Writing Letters to the Editors of Local Papers

We encourage you to write letters to the editors of the Beverly Hills Courier and the Beverly Hills Weekly to let readers know about the problems with Measure O.

Short letters are recommended. You can email, fax or regular mail them as follows:

Beverly Hills Courier
8840 W. Olympic Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
myopinion@brcourier.com
Fax: 310.271.5118

Beverly Hills Weekly
140 South Beverly Drive, #201
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
editor@bhweekly.com
Fax: 310.887.0789

Here are some examples:

☐ I’m very concerned about Measure O, put on the March 8 ballot by the Beverly Hills City Council. Measure O would authorize a new tax on natural gas and increase existing local oil taxes by 500%. That’s the last thing we need right now. We should send them a message, loud and clear: No on Measure O. Higher taxes are not the way to get the city’s spending under control!

☐ There’s a lot of misinformation floating around about Measure O. This 500% increase in local energy taxes doesn’t tax big oil companies because they don’t operate here in Beverly Hills. Instead it hits small and moderate sized companies that produce natural gas and oil for domestic use and it would negatively impact Beverly Hills residents, whose property sits above local mineral reserves, including schools and churches. The bottom line: Measure O could mean higher natural gas costs, higher prices at the pump, more layoffs and lower property values. It’s a lose-lose for Beverly Hills.

☐ Shouldn’t the Beverly Hills City Council focus on controlling costs and getting spending under control instead of putting new tax increases on the ballot? Measure O doesn’t even require the new taxes be spent on essential services. A 500% increase in local energy taxes and they can spend it on higher salaries for city employees, with no accountability to taxpayers? Since when is that a good idea?