's Library — built in 1948 — does NOT meet current earthquake safety standards or fire codes, and is simply too small for what our community needs. It is routinely overcrowded, especially after school and is cramped and dilapidated. YES on B provides a safe, 21st century library that meets current library standards and future community needs.

FACT: Visits to the El Cerrito Library have increased 26% since 2006 and circulation is up over 27%. We need YES on B to meet user demand and provide space for the after-school and summer programs for youth and teens to keep them off the streets, out of trouble and away from drugs and gangs!

YES on B requires a 2/3s vote. We urge each and every one of you to find Measure B on the ballot and vote “yes.”


The undersigned Proponent(s) or Author(s) hereby state that such an argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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