

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE UU

The Piedmont Pool is currently closed for health and safety reasons and on track for permanent closure due to age-related costs. This is not a surprise. Our 56-year-old pool has been deteriorating for years. Prior to closure, the City was spending roughly \$1,000 a day to keep our failing pool safe and operational.

Even the opponents of Measure UU agree that Piedmont needs new pool facilities.

Measure UU has nothing to do with the pandemic, the national GDP, transfer taxes, or the volume of home sales in Piedmont. Measure UU is about whether or not Piedmont citizens believe a community pool is an important asset for our families and our schools.

If Measure UU passes, it will take approximately 3 years to design, engineer, and build a replacement facility. Best case scenario, the rebuilt pool will open in early 2024.

If we wait, construction costs will continue to escalate and *replacing the pool will only get more expensive*.

If we wait, Piedmont will end up with an empty padlocked pool in the center of town, not temporarily, but *permanently*.

Measure UU is affordable and pragmatic, less than 75 cents a day for the median Piedmont home. Instead of waiting and hoping for a better time, let's use the time we have now, when the pool is already closed, to invest in the future of Piedmont.

Please join the entire Piedmont City Council and the entire Piedmont Board of Education and Vote YES to a Community Pool for Piedmont, Vote YES on Measure UU!

Robert S. McBain, Mayor, City of Piedmont

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