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Affordable Housing Proponents Slam Big Landlords on Campaign Violations

Tenant rights and affordable housing advocates revealed at a press conference on Monday a scathing list of campaign violations by the “Committee for Real Affordable Housing” - Yes on Measure DD, No on Measure U1, Sponsored By Berkeley Property Owners Association.

The violations include failing to list aggregate donations from individuals. Instead, finance reports show contributions from individual properties, even when multiple properties are owned by the same individual. Another violation includes multiple advertisements and literature that does not include the mandatory disclosure requirements. In one case, a mailed document was sent without proper disclosure, and was deceptively designed to look like an official government document. In response to these violations, the UC Berkeley Progressive Student Association filed a complaint with the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

Matthew Lewis, Housing Commission Chair of the Associated Students of the University of California and Vice President of the Progressive Student Association, stated that such violations and tactics are being used to confuse voters. “Opponents of U1 think they can buy off this election. We must hold violators accountable to ensure a fair campaign. Berkeley voters deserve better.”

Stefan Elstrand, Secretary of the Berkeley Tenants Union, pointed out that the campaign contributions reflect the values and true intentions of each side. “Follow the money. Measure U1 is funded by affordable housing advocates and community members deeply affected by the housing affordability crisis. Measure DD on the other hand, is funded by big landlords and the very people who profit from the housing affordability crisis.” In response to the long list of violations

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