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Katherine Harr John T. Selawsky Paola Laverde-Levine
James Chang Jesse Townley

The BCA Steering Committee recommends a YES vote on the following Berkeley Measures:

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The following measure is **OPPOSED** by the BCA Steering Committee

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