

No on Measure N, the Palace Library Tax!

◆ Measure N gives the neighborhood libraries only crumbs

For every dollar spent on a palace library downtown, Measure N gives each branch library only three cents on average. While a new main library would eat up \$100 million, the Temescal branch, for example, gets \$306,000. A new bathroom for 30 years of bond debt? That's an insult!

◆ Oakland does not need a \$100 million main library at Kaiser Center

The cost would be \$733 per square foot, twice the cost of commercial construction and a record for the West Coast. The council wants an "architectural landmark" that Oakland does not need and cannot afford. Unlike the new libraries in Alameda and San Mateo, local property owners would carry the whole burden, with no State grant to share the cost.

◆ It's more costly than the State bonds on the same ballot

Person for person, comparing Oakland and all California, Measure N would cost us:

Five times more than the housing bond (Prop. 1C)

Three times more than the levee and flood bond (Prop. 1E)

50 percent more than the school bond (Prop. 1D)

◆ Measure N ignores Oakland's real needs

Measure N would increase our bonded debt by 15% in one swoop just for a palace library – while sidewalks and streets are on a 75-year repair schedule, while traffic signals need maintenance, while Oakland is the murder capital of California. Measure N is the wrong priority for \$148 million of bonds and 30 years of increased property taxes.

◆ What about the existing main library?

Measure N would close the existing main library – but no one is telling voters what would happen to the entire city block it occupies. We cannot vote Yes on half a plan.

◆ Stop the endless new taxes on homeowners and renters

While basic services decline, it seems every Oakland ballot proposes a new tax on homes and apartments: Measures DD, Q, R, Y and now N. It's an unfair burden, especially for seniors trying to live on fixed incomes.

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