A 2024 ballot measure sponsored by Berkeleyans for Better Planning

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Fix-the-Streets-and-Sidewalks Campaign Files Enough Signatures to Qualify for Berkeley's November Ballot

Berkeley, CA – The *Fix the Streets and Sidewalks* campaign today announced that it submitted enough valid signatures to the City Clerk to qualify for Berkeley's November 2024 ballot.

"We want to thank the over 80 Berkeley volunteers who collected signatures to qualify this measure," said Jim McGrath of the *Fix-the-Streets-and-Sidewalks* campaign. "We could not have delivered over 4,300 signatures to the City Clerk without the energy and dedication of so many residents who simply want Berkeley's dangerous streets and sidewalks fixed, as this measure will do."

"Having listened to folks in all quarters of the city, we're confident that voters will support a modest parcel tax that is carefully crafted to make <u>all</u> our streets, sidewalks and pathways safe for pedestrians, cyclists, and car drivers without any extra padding," said Donna DeDiemar of Friends of Hopkins Street, a neighborhood group that supported the signature gathering drive.

The signatures will now be validated by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, which must find that at least 2,985 signatures are valid within 30 days for Berkeley to qualify the measure for the ballot. The campaign is highly confident that its 51 percent margin will ensure its qualification.

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Fix the Streets and Sidewalks! is a citizen-sponsored measure that will be on the November 2024 Berkeley ballot. It is sponsored by Berkeleyans for Better Planning, an all-volunteer organization formed to oppose Berkeley's Measure L in 2022. Fix the Streets and Sidewalks is supported by Friends of Hopkins Street, an all-volunteer educational and advocacy group formed by and for Hopkins Street residents, neighbors, business owners, and friends. It advocates equitable, safe, evidence-based, and common-sense designs for Hopkins Street.

For more information see https://www.berkeleyansforbetterplanning.org/.

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