

# Condemn this Corruption!

The city council submitted Measure N, the bond issue for a palace library downtown, to the voters. That was merely bad judgment. Then councilmember Quan raised more than \$150,000 to campaign for the bonds. Apparently, she lacked confidence that Measure N would prevail in a vigorous, democratic discussion.

Worse, the councilmember raised the money by accepting more than a dozen large contributions from interests doing business or seeking business with the City. Councilmember Quan set a new low in Oakland campaign corruption. These special interests do not care what is best for Oakland's library system. They simply want a piece of pork.

Someone might ask, the voters rejected Measure N, so what is the problem? Indeed, with no organized fund raising, opponents stopped Measure N. Still, each special-interest contributor will remind councilmembers that he came through when asked.

When another councilmember's use of office funds was questioned, Quan made the hypocritical remark. "What I worry about is that the public trust has been undermined." (*Oakland Tribune*, May 7)

The council must condemn the fundraising for Measure N and enact reform legislation. Otherwise, it gives a green light to the corruption pioneered by councilmember Quan's cynical tactics.

## Measure N campaign financed by special interests, big \$\$

Contributor	Amount	City pork connection
Group 4 Architecture	\$7,600	Library contracts
Signature Properties	\$5,000	Oak-to-Ninth giveaways
Townsend Public Affairs	\$2,500	City's lobbyist
PFM of Philadelphia	\$2,000	Police mgmnt. contracts
Jones Hall law firm	\$5,000	Bond attorneys
NCLN 20 security firm, Concord	\$10,000	Seeks govt. contracts
Zions Management Services, Utah	\$3,000	Bond financiers
Macias Gini & O'Connell law firm	\$3,000	Auditing contract
California Waste Solutions	\$5,000	Recycling contract
De Silva Group developers	\$5,000	City plan exemptions
Electrical Industry promo group	\$10,000	Seeks const. jobs
E J De La Rosa & Co, Inc	\$3,000	Floated City bonds
Plumbers and Carpenters unions	\$7,500	Seeks const. jobs
Hotel & Motel Assn. of Oakland	\$2,500	Tax homeowners not hotels

*...and more, total raised exceeds \$150,000*