



COUNTY OF ALAMEDA



VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Polls Open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

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Registrar of Voters

TOP TWO OPEN PRIMARY ACT

On June 8, 2010, California voters approved Proposition 14, which created the “Top Two Open Primary Act”

Prior to the “Top Two Open Primary Act”

- Candidates running for a partisan office appeared only on their party’s ballot.
- The top vote-getter from each qualified party and any candidates who qualified using the independent nomination process would then move on to the General Election.

Now, under the “Top Two Open Primary Act”

- All candidates running, regardless of their party preference, will appear on a single combined ballot.
- Voters can vote for any candidate from any political party.
- This changes the way elections are conducted for all statewide offices and the following offices:

• **U.S. Senator • U.S. Representative • State Senate • Member of the State Assembly**

- This **DOES NOT** affect the election of **U.S. President** and **County Central Committees**, which are still party nominated.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES (Formerly known as Partisan)	Party-Nominated offices are contests in which the nominee is selected by the political party.
Offices	U.S. President and County Central Committees *Note: U.S. President and County Central Committees are not up for the November 6, 2018 Election.
Who Can Vote	Only voters registered with the same party preference as the candidate. (Except parties who allow nonpartisans to cross-over and join their primary)
Who Advances to the General Election	Presidential contests only; the top vote-getter in each qualified party will move on to the General Election.
VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	Voter-Nominated offices are contests in which the nominee is selected by the voter.
November 6, 2018 Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Senator • U.S. Representative • Governor • Lieutenant Governor • Secretary of State • Controller • Treasurer • Attorney General • Insurance Commissioner • Member, Board of Equalization • State Senator • Member of the State Assembly
Who Can Vote	All voters, regardless of party preference.
Who Advances to the General Election	The top-two vote-getters, regardless of party preference will move on to the General Election.
NONPARTISAN OFFICES	Nonpartisan offices are contests in which no political party nominates a candidate.
November 6, 2018 Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Superintendent of Public Instruction • Assessor • School District Governing Board Members • Community College District Trustees • Special District Directors • City Offices
Who Can Vote	All voters, regardless of party preference.
Who Advances to the General Election	In majority vote contests, candidates that receive a majority of the votes win outright in the Primary. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, then the top-two vote-getters move on to the General Election.

DISCLAIMER: offices listed on this page are subject to change

POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 — GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13302(b), a qualified political party may request the Elections Office to include a list of endorsed candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices in the Voter Information Guide. Below are the endorsements:

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
Governor	Statewide	John H. Cox
Secretary of State	Statewide	Mark P. Meuser
Controller	Statewide	Konstantinos Roditis
Treasurer	Statewide	Greg Conlon
Attorney General	Statewide	Steven C Bailey
Insurance Commissioner	Statewide	Steve Poizner
Board of Equalization Member	2 nd District	Mark Burns
U.S. Representative	15 th Congressional District	Rudy L. Peters Jr.
U.S. Representative	17 th Congressional District	Ron Cohen
State Senator	10 th State Senate District	Victor G. San Vicente
State Assembly Member	16 th Assembly District	Catharine Baker
State Assembly Member	25 th Assembly District	Bob Brunton

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
Governor	Statewide	Gavin Newsom
Secretary of State	Statewide	Alex Padilla
Controller	Statewide	Betty T. Yee
Treasurer	Statewide	Fiona Ma
Attorney General	Statewide	Xavier Becerra
Insurance Commissioner	Statewide	Ricardo Lara
Board of Equalization	2 nd District	Malia Cohen
U.S. Senator	Statewide	Kevin de León
U.S. Representative	13 th Congressional District	Barbara Lee
U.S. Representative	15 th Congressional District	Eric Swalwell
U.S. Representative	17 th Congressional District	Ro Khanna
State Senator	10 th State Senate District	Bob Wieckowski
State Assembly Member	16 th Assembly District	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
State Assembly Member	18 th Assembly District	Rob Bonta
State Assembly Member	20 th Assembly District	Bill Quirk
State Assembly Member	25 th Assembly District	Kansen Chu

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GREEN PARTY

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
U.S. Representative	13 th Congressional District	Laura Wells

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
U.S. Representative	13 th Congressional District	Laura Wells

REPUBLICAN PARTY

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
Governor	Statewide	John H. Cox
Secretary of State	Statewide	Mark P. Meuser
Controller	Statewide	Konstantinos Roditis
Treasurer	Statewide	Greg Conlon
Attorney General	Statewide	Steven C. Bailey
Board of Equalization	2 nd District	Mark Burns
U.S. Representative	15 th Congressional District	Rudy L. Peters, Jr.
State Senator	10 th State Senate District	Victor G. San Vicente
State Assembly Member	16 th Assembly District	Catharine Baker
State Assembly Member	18 th Assembly District	Stephen Slauson
State Assembly Member	20 th Assembly District	Joseph Grcar
State Assembly Member	25 th Assembly District	Bob Brunton

November 6, 2018 General Election Candidate Party Preference History for the Last 10 Years*

Candidate	Party Preference	County	Timeframe
Governor			
John H. Cox	Republican	San Diego	2011-2018
		Out of State	2008-2011
Gavin Newsom	Democratic	Marin	2011-2018
	Democratic	San Francisco	2008-2011
Lieutenant Governor			
Ed Hernandez	Democratic	Los Angeles	2008-2018
Eleni Kounalakis	Democratic	San Francisco	2008-2018
Secretary of State			
Mark P. Meuser	Republican	Contra Costa	2008-2018
		Out of State	2008-2008
Alex Padilla	Democratic	Los Angeles	2008-2018
Controller			
Konstantinos Roditis	Republican	Orange	2017-2018
	No Party Preference	Orange	2017-2017
	Republican	Orange	2017-2017
	No Party Preference	Orange	2017-2017
	Republican	Orange	2015-2017
	Libertarian	Orange	2015-2015
	No Party Preference	Orange	2012-2015
	Democratic	Orange	2008-2012
	Betty T. Yee	Democratic	Alameda
	Democratic	San Francisco	2008-2010
Treasurer			
Greg Conlon	Republican	San Mateo	2008-2018
Fiona Ma	Democratic	San Francisco	2008-2018
Attorney General			
Steven C Bailey	Republican	El Dorado	2008-2018
Xavier Becerra	Democratic	Sacramento	2017-2018
	Democratic	Los Angeles	2008-2017
Insurance Commissioner			
Ricardo Lara	Democratic	Los Angeles	2008-2018
Steve Poizner	No Party Preference	San Diego	2018-2018
	Republican	San Diego	2016-2018
	No Party Preference	San Diego	2015-2016
	Republican	Santa Clara	2008-2015
Board of Equalization Member District 2			
Mark Burns	Republican	Santa Clara	2008-2018
Malia Cohen	Democratic	San Francisco	2008-2018
United States Senate			
Kevin De Leon	Democratic	Los Angeles	2008-2018
Dianne Feinstein	Democratic	San Francisco	2008-2018

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Candidate Party Preference History for the Last 10 Years*

Candidate	Party Preference	County	Timeframe
United States Representative District 13			
Barbara Lee	Democratic	Alameda	2008-2018
Laura Wells	Green	Alameda	2013-2018
	No Party Preference	Alameda	2013-2013
	Green	Alameda	2008-2013
United States Representative District 15			
Rudy L. Peters Jr.	Republican	Alameda	2008-2018
Eric Swalwell	Democratic	Alameda	2008-2018
United States Representative District 17			
Ron Cohen	Republican	Alameda	2015-2018
	No Party Preference	Alameda	2008-2015
Ro Khanna	Democratic	Alameda	2008-2018
State Senator District 10			
Victor G. San Vicente	Republican	Santa Clara	2015-2018
	Democratic	Santa Clara	2008-2015
Bob Wieckowski	Democratic	Alameda	2008-2018
State Assembly Member District 15			
Jovanka Beckles	Democratic	Contra Costa	2008-2018
Buffy Wicks	Democratic	Alameda	2016-2018
		Out of State	2011-2015
	Democratic	Los Angeles	2010-2010
		Out of State	2008-2010
	Democratic	Los Angeles	2008-2008
State Assembly Member District 16			
Catharine Baker	Republican	Alameda	2008-2018
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	Democratic	Contra Costa	2011-2018
	Democratic	Alameda	2008-2011
State Assembly Member District 18			
Rob Bonta	Democratic	Alameda	2008-2018
Stephen Slauson	Republican	Alameda	2008-2018
State Assembly Member District 20			
Joseph Grcar	Republican	Alameda	2008-2018
Bill Quirk	Democratic	Alameda	2008-2018
State Assembly Member District 25			
Bob Brunton	Republican	Alameda	2008-2018
Kansen Chu	Democratic	Santa Clara	2008-2018

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PROPOSITION 34 INFORMATION NOVEMBER 6, 2018

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO
EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 85400 OF PROPOSITION 34

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE
Assembly	15	Jovanka Beckles	Democratic
Assembly	15	Buffy Wicks	Democratic
Assembly	18	Rob Bonta	Democratic
Assembly	18	Stephen Slauson	Republican
Assembly	20	Bill Quirk	Democratic
Assembly	20	Joseph Grcar	Republican
Assembly	25	Kansen Chu	Democratic
Assembly	25	Bob Brunton	Republican
Senate	10	Bob Wieckowski	Democratic
Senate	10	Victor G. San Vicente	Republican

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(Section 85600) which was approved by the voters on November 7, 2000

Candidate's Statement
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

BARBARA LEE

Occupation: U.S. House of Representatives

My education and qualifications are: I have been fighting for our community for over 3 decades. I started my career as a social worker and small business owner and, after seeing firsthand the work that was needed, I decided to run to represent you. And I haven't stopped fighting since. It would be my great honor to continue to work for you in Congress during this critical point in our history. Together, we can continue the fight to create affordable housing and healthcare for all, lift families out of poverty, make college debt-free and ensure a high-quality education for every person. We must ensure our community remains a sanctuary for immigrant families, empower our undocumented youth and protect women's fundamental right to chose. I help improve people's lives by working on their behalf with federal agencies and work to make our neighborhoods safer by championing meaningful gun control, community policing and criminal justice reform. We must get money out of politics, end our forever wars and prioritize action on climate change. I want to protect and expand Medicare and Social Security, create good-paying jobs and tackle income inequality so every family can thrive. I bring a lifelong passion for progressive values and a deep commitment to racial, social and economic justice. You can count on me to resist those trying to undermine our civil rights and roll back our hard-won progress. With your support, I will keep fighting for equality, justice and real opportunity for all.

Candidate's Statement
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

RUDY PETERS

Occupation: Veteran Owned Small Businesses Owner

Age: 56

My education and qualifications are: I'm a husband, father, youth mentor, U.S. Navy Veteran, defense expert, and successful entrepreneur. I have held several leadership positions from Systems Engineer to Program Director and have managed highly sensitive U.S. defense programs in excess of \$100M. My overall goal is to promote individual freedom and economic success for all California citizens. What we need right now in Washington is exactly what the vast majority of Americans are asking for: Calm, Competent, Common Sense Leadership. It's not about party lines, it's about helping Americans—all Americans—and defending the Constitution. It's about improving and changing policies to ensure our children and future generations will have it better than we do, not worse. More opportunity, not less. In short, it's about three fundamental issues facing this country, upon which everything else depends: Security, Solvency, and Sustainability. Toward this aim I support the following: Control of our borders; Uniformed law enforcement in every school; Deportation of violent-offender immigrants; Smart deregulation that fosters job growth in California; Stopping intellectual property theft by foreign countries; Alternatives to Type 1-7 plastics; Healthcare that leverages state choice and competition between insurance companies; Bringing California's infrastructure up-to-date; Education reform & funding based on input from parents regarding the educational needs of their children, and applied at the classroom level. I love America and I will represent every constituent regardless of their politics, religion, color, or gender. We will weather the divide of our great country, and it starts here with your support and vote.

ERIC SWALWELL

Occupation: United States Congressman

Age: 37

My education and qualifications are: As your Congressman, I'm fighting for your freedom to dream – to expand your economic opportunity so you can reach for and attain a better life for yourself and your family. I support working families because I'm from one. I was first in my family to graduate college, and I'm one of the only Members of Congress with student loan debt. To lift families, I've co-sponsored legislation that grows paychecks, guarantees women receive equal pay for equal work, takes care of our veterans, and prevents cuts to Social Security and Medicare. As a former prosecutor, I'm committed to making our communities safe. I support bills to ban assault weapons and to require background checks to buy firearms. On the House Intelligence Committee, I'm protecting our democracy, and wrote the first legislation calling for an independent, bipartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election. I work everyday to reach across the aisle to find solutions. At home, I helped create an authority to raise money to expand BART to Livermore. In Congress, two-thirds of the legislation I've supported is bipartisan. I lead Future Forum: young Democratic Congresspersons focused on issues important to millennials including college affordability and debt, home ownership, and addressing climate change. I believe representatives in Congress must stay connected to our communities, so I return home nearly every weekend and use technology and social media to stay constantly in touch. I'd be honored to continue serving you. www.swalwellforcongress.com

Candidate's Statement
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

RO KHANNA

Occupation: Representative, US Congress

Age: 41

My education and qualifications are: It has been my honor to represent the people of California's 17th district in the United States Congress. I have worked across the aisle to build an economy that works for all Americans. I have done so while remaining an active voice on local issues affecting our community. I am the only freshman Democrat in the entire Congress to pass a law —the VALOR act. My law makes it easier for veterans to get apprenticeships. To make sure our children have the skills to compete in a global economy, I co-sponsored legislation to make public universities and community colleges debt free. I have also supported entrepreneurship and new jobs for our residents. I have fought for equal pay for women, Medicare for All, reducing our foreign military entanglements, and comprehensive immigration reform. I have also introduced legislation to double the earned income tax credit for working families, helping reduce the wage gap in our country. Locally, I have hosted monthly town halls in the district. To combat air noise from local airports, I established a roundtable with local leaders and FAA officials committed to finding a solution. To reduce traffic congestion, I have advocated for federal funding for the expansion of BART into San Jose and Santa Clara. Finally, to reduce the rising levels of anxiety among our students, I partnered with local school districts to raise awareness for youth mental health. I have never taken campaign contributions from PACs, lobbyists or corporations. To learn more, please visit www.rokhanna.com.

Candidate's Statement
STATE SENATOR
10TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT

BOB WIECKOWSKI

Occupation: State Senator

My education and qualifications are: Protecting working families and battling climate change are my top priorities. As your State Senator, I fought to reduce income inequality, make college more affordable, expand job creation, and reduce pollution. I will use my experience and energy in the State Senate to focus on job creation, invest in transportation infrastructure to reduce congestion, build more housing affordable for working families, and improve our environment. The bipartisan "Made in California" initiative that I led is already expanding California manufacturing, investment in biotechnology research, access to workforce training, and hiring tax credits for small business. As Chair of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, I developed the roadmap to spur innovation and investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40% from 1990 levels by 2030. To address the affordable housing shortage, I introduced legislation to allow building of accessory dwelling units in single-family home garages and backyards. With your continued support I will expand my work to create local jobs, fight for affordable higher education, improve income inequality, protect our public health, and improve the environment. I am supported by working families, nurses, firefighters, small business owners, and local elected officials. I would be honored to have your vote this November 6. www.bobwieckowski.com

Candidate's Statement
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY
15TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

BUFFY WICKS

Occupation: Community Organizer & Children's Advocate

Age: 41

My education and qualifications are: I'm running on a progressive agenda to deliver real results for working people and I know how to get things done. That's why President Barack Obama, Senator Kamala Harris, Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, the East Bay Times and the East Bay Express endorsed me. My experience growing up in a trailer, attending California's public schools and community college, inspired me to advocate for working people for the last 20 years. I've fought for health care & higher wages for Walmart workers, organized protests against the Iraq war and led a national initiative for affordable child care. In the Obama White House, I brought together diverse stakeholders to pass the Affordable Care Act and helped create the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In California, I organized parents to increase funding for public schools and to pass the cigarette tax. I'm running for State Assembly because California needs strong leaders to fight Trump with a bold, progressive agenda. Our community deserves a representative who is ready to tackle our housing and homelessness crisis, combat climate change, invest in public transportation, advocate for a single-payer health care system, better fund our public schools and make California the most family-friendly state in the nation. I'm running a grassroots campaign and have refused corporate donations. That's why I'm supported by Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Richmond Mayor Tom Butt, El Cerrito Mayor Gabriel Quinto and the mayors of Emeryville, Hercules, and Albany as well as Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council labor unions. www.buffywicks.com

JOVANKA BECKLES

Occupation: Richmond City Councilmember / Mental Health Specialist

My education and qualifications are: As an Out, Black Latina immigrant I have experienced the challenges faced by many district residents in a system built on inequality and injustice. As a Mental Health Specialist mentoring youth, I see what our young people need to best develop. Government must put people before profits. Let's stop corporate control of our politics. I have never taken corporate donations and never will. I am accountable to community and grassroots organizations, the keys to real change. I support their struggles, and I rely on them for support and advice. My endorsements include Sierra Club, Sunflower Alliance, California Nurses Association, NUHW, Teachers (CTA, CFT), Teamsters, SEIU, AFSCME, ATU, California Labor Federation, Harvey Milk Club, RPA, Our Revolution, DSA, ACCE, Berkeley Tenants Union and many others. As a Richmond City Councilmember I worked with community organizations to pass local rent control, win greater oversight of Chevron's refinery, raise the minimum wage, and "ban the box" for employment and housing applications. We promoted community policing, police accountability and transparency, defended undocumented immigrants and the LGBTQ community. With these grassroots organizations and your support we can fight for Medicare for All, eliminate corporate loopholes in Prop. 13 and pass Prop. 10. We can use rent control and protect homeowners from banks and speculators while building affordable housing. We need criminal justice reform, environmental protection, and strong free public education through college. My East Bay connections are deep. I've been on the front lines of community action and crafted solutions to real people's problems. I'll be your voice in Sacramento. www.jovanka.org

Candidate's Statement
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY
18TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

STEPHEN SLAUSON

Occupation: Electrical Contractor

My education and qualifications are: Sensible, reasonable government - no excuses. I have been fighting for Abolishing the High Speed Rail Authority - never pay for itself (Reverse present legislative direction); Abolishing the Delta Water Tunnel project - protecting our EBMUD water rights (Reverse present legislative direction to divert our water to Southern California); Abolishing the Water Department's authority to administer dam maintenance (Reverse present legislative direction which contributed to the near failure at the Oroville dam); Repealing the recently enacted gas tax - not necessary (Reverse present legislative direction increasing cost of gas); Replacing the Public Utilities Commission - no more PG&E handouts (Reverse present legislative direction letting PG&E off the hook for its negligence in last year's Northern California wild fires); Reducing and Controlling wild fires - better building standards (Reverse present legislative direction diverting wild fire protection money from Budget); Improving security at our schools - adding more guards (Reverse present legislative direction reducing funding for school security). I fought to recall 2 councilmembers who wasted 1 million dollars on a matter they caused (Reverse present legislative direction to pass costs to tax payers); fought to reduce the cost of the fire department (Reverse present over influence from fire department); fought to establish a Catch A Burgler Month - I caught 3 buglers with the help of the police (Reverse present legislative direction reducing money for police protection). It is time to get back to basic sensible, reasonable government - no excuses.

ROB BONTA

Occupation: California State Assemblymember

Age: 46

My education and qualifications are: Together, we are making history fighting for our shared California values of Justice, Inclusion, Equity, and Opportunity. We passed aggressive measures to fight the housing crisis with more affordable homes. We stood up against the federal administration by protecting our immigrant communities and defending Dreamers. I authored the nation's strongest language access law supporting the rights of limited-English proficient voters. We increased transportation funding to create jobs and keep our economy moving forward. I passed the Buy Clean California Act, the nation's first climate change law of its kind that lowers greenhouse gas emissions in public infrastructure projects. I extended fairness to all California students by ending discriminatory admission practices and unjust disciplinary proceedings in all our K-12 schools. I led the charge making California the first state to require schools to teach human trafficking prevention and identification, protecting children from labor and sexual exploitation. I've fought to keep the Internet open and hold lead paint manufacturers accountable. But there's more work to do. I'm leading the effort to reform our broken, unjust money bail system that punishes poor people simply for being poor and makes us less safe. We must protect tenants experiencing unjust evictions statewide to ensure everyone has a secure home. We must eliminate gender and race discrimination in employee pay. We must continue the fight for a single-payer, universal healthcare system. There is much more to do, together, and I'd be honored to earn your vote so I can continue to fight for our shared values.

Candidate's Statement
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY
20TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

BILL QUIRK

Occupation: Assembly Member

My education and qualifications are: I am proud to be your locally elected Assemblymember in Sacramento. I have successfully fought for increased funding for public schools, colleges, and universities to better prepare Californians to compete for 21st Century jobs. I have authored legislation to protect victims of domestic violence, ensure firefighters are not put unnecessarily in harm's way, and worked on legislation to increase affordable housing. I am honored to have the endorsement of local elected and community leaders, and a broad coalition of organizations representing nurses, firefighters, teachers, environmentalists, business leaders and working families. As the only scientist in the State Assembly, I am applying my technical and analytical expertise in Sacramento to resolve some of California's most complex problems. I am a leader on energy and environmental issues, particularly in fighting climate change and pushing for effective models to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. As Chair of the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee, I am working to protect Californians against exposure to harmful chemicals. I have carried bills to protect children from lead exposure and prioritize solutions to contamination in our drinking water. My goal is helping citizens, not special interests. Please let me continue my fight this year to increase our grossly underfunded UC and Cal State higher education systems and push for more ways to increase affordable housing. Join teachers, nurses, firefighters, environmentalists, Labor groups, business leaders and local citizens in reelecting me, Bill Quirk, to continue serving you. Thank you.
www.facebook.com/BillQuirkforAssembly/

Candidate's Statement
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY
25TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

KANSEN CHU

Occupation: California State Assemblymember

My education and qualifications are: It's been a great honor to serve you as your State Assemblymember since 2014. During my tenure, I have served on the following Assembly Committees: Transportation, Water, Parks and Wildlife, Insurance, Revenue and Taxation, Jobs and Economic Development, and Labor & Employment. I have also chaired the State Assembly Committee on Human Services and Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media. This year, I wrote legislation to clean up our freeways and roads, strengthen college preparatory programs for high school students, provide more funding for our public schools, protect residents living in mobile homes, expand access to mental health services and protect seniors from financial fraud. Besides serving on many local boards and commissions, I was elected twice to the San Jose City Council and the Berryessa Union School Board. Prior to being a public servant, I worked at IBM as an Electronics Engineer and owned a restaurant in San Jose. My wife and I have lived in this region for over 42 years raising two children and now, two grandchildren. My purpose of becoming a public servant is to ensure our community continues to be the best place to live, work, raise a family, and retire. I will continue fighting for our values and ensure state resources come back to our community to address the housing shortage, protect our neighborhoods from crime, reduce traffic congestions, and protect our environment.. I would be humbled to earn your support. Please vote for Kansen Chu. Thank you.
www.kansenchu.com

Candidate's Statement ASSESSOR

JAMES "JIM" JOHNSON

Occupation: Chief, Assessment Services

Age: 57

My education and qualifications are: I pledge to provide you with the lowest taxes legally allowed while keeping politics and financial influence that may raise your taxes out of your Assessor's office. I have 26 years of dedicated public service to Alameda County taxpayers. I am the only candidate with any assessment administration experience. I am endorsed by the retiring current Assessor who knows I'm uniquely qualified to continue the proficient, cost efficient administration of your Assessor's office. I will continue the policies that have led to the outstanding average assessment rating of 99.84% in the most recent State Board of Equalization's survey. I hold a California Appraisers Certification and have personally been responsible for the continued oversight of our award winning computer modernization project giving me a unique understanding of how the entire office operates. We will soon complete our document scanning project and I will also place live video kiosks in various locations throughout the County to improve customer service. My results-oriented philosophy will be focused on the office and duties of Assessor, which includes assisting low-income housing projects and revenue projections for Cities, not providing political favors for supporters. I encourage you to visit www.JimJohnsonForAssessor.com for more information. I respectfully ask for your vote.

PHONG LA

Occupation: Property Tax Attorney

Age: 41

My education and qualifications are: I have real-life experience and expertise with property assessments as a property tax attorney, real estate professor, and small business owner who helps residents file assessment appeals and avoid overpaying taxes. I am an outspoken and tireless advocate for improving the County bureaucracy and eliminating waste and inefficiency. I am a no-nonsense problem solver and will bring fresh ideas and real estate legal experience to the Assessor's Office. I will protect residents and small businesses by ensuring that everyone is treated fairly. I will collaborate with non-profit organizations and community leaders to boost quality affordable housing and decrease displacement in our neighborhoods. I will make the office more transparent by digitizing millions of paper files and giving residents immediate access to their documents. I will work with the State to aid small businesses by simplifying government forms. We deserve an experienced leader and successful advocate with a plan to guarantee fairness, accuracy, and outstanding customer service at the Assessor's Office. Please join Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, Controller Betty Yee, Treasurer John Chiang, Congressman Eric Swalwell, and many state and local leaders in supporting me. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you. <https://votephongla.com>

Candidate's Statement
CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, AREA 2

LINDA GRANGER

Occupation: Educator

My education and qualifications are: I have lived in San Leandro for most of my life. After college, I returned to San Leandro and have worked in education for the past 25 years. I began as a teacher at San Leandro High School, and helped lead the Business Academy. In San Leandro, I served as site and district administration, before becoming principal of San Leandro High School. I currently serve as Superintendent of the Eden Area ROP. These experiences have given me first-hand knowledge of the importance of education as a path to empower students to become productive and participatory members of society. I've also learned about the crucial role played by governing board members and how they contribute to the success of an organization. As a trustee for the Chabot Las Positas Community College District, I will be dedicated to ensuring that our colleges provide a quality education for all of its students. Students need to be prepared for entry into careers or a four-year college. Working together, we can achieve these things to adapt to new challenges with innovative solutions. This requires leadership with experience, knowledge and passion. I believe I am up to this task and would appreciate your support.

Candidate's Statement
CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, AREA 3

GENEVIEVE RANDOLPH

Occupation: Educator

My education and qualifications are: I want to thank the Union City and Hayward citizens for their commitment to higher education, and their ongoing support for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. My family and I have lived in Hayward and Union City for over 20 years. I appreciate the opportunity to have served as the appointed Trustee for Area 3 where I have been committed to ensuring fiscal growth, student achievement, and access to higher education for all students. If elected, I will make students and fiscal responsibility my highest priority. I will expand partnerships with community members, and businesses to preserve and promote Chabot- Las Positas Community College District. As an experienced educational leader, I welcome the opportunity to use my knowledge and experience in education to support Chabot-Las Positas students with the skills necessary for today's competitive world. I would be honored to continue my work to ensure accessible higher education at Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

Candidate's Statement
OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, AREA 1

VIVIEN ANGÉLICA LARSEN

Occupation: Trustee, Ohlone Community College Board

My education and qualifications are: I can proudly say that during my service as a Trustee, Ohlone College shows impressive performances. Ohlone ranks #5 in community colleges in CA for rate of transfer and degree completion. Ohlone ranks #1 in moving students from remedial Math to a college level. Ohlone also provides Adult and Dislocated Workers Career Services to the Tri-Cities Area, in Newark. We have vigilantly monitored the construction of stellar new core buildings on the Fremont campus, funded by Measure G, opening spring 2019. Ohlone is fiscally stable and continuously seeking funding sources. Ohlone is the most affordable route for students to secure a career path, launch technical careers, or transfer to a university. By profession, I am an educator, and have served as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in public schools. Throughout my career I have advocated for students at all levels, from diverse backgrounds, and believe in a culture of preparation and success. I have lived in Newark for 45 years and I actively serve in many community service organizations. I remain wholeheartedly committed to Ohlone College. It is an honor to represent you on the Ohlone College Board and I humbly ask for your vote for re-election.

RICHARD WATTERS

Occupation: Trustee, Ohlone Community College District

Age: 46

My education and qualifications are: I have been working in higher education for the last 25 years and serving the residents in Newark for the past 12 years on the Board. My passion has always been to assist students in developing their fullest potential by gaining leadership skills and to lead by example. I believe that I have made a positive impact on the students that I have served and taught over the past 25 years. During my tenure I have helped make Ohlone College second in the state for transfer students and number 1 for underserved students completing math and English. If re-elected my priorities will be to continue to increase student achievement and degree completion, ensure Measure G projects are completed on time and within budget, and be fiscally conservative with College funds to limit tax payer burden. I ask for your vote and continued support on November 6 to represent you on the Board.

STACY GRAHAM

Occupation: Business Owner, Parent

Age: 39

My education and qualifications are: I am blessed to have grown up in Fremont, now reside in Newark, and have been in the East Bay Area my entire life. I help run a successful contracting business with my husband, raise a five-year-old son and a three-year-old daughter, and attend the college here. I am passionate about our community, so I volunteer as much as I am able. I serve as a Neighborhood Watch captain. I want to serve as a trustee because I believe in Ohlone College's educational mission. Our family business has benefited from the training I received from the Business Accounting program, and I plan to send my children there in the future. I humbly ask for your vote because I pledge to be an advocate for the community, to ask the right questions, to double check the numbers and do the necessary research in order to provide the necessary oversight that the community deserves.

Candidate's Statement
OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, AREA 2, FULL TERM

SUZANNE "SUE" LEE CHAN

Occupation: Educator, Retired Councilmember

My education and qualifications are: I am passionate about education. As an Educator, I have taught at Ohlone, Chabot, SJSU and CSU East Bay. Through non-profits I've helped students further their educational experiences. As a small business owner and former Fremont City Councilmember, I'm a proven leader who will bring a unique perspective and skill set to the Ohlone Board. I believe that we can and should provide students the education and network necessary to help them find employment and earn a living that supports a good quality of life. As Trustee, I will 1) Focus on providing Ohlone students with the tools and training necessary to prepare them for today's job market; 2) Expand class offerings, availability, and career services so students can graduate on time; 3) Ensure students of all backgrounds - low income, underrepresented minorities, and Veterans have opportunity and access; 4) Seek creative ways to enhance funding sources for a stable budget. My experience teaching; running a small business; Mom; and elected government official make me uniquely qualified to advance the standing of Ohlone and help our students reach their full potential. A vote for me will be "Putting Students First". www.VoteSueChan.com Thank You.

LOVEDEEP "LOVE" JHAMAT

Occupation: Manager, Ecommerce Fraud Industry

My education and qualifications are: Do the right thing. A college should strive to provide world-class education and students should have access to resources that prepare them for the future. Your help and support are crucial in securing the future well-being of the Ohlone Community College District. I ask you to join me in pushing the boundaries of progress in our community by casting your vote for me on November 6, 2018. I graduated from Ohlone Community College and UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. I can provide Ohlone students real-world insight on successfully graduating and becoming competitive in the job market. I strongly believe in the responsibility of the community college towards the community. A college should be focused on education and not on for-profit real estate development or other irrelevant ventures. As a longtime Fremont resident, I oppose real estate development on school grounds that increases congestion and traffic within my community. Your vote will allow me to advocate for students while providing fiscally responsible leadership. Please vote for Lovedeep "Love" Jhamat to be your next representative on the Ohlone Community College Board of Trustees.

JAN GIOVANNINI-HILL

Occupation: Incumbent / University Financial Analyst

My education and qualifications are: 51 years of employment in public higher education venues in the Bay Area; including over 42 years at CSU East Bay, as an Instructor at a business/technical college, and beginning at a local community college in 1967. I have a Master's Degree in Public Administration/Organizational Change, Bachelor's Degree in Administrative Communication/Special Major, and an Associate's Degree in Business/Data Processing. As a first generation college student in my family, I understand the obstacles that many students face seeking higher education. My academic preparation was an uphill challenge for 26 years. My four children have all attended Ohlone College. These campuses are a hidden jewel in the Tri-City area that deserve Board Members with the experience, background, commitment, inspiration and creative vision to take them to the next level. I believe I have those qualities at this time in my life. Re-elect me to continue building bridges within the academic arena, be a voice for inclusiveness, seek budget stability, and enhance community partnerships. As a long time university employee, college student, instructor, parent, and recognized community leader, I understand the issues facing higher education today and would welcome your vote to the Ohlone Community College District, Trustee, Area 2. Thank you.

TOMMY BANDY

Occupation: Human Resources

My education and qualifications are: I am an alumnus of Cal State University East Bay and Ohlone College. I work for the Veterans Administration, specializing in Human Resources. I work directly with and for other veterans. As an 8-year veteran of the United States Army myself, I am committed to the principle of "leaving no man (or woman) left behind." It is for this very reason I ask for your support and your vote on November 6, 2018. As a student, I saw first-hand that the funding for the Veteran Resource Center at Ohlone was inadequate and therefore fellow veterans were being left behind. I travelled with other to Sacramento to advocate for more funding for the resource center. While working as the resource coordinator at the center, I used my leadership skills to mentor students to help them see that they can rise to the challenge and progress to the next level. As a leader, I am independent and seek to make well informed yet decisive decisions that provide the kind of oversight that the community should have over the college. Please vote Tommy Bandy for Ohlone College Area 2 Trustee!

Candidate's Statement
OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, AREA 2, SHORT TERM

TEJINDER DHAMI

Occupation: Physical Access Control Analyst & Safety Inspector

My education and qualifications are: I am a parent and community worker who is passionate about ensuring that Ohlone Community College District is accessible and provides high quality education for each student. I have attended Ohlone College as a student, and I believe we could make the College even better and take it to the next level. I bring fresh ideas and new energy to help solve the issues facing Ohlone Community College District. Being involved in Fremont's community for more than 22 years has equipped me with the experience and relationships to help get things done on Ohlone College. I currently serve as a Human Relations Commissioner in Fremont and Alameda County, VIPS at the Fremont Police Department, and serve as a member of the Ohlone Community College District President Advisory Committee. I will strive to bring improved technology, accessibility, and transparency as a member of the Ohlone College Board of Trustees. I believe Ohlone College needs to be a good community partner with our community and our city. I will make sure that I represent your concerns, and work hard for you. I understand the facing higher education today and would welcome your vote to the Ohlone Community College District, Trustee, Area 2. I humbly ask for your vote and Support. Thank you Tejinder Dhami Email: dhamitejinder@yahoo.com

TAWNEY WARREN

Occupation: College Career Specialist

My education and qualifications are: Tawney Warren is the only candidate with one year experience serving on the Ohlone College Board of Trustees (2012-2013). FUSD CSEA College Career Specialist who works with students with disabilities to prepare them for college or employment. Proud 2013 Ohlone College Alum who successfully transferred to UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business, served on Ohlone College Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee 2012-2013, elected by the students of the college to represent the 15,000 students of the college. Seeking to serve the Ohlone community as a locally elected trustee. Served on the Ohlone College Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee representing the interests of the students' for the two bonds totaling \$499M. Served on the Ohlone College Foundation board which grants over \$100k in scholarships annually to students. Worked with the student government to create a 'Rock the Vote' voter registration campaign to register students and educate them about the candidates and propositions on the ballot including Props 30 & 38. Attended a higher education bill signing with Governor Brown Sept 2012. Proposed an idea to streamline inefficiencies in the higher education system that has been implemented in the UC system as a pilot program. Please vote for Tawney Warren to be your next representative on the Ohlone Community College Board of Trustees.

STEVEN WORLEY

Occupation: Teacher / Student / Musician / Writer / Linguist / Photographer / Businessman

Age: 46

My education and qualifications are: Dear Voters, Ohlone College needs a change. As a longtime resident of the Ohlone College District, I've watched development grow out of control, causing congested traffic especially along Mission Blvd. Ohlone College is suffering from perpetually declining enrollment, substandard facilities, cancelled classes, lawsuits, top-heavy administration, ongoing construction hassles from delays and cost overruns, as well as overcrowded traffic. I envision a college where leaders listen to its clients and hardworking service providers: its students and faculty, who are most in-tune with what's needed to provide a quality educational experience. Developers shouldn't be getting sweetheart deals that impoverish the college community. I'm an Ohlone College student and I have a BA from UC Berkeley. I served honorably as Chair of Hayward's D.B.I.A. Board. My business never lost its BBB A+ rating. I was a Rotary member and a Hayward C.C. Ambassador. Through it all I've never accepted special interest money. As Trustee on the Ohlone Community College Board I pledge that I won't accept money from developers; I'll protect Fremont's hillsides. I'll ensure the leadership of Ohlone College always puts its students and teachers first! Please help me put the "Community" back into "Community College". Visit Vote4SteveWorley.com

Candidate's Statement
PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, AREA 3

LINDA L HANDY

Occupation: Trustee, Area 3 Peralta Community Colleges, Racial Dialogue and Restorative Justice Facilitator

My education and qualifications are: As a Trustee my hallmark is to courageously and reasonably make decisions that support our students and our community. I've fought for quality instruction, student support, local business commitment, employment fairness, workforce equity and making Peralta the premier Community College District. As a result, Peralta has increased outreach and involvement of high school students in college classes providing opportunities to earn college credit; increased class offerings in the Fruitvale to make college more accessible and affordable in this neighborhood; sponsored numerous town halls to share information about degrees and certificates Peralta offers that lead to good paying jobs; and have public-trustee work groups where community members and Peralta staff share ideas to help Peralta better serve our area. I've successfully worked with my colleagues, the Chancellor and our community to constantly improve our Peralta colleges including the creation of student health centers and food pantries on each campus. With my AA from Laney College, Bachelors from SFSU and Master's Degree in Organizational Development and Analysis, I've been a Dean of Education and currently am a Racial Dialogue and Restorative Justice Facilitator. I respectfully ask for your vote. Handyfortrustee@gmail.com

COREAN TODD

Occupation: Student Services and Affordable Housing Specialist
Age: 50

My education and qualifications are: It is time for a change! I am proud to be endorsed by Peralta Community College Board of Trustees members Karen Weinstein and Nicky Gonzalez Yuen. As a lifelong resident of this district, a mother, and a transfer student from Merritt College I understand first-hand the struggles of regular people. I have spent years working in student services, affordable housing, and providing support for low-income families. I completed my business degree at JFK University and bring experience from non-profits, private sector business and government. Faculty and staff in the Peralta Community College District provide exceptional educational opportunities to thousands of students and community members, but their work is undermined by an Administration and Board that has failed in basic fiscal oversight. Last year they had a \$10 million accounting error, throwing the District into chaos, and destabilizing access and service to students. Poor management has led Peralta to freeze hiring, cancel classes, cut essential services and receive a negative fiscal report from the District's bond rating agency. We need change. I will be a Trustee who will demand accountability, transparency, academic management grounded in the real experience of real students. I will insist that students and community come first, including basic skills and second language education. Please vote: Corean Todd for Peralta Community College District, Area 3.

Candidate's Statement
PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, AREA 5

CINDI REISS

Occupation: Community College Professor

My education and qualifications are: I have the experience, perspective, and motivation to provide the Peralta Community College District with the active, outspoken, and accountable representation Peralta needs and deserves: I have been a community college educator for decades, served on multiple academic governance and oversight bodies, and an education nonprofit board, I am a mother and active community member. I know from first-hand experience that community colleges are gateways for better and richer lives for youth and community. The Peralta Community College District serves thousands of students and community members each year, but its work is threatened by a Board that has failed in exercising basic fiscal oversight. Poor management has led to a multimillion dollar structural deficit, shrinking financial reserves, and multimillion dollar accounting errors. Now is an urgent time for change. I am endorsed by California State Controller Betty Yee and former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, former state Senator Loni Hancock, and much of Peralta's faculty leadership. I will be a Trustee who will champion fiscal accountability, transparency, clear communication with community, using data and oversight to promote responsible and effective budget planning, and cultivate a culture of respect. I will ensure that public dollars are used effectively to promote a better and stronger community college system. Join me to bring change. Vote: Cindi Reiss for Peralta Community College District, Area 5.

DR. WILLIAM (BILL) RILEY

Occupation: Incumbent

My education and qualifications are: My life is dedicated to public education. It changes lives and provides hope and opportunity. As your Trustee, I'll continue fighting for quality education and accessible student pathways, including tuition-free community colleges. Under my leadership, all four colleges attained full accreditation. Fiscal responsibility, organizational stability and sensible stewardship underlie student success and are important to taxpayers. I'm working to eliminate operational inefficiencies and improve fiscal management. I helped establish Peralta's Employees Retirement Bond investment program funding employee health care pension costs. I helped secure funding to rebuild our District, examples: Merritt College's new science building; Alameda College's new genomics facility and performing arts center; Berkeley College's new classroom building; and Laney College's environmental construction education complex. On the Peralta Foundation Board I organize annual events that fund student scholarships. I'm a retired public school educator with years of administration experience, community volunteer, and long-time Rotarian. I received an AA from Merritt College; a master's degree from SF State; and a BA and Ed.D. from the University of San Francisco; my wife of 45 years and I raised two daughters who earned graduate degrees. I respectfully request your vote for my experience and to continue our accomplishments. More: BillRiley4Trustee.com

Candidate's Statement
ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

KEVIN JORDAN

Occupation: Science Educator

My education and qualifications are: I declare my candidacy for A.U.S.D Board. I will not take any money from outside Alameda. Bachelor of Science Biology, Humboldt State University. Master of Science in Education, Cal State East Bay My "PhD" comes from teaching science with diverse youth, in Oakland Public Schools, for 25 years, and then in AUSD for 2 years. Co-founder, long time Co-director of The Environmental Science Academy of Oakland. Youth trip leader for The Sierra Club, outdoor education. Volunteer coach for Alameda Soccer Club. My observations in 30 years in education will be very helpful in working to make AUSD more functional for our youth. My platform: 1) Class size is the most important variable in education and our maximum of 35 is unacceptable. The current leadership, administration and the teachers union that I belonged to, has failed. The vast majority of districts have a lower maximum. (max in Oakland is 32). I will bring our class size maximum down. If our teachers have reasonable class sizes, they will do a better job. Our students will be better prepared for college and life. 2) End unneeded and unjust tracking in our schools. Separate is not equal. 3) Make our schools sustainable by bringing solar power, increasing recycling and composting rates. 4) Respect diversity in our schools. 5) I will work hard for our public schools. Thank You

GARY LYM

Occupation: Trustee – Alameda Unified School District, Retired Accounting Professor, Co-founder & Director for Alameda Non-Profit Basketball & Volleyball Club

My education and qualifications are: Since joining the AUSD Board, I have sought the input of our students, teachers, staff, parents, and community members to meet the challenge of providing our children with the highest quality education. Acknowledging the importance of preparing our students to be college and career ready, I have established a joint subcommittee between AUSD & Peralta Community College to strengthen our collaboration in providing free services to our students. This year, our board has worked with our stakeholders to analyze our budget in comparison to other Alameda County school districts in order to remain a destination district in retaining and attracting excellent teachers and staff. The importance that mental and emotional wellness has on student success is well documented. I have asked the district for a plan to address this priority. As a lifelong resident of Alameda, I attended Otis Elementary, Lincoln Middle, Alameda and Encinal High School. I have obtained an Accounting, Finance and Business degrees from U.C. Berkeley and Arizona State. Currently, I serve on the Community of Harbor Bay Isle board and co-founded the Alameda Vipers Basketball and Volleyball Club. It has been a privilege to serve as your trustee these past four years. I respectfully ask for your vote. www.gary4alamedakids.com

ANNE MCKEREGHAN

Occupation: Realtor

My education and qualifications are: Appointed Incumbent Alameda Unified School Board, AUSD Measure A Oversight Committee Past Member and Chair, AUSD Measure I Bond Oversight Past Member, Measures E, A and I Campaign Steering Committee Member, Alameda Education Foundation Past President and board member, San Jose State University, Business Administration-Accounting Fiscally responsible, community minded, student focused. Over 30 years of business experience, 20+ in the field of accounting, and 15 years advocating for Alameda students, I bring a fiscally balanced and community oriented perspective to the school board. Districts continue to face restricted funding and increasing costs. I am proud our current board looked deeply into district finances during the 2018/19 budget process. It will be crucial to continue exploring options to ensure public funds are utilized efficiently and effectively. The board will be tasked with determining if consolidating high schools would provide financial relief. In this, and all decisions, my primary responsibility and motivation is to ensure our students are given opportunities to reach their fullest potential in an atmosphere where they feel safe and nurtured. The value of the financial impact must not exceed the educational need. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to continue to represent our community on the AUSD Board.

MIA BONTA

Occupation: Educator/Nonprofit Founder

My education and qualifications are: As an educator and nonprofit leader for 25+ years, I will bring to Alameda Unified School District's Board a deep understanding of equity, student supports, and innovation. We need new, qualified leadership during one of the most challenging times in our history. My priorities include collaboratively updating the outdated Master Plan, implementing innovative programs to support 21st century learners, and supporting educators so students enjoy the highest quality instruction. I have been an AUSD parent for 15 years and counting, so planning for school safety, high school redesign, and budget constraints are real issues that hit home. Education was a game changer for me and it should be for every student. I put myself through Yale University with financial aid and working four jobs. I went on to pursue an Ed.M from Harvard Graduate School of Education and a JD from Yale Law School. I'm president of my neighborhood School Site Council, have served on regional committees for early childhood education, have been advisor on education issues to Assemblymember Rob Bonta, my partner, and have worked with K-12 school districts in multiple states and on school policy nationally. For more, visit www.miabonta.com. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Candidate's Statement
DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, AREA 2

MEGAN ROUSE

Occupation: Trustee, Dublin Unified School District

My education and qualifications are: I care deeply for Dublin's students, families, and our excellent public schools. Working together, we have kept class sizes low, added math and literacy instructional coaches to support students and teachers, enhanced classroom technology, increased STEAM education, and updated district emergency systems. We are moving forward on a new high school, and equally important, modernizing our aging school facilities. Making connections with families, teachers, staff, and community is valuable and needed to lead the district. I strive to be visible and accessible at schools and around the community. We must continue to manage the challenges of growth, maintain excellence and innovation in our programs, prepare all students to be college and career ready, and recruit and retain high quality teachers and staff. All of this must be done with collaborative communication and fiscal responsibility. Dublin has been my home for over 20 years and I have two children in our schools. I have a Bachelor's in Math and Physics and a MBA from Cal. I am a financial professional and small business owner. I am proud of our many accomplishments and remain committed to the success of all students. I would be honored to have your vote for re-election.
www.MeganRouseforDublin.com

Candidate's Statement
DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, AREA 5

DAN CHERRIER

Occupation: Civil Engineer

Age: 58

My education and qualifications are: It has been an honor to serve the last two years as your District 5 representative. Dublin Unified is a great school district focused on building a strong foundation for our children's success. Resolving our overcrowding problem demands more than just a thoughtful solution, it requires leadership and vision. I believe my record is clear: I have consistently voted for additional resources for the second high school, voted for greater accountability and control of our limited funding sources, and voted against limits on public participation at meetings. Representing the community's best interests as your Trustee, I did not support placing a school near the county jail and courthouse as the capacity was insufficient to meet the goal of a 2,500 seat high school, I challenged redirecting Measure H funds to a lower priority Dublin High School expansion project and advocated for an increase in funding for the second high school. These successes were achieved with your support. As your Trustee, I will continue to advocate first and foremost for students. Join me, vote Cherrier, and together we can create a brighter future. To learn more, please contact me at www.cherrierforschoolboard.com.

DOMINICK PIEGARO

Occupation: Retail Sales Manager

Age: 46

My education and qualifications are: I am a resident, a parent, a coach, former district employee and a student mentor. I know what our students and staff need to succeed because I've asked them. I know the ways in which our schools can better serve our kids because I've walked the halls of our schools every day and seen it for myself. I will bring passion and energy and a student-first attitude to this important job. My true passion is mentoring our youth. So when the opportunity came to serve as a campus supervisor at Fallon Middle School, I decided to take a permanent full-time position in education – leaving my career in banking. That life-changing opportunity led to another, as a football coach. Eventually, I would take on roles as lead campus supervisor at Dublin High School as well as football, baseball, and wrestling coach. I have been able to mentor and connect to thousands of DHS students. While I am no longer working at DHS, I continue to be involved with students, coaching and mentoring, e.g. as a chaperone for dances, school activities and field trips, such as the Fallon Middle School Washington D.C. trip.

Candidate's Statement
EMERY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

SARAH NGUYEN

Occupation: Teacher/Mother

My education and qualifications are: As a teacher and a mom, I feel a deep sense of concern and responsibility for children. For the past 23 years, I've supported student success one classroom at a time. Now I am ready to work toward students and families in our community having access to engaging, equitable, and socially just experiences at Emery Unified. I have more than two decades of experience partnering with families, caregivers, teachers, school staff, and community-based organizations toward our common goal of increasing positive student outcomes. Lasting educational change requires the knowledge, experience, and effort that I can contribute as a member of the Emery Unified School Board. I believe every child can succeed and every family should feel welcome and included in Emery schools. That is why I have been endorsed by Emeryville Mayor Bauters, Vice Mayor Medina, Council Members Martinez and Patz, and Emery School Board Member Inch. Please vote for Sarah Nguyen for Emery Unified School Board. Strong schools create strong communities!

KATY BROWN

Occupation: Parent and Nonprofit Tax Accountant

My education and qualifications are: B.A. George Mason Univ (French), M.A. Univ of Arizona (French), M.S. Golden Gate Univ (Taxation). 12+ years experience as a tax advisor, with the last 7 years specializing in nonprofit organizations' tax compliance, currently at Armanino LLP. Volunteer board member (5 years) for The Clifford Brown Jazz Foundation, a small nonprofit helping kids develop a love for jazz music. Parent of an 11-year-old returning Anna Yates student. We have lived in Emeryville since before my daughter started Kindergarten, and she attended Anna Yates for K-4. Given some frustrations we had, we explored every non-private school option for Emeryville residents, and none were workable. We're returning to Anna Yates this year, and I would like to make it the first-choice for all Emeryville families instead of the only option. I believe public schools can provide our kids with a safe, high quality education that will prepare them for success after graduation, but we need to focus on hiring and retaining great teachers and providing the resources they need to teach our kids effectively. I believe my professional experience can help with fiscal management and decision making, and as a parent, I'm dedicated to making our school the best it can be.

Candidate's Statement
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

DIANNE JONES

Occupation: Teacher/Parent

Age: 48

My education and qualifications are: I am a longtime Fremont resident, parent of three, substitute teacher, and volunteer in our schools. I have seen the challenges our teachers and students face in the classroom. As your trustee, I will work to have quality facilities, attract and retain the best teachers and support staff, and ensure our schools are safe and inclusive for every student. I have the experience and community support to be successful. For 14 years I have served Fremont Unified schools including as Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President of Parkmont Elementary and Centerville Junior High, Fremont Council PTA Health and Safety Chair and Legislative Advocacy Chair. I have served on district committees including Curriculum and Instruction, Wellness, Health Advisory, and several safety committees. I'm a member of the Fremont Unified Teacher Association and served on the FUDTA Human Rights and Equity Committee. My work on school safety was recognized by the California State Senate. I pledge to work with parents, educators, administrators, support staff, and students to address our challenges and build on our successes to empower students to pursue further education, enter the job market, and become engaged citizens. I respectfully ask for your vote. <https://diannejonesforeverystudent.com/>

HUA (JERRY) LI

Occupation: Senior Manager at a Hi-Tech Company

My education and qualifications are: Hua Li knows how to get things done. A Fremont resident of over 20 years, he is a champion of education reform and advancement. Having raised two wonderful kids who are/have attended FUSD, Hua knows first-hand the issues that plague our district. Whether it's the quality of school lunch or the lack of modernized infrastructure, Hua has a plan to fix it! His priorities include: (1) establishing a better communication channel between students, teachers, and parents - so that all individuals feel that their voice is heard, (2) improving school lunch service to be more affordable, healthy, and student-friendly, and (3) providing more benefits to our invaluable teachers through a merit-based system. Starting his career in high-tech 20 years ago, Hua has the experience of growing from software engineer to senior manager, similar to many residents here. He shares the same concerns and will work relentlessly to represent the voice of the parents! Learned from his career in high-tech, Hua understands the importance of the modernization of our education system and the importance of coordination, resource management, and cost management. He also understands the importance of every citizen's voice! Hua Li wants to hear from you today: huali4fUSD@gmail.com

NORMAN HOWELL

Occupation: Educator, AP Biology/Bio Tech, Environmentalist

My education and qualifications are: A background of advanced scientific training has shaped the way I lead and make decisions. I believe in careful analysis, collecting input and data, and seeking creative solutions. I pledge to develop a forward-looking vision for FUSD, focusing on appropriate educational development for our students that prepares them for college, trade-school, or the work-a-day world. We must find new efficiencies in our policies and practices to keep resources focused on our children, while retaining the highest quality educators. During my career, I worked as an advocate for students and my fellow teachers. As a pro-active parent of an FUSD student, I have continuously worked with the PTA, Principals, and staff at schools to enhance the education experience. I am pleased to say that these efforts have made a difference. Recent honors for helping students: 2018 Golden Oak Award Recipient from PTA, 2017 Community Hero Award from Assemblyman Kansen Chu for service to kids, 2013-2017 led Multi-culture week for students at Gomes Elementary, 2014 received PTA Honorary Service Award at Gomes. I readily give of my time and talents to help others learn and improve their lives. I ask for your vote to continue this journey on a higher level. Howell4schoolboard.com

FAHRIA KHAN

Occupation: President Fremont Education Foundation, Girl Scout Leader, PTO/PTA President

My education and qualifications are: I am a parent and community member who is passionate about ensuring that Fremont Unified School District provides quality education for each student. Being involved in Fremont's schools and community for more than 15 years has equipped me with the experience and relationships to fight for and achieve what is best for our children. With five children in the public school system, I dedicate a large portion of my time to serving our students. I volunteer in classrooms, served as President of the PTO/PTA at 3 schools for the past 8 years, am a girl scout troop leader for 12 years, serve as a Commissioner for the Alameda County Human Relations Commission and Status of Women Commission, serve on the District Equity Committee, and currently serve as the President of Fremont Education Foundation. Our initiatives must be driven by what students need to compete and thrive in a global marketplace and by providing safe schools where all students get access to equal opportunities. I will strive to bring improved equity, innovation and well being to FUSD students. We all must put students first. I humbly ask for your vote on November 6. Learn more at www.khan4schools.com.

Candidate's Statement
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

HIU NG

Occupation: Dad, Former VP of Engineering

My education and qualifications are: If elected, I will absolutely speak up and vote for the best interest of Fremont students. Our children have to come first now. Sadly, this has not been true. The plain fact is that the status quo of Fremont Public Education is not good enough. 60% African American students and also 60% Latino American students have failed both English and Math. Year after year. Caucasian students? 30% in English and 40% in Math. At the same time, serious overcrowding problems at American High School and Irvington High School are not properly addressed. If the failure continues, there would be no reasonable option left except "boundary changes" in about 5 years. That is not all. The Fremont Board of Education continues to make many inequitable and unfair decisions in school funding, technology and general facilities. Gyms, swimming pools, school programs, after-school programs and even really simple items such as computer per student ratio are not uniform/similar across the school district. 200 words here do not allow me to say much. I am an independent community candidate fighting for the kids. The kids. Nothing else. I almost won in 2016. Please help. A vote for Hiu Ng is a vote for the kids.

SYLVIA WONG

Occupation: Finance Manager, Realtor

Age: 46

My education and qualifications are: I am a long-term Fremont resident, who (like you) greatly cares about our children's education. I strongly believe that a well-rounded education includes not only intellectual pursuits, but also mental and physical health. As the daughter of a life-long teacher and the proud mother of a FUSD student, I understand the concerns and perspectives of both parents and teachers. Making this curriculum possible and balancing all these objectives requires fiscal discipline and competent management. I hold a Business Economics degree from UCLA and an MBA from Santa Clara University, and I have held senior finance management positions at Fortune 500 companies before working in Real Estate. I will hold the district accountable for fiscal operation. Our district is struggling with overcrowding and crumbling facilities. We will revitalize old classrooms, modernize computer labs, and build safe sports facilities. I have years of experience dealing with facility development and vendor bids. I will ensure the district spends taxpayers' Measure E money responsibly and our children fully benefit from Measure E. As your representative on the School Board, I will advocate for exemplary educational content, sound fiscal management, and modern school facilities. To make this happen, I need your support, your endorsement, and most importantly your vote on 11/06/2018.

LARRY SWEENEY

Occupation: Trustee, Fremont Unified School Board

My education and qualifications are: It has been my honor and privilege to serve you for the past 16 years on the Fremont USD Board of Education. Our students and teachers face tough challenges and Fremont deserves strong leadership that will continue to find workable solutions to leverage all of our talents and dollars. We need experienced decision-makers to deliver the best educational environment for all of our students, while at the same time working with our stakeholders to continue to implement sound fiscal practices. My wife Teresa was raised in Fremont, as were our four wonderful children. I regularly meet with parents, teachers, students and community members in an effort to stay as well-informed as possible. As a recruiter for some of the most successful high tech companies in the world, I see the value of a strong education. There is no substitute for experienced leadership and problem solving expertise, especially in these challenging times. I look forward to continuing to serve our community and I humbly ask for your vote of support on November 6. For additional information, please visit: www.larrysweeney.com

Candidate's Statement
HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

KEN RAWDON

Occupation: Retired Hayward Teacher

My education and qualifications are: For twenty-eight years I dedicated my life to the students of Hayward as a classroom teacher. Within me beats the heart of a teacher which will bring a unique perspective to the board of education. It's Hayward's smart, intelligent, and creative students who drive my desire to be on the board. Given the chance, they are capable of doing anything expected of them. I will be their strongest advocate! Working together with students, community and parents, who are my biggest supporters, I created a nationally recognized music program with very few resources. I will demand fiscal responsibility and accountability from the district. Over time I've seen boards make good and bad decisions. I have seen what works and what doesn't. As we work to improve test scores and graduation rates, I won't allow enrichment courses to fall by the wayside. I'll work to foster an educational environment where students thrive, not merely produce adequate test scores. I'll work to implement the district's newly adapted Visual and Performing Arts Plan. I will listen to the voices of students, teachers and parents. I humbly ask for your vote. kenrawdon.net

TODD E. DAVIS

Occupation: Consumer Mediator, Alameda County

My education and qualifications are: My promise to you is to be a strong new voice that vigorously represents Hayward students and schools on the HaywardUSD School Board. My goal is to bring fresh, constructive leadership to our local schools. I am ready and qualified to do this work. Professionally, I am a consumer mediator with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. I have deep roots in Hayward. I come from a hardworking Hayward family believing that getting a good education leads to success in life. I attended Lorin Eden Elementary School, Moreau High School, and graduated from UC Berkeley with a double major. As a UC student I mentored new students. Later, I served as a "Big Brother". Today, I continue to mentor students. I have public service experience. I've served 2 terms on The City of Hayward Community Services Commission and now serve on HARD's Measure F1 Oversight Committee. Our current HaywardUSD School Board hasn't managed public funding properly, has failed to renovate our school facilities and persists in alienating the community. I will provide leadership to ensure students get the support needed to properly prepare for college and career success. I'll work with the Board to facilitate a more professional and inviting relationship with the public. If you contact me I will respond. I'm Todd Davis and I'd appreciate your vote. Thank you

WILLIAM LOWELL MCGEE

Occupation: Middle School Principal

Age: 40

My education and qualifications are: I have worked in education since 1995. Serving as a current member of the HUSD Board of Trustees has been a great honor. Currently I am a Middle School Principal and hold multiple teaching credentials. As a graduate of Chabot College and CSU, Hayward, I am made in Hayward earning A.A. and B.A. degrees, as well as an M.S. Degree in education. I am accessible in the community while attending various events and refereeing basketball games. As a current HUSD Trustee, along with working with the governance team, I am proud of our accomplishments to date. We have prioritized student achievement, parental engagement, high quality teaching and learning, and have maintained a balanced budget, leading to an improved school district. High quality education is what all students deserve, pre-kindergarten through adult, so they can have a greater opportunity at success. Building a culture of success is a task I am happy to take on for our students, parents, community, and for the success of our school district. We have had great successes and growth, but still need to conquer the challenges in our district to continue the progress. For more information regarding my qualifications for candidacy, please visit www.williammcgee.com.

DR. APRIL OQUENDA, PHD

Occupation: College Teacher

My education and qualifications are: Education transformed my life, opened unexpected doors, and enabled me to do what I love—teach. My grandpa and my father immigrated to the US and worked as bricklayers. My grandma waited tables, my mom baked cakes at the grocery store, and my stepdad cleaned pipes as a plumber. Each generation worked hard to do better for the next. It's because of my family's persistence that I became a first-generation college graduate. Once I saw the opportunities that came with education, I decided to keep going. I earned my PhD in English and have taught for over nine years at California State Universities. I'm committed to working with you to ensure that all students are ready for college and career pathways. That's why I volunteer at Glassbrook Elementary and read at Words for Lunch. That's why I serve families at the Eden United Church of Christ's Comida food pantry and advocate for youth health and wellness in Hayward. I believe our children deserve an advocate who will prioritize their safety, invest in their success, and mobilize the support of our community. I humbly ask for your vote to serve Hayward's students on the School Board. To learn more, visit www.apriloquenda.com.

**Candidate's Statement
HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

LISA G. BRUNNER

Occupation: Incumbent

Age: 59

My education and qualifications are: I believe, "Education is the Great Equalizer in Life". As a Trustee, I have proven my leadership abilities to understand and address the challenges of the Hayward Unified School District. Some highlights of my tenure: positive certification, rising graduation rates, increased college readiness, stable enrollment, re-instatement of art and music, increased test scores, pre-school numbers, after and before school programs and parental involvement opportunities, introduction of the " Safe and Inclusive Schools Program" and "Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support" (PBIS) programs, career pathways such as "Engineering" and "Biomedical" in our High Schools with increased dual-college enrollment and ROP participation, and permanent district level Administration to address the needs of all our students and community. HUSD is a nationally recognized leader in "Full Service Community Schools". As HUSD moves forward with Common Core, LCFF, and LCAP, I would like to continue to be an active part of moving the district forward towards increased excellence and stability to prepare, motivate and challenge our students. I am a civically active parent of two Hayward High graduates who believes in public education and parental involvement. All students deserve a fair and equitable education to fulfill their potential. The focus of education is the "student".

Candidate's Statement
LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

KATE RUNYON

Occupation: USAF Veteran, Stock Analyst, Math Tutor, Past President of Education Foundation LVEF

My education and qualifications are: It has been my privilege to serve our community on the School Board. I began volunteering as a math tutor. I was president of LVEF and the founder of the Dollar-A-Day campaign that raised a million dollars for Livermore Schools. I have championed the International Baccalaureate program and Makers Spaces in our schools. I prioritized school safety and fiscal stability of our district. The changes in our district have been well received; our employees have honored us as a "Top Workplace" five times. We face challenges; the cost of living is a significant challenge in our region. Still, Livermore has become a destination district for students and staff. We need to continue the practices that attract great staff. We need to truly value our employees and understand their needs, so that they can spend their time meeting the diverse needs of our students. Great schools are vital to a great community. Students of today will work in many new career fields. We need to spark creativity and show students how to become lifelong learners, while still providing pathways to fields that remain. From welders to physicians, whatever our students desire, we need to help them reach their goals.

EMILY PRUSSO

Occupation: Parent

Age: 42

My education and qualifications are: I have four children in the LVJUSD and am invested in their education as well as supporting a healthy and strong educational community. I have three main priorities which are, 1) high quality child-centered learning, 2) strong and effective support for teachers and 3) empowering parents to be involved in their children's education. While these things may seem simple, I have learned, while serving on School Site Councils and from attending School Board meetings, that there are a lot of factors in the execution of these priorities. As school board member, I would like to confirm that the policies and programs in place to support students, teachers and parents are—in fact—operative and fiscally reasonable. Any unproductive programs should be cut and their funding reallocated to programs, teachers, supplies and curricula that are useful and effective. And finally, I would like to ensure that all children in our district thrive in a safe environment with successful anti-harassment policies and programs in place. I hope to be an integral part in the future of LVJUSD's educational goals. To accomplish these goals, I kindly ask for your support and your vote.

DAVE VONHEEDER

Occupation: Parent of Three LVJUSD Students, Active School and Community Volunteer and Former Business Manager

Age: 40

My education and qualifications are: Our school board is missing a vital perspective, and I can solve that. Livermore is a growing, dynamic community and our school district serves thousands of elementary-aged children, like mine, yet there is no representation for this segment. I am a stay-at-home dad, previously a manager in the private sector, and I personally understand the challenges in helping our children thrive in today's world. The demands of technology and social media place on our youth's mental and emotional well-being are significant and I'm on the front lines with you, striving towards a healthy balance every day. I have degrees from Las Positas and UC Berkeley, am an active blood donor, serve as an HOA Treasurer, and help out with soccer and Little League, but volunteering in our schools is the most fulfilling for me; I am a classroom parent, book fair coordinator, School Site Council member, and member of LVJUSD's LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) Committee. The bottom line is that I have a unique, well-rounded view of and commitment to our schools' future that no other candidate has, which is why I am endorsed by the Livermore Education Association. Vote for Dave Vonheeder for a perspective our community needs and deserves! Thank you.

ANNE E. WHITE

Occupation: Incumbent

My education and qualifications are: AB Brown University; MS Purdue University; 10 years medical research, UCSF; As an experienced Livermore Trustee I have always focused on providing all Livermore students with an outstanding education provided by caring, effective and innovative faculty using current materials and strategies. Our children and our community deserve no less. To become productive adults, our children must learn facts, practice critical thinking skills, learn to collaborate and become expert questioners. We need to nurture their natural creativity and imagination. To become good citizens, our children must learn the principles of democracy and practice the individual responsibility that goes with their democratic rights. Livermore is an outstanding school district, shown by our many awards. Still, we must update effective programs and add innovative new ones. My experience and insight will guide this re-evaluation of what we offer Livermore students. Schools must be safe and welcoming to all children and their families. California's funding and accountability plan, LCFF-LCAP, brings additional opportunities to provide services designed particularly for Livermore children. I look forward to working creatively with our superintendent, board members, and staff. I will always focus on Livermore children, their education, and their future. Re-elect experience and wisdom to the Board! Re-elect Anne White!

Candidate's Statement
LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

CRAIG BUENO

Occupation: Incumbent / Retired Fire Chief

My education and qualifications are: Retired after serving 27-½ years as a professional Firefighter, where I earned promotions from entry-level to Fire Chief, I sought to bring my experience and dedication to our Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. In 2014 the community elected me to serve as a Trustee, and I pledged to support STEM, Athletics and the Arts, modernize our facilities, and seek additional outside partnerships for the betterment of our students. I proposed and pursued a solar program for our campuses, and today many of our campuses are up and running, saving us hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. We are currently modernizing every campus, with major improvements to GHS, LHS, East Avenue and Joe Michell. Our campuses are now connected by a state-of-the-art Cisco teleconference system that has provided our students with remarkable opportunities. I believe Livermore students deserve top-notch schools and I'm working to make it happen. I've kept my word and now ask for your vote so that we may continue to pursue excellence in Livermore schools. www.BuenoForSchools.com

CHUNG BOTHWELL

Occupation: Financial and Contract Management

My education and qualifications are: Juris Doctor (Law); Masters of Law (Intellectual Property); MBA (Finance). I have lived and worked in Livermore for more than 30 years. I serve on the Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee two terms. Currently, I am the Chairwoman for UNCLE credit union with \$450 million in assets. I teach financial seminars to young people because I believe financial literacy is the foundation for future success. I believe that our children are our future. I believe that education is the key to success. Our children see their teachers daily beside their parents, we must recognize the importance that our teachers have impacts on our children. Therefore, our teachers need the support of parents and administration in order to provide an effective learning environment for our children. Besides Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum, History and Foreign languages are important subjects for our children to learn. I also believe in a well-managed, financial stewardship for the school districts so that resources could be made available to educate our children. With education, experience, integrity and a passion to serve the people, I will provide the leadership to make our schools the best in the country.

Candidate's Statement
NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

LINDA CANLAS

Occupation: New Haven School Board Trustee/Retired Principal/Teacher
My education and qualifications are: Masters in Governance, Professional Administrative and Teaching Credentials, M.A.-Educational Leadership, President, Alameda County School Board Association, Past President and Clerk, New Haven Unified School District. Good schools define good communities and are result of collaborative leadership focused on student success. Over the last 8 years, while faced with fiscal and other challenges, New Haven Unified School District continues to be stable, allowing students to excel in their studies. This was no accident, but the product of strong School Board and District collaboration. To sustain NHUSD's excellence, we must continue to make fiscally-responsible decisions and build on NHUSD tradition of excellence. As an experienced school Principal and Teacher, I know first-hand the effects of Board decisions at district, school site, classroom, and on students. As Parent, I always consider the impact of our decisions on the well-being of our children. As Trustee, my governing principle is, "If it's not good enough for my own children, then it's not good enough for our NHUSD students!" I would like to continue to represent and serve you, our children, and our community as your Trustee. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.
FB: @lindacanlas4schoolboard2018

SARABJIT KAUR CHEEMA

Occupation: President, New Haven Unified School District Governing Board
My education and qualifications are: Dear Community member, I am asking for your help, your support, your endorsement and most important your vote on Nov 6, 2018. For the last eight years, I have been working hard to provide responsive leadership on the New Haven Unified School District Board. Student achievement, school safety and sound budget remained my highest priority. I have collaborated with fellow board members, parents, teachers, and staff to benefit our kids' education. Together, we were able to maintain safe learning environment amidst the tragic shootings in schools. Parents and business community is more involved in student learning and assessments. Our budgets has been getting positive certifications. We have increased graduation rates and decreased dropout rates. On the ongoing basis, still lot more work remains to get kids scores better and proficiency levels high. Challenge is that California ranks 41st in the nation in per-pupil funding, when considering the cost of living and doing business here. I am the first ever Sikh-American woman elected to any public office in United States. I am humbled, honored and grateful. Our kids inspire me everyday. Please vote for me to continue the work, we started together.

Candidate's Statement
NEWARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

CHRISTINE CLINTON

Occupation: Parent

My education and qualifications are: I am a mom and volunteer who cares deeply for all the children I have met in our schools. My promise is to always vote with their best interests in mind. The voters have a choice in this election – more of the same or take a chance on someone new. In the four years I have been involved with NUSD, I challenged our administration all the way to the state and forced changes to our lunch program, fundraised for our classrooms, and volunteer across multiple elementary schools. I will work with our parents, teachers and staff to use every dollar in our students' and schools' best interests. I will champion our public schools.

NANCY THOMAS

Occupation: Newark Unified School District Board Member

My education and qualifications are: I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to ask for your vote again this November. Good things are happening in Newark's schools, achievements we can point to with pride, and a vision for the future of our schools that will ensure success for our children as they embark on their career choices and life paths. I have been working for Newark's schools since my first election to the board in 2002 and currently serve as your board president and president of the Mission Valley ROP Board. I am actively involved in the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly and serve as CSBA's appointee to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Federated Council, the governing body for high school sports in California. In all these endeavors, I brought my 25 years of experience in business, engineering, and management to focus on results, results, results. During my tenure on the Board we have achieved results that are real and substantive, including financial stability, no teacher layoffs, more students taking AP classes, and improved infrastructure, technology, and school safety systems. I am a 50-year Newark resident and a member of the Newark Rotary and Newark Optimist clubs. I would appreciate your vote on November 6 and please visit www.nancythomas.org.

ELISA MARTINEZ

Occupation: Director Business Process

My education and qualifications are: I am running for the NUSD School Board because I believe in the value of public education and I am committed to driving a culture of excellence in our Newark schools. As an expert in process improvement, I look forward to actively working with parents, teachers and our community in a rigorous but transparent process where we all have a voice before decisions are made and where you can hold us accountable for results. It is also my priority to work with the Board to ensure that we are taking all necessary steps to retain our highly qualified teaching staff. A culture of cooperation where our educators have a voice in setting the direction for our students is key to the success of our schools. My General Management experience has taught me the realities of developing and working within a budget. I will work to spend our taxpayer money wisely. Key areas of focus: ensuring that our funds are spent directly on our schools' infrastructure, in our class-rooms to reduce class sizes, on programs that provide for our special needs students and on the expansion of after-school enrichment programs. I enthusiastically and respectfully ask for your vote this November.

Candidate's Statement
CITY OF ALAMEDA
MAYOR

FRANK MATARRESE

Occupation: City Councilmember/Alameda Business Owner

Age: 63

My education and qualifications are: As Mayor, I will keep you informed. I will listen. I will lead. My priorities are to keep Alameda thriving by making decisions in the best interest of the entire city. I will continue protecting our City services. I have served as your councilmember since 2014 and from 2002 to 2010. I was a leader in efforts to build our Main Library, restore the Alameda Theater, promote new parks, support wildlife conservation (the Alameda Point harbor seal float!) and establish Alameda's Fiscal Sustainability and Climate Action Plans. I voted for commercial re-use of buildings at Alameda Point and for launching development delivering \$88 million toward Alameda Point backbone infrastructure. I want reasonable approaches for development. I will work to untangle traffic. I will seek new ways to address housing issues, especially for our most vulnerable. I will continue to make prudent Budget decisions and take action to protect our environment. Alameda faces many challenges and I welcome ideas from all residents and organizations for the betterment of our community. I commit to civility and focus during Council meetings so we can make decisions in the best interest of Alameda. Thank you for your consideration and vote. f.j.matarrese@gmail.com 510-759-9290

MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT

Occupation: City Councilmember/Arbitrator

My education and qualifications are: For six years on the Alameda City Council, I've proven that I'm a thoughtful, independent leader with integrity, focus, and determination. I'm running for Mayor to provide the stable, constructive leadership Alameda needs to meet our challenges and opportunities. We're a great city, full of promise and potential, yet many in Alameda struggle to pay for housing. Rising costs are driving seniors and young people from our city, or onto our streets. New leadership is needed to create jobs and housing for people at all income levels, stop displacement, and improve transit opportunities for residents and commuters. I championed a balanced project at Alameda Point that's eradicating blight while creating employment, housing, and recreational opportunities. In city policy and contracts, I've insisted on bold solutions that reduce traffic congestion and protect our environment by expanding transit and adding bike lanes. For twenty years I've worked for the people of Alameda – on the Planning Board, and leading campaigns to build our Main Library and save Alameda Hospital. My husband and I have lived most of our lives in Alameda, and raised our children here. I ask for your vote because Alameda needs a Mayor who gets results. UC Davis, Bachelor of Science Degree; Santa Clara University School of Law, Juris Doctor
www.Marilyn4Alameda.org

TRISH SPENCER

Occupation: Mayor of Alameda, Attorney, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Alameda Museum Volunteer, Co-Chair Alameda Youth Collaborative (35+ organizations), and former Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Board Member, PTA Council President, and Substitute Teacher.

My education and qualifications are: B.A. (Sociology), U.C. Berkeley; Juris Doctor, Western State University. Masters in Governance, CSBA. I raised four children in Alameda. I am the independent voice of reason on City Council, always voting for Alamedans' best long-term interests, after listening to everyone. I work tirelessly to ensure Alameda serves all residents. When Alamedans need help, I listen and solve their problems, big and small, collaborating with City Council and Staff (Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter contract resolved; business owner received permits; resident's electricity restored). I support Alamedans' efforts, attending thousands of events (U.S. Coast Guard, Alameda Mastick Senior Center, Scouts, Relay for Life, Friends of the Library, Kiwanis, Rotary). My decisions support our amazing island community: blue-green economy (Saildrone, The Ocean Cleanup, The Wild Oyster Project), conservation (sponsoring "straws on request," bird-safe buildings, heritage trees and light pollution ordinances); parks (Corica Golf Complex, Crab Cove, Jean Sweeney Park); arts (Alameda Film Festival, Animate Dance Festival, Island City Opera), fitness (Alameda Running Festival, Alameda Bike for the Parks), business (internships; career technical programs; safe, legal cannabis), smart development (prioritizing jobs, workforce housing, safe streets); and reduce homelessness (increased Operation Dignity funding; rent stabilization). I vote "no" when necessary to manage Alameda's budget, not increase taxes (which increase displacement and gentrification), and ensure transparency and accountability. I am a dedicated, compassionate, hands-on leader who appreciates your input. Together, we are leading Alameda to new opportunities! Thank you for your vote. Let's do it again! www.MayorTrish.com, 510-863-4496, #ThePeoplesMayorTrish

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF ALAMEDA
CITY COUNCIL**

STEWART CHEN

Occupation: Experienced Civic-Minded Leader and Social Advocate.

My education and qualifications are: I have lived in Alameda since 1989 and served on many public boards and commissions including Alameda City Council, Alameda Hospital Board, and Social Service Board, as well as the County Human Relations Commission. I am dedicated to serving Alameda and determined to bring changes that will improve the quality of life for all Alamedans. Together, we can make Alameda better! During my tenure, we completed the conveyance of the Navy Base and passed a city resolution to reserve 500 acres as open space. We brought the crime rate down, improved street safety and created one million dollars surplus, as well as improved our city's credit rating. Housing, transportation, and public safety are my top three priorities. I will push for policies that will provide the best tools to make our community safe. We will fix our roads and work on solving the traffic congestion challenges. As your former Councilmember, I have worked hard to ensure that your government is transparent and effective and your tax dollars were spent wisely, and I will continue to do so when elected. Please join retired Alameda County Superior Court Judge Chester Bartolini along with Mayor Trish Spencer, Honorable Fiona Ma, Bill Withrow, Sandre Swanson, and Alice Lai-Bitker in voting for me this November. Stewartchen.org

TONY DAYSOG

Occupation: Urban and Economic Development Planner

My education and qualifications are: I was the Student Body President of Encinal High School in the Spring of 1984 when I helped bring the first jet (A-4 Skyhawk) onto the front lawn of Encinal. Over the years, I have had the honor of helping our community in a number of ways, including as a past Councilmember, Economic Development Commissioner, and military base closure commission member. I am running because I see a City Hall that has lost touch with the common Alamedan, focusing instead on the needs of the fire union and developers. I want and envision an Alameda where we are not over-building -- our infrastructure (e.g. Posey Tube, Island Drive, and Park Street Bridge) is incapable of handling extra traffic loads. I will help Alameda achieve this vision by employing my city planning professional experience in an effort to work for a slower, safer, and economically-sound way of life. I have a Master's degree in City Planning from UC Berkeley, where I also earned my BA degree. Thank you for your consideration. <http://www.daysog.com/>

JOHN KNOX WHITE

Occupation: Transportation Planner

My education and qualifications are: For 16 years, I've raised my family here in Alameda and worked to make our city a more vibrant and welcoming place we can all call home. As a planner, I'm ready to address the big changes happening in our city and region to maintain the community we all love. After a decade and a half on City boards, I have experience in getting things done. As Alameda Planning Board President, I increased affordable housing availability and stabilized housing costs for many renters. As Alameda Transportation Commission Chair, I protected walkable, bikeable neighborhoods and co-authored rules requiring all new developments to pay for expanded transportation services that reduce traffic. I've fought for families, veterans, and domestic abuse victims in Alameda. I wrote Alameda's Sunshine Ordinance to build trust with City Hall. On the City Council, I will bring the community into the discussion to strengthen our small business corridors and find solutions to the housing crisis that reduce traffic impacts. Join Assemblymember Rob Bonta, former Alameda Mayor Marie Gilmore, Board of Education President Gray Harris, and BART Board President Robert Raburn; they know I'm a hard worker who understands the issues and cares deeply about Alameda. www.JohnKnoxWhite.com

ROBERT C. MATZ

Occupation: Attorney/Small Business Owner/Community Volunteer

Age: 53

My education and qualifications are: Over the last 20 years, my wife and I have served the community through youth sports, arts, and cultural programs. We've watched as special interests have slowly taken control of our local government. The result is our island, and our quality of life, are now under threat. The City of Alameda is more than a half a billion dollars in the red; we have \$235 million dollars in unfunded pension liability, and \$300 million dollars in deferred infrastructure maintenance. The only solutions being offered are to raise taxes, approve more bonds, and build more. Based upon flawed traffic studies and empty promises of workforce housing, thousands of market rate units have been approved, with thousands more market rate units coming up for approval. This is not sustainable growth; it is growth gone wild. If elected, I will vote based upon what's best for Alameda and all of its citizens. I am not accepting campaign contributions from unions, developers, or companies doing substantial business with the City; the people have the right to know decisions are being made on the merits, not money. Alameda is not for sale! Learn more at Vote Matz on Facebook. B.A., Highest Honors, University of California at Berkeley (English), J.D., Berkeley Law.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF ALAMEDA
CITY COUNCIL**

JIM ODDIE

Occupation: Alameda Councilmember

Age: 54

My education and qualifications are: As your Councilmember and Assemblymember Rob Bonta's District Director, I work with the community for the results we need. Together, we've established Central Alameda's Emergency Operations Center; maintained our 911 response times; and supported the Community Paramedicine Program, providing life-saving services for at-risk people/patients. With you, I've fought for Alameda's fair share of money to fix local streets/potholes while installing pedestrian crossing lights, undergrounding neighborhood utilities, and maintaining our roads before they're more expensive to fix in the future. My priorities: 1) 911 Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services: Alamedans who need help, should get it fast. Alameda Hospital must continue to stay open. 2) Traffic! We must reduce traffic congestion for our quality of life. 3) Housing/Homelessness: I'll work to expand housing options our children and local workforce can afford. Compassionate services will provide effective transition from the street for the homeless. 4) Quality of Life: I'll continue to protect our small-town character and maintain services all generations need -- senior health/nutrition programs; city-school partnerships; school safety; and low-cost recreation programs for all ages. Public Safety/Neighborhood Leaders, Assemblymember Bonta, Supervisor Wilma Chan, endorse my re-election. Need assistance? Contact jim@oddie4alameda.com

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF ALBANY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

ROSS STAPLETON-GRAY

Occupation: Incumbent

Age: 57

My education and qualifications are: I have served on the AUSD School Board for four years, the last two as Vice President. My goals in a second term include greater transparency in how the Board functions, and greater accountability from the Administration toward those we educate. I hope to make the Board more accessible to new voices and perspectives, using my experience to better educate the community on the role of its school board, and to clarify policies and practices to ensure effectiveness as a citizens' oversight body. The Board will welcome at least one new member this election cycle, and I will work with them to broaden our awareness, and ensure a quality education for every Albany student. We're in the midst of major facilities construction projects, and working to reduce serious budget deficits resulting from insufficient state funding and rising costs. The next four years will require imagination in how we grow, and judgment in how we cut. I'm optimistic: I've learned a lot already, hearing and weighing the collective concerns of staff, students and the larger community, as your representative in shaping an Albany public school education. Learn more or contact me at: www.ross4schools.org

CLEMENTINA DURÓN

Occupation: Retired Teacher/Principal

My education and qualifications are: My life is rooted in education. I received a B.A. from UC Berkeley, an M.A. from Harvard, and I studied curriculum design at Stanford. For 30 years I served in public education in Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco. I was a bilingual classroom teacher, a resource teacher, a curriculum developer, and a principal in elementary, middle and junior high schools. I want to use my experience to contribute further to our community. As an Albany resident of 11 years, I have volunteered in AUSD classrooms and as a writer coach for students, served on the Superintendent's Taskforce (ACT) to address racism and intolerance as the chair of the elementary curriculum subcommittee, and I currently participate in the Superintendent's Roundtable. I volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program and the Albany Community Foundation. My two grandchildren attend Albany public schools. If elected I will focus on promoting an excellent education for all Albany's children, creating a nurturing and safe school environment, and keeping AUSD's finances secure. With current budget issues and construction impacting on students, it is essential that the Board work with the community on mutually agreed-upon outcomes.

CHARLES BLANCHARD

Occupation: Incumbent

Age: 65

My education and qualifications are: I care deeply about Albany's schools. I bring enthusiasm, experience, and a willingness to work with community and staff to provide quality public education, serve all students equitably, build new facilities, and balance the budget. As a parent of children who attended Albany schools K-12, I chaired or co-chaired three PTAs and one school site council, devoted time to community fundraising, and served on advisory committees. When devastating budget cuts occurred in the early 2000s, I ran for the Board of Education. Between 2004 and 2008, I served as Board president and vice-president for two years each. I worked to build consensus and restore the educational program. I contributed to renovation of Cougar Field and construction of the new Albany Pool. After leaving the Board, I served on the AUSD Strategic Plan Committee, the Albany Pool Sustainability Committee, and the City of Albany Sustainability Committee. I am an environmental scientist – connecting my professional experience to the needs of our schools is especially rewarding. I rejoined the Board in 2014 to ensure that new AUSD buildings would be sustainable, well-designed, and long-lasting. I seek excellent public education for all students in a safe and supportive environment.

BRIAN L. DOSS

Occupation: Job Developer

My education and qualifications are: I am a proud father of two beautiful girls who attend Albany schools. I am an Albany High graduate with a BA from Saint Mary's College. I am Site Council president at Marin Elementary and Vice President of the Black Parent Advisory Group. I have deep roots in Albany and I am excited to be a part of the change that is needed. My mother is a teacher. I know what educators go through each day trying to reach the students and make their lives better. I want to be the support that Albany educators need in order to bring their best to the classroom. As a Staffing Manager I connect people with disabilities to jobs. I understand what it is to support special needs. I will make sure our all our Albany youth get the support they need. As an African American man in America I have faced many challenges which motivate me to make the world a better place. I will use my knowledge and life experience, working together with our educators, students and you, to make Albany schools better for everyone. I am excited to be endorsed by the Albany Teachers Association. I ask for your vote.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF ALBANY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SARA HINKLEY

Occupation: College Teacher/Administrator

Age: 47

My education and qualifications are: As a member of this community for 10 years and a longstanding PTA volunteer, I am deeply invested in the betterment of Albany public schools. My children attend Albany Middle School and Ocean View Elementary, where I have served on the Site Council. Because I believe in investing in our schools, I was also involved in the Yes on Measure LL parcel tax campaign. I have great respect for the challenges teachers face and the work needed to give children a foundation for success. I have devoted my career to teaching and researching in a public university because I believe public education can provide opportunity for all. I will work to improve communication and trust between my board colleagues, parents, teachers, and administrators. We must work collaboratively if we want to improve outcomes for all students and ensure that all students in our diverse district feel valued. I will use my professional expertise in public finance to shine a light on the critical budgetary decisions we face, and to ensure that students and teachers have the resources they need in the classroom. I am proud to be endorsed by the Albany Teachers Association. I humbly ask for your vote.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL**

ROCHELLE NASON

Occupation: Incumbent

My education and qualifications are: I attended Albany public schools through graduation from Albany High, then UC Berkeley and UC Hastings. I led the "Keep Tahoe Blue" organization for 20 years. I have practiced elder law, taught college courses in ethics, business law, and land use planning, and directed programs helping homebound seniors and refugees. I returned to Albany from Tahoe to care for my ailing mother. In 2014, following service on the Albany Waterfront and Parks & Recreation Commissions, I was appointed to the City Council. I have been elected Vice Mayor by the City Council. I have been a leader in several successful initiatives including crossing guard retention to assure safe routes to schools; sidewalk rehabilitation for a safe and walkable town for all; improved care for our parks, trails, and open space; and assistance to residents in need including prevention of homelessness, especially for our older residents. I volunteer at the Chaparral House nonprofit nursing home. I am endorsed by Mayor McQuaid, Councilmembers Maass and Barnes, six other former Albany Mayors, the local Sierra Club and diverse activists and residents. I seek to serve the community by bringing people together through informed and civil dialogue, and I would be honored by your vote.

PEGGY MCQUAID

Occupation: Incumbent

Age: 68

My education and qualifications are: I have had the privilege of serving as a City Council member for 4 years, the last 2 as Mayor. My previous experience in the public sector as an Albany Unified School District (AUSD) employee for 25 years and as an appointed member of Albany and AUSD advisory bodies has given me a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of local government. Volunteer service for local nonprofits demonstrates my leadership and willingness to work tirelessly. I worked with other Council members to implement strong policies to improve our infrastructure, disaster preparedness, implement our Climate Action Plan and balance our budget. Albany became a Sanctuary City, developed a rent review program and opened a Resource Center confirming our commitment to support and include everyone in our diverse community. I represent Albany on the Everyone Home Leadership Board, the League of California Cities and the Alameda County Mayors' Conference. I belong to Climate Mayors and Mayors Against Illegal Guns. The City Council makes policy decisions that define who we are as a city today and what type of city we will become. I would be honored to serve you as a City Council member, continuing implementation of responsible social, fiscal and structural policies.

PRESTON JORDAN

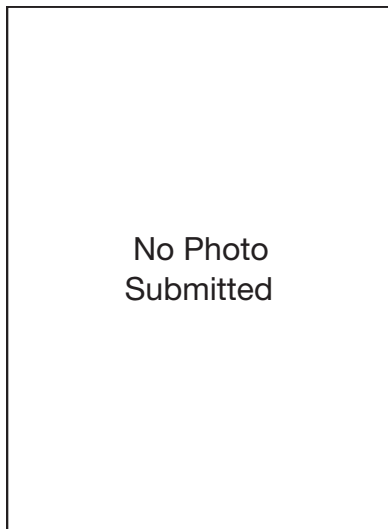
Occupation: Engineering Geologist

Age: 54

My education and qualifications are: We live in a forward-thinking community, full of problem solvers who know that local government can make a difference. For 14 years, I have served the people of Albany - on the Traffic and Safety Commission, Waterfront Committee, Charter Review Committee, and co-founding a non-profit that's improved sidewalks and infrastructure. I'm honored to be endorsed by Councilmembers Nick Pilch and Pete Maass. We need a Council majority that will enact greenhouse pollution reduction recommendations, fight for tax equity, and ensure all housing in Albany is seismically safe. That's why I'm running: to serve you. For six years I led the sidewalk safety campaign, because all of us, including seniors and people with disabilities, like my wife Michelle, deserve to safely travel Albany's streets. Almost 80% of you approved our sidewalk repair measure, and now they are being fixed. I'm an engineering geologist and research scientist. I know how to take on tough challenges, like adopting a mandatory seismic retrofit ordinance for rental properties to save lives. We need a fresh perspective at City Hall that will lead with our shared values. I'm the proud parent of two Albany school graduates looking forward to working with the School Board as a member of the City Council. www.PrestonforAlbany.com

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **WILLIAM "THREE HUNDRED" BARCLAY CALDEIRA**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is William "Three Hundred" Barclay Caldeira
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner
3. That my residence is 1524 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94703
4. The place of my birth is Berkeley, California
5. My present occupation is Landscaper
6. I have held the following public offices: Commissioner: City of Berkeley Homeless Commission
7. Record of community service: Unpaid groundskeeper/landscaper at the Berkeley Public Safety Building since 2009. Community garden/streetscape designer. Member of City of Berkeley Homeless Commission.
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. It is my experience that the rents are too high in Berkeley. Low income and moderate income people are struggling to cope with these rising prices and continuing gentrification of a once affordable college town. Whether or not you attend U.C. Berkeley, the big question is: Can you pay the sky high rents in Berkeley? No one wants to be evicted. No one wants to have to make the choice between paying for groceries or paying for rent. The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board (B.R.S.B.) demands and collects exorbitant rental registration fees from Berkeley landlords. The B.R.S.B. also pays thousands of dollars every year to lease luxury office space in a private commercial building. U.C. Berkeley has failed to build enough affordable housing for its student and employee population and the B.R.S.B. has not solved that problem. Working class people, college students, and senior citizens are some of the many tenants who should receive the full protections of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Ordinance. It is time for new leadership at the B.R.S.B.

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
None

s/WILLIAM "THREE HUNDRED" BARCLAY CALDEIRA

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **JAMES CHANG**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is James Chang
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board
 3. That my residence is 2430 Dwight Way APT 111, Berkeley, CA 94704
 4. The place of my birth is Simi Valley, CA
 5. My present occupation is Legislative Aide, Berkeley City Council
 6. I have held the following public offices: Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner; Outreach Committee Chair; Budget and Personnel Committee; Resilience & Sustainability Chair; Eviction/ Section 8 / Foreclosure Committee. Housing Advisory Commissioner- City of Berkeley. Civic Arts Commissioner- City of Berkeley. Zero Waste Commissioner - City of Berkeley.
 7. Record of community service: Berkeley Tenants Union- Member. Vice President External Affairs/ Board Member- Berkeley Student Cooperative (BSC). Student Trustee- Ventura County Community College District.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. Housing is a Human Right. Affordable rents keep our community stable and diverse. I was chosen at the 2018 Berkeley Tenants Convention to represent a diverse coalition of tenants, homeowners, and landlords. Berkeley is facing an affordability crisis. As a product of the California's public system, I want to continue to be your Rent Board Commissioner because I believe in the power of government in lifting people up. As Rent Board Outreach Committee Chair, I expanded our outreach efforts by making the Rent Board more accessible to property owners and tenants. On the Eviction Committee, I fought to increase funding for housing legal services and successfully lobbied the Berkeley City Council to increase funding for free legal aid services. My commitment as a leader is to continue amplifying the People's Voice! I want to be your champion in fighting for our community. I ask you for your vote so that together we can keep Berkeley a place we can all call home. I'm endorsed by California Affordable Housing Act Proponent Christina Livingston, former Berkeley Mayor Eugene "Gus" Newport, and the super-majority of the Berkeley City Council www.berkeleyrentboard2018.org
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Nancy Skinner, California State Senator
 - Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley Mayor
 - Linda Maio, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Cheryl Davila, Vice Mayor/ Councilmember District 2
 - Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 4
 - Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 5
 - Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Council
 - Ying Lee, Former City Council Member
 - Ty Alper, Berkeley School Board Director
 - Karen Weinstein, Trustee, Peralta Community College District
 - Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
 - Igor Tregub, Rent Board Commissioner; Chair, Zoning Adjustments Board & Housing Advisory Commission; City Council Candidate, District 1
 - Christina Murphy, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Jesse Townley, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Leah Simon-Weisberg, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - John T Selawsky, Chair, Berkeley Rent Board
 - Paola Laverde, Vice Chair- Rent Board Commissioner
 - Maria Poblet, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner, and 2018 Tenants Convention Endorsed Candidate
 - Soli Alpert, Executive Vice President, Progressive Student Association, and 2018 Tenant Convention Endorsed Rent Board Candidate

s/JAMES CHANG

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **SOLI ALPERT**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Soli Alpert
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner
3. That my residence is 2404 Fulton St., Apt 104, Berkeley, CA
4. The place of my birth is San Francisco, CA
5. My present occupation is Legislative Aide
6. I have held the following public offices: None
7. Record of community service: Volunteer at SF Jewish Home for the Aged
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. Housing is a human right. Affordable rents keep our community stable and diverse. I was chosen at the 2018 Berkeley Tenants Convention to represent a diverse coalition of tenants, homeowners, and landlords. Berkeley tenants are facing rising rents, which are pushing them out of their homes and out of Berkeley. This crisis also places immense pressure on Berkeley's student community. Approximately half of Berkeley renters are students. More than 1 in 10 UC Berkeley students experience homelessness at some point during their tenure. Astronomical housing costs force students to choose between paying for rent, food, and school books. As a Senior at Cal and a Legislative Assistant for the Councilmember Harrison, I want to continue in the strong tradition of student advocates on the Rent Board. All of Berkeley's renters, whether students or not, are being forced to make tough choices just to get by. We need to do more to protect our most vulnerable residents. That starts with defending and expanding the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. I am endorsed by Assembly Candidate Jovanka Beckles, Mayor Jesse Arreguin, former Mayor Gus Newport, and many other elected and community leaders listed here. You can learn more about our campaign at www.berkeleyrentboard2018.org.

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

Jesse Arreguín, Mayor, City of Berkeley
Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 4
Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 7
Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 3
Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 5
Ying Lee, Former Berkeley City Councilmember
John Selawsky, Chair, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board
Christina Murphy, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Maria Poblet, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Leah Simon-Weisberg, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Paola Laverde, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Igor Tregub, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Jesse Townley, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Pamela Webster, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner, Retired
Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Karen Weinstein, Peralta Board of Trustees
George Perezvelez, Commissioner Berkeley Police Review Commission
Andy Kelley, Berkeley Public Works Commissioner/Alameda County Planning Commissioner
Wendy Bloom, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair of Berkeley's Commission on Labor

s/SOLI ALPERT

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **PAOLA LAVERDE**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Paola Laverde
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner
 3. That my residence is 1533 MLK Jr Way, #4 Berkeley, CA
 4. The place of my birth is Santa Fe de Bogotá, Colombia
 5. My present occupation is Public Information Officer, State of California
 6. I have held the following public offices: Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner
 7. Record of community service: Pro bono interpreter: Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. Interpreted in two successful political asylum cases of women seeking refuge from domestic violence.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. Housing is a Human Right. Affordable rents keep our community stable and diverse. I was chosen at the 2018 Berkeley Tenants Convention to represent a diverse coalition of tenants, homeowners, and landlords. Berkeley is facing an affordable housing crisis. Too many people continue to be forced out of Berkeley because of the high cost of rent. I want to continue to be your Rent Board Commissioner because my work to make a positive, progressive difference in Berkeley is still not done. As chair of the Habitability Committee, I succeeded in updating Berkeley's elevator code which improved protections for disabled tenants. As a member of the Outreach Committee, I created the "Tip of the Month" program which expanded the Rent Board's outreach on social media. On behalf of Berkeley tenants, I lobbied in Sacramento for the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act because this law is the reason why rents are so damn high! Expanding the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and keeping Berkeley a place we can all call home is my goal. I'm endorsed by California Affordable Housing Act Proponent Christina Livingston, former Berkeley Mayor Eugene "Gus" Newport, and Berkeley Rent Board Commissioners Christina Murphy, Jesse Townley, Leah Simon-Weisberg and Igor Tregub. www.berkeleyrentboard2018.org
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley Mayor
 - Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Council, District 7
 - Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Ying Lee, Former Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Pamela Webster, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner, Retired
 - John T Selawsky, Chair, Berkeley Rent Board
 - Christina Murphy, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Jesse Townley, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Leah Simon-Weisberg, Rent Board Commissioner
 - Igor Tregub, Rent Board Commissioner; Chair, Zoning Adjustments Board & Housing Advisory Commission; City Council Candidate, District 1
 - Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District

s/PAOLA LAVERDE

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **JUDY J. HUNT**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Judy J. Hunt
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Commissioner, Rent Stabilization Board
 3. That my residence is 1440 Eighth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
 4. The place of my birth is Alameda, CA
 5. My present occupation is Non-profit Executive Consultant
 6. I have held the following public offices: Commissioner, Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging, 2006 – 2010 (Appointed by Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson); Commissioner, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, 2012–2016 (Elected by City Voters); Trustee, Berkeley Board of Library Trustees, 2017 – Present (Appointed by City Council).
 7. Record of community service: Alameda County Leadership Academy, 2004 – 2005; Poll Worker, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, 2007 – Present; Member, Alumni Council Head Royce School, 2005 – 2018.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. Berkeley residents need safe stable housing that is affordable for all income levels. Studios, one to three bedroom apartments, condominiums, duplexes, single family homes and accessory dwelling units (in-law cottages) are all housing options that fulfill a variety of needs for: families with young children and adolescents, college students, immigrants, single and married middle aged and older adults. Our vulnerable neighbors who are homeless, challenged with dual diagnoses of mental illness and substance abuse require secure residences with consistent, therapeutic services. Displacement affects tenants and older adult property owners who face increased regulations that strain their resources. Stakeholders' participation in decision-making requires representatives who develop realistic public policies. Rent Stabilization Board commissioners should respect all citizens: property owners, tenants, landlords, developers, builders and realtors. Every perspective has merit. Increasing the supply of housing for moderate and low income people requires developers, builders and realtors. Small and large rental property owners provide essential shelter despite increasing property maintenance costs. Single family homeowners need flexibility addressing their personal circumstances. The policies of the Rent Board appear to be tenant focused. We deserve public officials who address complex housing issues with diverse views, transparency, accountability, integrity, and fair reasonable policies.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Rifhat Ahmed, Homemaker
 - Jeana Arabzaben, Home Owner
 - Charles S. Calhoun, Tenant – Retired Chef
 - Laurie Capitelli, Former Berkeley City Councilmember, District 5
 - Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember District 8
 - Sam Fortune, Jr., Retired, City of Berkeley Public Works
 - Abigail Franklin, Former President, City of Berkeley, Board of Library Trustees
 - Pamela Hansen, Home Owner/Physical Therapist
 - Amanda Hart, tenant/teacher
 - Walter Kotecki, Tenant/Marine Maintenance Specialist
 - Alex Sharenko, PhD, Research Scientist/engineer
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember District 6
 - Clarence Williams Jr., Retired Cintas Drives Sales
 - Idello Williams, Retired Teacher Aide, BUSD
 - Olga Volodina, Writer Coach Connection Volunteer East Bay Schools
 - Gordon Wozniak, former City Councilmember - District 8

s/JUDY J. HUNT

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **MARIA POBLET**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Maria Poblet
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 3. That my residence is 1706 9th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
 4. The place of my birth is Albuquerque, NM
 5. My present occupation is Non-profit Director
 6. I have held the following public offices: Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner, Chair of Committee on Evictions of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board
 7. Record of community service: Ninth Street Housing Cooperative, Founding Executive Director Causa Justa Just Cause, Bay Resistance, Bay Rising, Alameda County Immigrant Legal Education Program, World March of Women.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. Housing is a human right. Affordable rents keep our community stable and diverse. I was chosen at the 2018 Berkeley Tenants Convention, to represent a diverse coalition of tenants, homeowners, and landlords. Berkeley tenants are facing rising rents, which are pushing them out of their homes and out of Berkeley. I am fortunate to live in an affordable housing cooperative that was built by the generation that came before me, which allows me to raise a family here, enjoying our excellent public parks, and education system. I want to pay it forward and make sure future generations of low and moderate incomes can live and thrive in Berkeley. As Chair of the Committee on Evictions, I strengthened our collaboration with community organizations providing free eviction defense legal services to the most vulnerable in our community. I want to continue to bring a community based perspective to our work of defending and expanding the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. I am endorsed by Assembly candidate Jovanka Beckles, Black Lives Matter Cofounder Alicia Garza, California Affordable Housing Act Proponent Christina Livingston, former Berkeley Mayor Eugene “Gus” Newport, boona cheema, Chair of Berkeley’s Mental Health Commission, and the majority of the Berkeley City Council. www.berkeleyrentboard2018.org
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Alejandro Soto-Vigil, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Christina Murphy, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Igor Tregub, Commissioner Berkeley Rent Board; Chair, Housing Advisory Commission; Chair, Zoning Adjustments Board
 - James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner and 2018 Tenant’s Convention Endorsed Candidate
 - Paola Laverde, Rent Board Commissioner
 - John T Selawsky, Chair, Berkeley Rent Board
 - Jesse Townley, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Leah Simon-Weisberg, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Soli Alpert, Executive Vice President, Progressive Student Association, and 2018 Tenant Convention Endorsed Rent Board Candidate
 - Stefan Elgstrand, Secretary, Berkeley Tenants Union
 - Julia Cato, Steering Committee, Berkeley Progressive Alliance
 - Linda Franklin, Steering Committee, Berkeley Citizen Action
 - Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Cheryl Davila, Vice Mayor + Councilmember District 2
 - Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Councilmember District 4
 - Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Council
 - Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 5
 - Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley Mayor
 - Gerald Lenoir, Cofounder, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
 - Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District

s/MARIA POBLET

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **JOHN T. SELAWSKY**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is John T. Selawsky
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board
 3. That my residence is 1912 Blake St Berkeley CA 94704
 4. The place of my birth is Brooklyn, NY
 5. My present occupation is Rent Board Commissioner
 6. I have held the following public offices: Berkeley School Board, 12 years; Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, almost 4 years; Zoning Adjustment Board; BOLT (Library Board); Community Environmental Advisory Commission
 7. Record of community service: Peoples' Park Advisory Committee (co-chair); BUSD Planning and Oversight Committee (co-chair); Ashby BART Task Force (co-chair)
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. Housing is a human right. Too many communities and too many individuals are impacted by the exceedingly high cost of housing in Berkeley, and rent control is one mechanism to stem displacement and excessive rents. Rent control and eviction protections maintain stable, diverse communities. The Rent Board's mandate is to uphold and protect the Rent Control and Just Cause Ordinances, and I pledge to do that in my second term. I refer to endorsers Gus Newport, former Mayor of Berkeley, and Christina Livingston, California Affordable Housing Act. I was chosen at the Berkeley Tenants Convention by a coalition of tenants, homeowners, and landlords. I am a thirty-one year resident of Berkeley and the only senior on the Board; please support my candidacy, I am honored to serve the community I love.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley Mayor
 - Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 4
 - Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Council, District 7
 - Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 5
 - Mansour Id Deen, President, NAACP Berkeley
 - Richie Smith, Neighborhood Activist
 - Igor Tregub, Chair, Zoning Adjustments Board
 - Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
 - Paola Laverde, Vice Chair - Rent Board Commissioner
 - James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Julia Cato, Berkeley Tenants Union Steering Committee
 - Matthew Lewis, Housing Advisory Commissioner
 - Neil McClintick, Labor Commissioner
 - Ying Lee, Former Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Jesse Townley, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Pamela Webster, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner, Retired
 - Mary Kay Lacey, Planning and Personnel Commissioner, City of Berkeley

s/JOHN T. SELAWSKY

Candidate for RENT STABILIZATION BOARD COMMISSIONER

I, **DAVID H. BUCHANAN**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is David H. Buchanan
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Rent Board Commissioner
3. That my residence is 1930 Napa Ave, Berkeley
4. The place of my birth is Oakland, CA
5. My present occupation is Investor
6. I have held the following public offices: None
7. Record of community service: Inspector or poll worker at all major elections since 2002.
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. The Rent Board needs balance. Tenants should be protected, landlords should be represented, and homeowner's interests protected. Presently, the Rent Board advocates only for tenants. A Board member in a Board meeting recently compared the relationship between landlords and tenants to a form of slavery. This is way over the top. As a homeowner over 20 years, and a current tenant in Berkeley and current landlord in Oakland, I can bring balance to the Board. If Prop 10 passes, your house is no longer excluded from rent control. Seniors who want to stay on their property need flexibility and protection. Most homeowners do not want the Rent Board in their house or in their yard (in the ADU). Read the 2012 Alameda County Grand Jury report on the Berkeley Rent Board for insight that is still true today. My family moved to Berkeley in 1969. I am a Cal graduate. I will represent homeowner interests on the Board. Bring sanity and balance to the Rent Board – and protect homeowner's rights. I am endorsed by Laurie Capitelli, Judy Hunt, Alex Sharenko and Olga Volodina.

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
None

s/DAVID H. BUCHANAN

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

I, **TY ALPER**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Ty Alper
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is School Board Director
 3. That my residence is 1712 Jaynes St., Berkeley, CA 94703
 4. The place of my birth is Longmont, Colorado
 5. My present occupation is U.C. Berkeley Law Professor and Director, Berkeley School Board
 6. I have held the following public offices: Berkeley School Board Director (2014 – present)
 7. Record of community service: In addition to my work in the Berkeley schools, I have been a public interest lawyer and educator my entire career.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I am a graduate of the Berkeley public schools with three kids currently in the District. I ran four years ago to be an independent parent voice on the Berkeley School Board, and I am proud of our work to promote equity and excellence in the public schools. During my first term on the Board, we revamped the ninth grade at Berkeley High to provide a small, supportive learning environment for every student, and we made a number of difficult but prudent financial decisions that have kept our budget balanced. In 2016, I co-chaired the campaign to renew our BSEP measure, which provides for small class sizes, arts and music education, professional development for our teachers, instructional technology, career technical education, and supports for struggling students. If re-elected, I will continue to ensure that we spend our scarce resources on programs that are proven to work. I am endorsed by each of the current members of the School Board (President Josh Daniels, Vice-President Judy Appel, and Directors Karen Hemphill and Beatriz Leyva-Cutler), as well as many more educators and community leaders, including the Berkeley Federation of Teachers and Assemblymember Tony Thurmond. I would be honored to have your support. Please visit www.tyalper.org for more information and a complete list of endorsements.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Robert B. Reich, Professor, U.C. Berkeley; Former U.S. Secretary of Labor
 - Nancy Skinner, State Senator
 - Jesse Arreguín, Berkeley Mayor
 - Laurie Capitelli, Former Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Carole Davis Kennerly, Former Berkeley Vice-Mayor
 - Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Linda Maio, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Joaquín J. Rivera, Trustee, Alameda County Board of Education; Former Berkeley School Board President
 - Dr. Ramona Coates, Berkeley High PTSA Vice-President of Equity and Inclusion
 - James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Maria Echaveste, Senior Fellow, U.C. Berkeley Center for Latin America Studies
 - Barry Fike, Former President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers
 - Christine Staples, Former President, Berkeley PTA Council
 - Mary Friedman, Former Executive Director, Berkeley Public Schools Fund
 - Sheila Jordan, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Emerita
 - Christopher Edley, Jr., Professor of Law, U.C. Berkeley School of Law; President, Opportunity Institute
 - Julie Sinai, Chief Strategy Officer, LifeLong Medical Care; Candidate, Berkeley School Board
 - Ka'Dijah Brown, Public School Teacher; Candidate, Berkeley School Board

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Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

I, **NORMA J F HARRISON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Norma J F Harrison
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley School Director
 3. That my residence is 1312 Cornell Ave., Berkeley, Ca. 94702
 4. The place of my birth is Chicago, Il
 5. My present occupation is Community volunteer
 6. I have held the following public offices: None
 7. Record of community service: Elected Alameda County and State Central Committees member, Peace and Freedom Party, for 18 years. I march and meet with us all building socialist revolution.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. Mine is a platform on which people can say at last, what they feel and think, disclose to themselves and among others their suppression in service to the viciousness of profit, capitalism, the enrichment of a tiny few people – who kill us when we resist their self-established, murderous authority, the millennia-old structure in its several forms in which we've labored all our histories, even until today – and tomorrow. School is just a structural service to that relationship through which we are stuffed and transformed into willing victims, unable to detect our role. The alternative is we're all teachers and students all our lives. We are educated in myriad ways. Those go along with age-integrated living and meaningful 'work'; no venerated 8 hour day. Just us all doing necessary, pleasurable activities. School Is The Opposite of Education, a study to release us from our confinement <https://tinyurl.com/ycn23r53>
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
None

s/NORMA J F HARRISON

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

I, **DRU HOWARD**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Dru Howard
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is School Board
 3. That my residence is 1370 University Ave #411 Berkeley, California 94703
 4. The place of my birth is Cincinnati, Ohio
 5. My present occupation is Berkeley Unified School District Instructional Technician
 6. I have held the following public offices: Commission on Aging, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission, Parks and Waterfront Commission, Personal Board, and Commission on the Status of Woman.
 7. Record of community service: Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Campaign, Center for Community Change- Poverty and Race Advocacy, City of Berkeley Special Parks Parcel Tax Measure F Campaign, Alameda County Measure A, Sales Tax for Childcare and Early Education.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I am the parent of 2 children that attended Berkeley's public elementary schools. I have worked in the Berkeley Unified School District over 10 years. Due to my City of Berkeley Commission experiences and leadership development, I know that I am qualified and have the experience for this position. My work as a family advocate for Berkeley YMCA Head Start helped me developed a love and passion for the family. I am a stronger candidate because of the work I have done with Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Campaign, Center for Community Change- Poverty and Race Advocacy, City of Berkeley Special Parks Parcel Tax Measure F Campaign, Alameda County Measure A, Sales Tax for Childcare and Early Education. I believe my inderity along with my compassion for all children add to my qualifications.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Michael A. Smith
 - Mary C. Breland, (Liberty Hill MBC) Reverend
 - Cheryl Davila, Vice Mayor/ Councilmember District 2
 - Ben Bartlett, City Councilmember
 - Maxwell G. Anderson Jr., former City Council Member

s/DRU HOWARD

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

I, **ABDUR SIKDER**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Abdur Sikder
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is School Board Director
 3. That my residence is 1400 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, CA 94702
 4. The place of my birth is Barisal, Bangladesh
 5. My present occupation is Entrepreneur/ Professor
 6. I have held the following public offices: None
 7. Record of community service: I am a member of Bangladeshi American Democratic Coalition, worked as a volunteer for Presidential Election Campaign 2016, member of Berkeley Democratic Club. I was Secretary for the Bangladesh Bioinformatics Society.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I am running for Berkeley School Board because I want our District to be a place where all children have an equal opportunity to have high quality education, all students are taught to enjoy learning, not that they have to. As a parent I know what kind of environment requires for students to become lifelong learners. I attended Schools in Bangladesh, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, and USA including UC San Diego & Lincoln University being founder of a nonprofit educational institute and a for profit Software company and accounting firm in Berkeley I have the diverse background to understand all the stakeholders in BUSD. My three children currently attend Berkeley public institutions. Having a Ph.D. in Computer Science and training in Business I have the skill, experience and commitment to ensure that we use our resources efficiently. I will listen to all stakeholders and will incorporate their suggestion in the decision making process. Together we can achieve impossible. If elected I will work to have a safe, fun and friendly environment for our children to be successful including special need students. My goal is to facilitate practical oriented curriculum for our children to be ready for college or enter into workforce and live a productive life.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
None

s/ABDUR SIKDER

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

I, **JULIE SINAI**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Julie Sinai
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is School Board Director
 3. That my residence is 1661 Tacoma Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707
 4. The place of my birth is San Francisco, CA
 5. My present occupation is Chief Strategy Officer, LifeLong Medical Care
 6. I have held the following public offices: City of Berkeley Children, Youth & Recreation Commission; City of Berkeley Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts (aka Soda Tax Commission); Berkeley School Board Director (appointed 2013-14); The Berkeley Alliance; Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
 7. Record of community service: Prison to Employment Connection Advisory Board, 2020 Vision for Berkeley's Children and Youth Design Team, Gateways STEM Network Steering Committee, Rosa Parks Collaborative, Longfellow Middle and Berkeley High School Site Councils; East Bay Biomedical Manufacturing Network
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. As a long-time Berkeley resident, parent of two BUSD graduates, and experienced policymaker, I pledge to ensure all Berkeley students graduate ready to take charge of their education, their career, and their future. Preparing students for today's world requires a full-throated commitment to literacy, math, science, technology and career exploration. For 30 years I've demonstrated passionate, results-oriented leadership in nearly every arena impacting our children's lives - child development, K-12, afterschool care, Higher Education, healthcare and employment services, the Berkeley School Board (appointed 2013-2014) and City of Berkeley Mayor's Office (2003-2011). I will focus on strengthening BUSD's curriculum, professional training, and use of data by doing what I do best: harnessing the expertise and resources of our region's world-renowned colleges and universities, community organizations, local governments, businesses, labor, teachers and parents/guardians. With an unwavering commitment to eliminate the opportunity gap, I will promote rigorous program evaluation and ensure fiscal responsibility. I am supported by the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, Berkeley Firefighters Association, Building and Construction Trades Council, Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, Peralta Community College Trustees Yuen and Weinstein, and School Board Directors Daniels, Hemphill, Appel and Leyva-Cutler. Vote Julie Sinai for School Board. www.julie.vote
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Robert B. Reich, Professor, U.C. Berkeley; Former U.S. Secretary of Labor
 - Ty Alper, Berkeley School Board Director
 - Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley Mayor
 - Linda Maio, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Loni Hancock, Former State Senator
 - Tom Bates, Former Berkeley Mayor
 - Carole Davis Kennerly, Former Berkeley Vice-Mayor
 - Laurie Capitelli, Former City Councilmember
 - Bruce Simon, Associate Director, CSU East Bay Institute for STEM Education; Chair BSEP Planning & Oversight Committee
 - Mara Kolesas, President - Berkeley PTA Council
 - Dr. Ramona Coates, Berkeley High PTSA Vice-President for Equity and Inclusion
 - Mimi Pulich, Berkeley High PTA President and Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee Representative
 - Barry Fike, Former President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers
 - Glenn David Wolkenfeld, Science Teacher Berkeley High School
 - Michael A. Smith, Pastor McGee Avenue Baptist Church
 - Melissa Male, President, Center for Independent Living Board of Directors
 - Mary Friedman, Former Executive Director, Berkeley Public Schools Fund
 - Ka'Dijah Brown, Public School Teacher, Candidate Berkeley School Board

s/JULIE SINAI

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

I, **KA'DIJAH BROWN**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Ka'Dijah Brown
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is School Board Director
 3. That my residence is 1311 Channing Way, Berkeley, California 94702
 4. The place of my birth is Oakland, California
 5. My present occupation is Public School Teacher
 6. I have held the following public offices: Chair, Berkeley Youth Commission
 7. Record of community service: International Vice-President, Women's Society Advisor, Black Student Union; Member, NAACP; Member, Toastmasters; Bennett College Ambassador; Counselor, Cazadero Music Camp; President, MWA School Site Council
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. As a proud product of Berkeley schools (Washington, Longfellow, and Berkeley High), I am committed to the academic and holistic success of all BUSD students. My firm belief is that education levels the playing field, provided that all students are afforded a quality education that is both equitable and accessible. As a public elementary school teacher, I am well versed in the Common Core Standards, and I work every day to deliver instruction that is culturally responsive, relevant, and yields optimal results. As the President of my school's Site Council, I lead a governance body comprised of students, parents, faculty and staff members that develops our budget and fiscal accountability plan (LCAP). In this leadership role, I assess and evaluate student data, school improvement plans, and engage stakeholders around school decision making that is student centered. As a member of the Berkeley School Board, I will be a champion for closing the equity gap, an advocate for educational and workforce pathways, promote fiscal accountability, and support best policies and practices that ensures the success of all students in our schools. I am proud to be supported by State Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, as well as a host of educators, parents, and community leaders. Please visit www.kadijahbrown2018.org.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Nancy Skinner, State Senator
 - Jesse Arreguín, Berkeley Mayor
 - Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Linda Maio, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Josh Daniels, Berkeley School Board President
 - Judy Appel, Berkeley School Board Vice-President
 - Karen Hemphill, Berkeley School Board Director
 - Ty Alper, Berkeley School Board Director
 - Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Berkeley School Board Director
 - Darryl Moore, Former Berkeley City Councilmember, District #2
 - Shelia Jordan, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Emerita
 - Jennifer Shanoski, President, Peralta Community College District
 - Julie Sinai, Chief Strategy Officer, Lifelong Medical Care; Candidate for School Board
 - Stephanie Allan, BUSD Career Technical Education Advisor
 - Mark Coplan, BUSD Public Information Officer - Retired; Past President Berkeley PTA Council
 - Gerald Baptiste, Deputy Director, Center for Independent Living, Emeritus

s/KA'DIJAH BROWN

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF DUBLIN
MAYOR**

DAVID G. HAUBERT

Occupation: Mayor, City of Dublin

Age: 50

My education and qualifications are: I love Dublin! It's a great city and working together we can make it even better. For the past 17 years I've been honored to serve as Dublin Mayor, Councilmember, and Dublin Unified School District Trustee. During this time I've organized over 20 neighborhood meetings covering thousands of homes and listened to resident's concerns and ideas. My record of success is clear. As your school board trustee, I worked to raise standards, increase student achievement, and improve classroom facilities. Dublin Unified School District is now recognized for its high performing schools. As Mayor I called for a city-wide stop on housing growth, voted against unwanted housing developments, fought to reduce housing density by 30% and required developers to pay their fair share to mitigate the impacts they cause. I voted for new parks, services, and improved public safety while maintaining a balanced budget. Dublin is where my wife and I proudly raised our three children. I'll fight to protect our quality of life, bring high-paying jobs and support our schools. That's why community leaders both Democrats and Republicans, school officials, law enforcement, and many others trust and endorse me. I'd be honored to have your vote. Visit www.davidhaubert.com or call (925) 719-8735.

ARUN GOEL

Occupation: Councilmember/Engineer

Age: 45

My education and qualifications are: Time for change? Seeking more amenities for the citizens of Dublin and congestion relief? An Engineer that understands the city's traffic issues, excessive housing growth, and the inclusion of critical infrastructure (i.e. schools). I am committed to the Vision of the Community becoming a reality by embracing critical partnerships with decision-makers, together we can ensure the future of our great City of Dublin. With fundamentals focused on local businesses, smart sustainable/controlled growth, the quality of life for Dublin residents, transportation infrastructure (using my industry expertise), and guiding the development of retail and commercial infrastructure to bring revenue and jobs for the city. Essential for Dublin's future is my commitment to reduce housing growth, to align with the infrastructure capacity. Educated in Civil Engineering (Transportation and Construction Management), having delivered significant/crucial public infrastructure throughout the nation, an in-depth understanding/experience of the governmental budget processes, delivering cost effective projects under budget - efficiently and transparently. I will unite and establish a sustainable, safe, healthy, environmentally friendly city for generations to come. Feel free to contact me at 510-673-0482 or agoel@arungoel.net. For more information visit www.ElectArunGoel.com. I humbly request your support.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF DUBLIN
CITY COUNCIL**

SHAWN COSTELLO

Occupation: Customer Service Representative

My education and qualifications are: I am Shawn Costello, This is my 30th year being on the ballot running for office in the city of Dublin. That being said, no matter which office I run for, my goals are the same, to make Dublin the best city in the state. We need to cut down or stop all the growth happening in Dublin, it is really getting out of hand, the developers are taking over our city. All the new Apartments and town homes are priced for the wealthy, and not for persons with disabilities and low income. We are running out of water for residents and businesses, the more residential we build is making it hard on water supply, and traffic overload for the city. As I said 30 years ago, all that drive vehicles needs to slow down and not be in such a rush, people in crosswalks should not have to worry about there safety of being hit by vehicles. I think it is very important that all Firefighters, Policemen, and all other emergency personnel, feel safe in our city without being injured from violent acts of crime, for they play a huge role in our City's future.

JEAN JOSEY

Occupation: Educator

Age: 51

My education and qualifications are: Dublin's rapid, sustained growth has outpaced infrastructure and put pressure on schools, streets and services. We need leaders committed to well-researched, long-range decision making to help Dublin meet the challenge of becoming a larger, more diverse community. I have been a proud Dublin resident and an active community volunteer and advocate for 18 years. My vast and varied experience as a leader in our schools, youth organizations and across the city makes me uniquely qualified for a position on City Council during this critical time of transition. Being on Dublin's Fiscal Sustainability Task Force taught me the intricacies of city financing, and I'm prepared to protect our bottom line. If elected, I will focus on managing growth, attracting and keeping businesses, improving transportation options, and maintaining high-quality public safety services. In 2016, I was honored to be named Dublin's Citizen of the Year, and I am endorsed by a wide coalition of Dublin residents and community leaders, as well as local elected officials such as Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. Please visit www.jeanjosey.com. Together, let's continue to bring out the best in Dublin. I respectfully ask for your vote.

JING FIRMEZA

Occupation: Retired State of California Accounting Officer

My education and qualifications are: I fought corruption and human rights violation in my home country of the Philippines. I legally immigrated to US as a young adult and I cherish our freedom and democracy. I became part of the high-tech generation with various roles in information technology and finance in both the private sector and government. Twelve years ago, I was drawn back in politics, and have since vigorously fought to protect Dublin's quality of life. I have unique insight into how the City of Dublin operates, both good and bad. Short-sighted decisions are negatively impacting residents and jeopardizing our fiscal future. New housing growth is burdening our schools and residents with higher taxes that hit fixed income seniors particularly hard. This is unacceptable, and I will fight for residents with a "Dubliners First" approach. I will ensure that the City focuses on issues important to residents and not let outside forces set the agenda. I will champion public safety, fiscal responsibility, a vibrant community including pedestrian friendly solutions and a new high school, and economic development. With your vote, I will fight to preserve and improve the qualities that make Dublin unique and great place to live for all residents.

SHAWN KUMAGAI

Occupation: Naval Enlisted / Consultant

My education and qualifications are: Dublin is an incredible place with so much to be proud of. Our tight-knit, diverse community, excellent schools, rich traditions, and active citizens make it the place my family and I are fortunate to call home. It has been the honor of my life to serve our country as a member of our armed services. It would be a privilege to take on the tough issues to serve and improve the lives of all Dubliners at City Hall. On Council, I will ensure that police, fire, and other first responders have all they need to keep Dublin safe. I will work to complete our Downtown, attract new retail, support small business, and build regional partnerships to bring future jobs in tech, trades, services, and management to our city. I will champion equitable development and ensure Dubliners get our fair share for infrastructure funding and traffic relief. I've taken a "clean money pledge" because I believe in transparency. Dublin has exciting potential and limitless opportunities. Let's get to work and build the Dublin that every Dubliner deserves. See more about my priorities and endorsements at www.shawnkumagai.com. I humbly ask for your vote.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF DUBLIN
CITY COUNCIL**

BOBBY KHULLAR

Occupation: Manager Project Controls

My education and qualifications are: I am a business leader with a passion for driving change to address the community's needs. My BA in Political Science and Executive MBA has prepared me for a successful 20 year career in both the public and private sector. As a Manager of Project Controls for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, I am responsible for \$3.4 billion in capital projects including scope, schedule and budget. I lead a team charged with facilitating and optimizing execution of the Agency's activities. Prior to that I've held various management roles with PG&E (Project Governance & Controls), and Worley Parsons (Senior Business Manager) and early in my career worked at Fluor Corporation and Trend Micro. I believe in giving back to the community and am one of the founding members and Managing Director of The Sean Brock Foundation which provides assistance to the families of service members looking to obtain higher education. Additionally I serve on the advisory board for Yours Humanly, a non-profit dedicated to empower underprivileged children in underserved communities. My vision for Dublin includes addressing the city's core needs, Public Safety, Economic Viability, Sustained Growth and Transportation / Congestion and I look forward to becoming your next City Councilman.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF EMERYVILLE
CITY COUNCIL**

SCOTT DONAHUE

Occupation: City Council Member/Public Artist

My education and qualifications are: I have lived in Emeryville for over 40 years and my wife and I reside in the Emeryville Artists Cooperative, of which I am a co-founder. I am a practicing public artist and much of my work can be seen around Emeryville. As your Councilmember for the last four years, I have committed to ensuring that artists, business owners and working families can afford to live and thrive. As Mayor, Emeryville became a "Cultural Arts District" through the State of California, highlighting our cultural and artistic diversity. Along with my City Council colleagues, I have worked to bring a Fair Workweek ordinance and an increase in minimum wage so our retail workers are treated fairly and have the ability to earn a living working in our city. As a business owner, I advocated for developing small business opportunities and making our city a destination for entrepreneurs. My priorities continue to be non-motorized transportation, pedestrian and bicycle access, public safety and protecting our shoreline. It would be an honor to continue representing you on the City Council. Key endorsers: Mayor Bauters, Vice Mayor Medina, Emeryville City Councilmembers Martinez and Patz, Emery Unified School District Trustee Barbara Inch, Emeryville POA, Sierra Club, Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin.

DIANNE MARTINEZ

Occupation: Freelance TV Producer

My education and qualifications are: As your Councilmember for the last four years, I have worked tirelessly with community members to stand up for issues that matter to working families. My proven record includes a Fair Workweek ordinance and a minimum wage increase to ensure that our retail workers are treated fairly and have the ability to earn a living wage in our city. I have advocated to solve complex problems and collaborated with my Council colleagues to maintain our quality of life. I worked with neighbors to pass Emeryville's Measure C, a \$50 million housing bond to build more affordable housing and prevent displacement. Our city is financially solvent and we have a balanced budget. Affordable housing and sound fiscal policy continue to be my top priorities, as is public transit accessibility and making Emeryville a destination for small businesses. As a parent to two Anna Yates Elementary School students and a homeowner in the Triangle neighborhood, it would be an honor to continue to represent you and to work together to bring Emeryville forward. Key endorsers include: Mayor Bauters, Vice Mayor Medina, Emeryville City Councilmembers Donahue and Patz, Emeryville Police Officers Association, Sierra Club, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Asm. Tony Thurmond.

KEN BUKOWSKI

Occupation: Videographer – Retired Businessman

My education and qualifications are: The small size of our City creates many unique opportunities which are not being explored. I spent 40 years trying to organize the residents and businesses. I had to learn prior city administrations considered that to be a threat. The focus of the City should be to provide maximum benefits to its citizens. We don't want to look to our neighbors as the model. I oppose the Parking Plan. We have too many people just trying to survive. What is the rush? I worry about those who don't qualify for parking permits. We became a Charter City. That empowers the people to set up our government. We have not done that? You can't be a charter city just to collect taxes. Our city charter is at risk. We have rampant displacement. A revolving door community. If we don't accomplish tenant protections, too many will be priced out. I am a dedicated public servant who spends most of his time helping others. I'm trying one more time to make Emeryville all it can be.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF FREMONT
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1, 2-YEAR TERM**

TERESA KENG

Occupation: Business Owner

Age: 43

My education and qualifications are: I love Fremont, and I believe our best days are ahead! Being a local business owner with a degree in Business Economics from UCLA aids me in navigating the complexities of the city's budget and economy. As an immigrant and a mother of autistic children, I understand the hardships faced by people with special needs, people of color and immigrants in our society. And through my beloved Marine husband, I have come to know the values of dedication and perseverance. I am running to build a city with safer, cleaner, and vibrant neighborhoods that offer everyone opportunities. As your councilwoman, I will bring about pragmatic and collaborative solutions, such as: Community Centers, places of neighborhood engagement, extending services to our senior citizens and children. Improved traffic corridors, with additional public transportation options for our workforce and sustained development. Reduction in property crime, with resources and facilitation between police and our communities. I believe residents must have access in order to actively participate in shaping neighborhood-based solutions. That's why my door will always be open to you, and you can count on me to be your voice in city hall. Vote Teresa Keng for a better Fremont!
<https://www.teresaforfremont.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/teresaforfremont>
teresaf@teresaforfremont.com

CHANDRAKALA SIRAMDAS

Occupation: Businesswoman

Age: 48

My education and qualifications are: Fremont is an amazing city with so much potential. Having lived here for decades, as a longtime community leader and a businesswoman, I understand the improvements we need in our neighborhoods. We should preserve our historic past and actively pursue new ideas to ensure a sustainable growth. My single-line objective is to make Fremont a City Of Choice for Superior Education, Local Jobs, Safe and Quality Living. Please visit www.go2chandu.com to understand how our issues are interlinked and can be attempted adequately with my vision for a better Fremont grounded on Education, Employment and Empowerment. I earned a Bachelor's in Law and Economics, and Master's in Political Science. I am a proud mother of two sons. Both graduated from American High School, and are studying Robotics Engineering. My beloved husband, Shraavan Siramdas is a Senior Executive with Top-Tier Technology Companies. I will accept nothing less than transparency, accountability and balance in actions that impact us. I pledge to listen to and work with people and other governing organizations for positive change. I can be a Decisive, Determined, and Dependable leader for District-1. My philosophy is "Fremont-First", and my idea of ethical governance is "Appeasement of None & Justice for All".

Candidate's Statement
CITY OF FREMONT
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2, 4-YEAR TERM

RICK JONES

Occupation: Retired

Age: 60

My education and qualifications are: I have served our community for nearly forty years; as an officer, coach, and active Rotarian supporting our local nonprofits. I am proud of what Council has accomplished over the last four years and want to continue to work in the best interest of Fremont residents. As your Councilmember, I have focused on ensuring public safety, improving our infrastructure, easing traffic issues, and collaborating with our school district. As a retired officer, I know the importance public safety and tend to look at things from a different perspective; ensuring that Public Safety has adequate resources and access to address issues. I have worked on improving the flow of traffic, focusing on vehicular and pedestrian safety. I introduced an ordinance to curb the construction of "mega houses" in neighborhoods where they clearly do not belong. Fremont is in desperate need of affordable housing so that no one is displaced from the neighborhoods that they call home. We must also work on solutions to find permanent housing for people in Fremont who now find themselves homeless. Fremont needs to be a safe place to live, work, play and learn. I would be honored to receive your vote on November 6th. Visit jonesforfremont.com.

CULLEN TIERNAN

Occupation: Communications Specialist

Age: 33

My education and qualifications are: Let's preserve the history and neighborhood integrity of Fremont. Let's end the free rein of developer control over our city. Let's work together and organize Fremont into a model community for the rest of our country. Vote for your current Human Relations Commissioner; an Iraqi War Veteran, UVA Graduate and Congressman Ro Khanna's Delegate. I'll serve you with the same bold energy that led me through nine honorable years in the Marine Corps. I'm committed to working for you through grassroots funding. I will support housing stabilization, green energy infrastructure and a forward-thinking education plan that addresses the shortage of schools and over-development of Fremont. I'll work to increase transparency and to bring in new voices at Council Meetings. I'll work to strengthen the relationship between our community and Fremont's government. I will follow up with real actions to improve the lives of residents and preserve our city. As a veteran, I have traveled all over the world and was fortunate to work with people of all races and creeds. As a campaign, we are committed to ensuring everyone is included. We will be champions of a real and sustained power of the people. #FutureFremont Please visit www.cullenforfremontD2.com I will be forever thankful for your vote.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF FREMONT
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3, 4-YEAR TERM**

JENNY KASSAN

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Age: 50

My education and qualifications are: Rampant overdevelopment is threatening the quality of life in our once peaceful and quiet home. Traffic congestion keeps getting worse, schools are overcrowded, and our services and infrastructure are being stretched to the limit. The majority of our current Council vote on a regular basis to allow developers to squeeze in yet more housing. It is not too late to save Fremont, but we must act now. If elected, I will fight to stop developments that hurt our quality of life and work to protect our open spaces, historic shopping districts, and existing neighborhoods. The future of our City must be shaped by the people who live here, not by developers trying to maximize their profits. I have a law degree from Yale and a masters degree in City Planning from UC Berkeley. I worked for over a decade as a city planner focusing on small business support. I now own a small business based in Fremont. I have never and will never take donations from developers and I do not have any financial relationships with developers. I'm proud to have the endorsements of Mayor Lily Mei and Vice Mayor Vinnie Bacon. Visit www.cleanmoneyfremont.com.

DAVID PAUL BONACCORSI

Occupation: Appointed City Councilmember

My education and qualifications are: A lifelong Fremont resident who attended our public schools, I choose to raise my family here. Walking door-to-door, from 28 Palms to Parkmont, we've shared our hopes and community concerns. I'm running for City Council to improve our quality of life, by: Reducing Traffic/Implementing Fremont's Vision Zero: Two-thirds of commuters neither live nor work in Fremont. Let's eliminate cut-through traffic by installing turn restrictions, issuing more traffic citations, and removing streets from navigation apps while improving traffic signalization, repaving, and repairing our streets. Protecting Neighborhoods: I'm fighting to enact stringent standards preventing excessive neighborhood development while preserving our past such as Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Enhancing Public Safety: Fully funding police and fire to ensure public safety on our streets and in our homes. Strengthening City/School Partnerships: I advocate collaboration with our schools on the City of Fremont /Fremont Unified School District Liaison Committee, and championed for a new school site to benefit District 3 students through the city's significant land donation to Fremont Unified School District. My leadership, experience, and independence have earned support from working families, community preservationists, small business owners, and our neighbors. The only candidate to refuse developer contributions and uphold the community's truth pledge, I respectfully ask for your vote to continue as your Councilmember www.Bonaccorsi4Fremont.com.

Candidate's Statement
CITY OF FREMONT
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4, 4-YEAR TERM

ROBERT DAULTON

Occupation: College Professor, Community Advocate, Eagle Scout, Sculptor and Graphic Artist, Technical Illustrator, Water System Designer
Age: 60

My education and qualifications are: Fremont is a beautiful place to live. I have lived in the East Bay since 1975 and watched piecemeal development adversely affect the quality of life, the schools, traffic, our environment, and our community. Cascading problems from overdevelopment include crowded schools, gridlocked roads, and the feeling that the City does not care about our concerns. I am a founding member of Protect Niles, a grassroots community organization dedicated to assuring responsible development that successfully sued to require an Environmental Impact Report on the Henkel Property/Niles Gateway development, a known toxic site, and just won the appeal by the developer. We founded Niles for Environmentally Safe Trains (NEST), in response to threats to the canyon and hills to drastically increase freight train traffic through our town. My experience teaching at San Jose State University and the acclaimed School of the Art Institute of Chicago, my Master's Degrees, Eagle Scout, and my work as a designer at tech companies has thoroughly prepared me for City Council. I believe this election represents an opportunity to value neighborhood integrity, environmental consciousness, historical presence, and a close-knit generational community. I love Fremont, and I'd be honored to represent you. <http://RobertDaulton.com/>

DEBBIE WATANUKI

Occupation: Businessowner/Non-Profit President

My education and qualifications are: Fremont offers an excellent quality of life with vibrant communities, strong schools, and enthusiastic civic engagement, but we face challenges. I will prioritize comprehensive solutions to our traffic congestion, housing affordability, homelessness, and public safety problems with a focus on equity and fairness. "See the big picture" and "listen first" are my guiding principles when creating comprehensive solutions. Fremont must lead the way to smarter, cleaner, efficient regional transportation to reduce traffic choking our streets, while increasing enforcement of traffic laws and improving car-share programs and pedestrian/bike paths. Using innovative, sustainable city planning, I will pursue attainable housing options for working people, families, seniors, and our children as they start their careers. We must have housing options for all economic levels--a home is a basic right. Great neighborhoods make a great city. I will promote inclusion, community policing, local businesses, cultural arts, music, and training first responders and city staff to better serve and protect all in our diverse city. As former Fremont Human Relations Commission Chair, LIFE ElderCare Boardmember, and past Fremont Education Foundation President, I have firsthand insight into Fremont's needs and will lead compassionately with solutions that enhance the lives of all who call Fremont home. I respectfully ask for your vote. Debbie4CityCouncil.com

JUSTIN SHA

Occupation: Entrepreneur, Law Clerk

Age: 25

My education and qualifications are: J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law; A.B., Dartmouth College; Mission San Jose High School. Dear Voter, your issues are mine: Fast, Forward, Fiscal. Fast Commutes – I pledge to vote against any additional development along Mission and will ensure that developers pay their fair share. I support smart development and affordable housing. Forward & Progressive Values – I will fight to protect your civil liberties. I believe in inclusive curricula for our youth and respect for all. Fiscal Responsibility – I will thoroughly evaluate the financials. Given my statistics and legal background, and having cofounded several startups, I will actively challenge not only questionable proposals, but also fellow councilmembers who decline to vote for your best interests. Ultimately, I offer a fresh perspective. As a son of immigrants, I was raised with the values of hard work, academic excellence, and the meaning of the American Dream. My grandpa was a sergeant of the US Army, and my mom is a 75th generational descendant of Confucius. Together, we can celebrate our shared diversity and values to drive forward a better future for Fremont. I promise to devote my energy to work for you, and I promise to be your voice. I respectfully ask for your vote. www.JustinSha.org

YANG SHAO

Occupation: President of the Fremont Unified District Board/Life Scientist

Age: 50

My education and qualifications are: Thank you for giving me the honor of serving our community these past 4 years. As President and Board Member of the Fremont Unified School District, I oversee a great-performing school district, constantly improving academic opportunities and college readiness of our students. Measure E projects are completed on time and under budget. I also serve on the Liaison Committee between the City of Fremont and the Fremont Unified School District providing solutions that benefit all of Fremont. As your independent voice on the City Council, I will: fight for common sense agreements that put community first, strive to solve our most pressing challenges such as standstill traffic, land use and affordable housing, enhance our unique quality of life through strengthened services for public safety, fight for the preservation of our neighborhood characters through smart growth. I earned my Ph. D from Harvard University and have been working in biotech over 20 years, an industry where innovation and analytical skills are a must. Recognized as "Community Hero" for California Assembly District 25. Endorsements include Congressman Ro Khanna, California Assemblyman Kansen Chu, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, former Vice Mayor Steve Cho and FUSD trustee Larry Sweeney. With the knowledge, experience and commitment this great city deserves, I humbly ask for your vote. www.electyangshao.com

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF FREMONT
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4, 4-YEAR TERM**

CRAIG STECKLER

Occupation: Retired Police Chief

My education and qualifications are: I'm a proud Fremont resident, having moved to Mission San Jose 32 years ago when I joined the Fremont Police Department. Following retirement (having served for 21 years as Chief), I've remained an active community member and advocate. I'm honored to currently serve as a Planning Commissioner and on the Boards of SAVE (domestic violence survivor services) and Niles Main Street Association. I also serve on the Washington Hospital Bond Oversight Committee I am a HERS Breast Cancer Foundation volunteer, a Niles Rotarian, and strongly support other local nonprofits. During my city tenure I developed extensive experience in strategic planning, budgeting, and city management processes and, as former Iron Dog Antiques (Niles) co-owner, I understand issues facing small businesses. Our beautiful city deserves Councilmembers who are analytical yet compassionate, open to residents' concerns, and willing to work collaboratively with Councilmembers, civic agencies, and citizens. I have the time, experience, and energy for serving all residents, and pledge to set a positive tone as we address issues such as housing affordability, public safety, development, and traffic. Together we can make our city the best it can be -- safe, inclusive, vibrant, and economically strong. www.steckler.vote.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF HAYWARD
MAYOR**

BARBARA HALLIDAY

Occupation: Mayor of Hayward

My education and qualifications are: As Hayward's Mayor since 2014, I've worked hard to keep our city on the right track. We're now a safer, cleaner, greener and more thriving community for all. It would be my privilege and honor to continue serving you the next four years as we work together to build on the progress we've made. City government works best when it listens to the people it serves. I've promoted a city government that partners with residents, neighborhood leaders and businesses to solve problems, meet challenges and improve quality of life. Together, we've approved new, well-managed affordable housing, replaced abandoned buildings and reduced blight, attracted innovative businesses and good jobs, won awards for energy and water conservation efforts, and provided new opportunities and facilities for our young people to learn and grow, including our exciting 21st Century Library and Community Learning Center opening this fall. I am honored to have the support of Council Members Elisa Márquez, Al Mendall, Sara Lamnin and Francisco Zermeño, Congressman Eric Swalwell, Building Trades and Construction Council, Hayward Firefighters 1909, Hayward Police Officers Association, Hayward Chamber of Commerce's Good Government Now and many others. I would be honored to have your vote by November 6. www.BarbaraHalliday.com.

MARK SALINAS

Occupation: College Educator/Council Member

Age: 47

My education and qualifications are: Born at St. Rose Hospital, raised in Schafer Park, graduated from Hayward High, and earned a Master's Degree in Education and Public Policy from San Francisco State. I am enthusiastic about our city's growth, hopeful for Hayward's economic prospects, and I know Hayward's best years are on the horizon. As your Mayor, I will act deliberately and bring amenities we expect in great cities, and ensure Hayward doesn't miss opportunities for strategic growth. I will plan for the next two generations to ensure families grow in the best neighborhoods possible. I promise to: deliver a budget so neighborhoods can count on high-quality police, fire, and maintenance services; produce stable housing and reliable transit; help businesses to lead in innovation, open easily, and transform low-wage jobs to quality jobs; strengthen city-school partnerships to expand education-to-career pathways; bring more accessible, safe, and fun activities to teenagers; and work to make neighborhoods healthy, with St. Rose Hospital open and prepared to serve. I respectfully ask for your vote. Hayward deserves a Mayor who will listen to neighbors, and who will champion policies equitable for every neighborhood so families will stay and thrive in Hayward for generations to come. www.salinasforhayward.com

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF HAYWARD
CITY COUNCIL**

JOE ORLANDO RAMOS

Occupation: Educator/Insurance Representative

My education and qualifications are: "Where there is no vision the people perish..." Hayward is stagnant, there needs to be new leadership, with a fresh vision. I have that vision. We need to balance the budget, spend within our means, think large, act local, less taxes, less regulations. A resident of Hayward since May 1987 when I received orders to U.S. Marine Corps, 4th LAAM Battalion Detachment Hayward, CA. I was the S-4 / Logistics Chief and Maintenance Management Officer (MMO). After Desert Storm, I taught middle school, high school, adult school, and community college. Worked for three cities Chicago, Milwaukee & San Francisco, also for several agencies including the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department, as a Project Coordinator Gang-Free Communities Project. I have proven leadership skills that make me an asset to any municipality. BA, Political Science, Northern Illinois University, MS, Urban Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, MA, San Francisco State University. I continue to volunteer with the Alameda County Probation Department working with inmates in Santa Rita Jail, and Glenn E. Dyer Jail (Oakland). Together we can make a difference in Hayward, I ask for your vote.

SARA LAMNIN

Occupation: Hayward City Council Member

Age: 47

My education and qualifications are: For 25 years, I have been dedicated to serving Hayward and committed to its progress. I empower people to be included in the decisions that affect their lives. As your Council Member for the past four years, I have led efforts to increase transparency, as well as to reduce our City's budget deficit and address speeding and traffic concerns—increasing our pavement quality, developing diverse solutions, and advocating for Hayward at the state level. We have streamlined permitting and created a concierge service to attract and retain businesses and jobs. By restoring safety services and modernizing outdated equipment and operations, we are more responsive to neighborhood priorities. I have been a strong voice for all of these improvements while also increasing renewable energy facilities and protecting our natural resources. Looking to the future, I will continue to champion building safe, complete, and smart communities; addressing housing affordability and transportation infrastructure; and ensuring your tax dollars are well managed to prepare us for the future. I will fight to make community involvement the standard and to make Hayward a place where all people feel secure and are proud to call home. I would be honored to receive your vote. www.saralamnin.com

TOM FERREIRA

Occupation: Emergency Medical Technician

Age: 49

My education and qualifications are: I've been a resident of our city for 23 years. While growing up, it interested me that prospective candidates came around during election time on a quest for a citizen's vote, only to seemingly forget to be the voice of the voters until the time comes to run for office again. I want to be a different representative for Hayward; one that is always working for the people. In the past two decades we lost three movie theaters, two bowling alleys, and a skating rink. I want to bring an entertainment center to our community, consisting of recreational activities such as bowling and skating where families can have a fun time together. Over ten years I've noticed hundreds of new condos and town homes springing up throughout Hayward, as I'm sure you have. The big real estate developers are only required to have 6% of their residences be low-income housing. I think that is too low a percentage and would better benefit Hayward and its residents with that number increased to 25%. Please visit www.workingforthepeople.org for my additional agenda items and residents' priorities for our city's future. I appreciate your confidence in me.

MARVIN PEIXOTO

Occupation: Hayward City Councilmember

My education and qualifications are: It is a privilege and an honor to serve the residents of Hayward. I was "Made in Hayward". My family has deep roots here. Peixoto Elementary School was named in recognition of my family's commitment to quality schools and successful businesses in Hayward. My family's legacy, my service in the United States Navy, and my graduate degree in Public Administration all prepared me to serve this beautiful city. That is why I have worked so hard to help turn Hayward's dreams of an inclusive and vibrant city into reality. Our new 21st Century Library is a model incorporating the latest technology providing our youth with the tools for exciting new careers and residents with a state of the art venue for learning. 476 apartments and a host of retail shops will soon be built at the Mervyn's site. The "So Hay" project will be a model community with a park and other neighborhood amenities for south Hayward. Downtown is bustling with new opportunities. We've hired more police and firefighters. All of this was accomplished with consecutive balanced budgets. Let's build on this momentum and make Hayward the great city it deserves to be. www.peixotoforhayward.com.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF HAYWARD
CITY COUNCIL**

AISHA WAHAB

Occupation: Businesswoman & Non-Profit Director

My education and qualifications are: Tragedy struck my family, leaving me orphaned in foster care. Yet in every family, culture, and language I lived with, everyone wanted an opportunity to succeed. I'm an organizer, non-profit director and a working-class American who earned an MBA in Hayward. Hayward is changing rapidly. Rising housing costs, increasing debts, higher crime, and jobs that don't pay a living wage; it's clear these changes are hurting people, and my fight is for them. I've worked on the ground with people in desperate need of housing, mental health and food security; and in the boardroom with service providers. I'm one of San Francisco Business Times' 2017 Most Influential Women in Business, California State University East Bay's 40 Under 40; and a Women's March organizer. I'm endorsed by Congressman Ro Khanna, Assemblymembers Rob Bonta and Bill Quirk, local mayors, educators, public safety advocates, small business owners, and community members. I'll champion housing at all income levels; improve pedestrian safety; simplify processes for small businesses; and expand services tailored to the needs of seniors, youth, and families. I'm transparent, fiscally responsible, and corporate-free, fighting for working families and getting things done. Please vote Aisha Wahab, your one and only vote for Hayward City Council; together, we can all have an opportunity. www.AishaWahab.com ATeam@AishaWahab.com 510-863-1545

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF LIVERMORE
MAYOR**

JOSHUA LAINE

Occupation: Entrepreneur, Businessman

Age: 33

My education and qualifications are: I have been a Livermore resident since 1986 and am campaigning to be the next Mayor of Livermore. I graduated from Livermore High and then joined the U.S. Marines, serving our country through multiple tours of duty and leading Marines. After being honorably discharged in 2007, I started Valor Winery where I assist veterans with their benefits, legal issues and make award winning wines. I am the CEO of JP Laine and Co., Inc. where my family and I work in multiple industries from ecommerce, wine & beer, law, handyman services to website design. I have taken many enology and criminal law classes and am about a year away from receiving my bachelors in Administration of Justice. I would like to implement greener resources and reduce costs and costs of living to Livermarians. I am a devout supporter of citizen's rights first and government accountability. Our teachers and education deserve better also. I respectfully ask for your support and thank those of you who cast your vote for me. A vote for me is a vote for a better City Council.

JOHN P. MARCHAND

Occupation: Mayor

Age: 64

My education and qualifications are: In the most recent poll, 95% of Livermore respondents feel Livermore is a great place to live and raise a family. I am committed to keeping it that way. Public safety is my top priority. I crafted the Drug House Nuisance Abatement Ordinance to successfully get drug houses out of our neighborhoods and we reinstated the Drug and Gang Task Force. More police have been hired and Livermore is building an Emergency Operations Center. Our beloved train depot has been restored and will once again be a train station. Your Council listened carefully throughout an extensive outreach process and the community came together to create a downtown plan which is now moving forward. Its core is Stockmen's Park, where families can gather and children can play. Hundreds of new public parking spaces and a science center are being added, while preserving Blacksmith Square and our downtown character. More services and affordable housing for veterans and seniors will be added near our City Hall campus. As Livermore's Mayor, I will continue to listen to the public and get things done. I would be honored to have your vote to keep Livermore a great place to live. Vote Marchand for Mayor.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF LIVERMORE
CITY COUNCIL**

NEAL PANN

Occupation: Architect / Planning Commissioner

My education and qualifications are: A longtime Livermore resident, I am proudly raising my family in Livermore. I graduated from Granada High School and attended Chabot College where I wrote the definitive history on Livermore's downtown Southern Pacific Railroad Depot. My interest in design and planning led me to earn a Bachelor of Architecture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where I had the opportunity to spend a year in Florence, Italy. These experiences inspired me to serve on the Livermore Historic Preservation Commission (2006-11), then the Livermore Planning Commission (2011-present). I am honored to serve my community in these roles, offering my expertise and dedication to create a stronger, more livable Livermore. Having graduated from the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Leadership Livermore program and this fall participating in the Livermore Citizens Police Academy, I look forward to giving back to my community as a City Councilman. My education, professional experience, and service on the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission give me a well-rounded understanding of the concerns of Livermore's residents. As your City Councilman, I will listen to you and make decisions that continue the smart growth that has made Livermore a vibrant community to ensure a bright future for tomorrow. I am excited for the opportunity to represent Livermore on the City Council.

BOB WOERNER

Occupation: Livermore Council Member

My education and qualifications are: Arriving in Livermore 42 years ago to work at the Lab, I fell in love with Livermore as a place to live, work, and raise a family. I care deeply about preserving and enhancing Livermore's quality of life, which is rooted in our community character and shared values. I have served on the Planning Commission and the City Council, currently as Vice Mayor. My leadership record demonstrates a thoughtful, collaborative, common-sense approach to getting things done — earning many community-wide endorsements. One recent success is the universally celebrated Stockmen's Park agreement, which greatly enhances our downtown with a large central park and cultural facilities, while honoring our western heritage and veterans. This successful community-wide collaboration also enables relocating up to 140 of much needed affordable housing units away from the downtown and offsets approximately \$10M of the downtown site purchase price. Working together as a community really pays huge dividends! By being a firm advocate of fiscal responsibility, I have helped to ensure ample funding for our Police and Fire Departments. I support open space and protecting the urban growth boundary. My professional experience spans scientific research, small business ownership and senior positions in major corporations. Your vote would be an honor.

TRISH MUNRO

Occupation: Social Science Researcher

Age: 61

My education and qualifications are: My family moved to Livermore because of its unique blend of cultures. We raised our children on 4-H, science, and the arts. Though Livermore has grown over 30 years, its essential character remains. Now we residents must act purposefully to respond to the future's challenges and opportunities. We must: manage local and regional transportation issues; ensure Stockman's Park, Livermore's cultural and community heart, becomes reality; protect precious open space while creating much needed affordable workforce housing; maintain fiscal stability while caring for our town and its aging infrastructure; support our most vulnerable populations for everyone's security. Achieving these common goals requires bringing people together to develop solutions that work for everyone. I have spent my life nurturing groups and communities so they thrive: as parent; as teacher and mentor; as Livermore resident; and as congregational leader and Livermore Shakespeare Festival board member. Professionally, my research focuses on the sociology of how communities unite. As council member, I commit to listening to different viewpoints, cooperating with others to solve problems, and communicating results clearly. I am ready to bring my skills and passion to serve the city I love. I would be honored to have your vote. trish4livermore.com

ALAN BRENT SILER

Occupation: Chief Technology Officer

Age: 53

My education and qualifications are: Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Master of Science Information Technology. Livermore is an amazing city with so much potential and I am running for Livermore City Council to bring the creative, pragmatic, and collaborative solutions needed to preserve our town's charm and actively pursue new ideas to ensure a brighter future, my priorities are: Infrastructure - Align the City of Livermore to meet our need for safe sidewalks, streets, lighting, water and other essential public safety services. Smart Growth - Work to realign the City of Livermore Housing plan to address the diverse needs of our citizens ensuring those who want to work and live in Livermore can do so affordably. Urban Growth Boundary - Fight all efforts to encroach on the UGB ensuring we maintain our valuable open space. Homelessness- Work with city staff, non-profits, community organizations to create quality services, support and safety for anyone seeking help. A local business owner, Non-Profit Animal Advocate, 10-year U.S Marine Corps Veteran, applying my education, community knowledge and practical business experience, I will lead the city council in making fiscally responsible decisions and reverse the trend of placing the financial burden on the residence of Livermore. To learn more about me and my vision for Livermore, please visit www.votealanbrentsiler.com

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF LIVERMORE
CITY COUNCIL**

ROSMARY BARTSCH

Occupation: Estate Planning Attorney

My education and qualifications are: Livermore is such a unique community that offers the best of what California has to offer its citizens. From a variety of outdoor activities, arts and sciences, to wine country living. I feel very fortunate to call Livermore home. I am an estate planning attorney and opened my business, Bartsch Law, in 2004. With my degree from Hastings Law School, I have worked in the financial field for most of my career and have an extensive business, accounting and tax background. I have enjoyed every part of this journey and hope to use these skills as your Livermore Council Member. I am encouraged by the community involvement that I see here in Livermore and it is my intent to continue to listen to my community and help us achieve our goals without losing any of our charm.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF PIEDMONT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

JULIE CASKEY

Occupation: Parent/Volunteer/Attorney

Age: 52

My education and qualifications are: My four children currently attend Piedmont schools -- elementary, middle and high school. I've spent thousands of hours as a school volunteer and leader of organizations supporting our schools. I want to put my community and public interest legal experience to work on our school board. I love our schools, but we can do better. We can listen to more voices in our community, act more transparently, and make budget-conscious decisions. We can provide meaningful science and technology education without sacrificing the arts. Our schools can be more compassionate, inclusive places that respect differences and ensure student success in our multi-cultural community and 21st century world. I take this responsibility seriously and will ask the hard questions needed to make improvements. For 7 years, I've served our community in active leadership roles at Beach, PMS, on PHS Site Council, the Math Task Force, PADC, the Harvest Festival and leading a K-12 support group. Previously, I practiced law for two decades: working in child advocacy, civil rights and immigration, as a public defender and federal court staff attorney. I will be a strong advocate for all students and our community on the school board. I'd be honored to have your vote.

MEGAN PILLSBURY

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Age: 62

My education and qualifications are: I bring to the Piedmont School Board a wide breadth of knowledge and experience. My three children attended Piedmont schools; I taught at Havens and Wildwood Schools for over 15 years; and, most recently, I worked at Lawrence Hall of Science as a science curriculum developer and program outreach educator. My degree in English Literature is from the University of Washington and I received a multiple subjects credential and masters degree in Early Childhood Education from Mills College. As a Piedmont parent and teacher, I served on numerous school district committees, including parents clubs, child study groups, and site councils. I helped initiate the district's Diversity Task Force and am now a member of the Piedmont Appreciating Diversity Committee. I researched effective teaching practices for the District Evaluation Committee that formulated our current teacher evaluation process. Our small town has limited district funds which I believe must be thoughtfully scrutinized and allocated to where they most impact our students. As a teacher, I held the ethic of care at the center of my practice and would bring this same deep belief as a touchstone to decisions made by our school board.

HARI TITAN

Occupation: Big Data Scientist

My education and qualifications are: I obtained a PhD in Computer Science in 1993. After teaching a year in college I switched to working in Finance and Technology industries as a Data Scientist. Since 2013 I have followed the District's bond funding options, and provided oversight with detailed comments in emails and Board meetings. My articles can be searched on my HariTitan.com website using keywords: AHT, STEM, Kindergarten or CAB. CAB financing involves compound interest instead of simple interest, unnecessarily increasing total property taxpayer repayments with unproductive debt. Without prior notice or explanation to the public, a CAB was issued in 2013 to finance the Havens rebuild and our repayments were deferred until 2027. Since 2013 I have been promoting the more traditional pay-as-you-go bond financing that works like a fixed-rate mortgage. The Havens CAB was refinanced in late 2017, saving Piedmonters \$26,162,581 in property taxes mostly from reduced compound interest charges. This a major accomplishment and culmination of my educational efforts. On the downside, approximately \$18.8 million in compound interest charges are unrecoverable due to a 10-year no-refinance clause in the 2013 CAB. If elected I would help ban CABs unless explicitly voted for by the public.

AMAL SMITH

Occupation: Incumbent

Age: 57

My education and qualifications are: As current Board Vice President, I am very proud of what we have accomplished in the last four years: curriculum changes, including new computer science classes, Next Generation Science Standards, extended-day kindergarten, Common Core, Math Pathways; a new bond and planned facilities improvements; key leadership recruitments; sound fiscal stewardship in an ongoing challenging environment; and unwavering commitment to integrity and thoughtful discourse. All this work has been done in partnership with the district, parents, students, and other community stakeholders. I am committed to building and sustaining an educational program that gives all our students a strong academic base, intellectual curiosity, and skills to meet life challenges and professional aspirations. I have almost 30 years of relevant work experience in higher education, including financial management and reporting; budgeting and resource planning; and compliance, controls, and accountability issues. My husband and I have lived in Piedmont for 20 years, and both our sons attended K-12 Piedmont schools. I volunteered in myriad leadership roles supporting the schools and the district. From all my work and volunteer experience, I know the importance of collaboration and community engagement. I will be honored to serve another term, and I respectfully ask for your continued support.

Candidate's Statement
CITY OF PIEDMONT
CITY COUNCIL

TIM ROOD

Occupation: Incumbent

Age: 52

My education and qualifications are: It's been a privilege to represent Piedmont on the Council and StopWaste and East Bay Community Energy boards since 2014, and I'm very proud of our progress on the issues I championed as a candidate: fiscal responsibility, environmental leadership, and open, transparent governance. Fiscally, we've strengthened the City's balance sheet through pension refinancing, labor negotiations, LED streetlight replacement, and sewer rehabilitation. Environmentally, we're implementing our newly adopted Climate Action Plan 2.0, with 100% renewable electricity coming in November through EBCE, and carrying out our Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan with upgraded crosswalks and other safety measures on our busiest streets. We successfully completed the Linda-Kingston Triangle and \$2 million renovation of Hampton Park, true public-private partnerships, and are actively planning for the future of facilities including Linda Beach, Coaches Field, the Recreation building, Veterans' Hall, and the pool through an open, transparent community process. I'm a proud LGBT single parent of two recent Piedmont High grads and a Piedmont resident since 2002. Professionally, I'm a certified city planner and licensed, LEED accredited architect, experienced in construction administration and community process. Bachelor's cum laude, Columbia University; Masters', architecture and city planning, UC Berkeley. I respectfully request your vote to continue our progress.

BETSY SMEGAL ANDERSEN

Occupation: Appointed City Council Member

Age: 48

My education and qualifications are: I grew up in Piedmont and attended Wildwood Elementary School, Piedmont Middle School and Piedmont High School. I majored in Public Policy Studies at Duke University, and later earned my law degree from UCLA School of Law. I moved back to Piedmont eighteen years ago with my husband, Robert, to raise our two children. In addition to practicing law since 2001, I have been an active volunteer in our public schools, a proud Girl Scout troop leader, and a committed city volunteer. I have served as Chair of the Recreation Commission, Vice-Chair of the Aquatics Master Plan Steering Committee, member of the Capital Improvement Projects Review Committee, and member of the Public Safety Committee. My volunteer experience reflects my priorities as a City Council member: community-building, promoting public safety, and improving recreation programming and facilities for all ages. I was appointed to the City Council in October 2017, and I have tremendous appreciation for the many residents who volunteer their time and energy for our schools and community. I am grateful and proud to live in Piedmont and I will work diligently to serve all residents as an elected member of our City Council.

TEDDY GRAY KING

Occupation: City Council Member

Age: 49

My education and qualifications are: Thank you for electing me to serve as your Piedmont City Council Member, and now as Vice Mayor. It is an honor of a lifetime. I am pleased to have provided leadership on a number of initiatives such as renovation of Hampton Field, multiyear budgeting that ensures financial solvency while maintaining civic facilities, adoption of state-of-the-art environmental infrastructure that protects the San Francisco Bay, and improved programs and services in the Recreation Department. We have accomplished a lot over these four years, and we have much more to do. I have worked hard to make sure that Piedmont has an open and responsive government because I know that it is only by listening to the concerns of Piedmont residents that we can maintain the quality of life that we value. In addition to serving as Piedmont's Vice Mayor, I am a mother to three children, all of whom attend Piedmont schools. I appreciate your vote and I look forward to continuing my service on behalf of the people of this great town.

SUNNY BOSTROM-FLEMING

My education and qualifications are: As a Piedmont resident since childhood and graduate of Piedmont High I ran for city council in the past and alone championed issues that were incorporated shortly after the election: license plate readers and street cameras. These enhancements have made us safer from burglars and home invaders. Our schools because of the psychological concerns of a few or our vulnerable young people some citizens feel we're unprepared to effectively defuse a school shooting rampage, particularly since two students in two separate cases were apprehended after mentioning their plans on social media to stage a Piedmont school shooting. Even the quick response from our highly effective Piedmont Police the carnage could be horrific. Last year over 250,000 teachers were attached by their own students many hospitalized and killed. I'm proposing that we formulate now with City of Piedmont along with our superb teachers a comprehensive plan to defend both students and teachers before devastation strikes our community Little Prince George's school has a motto of "Be Kind". This could be an effective motto for our city and our schools. Let's send a strong message to our students that cruelty and bullying will not be tolerated or accepted in Piedmont.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF PLEASANTON
MAYOR**

JERRY THORNE

Occupation: Mayor/Retired Professional Engineer

My education and qualifications are: It has been my honor to serve you as your Mayor, Councilmember and Parks and Recreation Commissioner for a total of 23 years of service. We have accomplished much together including an increase in our rainy day reserve to 22% of general fund and completion of a plan to reduce impacts of future increases in pension liability. However, we must focus on the future to improve and protect our high quality of life. To accomplish this we must: Ensure that all land use decisions are sensible and sustainable without exposing ourselves to additional legal action by outside sources or the State. Advocate for local control of local land use issues with the State Legislature. Find new ways to help preserve the quality of our schools. Complete and implement a comprehensive Downtown Specific Plan. Advocate for sufficient water infrastructure and resources. Ensure that traffic generated by development is mitigated. Complete the renovation of our Pioneer Cemetery. Results oriented leadership has been the key to my success in the private and public sectors and I am committed to this philosophy. Please visit my website at www.jerrythorne.com
Remain Pleasanton Proud! Reelect Mayor Jerry Thorne

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF PLEASANTON
CITY COUNCIL**

JOSEPH LEDOUX

Occupation: Police Officer

My education and qualifications are: I am a resident of Pleasanton with my wife and newborn son. We moved to Pleasanton 4 years ago due to the small town feel. I am a 12 year veteran police officer for a nearby east bay town. I have a B.S. in International Business from San Francisco State University and a M.A. in Criminal Justice from Boston University. I am running for the position of City Council of Pleasanton with the following objectives: To preserve the charm of Pleasanton. Make decisions that are family centric and in line with the values of our community. Maintain an emphasis on the safety and security of our community. Support and invite small business and restaurants into Pleasanton. Emphasize fiscal responsibility. Build upon the current roster of events that are hosted downtown. Support and grow the activities available for our young kids and teens. I am familiar with being accountable for all of my actions in my professional career. If chosen to be on the City Council for the City of Pleasanton, I would extend that attribute while also being transparent in my choices for the community. I truly look forward to serving the citizens of Pleasanton.

KATHY NARUM

Occupation: City Councilmember/Businesswoman

My education and qualifications are: Experience matters. I've been a Councilmember since 2013, having served on both the Planning and Parks & Recreation Commissions prior to that and remain committed to public service. With your vote, I will continue to use my years of experience to focus on the following issues: quality of life, environmental sustainability and fiscal responsibility. Priorities necessarily change as communities do, but maintaining our quality of life as we evolve will always be my top priority. I will continue to work on the important projects that reflect our current community needs and enhance our City. Reimagining our downtown center with more open spaces, building a new library, and expanding parking options will create a more vibrant downtown core. I will also focus on our environmental sustainability—providing more and safer routes for bicyclists and pedestrians by implementing the bicycle master plan and exploring alternatives to diversify our water supply in anticipation of any future drought. All of this requires a sound fiscal future—balanced budgets, prudent reserves and proactively addressing our unfunded pension liabilities. I've experienced all of it and with your vote, I will keep working hard for you. Visit www.kathynarum.com for more information. Kathy Narum for City Council.

JULIE TESTA

Occupation: Small Business Owner

My education and qualifications are: I will "Stand for Residents, Not Developments"! I will protect our small-town character by supporting Smart and Slow-Growth policies, while considering impacts on schools, traffic, water, and quality of life. I actively support preserving our historic downtown and opposing massive housing projects. I support a lower cost and improved library/community center, but reject demolishing useful buildings to rezone for more housing. I consistently advocate for stronger collaboration with Pleasanton Unified School District to resolve overcrowding and maximize uses for existing tax dollars. I cannot support drinking recycled sewer water until science has proven it's safe. Pleasanton's must tackle its long-term debt. My husband and I raised our family in Pleasanton. As a 30-year resident, I have a diverse record of service: Pleasanton City Commissioner-11 years, Las Positas College student advisor, National Alliance on Mental Illness-Director, REACH Resources Education Activities Community Housing-Director. I have served on numerous Pleasanton committees and task forces. I have participated in all Downtown Specific Plan meetings. I have attended statewide meetings to control high-density housing in Pleasanton. I ask for your vote to use my experience and serve on the Pleasanton City Council. www.JulieTesta.com

JOE STRENG

Occupation: Communications Manager

My education and qualifications are: I've been privileged to call Pleasanton my hometown for nearly 40 years. My wife and I are both proud graduates of Amador Valley High School. I've actively served in our community for more than 12 years. During my time on the Parks & Recreation Commission, including two terms as Chair, we delivered many valuable amenities to the community. I'm a flexible consensus builder who's passionate about service. As a member of the City Council, I will work hard to maintain the high quality of life we all enjoy by: Maintaining the charm and character of our downtown, while ensuring it continues to thrive. Protecting our ridges and open spaces and making sure new development plans are given the highest level of scrutiny. Keeping our community safe and secure, with responsive and effective police and fire departments. Encouraging businesses to continue bringing jobs to our community to sustain our vibrant economy. Embracing our growing diversity and making sure every family feels welcome. Pleasanton is not only the best place to live in the Bay Area, but one of the best in the State of California and the United States. Let's keep it that way! #Vote4Joe

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF UNION CITY
CITY COUNCIL**

EMILY DUNCAN

Occupation: Councilmember

My education and qualifications are: As your councilmember, integrity, accountability and compassion are the principles that guide my work. I have worked to accelerate our economic recovery and growth, support public safety services, protect our parks and open space while maintaining reliable management of our budget. I'm excited about the progress we're making. Businesses are opening and homes are being developed throughout the City helping to improve our local economy. Our new teen center recently opened in Kennedy Park and our parks and open space improvement plan is on target. We are completing our General Plan which outlines the future vision for the City and your quality of life in Union City. My priorities are to intensify economic development, build more affordable housing, and ensure fiscal stability. I'll be a strong advocate for public safety and will continue to partner with our schools to prevent youth violence I serve on many committees and boards to ensure Union City's needs are visible in regional planning: Alameda County Transportation Commission, East Bay Economic Development Land Use committee, Association of Bay Area Governments, New Haven School/City partnership, UC Economic Development committee and UC fiscal stability subcommittee. I would appreciate your vote.

JAIME PATINO

My education and qualifications are: I am a lifelong resident of Union City. I am also a single father raising my 13 year old daughter here. I was raised by my grandparents, who taught me the value of hard work and playing by the rules. Values they learned growing up during the Depression and WWII. I graduated from James Logan High School in 1989 and was on the inaugural Forensics team led by Tommie Lindsey. I attended Chabot College and CSU Hayward, eventually earning my MBA. I serve on the Union City Human Relations Commission and on the Board of Directors of Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center and Centro de Servicios. I co-authored the Compassionate City Resolution. I believe we should help those less fortunate, and give them the skills and resources needed to help themselves. I have also sat on the General Plan Advisory Committee, the Itliong/Vera Cruz Renaming Committee and on the UCPD Strategic Plan Committee. If elected, I will work to make our schools better and safer, reduce crime, encourage mutual respect among our citizens, ease our traffic problems and bring good, quality jobs to our city. I will work with residents, businesses, the New Haven Unified School District, non-profits and other City Departments to make this happen. Thank you for your time and I hope I have earned your vote.

DAVID WHATLEY-ZEPEDA

My education and qualifications are: I'm running for City Council because I want to be a voice for working-class, blue-collar families. My dad is the son of a painter and homemaker; he grew-up in Fairway Park. My mom is the daughter of Mexican immigrants who labored in agriculture; she was born and raised in Decoto. Both are graduates of James Logan High. My parents have worked hard their entire lives and their hard work and sacrifice allowed me to obtain an education at UCLA and pursue a career in the performing arts. I want to be a voice for blue-collar families like mine on the Council. We need to create policies that will provide good jobs not just for engineers and computer programmers but for all Americans because The American Dream must be attainable for blue and white collar workers alike. Under the current City Council---which includes a CPA as our Mayor---our City government has encountered a deficit and "fiscal emergency" associated with pension costs. We need to elect leadership that will have the conviction to be a voice on the Council for Union City residents rather than special interests. My name is David Whatley-Zepeda and I would be honored to have your vote.

HARRIS MOJADEDI

My education and qualifications are: My name is Harris Mojadedi, and I humbly ask for your vote to serve as your Councilmember. I will be accountable to the people of our city, and not to special interests. On the Council, my priorities will be to balance our city budget, advocate for affordable housing, strengthen city services, and ensure that our children are safe in our schools. I have the background and experience to lead our city. I am the vice chair of the Union City Planning Commission, and am the Chair of the Alameda County Human Relations Commission. In addition, I have half a decade of experience in public service, including working at the City of Fremont, CSU East Bay, and serving as a Policy Analyst at UC Berkeley. I am proud to have called Union City home since I was a child and am a product of New Haven schools. As the son of immigrants, I know firsthand the struggles that working families and immigrant families in our community are facing every day. Together, Union City can have housing, a balanced budget, safe schools, transit, and a strong sense of community. I would be honored to have your vote on November 6.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF UNION CITY
CITY COUNCIL**

LORRIN ELLIS

Occupation: City Council Member, Human Resources Executive and Consultant to Fortune 500 Companies ; Job Focus of Recruitment and Employee Support Services ; BA in Political Science from Chapman University ;

Age: 42

My education and qualifications are: It has been a privilege serving Union City the last eight years. I care about the future of Union City and want to continue building a strong community for us all. In addition to my existing Council duties, I have a career as a human resources executive and coach youth athletics. I believe our City needs strong decision-makers who will tackle the tough issues – so local government can continue to provide the services Union City residents deserve. If re-elected, I will continue to be fiscally responsible and focus on our long-term financial health. I will ensure new programs can be properly funded within our current budget and create value for our residents. I believe Union City has incredible economic potential. I will continue to build relationships within the business community and search out innovative approaches to bring new businesses and job growth to our community. I will place top priority to public safety and keeping our Police and Fire services on the streets, protecting our neighborhoods. I will also stay committed in my support of recreational services that serve our senior and youth communities. I will listen to your views, conduct myself honestly, with integrity and be honored to earn your support.

PAT D. GACOSCOS

Occupation: Incumbent Councilmember

My education and qualifications are: As a dedicated public servant, it is an honor to continue serving the diverse citizens of Union City with the commitment, service, and passion our great city deserves. As councilmember, my solid 8-year record of community well-being, business and economic development, fiscally-responsible decisions, and public safety actions speak for themselves: Attracted new businesses through creative measures and incentives resulting in retaining our economic base and increased revenues; improved police, fire and emergency services through merging of our dispatch center; remodeled the teen center to support the next generation of city youth; ongoing support and resources for our aging community members. By electing me to serve for the next four years, my commitment to the community continues: Priority support for public safety; providing more affordable housing; attracting new businesses and jobs especially in our Station District; building a new library. I represent our city at the Alameda County Library Commission, Housing Commission, Chamber of Commerce, City/School Partnership and General Plan Action Committee. I chair the Union City Sister City program of seven international cities. Vote for me and I will continue to work hard to make Union City a great, Compassionate City to live, work and play.

LEE GUIO

My education and qualifications are: I've been an active member of our community for the last 20 years, serving as a Planning Commissioner and Human Relations Commissioner, as the co-chair of the city's Economic Development Advisory Team, and as a member of the General Plan Advisory Committee. This experience has prepared me well to serve on the City Council as a steward of our community's resources. My top priorities are public safety, responsible budgeting, and improving traffic and infrastructure. I work as the National Sales Manager for an electronics company headquartered in Denmark with operations around the world. I interact regularly with business leaders across the Bay Area and I'll be a champion for Union City, which has much to offer in the global economy. Attracting new businesses is essential to maintaining our budget and services. I believe strong leaders are effective collaborators who listen, learn, and forge consensus. As your City Councilmember, I will proactively build relationships with community leaders and residents so that we can chart a course together towards sustainable growth that will improve Union City's fiscal health and maintain its character and diversity. I will also be accessible and responsive to your concerns. I humbly ask for your vote. leeguio.com

VIPAN BAJWA

Occupation: Consultant/Accountant

My education and qualifications are: As a lifelong resident of Union City, I have had the privilege of watching this city evolve in many different aspects. However, I believe we have not yet reached our full potential. I am passionate about reducing our budget deficit and securing a more balanced financial future, restructuring our public transportation system to reduce commute time for workers and students, and building a stronger community. Union City is in need of economic and social revitalization. My educational and professional background in Accounting and Finance have prepared me to tackle the budget and operational challenges we are facing. I will bring practicality and innovative ideas to help shape our future. As a city council member, one of my top priorities will include representing the voices, concerns, and ideas of you and our neighbors. Together with your help, we can make Union City a better place. Thank you for your support. Please further review my platform and background at the following: VipanBajwa.com

**Candidate's Statement
AC TRANSIT DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, AT LARGE**

JOEL B. YOUNG

Occupation: AC Transit District Director, At-Large

My education and qualifications are: As a transit rider, I intimately understand that many depend on AC Transit and as your representative I am committed to providing affordable and reliable bus service. Moreover, since becoming an AC Transit Board Member, I have helped raise over \$1 million for our hydrogen fuel cell bus program, supported new programs such as the Freedom Bus Project, voted to allocate over \$100 million of AC Transit's contracting dollars to local businesses to support good paying local jobs, and pushed AC Transit to develop a path to have a non-polluting bus fleet (i.e., buses that do not emit particulate matter into the air). If elected, I will: (1) continue to fight to ensure that our bus service is reliable and affordable for all; (2) continue to advocate for the purchase of buses that do not pollute our air with a goal of having a non-polluting bus fleet by 2030; and (3) look to establish pilot programs to integrate AC Transit bus service with new transportation technologies to provide better transportation service. For all of these reasons, I respectfully ask for your vote. Website: www.joelyoung.org
Email: youngforactransit@gmail.com

**Candidate's Statement
AC TRANSIT DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, WARD 4**

MARK WILLIAMS

Occupation: AC Transit Director, Ward 4

My education and qualifications are: I ask you to give me the honor to continue representing you on the AC Transit Board. I remain committed to improving service and reliability for all riders while maintaining balanced budgets and fiscal sustainability. The District has weathered the Recession and is in the process of enhancing and expanding services to address the mobility challenges of the future. In collaboration with the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County, I helped develop the Castro Valley Flex Shuttle Program which provides riders on demand service. We created new routes and service hours in Ward 4 through the districts AC Go initiative. To ease congestion, the District will be expanding Transbay service with new double-decker commuter buses to the new Transbay terminal. Our workers are our greatest asset and I look forward to continuing my work with our labor partners to create quality living wage jobs for our community. Through the Buy America Policy, we purchased Gillig Co. buses made in Hayward! We encourages our riders to shop local through our Small Business Saturday campaign. I love the work of making AC Transit a premier agency and I humbly ask for your vote. For more information, please visit www.williams4actransit.org

**Candidate's Statement
AC TRANSIT DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, WARD 5**

DIANE SHAW

Occupation: Retired Transit Manager

My education and qualifications are: I would like to bring my extensive education and experience in transit to this job as your Director of AC Transit, Ward 5. I have experience as a Bay Area transit manager in all aspects of bus transportation from finance, operations, scheduling to maintenance of equipment. I want to bring better transit options to South County than what AC Transit now provides. I know how bus transit works and will fight to get Ward 5 the bus service it deserves, particularly for students and seniors. Mobility needs in our area have changed. We need better school service, more frequent service and options that allow more flexibility. As a member of the Fremont Mobility Task Force, I have gained an understanding of the transportation needs of both the residential and business communities. Safe, reliable, frequent and affordable bus service is an integral part to solving traffic gridlock. My record of hard work, integrity and common sense has earned broad support from community groups and local leaders. Please help me make a difference for our community by giving me your vote. For more information contact me at 510-999-3911 or www.dianeshaw4transit.com

KEWAL SINGH

Occupation: Transit Professional

My education and qualifications are: We need new leadership in AC Transit Ward 5. As a transit professional with 20 years of experience, I know well the challenges of setting policies for complex systems so that they provide best service for the riders that most depend on AC Transit. There are many things that AC Transit does well, but we can do better. With the new investments from Regional Measure 3, the system needs to become aggressive on providing commuters with a reliable alternative to driving. The future depends on providing better transit options to people and getting them out of their cars. AC Transit is an important part of this mission. The people that make the system run (the workers) are our greatest asset. I will invest and grow the workforce, so AC Transit will continue to be an elite transportation organization. I will work tirelessly to find solutions to unique needs in Ward 5. Lastly, we must say no to Proposition 6 in November. Please visit our website for more information: www.singh4actransit.com

Candidate's Statement
BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 4

PAUL CUMMINGS

Occupation: Transportation Logistics Manager

My education and qualifications are: BART has lost it's way and the board needs reform. Built in the 1960's, BART has hardly been improved, parking is scarce, trains are dirty, and crime is rampant. Mismanagement by the BART Board has created a system in which the riders are its lowest priority. It's time we put riders first. We can build more parking at BART stations while still encouraging people to make BART part of their journey rather than relying solely on their cars. The BART board's focus on developing housing at the expense of parking is misguided. BART should no only serve people who live at BART stations, ride bikes, or take buses. Rider safety has been by luck, not design. Mismanagement has understaffed the BART Police with tragic consequences. No jurisdiction is more appropriate for "community policing" than a contained system like BART. There needs to be a commitment to place rider safety and transparent enforcement first. Employees lack the tools and parts to maintain aged equipment. Train car replacement delays are accepted as normal. This is no way to run a railroad! I'm running because we need an accountable, open-minded leader experienced in running large complex systems. Learn more at PaulCummingsForBart.com.

ROBERT RABURN

Occupation: BART Director/Transportation Planner

My education and qualifications are: Honored as BART Board President this year, I'm a professional transportation planner with 26+ years of experience improving transit and championing alternatives to driving. I work for you as a change agent at BART. I put rider safety, reliability and comfort first by replacing 46-year old BART cars with the next generation fleet and passing Measure RR to rebuild BART's aging core system. The first of 775 new cars -- quieter, cleaner, bicycle friendly, energy-efficient, and more accessible -- are already providing relief from crowding. I'm focused on offering commuters all 10-car transbay trains in 2019. I've boosted local hiring, small business opportunities, youth fares, energy sustainability and transit-oriented development with affordable units. I promoted a 2019 budget addressing compassionate actions for passenger safety, homelessness, fare-evasion and cleanliness. Safety demands more BART patrols, cameras, mental health and substance abuse coordination and barriers to prevent ticketless entry -- all underway. Formerly head of East Bay Bicycle Coalition, I improved access to BART for bicyclists. PhD from UC Berkeley in transportation and urban geography. For an affordable, reliable, and high-quality BART, please join the Sierra Club and vote Robert Raburn for BART Board. www.RobertRaburn.com

Candidate's Statement
BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 6

LIZ AMES

Occupation: Senior Project Manager/ Civil Engineer

My education and qualifications are: I have been a local government civil engineer and transit rider for 25 years. I allocate resources, plan and build community and transportation projects within budget. I will ensure BART's resources are invested to support the rider experience. Short-term, we will catch up on repairs and spend public tax money wisely on BART cars and station improvements. I will focus on trains running on schedule, ensure stations are safe and clean, and add trains to reduce overcrowding and travel time. We need security guards and police officers at every station. Long-term, I will work to create welcoming transit villages with housing and job centers at each station to reduce commute times. Shorter commutes are a challenge in the Bay Area. BART stations can generate revenues with job centers on BART property. New revenues can fund services. I will ensure BART's resources are invested in supporting improved transit connections, safe travel on clean trains and stations. See www.ames4change.com to learn about creating places where we live-work-play to improve our quality of life. Together we can make safe, clean transit with a goal to reduce your travel time while keeping your fares reasonable. I would appreciate your support and vote.

ANU NATARAJAN

Occupation: Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager/ Stopwaste

My education and qualifications are: As a daily BART rider, I share the frustrations of delays and dirty trains. BART can do better. I am running for BART Board to improve and grow BART's infrastructure so Bay Area commuters have a reliable, safe and clean world-class transit system. A sustainability consultant and urban planner by profession, I know our transit infrastructure and land use can provide meaningful options for everyone. A decade as a Fremont Councilmember taught me the importance of planning, policy, and partnerships when working regionally. Living in the epicenter of cutting-edge technology, we should be incorporating innovative thinking to provide commuters with dependable transit that delivers relief to our congested freeways and maintains our region as an economic pacesetter. As Chair of the BART Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, I take my position of providing independent oversight to the expenditure of public money seriously. I can report that all projects to date are on-budget. For too long, we have had to navigate unsafe, unsanitary trains and system delays that leave commuters stranded. With my professional expertise, knowledge and leadership experience, I want to improve transit for all of us. I respectfully ask for your vote. Visit Anu4BART.com for more information.

Candidate's Statement
DUBLIN - SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT
DIRECTORS

ANN MARIE JOHNSON

Occupation: Environmental Project Manager

My education and qualifications are: I received my Masters in Business Administration from Santa Clara University and have lived in the East Bay for 25 years (San Ramon and Pleasanton). As a working professional, I bring experience in environmental policy and capital/construction projects to public service. Through my service on numerous non-profit boards, I understand the value of a balanced budget. My priorities include: clean, affordable and reliable water, strong fiscal policies, accountability and sound management of our water resources. I am impressed by the District's record of protecting the environment, keeping water rates down, and increasing recycling, and wish to further that mission. However, I believe more can be done in conservation and energy efficiency. I offer fresh eyes and leadership skills to the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and would proudly serve my fellow neighbors.

RICHARD JESSE

Occupation: Retired Electronics Engineer

My education and qualifications are: Being a resident of Dublin since 1986 and a graduate of DSRSD Citizens Water Academy and having raised our family here, I will continue, if elected to the Board of Directors, DSRSD's success in reliably distributing safe, clean water as efficiently and economically as possible to Dublin and the Dougherty Valley, while collecting wastewater from the Dublin/San Ramon/Pleasanton Service Area, treating it to the highest state standards, and recycling the treated water for use in irrigation.

CHUCK HAUPT

Occupation: Director Nonprofit Organization

My education and qualifications are: It's time for fresh and innovative leadership at DSRSD and I believe that I am the right person to help ensure that customers are receiving top-quality service while we make smart investments in operations and critical water and wastewater infrastructure revitalization. I'm a volunteer Director at of one of the largest social service organizations serving Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. I've led the implementation of advanced financial controls and was added to the audit committee. Previously, I was the founding Executive Director of MedShare in California - one of the highest rated charities in the U.S. With years of board experience I know how to effectively collaborate with staff to ensure that strategic goals are being met, while delivering excellent service to customers. Education: BA in Economics from the University of California, Irvine and advanced courses at Wharton Business School in strategic planning. Honored to have received the Environmental Innovation Award for the Bay Area, as well as numerous Environmental Reuse Awards from the State. As a DSRSD customer for 20 years, I have great respect for the good services they deliver to our Tri-Valley community and look forward to contributing my experiences and talents.

GEORGEAN VONHEEDER-LEOPOLD

Occupation: Incumbent

My education and qualifications are: I have served a total of 18 years on the DSRSD board over the last three decades. During that time, I have also held many other elected and appointed positions that served both San Ramon & Dublin. I currently serve as a state director on the CA Assoc of Sanitation agencies (CASA) and as vice president for the county chapter of the CA Special District Assoc (CSDA). I was recently re-appointed as a special district member on the county LAFCo Commission. I was a member of the founding board that brought recycled water to the valley. I also advocated for the residential recycle water service. I was a driving force in the repair and expansion of the wastewater export line several years ago. My unique public office experience as well as my non-profit volunteer experience coupled with my financial experience in my "day" job as a tax accountant, makes me the most qualified individual to be re-elected. As of 8/1 I have endorsements from Congressman Eric Swalwell and Mayor David Haubert. I would sincerely appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Candidate's Statements
DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT
DIRECTORS

JAMES BRADY

Occupation: Facility Manager

My education and qualifications are: As your new Director at DSRSD, I bring 27 years of engineering management and public perspective. I served as Director at Ojai Sanitary District when living in Ventura and supported the new OVSD 30MGD plant now in compliance with Regional Water Quality Control Board standards. I have worked on Capital Budgets and Strategic Plans. I'm a 24 year resident of San Ramon, married and proud parent of a fire fighter and speech therapist both 'launched' and serving in our community. The last 9 months, I've completed the District's Citizens Water Academy and attended 12 DSRSD meetings to become informed. The District is growing, I will protect our critical water resources. I will work to not repeat the water rationing from 2014. "When the well is dry we know the worth of water" - Ben Franklin. I support expanding recycled water program thru winter off-peak months to meet our summer demand. It makes sense to build additional water storage beyond our 10MGD plant today and not 'pay to pump' our treated effluent back to the Bay. I support the Sites, \$5B state shared project. I graduated Cal Poly with electrical, solar, telecom certifications and am familiar with advanced system facility operation. I appreciate your support. www.BradyElect2018.com

Candidate's Statement
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, WARD 7

FRANK MELLON

Occupation: Member – EBMUD Board of Directors

My education and qualifications are: Frank Mellon is a human resources professional who has worked well with business, labor and government agencies throughout the East Bay. As a businessperson, he understands the impact on homes and jobs of a reliable present and future supply of quality water. When president of the EBMUD Board of Directors, he guided EBMUD through the last drought and delivered on campaign promises of reliable water supply. That same supply is assured for future years. As an advocate for water conservation and reclamation, Frank's efforts have lead to lower total water demand while addressing the needs of a growing population. He is a protector of the water resource, the environment and the watershed. A Navy veteran with a Business Administration degree from the University of Hawaii and a M.B.A. from St. Mary's College, Frank also serves as a volunteer director for a non-profit foundation providing funding for senior programs. Additionally, he is active in the communities he serves. His grown children are products of the Castro Valley public school system. Frank will continue to assure we have a drought supply that balances future water supply needs while protecting our environment with EBMUD programs of water conservation & recycling.

This candidate has accepted East Bay Municipal Utility District's voluntary expenditure limits

Candidate's Statement
EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, WARD 5

AYN WIESKAMP

Occupation: East Bay Regional Park District Ward 5 Director and Recreation Teacher

My education and qualifications are: I would be honored to continue serving as your elected East Bay Regional Park District representative. I support EBRPD's mission to protect and manage open space, shorelines and wildlife habitat. EBRPD firefighters work year round on wildfire prevention. I will continue working to make environmental and recreational opportunities accessible for all. EBRPD passes balanced, fiscally conservative budgets supporting district projects with long term financial benefits. In 2017 we refunded \$44,500,000 of 2009 WW bonds saving taxpayers about \$7,100,000. Our Shadow Cliffs solar panels offset 96% of the district's electricity usage and provide shade. Dumbarton Quarry Associates pays a usage fee (\$4,400,000 to date) reserved for Coyote Hills projects including our new campground opening in 2019. Pleasanton and EBRPD improved Pleasanton Ridge access with the new Castleridge Trailhead. Del Valle received a \$5,000,000 state grant for facility improvements. EBRPD and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District repaved the Sycamore Grove Park portion of the regional trail. I support building the Niles Canyon Trail. I chair the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission. I previously served on LARPD and the Livermore City Council. I have a BS in secondary education, taught in public schools and currently teach recreation classes. Please vote for Ayn Wieskamp on November 6th. Contact me at aynforparks@gmail.com

Candidate's Statement
EDEN TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
DIRECTORS

STEPHEN CASSIDY

Occupation: Attorney

Age: 54

My education and qualifications are: All persons, regardless of their wealth, race, age or any other classification, should have access to the health services they need. This is why as Mayor of San Leandro I worked tirelessly to save San Leandro Hospital from closure. In collaboration with the Alameda County Supervisors, we kept the emergency room open and transferred San Leandro Hospital to public ownership under the Alameda Health System. I spearheaded initiatives that resulted in the opening of the student health center at San Leandro High School and a free health clinic for the needy and families with low incomes. I wish to bring my commitment and track record of expanding access to health care to the People of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview and San Leandro, as your representative on Eden Health District Board. Today, the Eden Health District funds health education programs. While useful, this is not why the District was established. I will refocus the District on its historic and primary role of providing and funding direct health care services to our community. We must keep St. Rose, a nonprofit, community hospital in Hayward, open and expand access to health care across the Eden Area. Thank you for your support. Let's connect at www.facebook.com/MayorCassidy

ROXANN LEWIS

Occupation: Incumbent, Eden Township Healthcare District

My education and qualifications are: My education includes a B.A. in Health Services Administration, and I am registered in Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, and Radiology. I am a native of the Bay Area, married with one grown son. Having spent my entire adult life in the medical field, I have a great understanding of what's needed to serve our community when it comes to health care and preventative measures. In our current climate with hospitals closing and cost of health care rising, it's important to preserve our safety net facilities. Eden Township Healthcare District has always been active in preserving these institutions and continues to support efforts to evaluate services for needy residents of our community. As a current board member and Chair of the District, I am continuing to work out ways of sustaining these safety net facilities into the future. We are entrusted with public assets and need to do what is best of our community when it comes to healthcare dollars. We vet the organizations we support, making sure they fulfill the needs of our community. Please vote for Roxann Lewis in November so I can continue to search out ways to support our community's healthcare needs.

MARIELLEN FARIA

Occupation: Registered Nurse

My education and qualifications are: As a lifelong resident of Hayward, I have dedicated my professional life to healthcare. I have been a Registered Nurse for over 30 years and would like to continue my vocation by promoting health, wellness and access to health resources. Serving on the Eden Township Healthcare District Board would allow me to continue to serve the community. With a Master's Degree in Nursing Administration, I have been the Director of Nursing at St. Rose Hospital, San Leandro Hospital and Kaiser Permanente. This experience has equipped me with the knowledge, skill and insight to the health needs of the Eden Health District. Beyond working in hospital settings, I have also been active in the community. I established the St. Rose Hospital Silva Pediatric Clinic and Mobile Van. I have served on the City of Hayward Human Services and Planning Commissions as well as other boards. These experiences have allowed me to connect the community with vital health resources. I know the importance of listening and engaging directly with residents to understand the healthcare needs of the community. I would be honored to serve as your representative on the Eden Health District Board. Thank you for considering me.

FELIX MARTINEZ

Occupation: Father/Business Representative

My education and qualifications are: Concerned about affordable, quality healthcare for your family? So am I! I'm honored to be endorsed by County Supervisor Richard Valle, Mayor Pauline Cutter, and Mayor Barbara Halliday for my leadership in championing quality healthcare for East Bay families. I was born in Hayward's Kaiser Hospital and graduated from Tennyson High—my wife Karen and I raised our three children here. As Healthcare Trustee for East Bay Drayage Health Fund, I advocate for the best quality and price of prescription medications for our members, review health care plans, and fight for quality healthcare coverage for over 4,000 working families. If elected, my priorities are to: 1) Keep St. Rose Hospital open to maintain quality, affordable direct health, wellness, nutrition and emergency room services to the communities we serve. 2) Provide urgent health care to the most vulnerable in our communities: young children, seniors, military veterans and the homeless. 3) Expand mobile healthcare services and programs so every corner of the District is served. Many people don't even know what Eden Township Hospital District does! In these tough times, we need real community representation and leadership— not politicians—representing our health interests on this important board. Join me: (martinezk@comcast.net).

Candidate's Statement
EDEN TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
DIRECTORS

GORDON GALVAN

Occupation: Healthcare Foundation Director, Businessowner, President Board of Directors Alameda County Fair Association, President Board of Directors Davis Street Family Resource Center, Former Vice-Mayor City of San Leandro

My education and qualifications are: The Eden Health District was created to provide access to direct medical services for residents of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and unincorporated Alameda County. But it is not. Rather than using your tax dollars to support the healthcare needs of your uninsured and underinsured family or neighbors, the board has reduced its support of direct medical services and made hasty decisions that wasted millions of your tax dollars. I am running for the Eden Health District board to get the District back on track. I served as a City Councilmember in San Leandro and as President of the Board of a leading non-profit organization, providing healthcare to thousands of people in the Eden Area each year. I possess extensive knowledge and management experience in the areas of healthcare and community-based non-profit organizations. My family and I live in Castro Valley and I grew up in San Leandro so I am well aware of the history of the District and the needs of our community. I will use my expertise to enable the Eden Health District to draw upon federal and state funds for new healthcare initiatives. Please vote Gordon Galvan for Eden Health District.

Candidate's Statement
ORO LOMA SANITARY DISTRICT
DIRECTORS

RITA DUNCAN

Occupation: Director, Oro Loma Sanitary District

My education and qualifications are: A Bachelors of Arts Degree in Human Services and a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Notre Dame de Namur University. I have over 30 years of professional experience with a Fortune 500 company, including performance management, employee training, human resources compliance, safety, wellness, organizational development, interpersonal and group dynamics facilitation. I am proud to live in the Fairview community of Hayward for over 20 years and serve on the League of Women Voters for Eden Area Board of Directors. In the positions as Board Secretary, Chair of the Personnel, Safety and Public Information Committee and member of the Solid Waste Committee for the Oro Loma Sanitary District, I strive to be worthy of the trust bestowed on me by collaborating with other agencies to develop solutions to address illegal dumping and waste reduction to landfill. I am prepared and committed to supporting the District's continued effort to provide excellent services to the families and individuals in the Oro Loma Sanitary District at the lowest possible cost. I will continue to ensure we foster individual responsibility through educational awareness, work to strengthen the partnership between the District and the community we serve. I will endeavor to be a strong advocate of protecting our environment through waste management, affecting zero harm for future generations. Thank you for your vote!
www.rita4oroloma.nationbuilder.com

SHELIA YOUNG

Occupation: President, Oro Loma Sanitary District

My education and qualifications are: Have lived and served in the Oro Loma Sanitary District boundaries for more than 38 years, including service as Mayor of San Leandro from 1998-2006, a period of economic growth and financial stability. Elected to the OLSD Board in 2014 and serving as President since 2016. I possess the knowledge, education and experience to address our wastewater collection and treatment needs while continuing to provide innovative and cost-effective solid waste and recycling services. Previously served as a member and Chair of the East Bay Dischargers Authority, a joint powers organization formed to collectively manage wastewater treatment and disposal services for 800,000 residents in Alameda County. I currently serve as the Oro Loma representative for StopWaste, a county-wide organization managing recycling/waste reduction services. All of these agencies are responsible for the environmental choices and changes that make us so much more productive and mindful of waste reduction and recycling. I have the proven tools to assist the District in decisions regarding our future. I feel very fortunate to be part of a team of board and staff members at Oro Loma that offers innovative thinking focused on our future. I respectfully ask for your support on November 6th.

FRED SIMON

Occupation: Water Civil Engineer

Age: 46

My education and qualifications are: Our water resources are vital to our sustainability and quality of life. Having lived in our community for more than 20 years while raising two children together with my wife, we have seen the challenges from the drought and have spoken with many of you on your concerns and hopes for our future generations. I will do my part to keep our water resources clean and sustainable. My long career as a water civil engineer and as a water resources advisor for our community provides me with valuable insight and experience that will get us there. This is my commitment to you. Our goals are to: 1) save high-quality drinking water for people by reusing recycled water for public landscaping and industry instead of pumping it into the bay; 2) improve recycling (paper, plastic, etc.) for residents, businesses, schools, parks, and other public facilities; and 3) teach children to preserve the environment today and for future generations. We need to save money for our ratepayers (each of you voting today). We will do so by embracing innovation while protecting our environment for future generations. Please vote Fred Simon for Oro Loma Sanitary District Board 2018. www.votefredsimon.com

TIMOTHY P. BECKER

Occupation: Director, Oro Loma Sanitary District

My education and qualifications are: I have served the Oro Loma Sanitary District as a Director since August 2007. As a result of the decisions of very capable District staff and other Board members, sewer rates remain the lowest of any other sewer district in the state of which we are aware. Additionally, we continue to receive awards for safety, innovation and efficiency from several organizations and remain debt free. As such, the District is solid financially and otherwise. I have been fortunate to be elected to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies Board of Directors and recently elected Vice President giving Oro Loma meaningful influence at the state level. I have lived in the Fairview area of Oro Loma for over 32 years. I am an Army veteran, have a business degree from the University of Texas El Paso, a Master of Science degree in Geology from the University of Oregon, and over 30 years of experience in the environmental services industry, including work related to wastewater, solid waste, and recycling. I feel my experience and education help me to continue to be a positive influence for the District into the future. I would appreciate your vote. Feel free to contact me at 510.581.3597 or tbecker@oroloma.org

Candidate's Statement
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
DIRECTORS

MICHAEL J. WALLACE

Occupation: Director, Washington Township Healthcare District

My education and qualifications are: It has been my honor to serve on the Washington Township Health Care District Board. My wife, Naomi and I, residing in the District since 1973, care deeply about the people of Washington Township and their health care needs. A veteran of the U.S. Army, I earned an MBA from the University of Santa Clara. Washington is one of our community's largest and most vital businesses. As Chairman of our locally owned bank, I have the experience to deal with the Hospital's \$500 million annual budget. Throughout my career, I have dealt with thousands of people, their savings, their homes and their futures. I have had a strong interest in Washington's success in improving quality care. Recently, Healthgrades recognized Washington as one of the top 100 hospitals in the United States. We are nationally recognized for nursing care and we continued the implementation of our electronic medical record and other highly complex technological systems in order for physicians and clinical staff to be able to better care for our patients. We expanded local health care through our relationship with UCSF Health. This partnership enables us to bring nationally recognized physician experts to our local community rather than requiring patients to travel to an academic center. Our Neurosciences Institute and Orthopedics Program continue to grow bringing new technology to our patients. We launched our Cancer Center in partnership with UCSF and received recognitions for both our stroke and cardiac programs. We also were named a "Baby Friendly Hospital" and opened a clinic for high risk, pregnant women. Over many years, I have provided key leadership in the successful implementation of the phases of our Facility Master Plan, opening the Center for Joint Replacement, Central Utility Plant, Parking Garage and soon the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion which will provide a new and expanded emergency room and critical care unit to meet our growing community's needs. I look forward to meeting the many challenges facing our Hospital and I recognize that Washington must continue to improve affordability of care by keeping a rein on the escalating costs of care without compromising quality. This is critical to our mission of successfully serving the health care needs of the residents of the District now and into the future. I have proven to be a competent and fiscally responsible leader. Please continue your support by voting for Mike Wallace.

JACOB EAPEN, MD, MPH

Occupation: Medical Director

My education and qualifications are: My name is Dr. Jacob Eapen and I have been a Fremont resident for the last 33 years. I completed my master's degree in public health from U.C. Berkeley and my Pediatric Residency from Stanford University. I am a Medical Director for Alameda Health System and have 26 years of public health experience serving the Tri-city area as well as Hayward, Oakland, and San Leandro. My clinical experience has also taken me abroad to countries such as the Philippines, Nigeria, Tanzania, and India. My appointments include Public Health Commissioner of Alameda County, Medical Director of Tiburcio Vasquez Community Health Center in Union City, and Advisor for the "Every Child Counts" Advisory Board of Alameda County. I have been fortunate to receive awards including being named one of the top 40 outstanding Stanford Alumni, the Medical Board of California Recognition Award, and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for dedication and leadership in community service. Additionally, my commitment to public health also extends internationally. I am a founding member of "Stop AIDS Worldwide". I had the privilege of establishing a chapter in India with the blessings of Mother Teresa and her organization. As a USAID associate, I developed cost-effective HIV and Tuberculosis diagnostics for philanthropic foundations. As Health Advisor to the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees, my responsibilities included the healthcare of over 50,000 refugees from the Vietnam/ Indo-China region. When it comes to public health services, my mission is clear and certain. My goal is to foster more appropriate and effective policies and procedures to benefit the community, namely disadvantaged and underserved populations. As a leader, educator, and practitioner in public health, I am deeply aware of the community health needs of the Tri-city area. Having well-rounded experience in the field of medicine and technology, I will usher in a new awareness to the medical needs of our diverse population in the community. As a Washington Hospital Board Member for the last 18 years, I pledge to work closely with my fellow colleagues to provide access to high quality and cost-effective health services. I humbly ask for your vote so that I can continue my mission of serving the community that I have deeply loved and cherished for the last 26 years, while aiming to keep Washington Hospital in the top 100 hospitals in the nation.

Candidate's Statement
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
DIRECTORS

BERNARD L. STEWART

Occupation: Dentist

My education and qualifications are: It is my great privilege to serve on the Washington Hospital Board of Directors. I have lived in this area all my life and I love living here. My wife and I have four children who live in Fremont with their families. I have managed a successful dental practice for over 40 years and currently serve as the 1st Vice President of the Washington Hospital Board of Directors. I am completely independent and dedicated to serving the wonderful communities around us. I care deeply about you, and about providing the very best healthcare possible. During my years of service on the Board, Washington Hospital has become the major Medical Center of Southern Alameda County. Just this year the Hospital was designated one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation. I have worked hard to establish the recent affiliation with the UCSF Hospital System. We now have programs where the Hospital and UCSF can offer state of the art diagnosis and treatment for prenatal care and cancer right here in our community. Most exciting of all, is the completion of the new 250,000 sq. ft. critical care building. This building gives us a long awaited new emergency department and allows the hospital to become the designated trauma center for Southern Alameda County. Accident victims in our area will no longer be transported to distant hospitals. This 350 million dollar project has been completed on time and on budget. These accomplishments are exciting, but much work remains to be done. My experience, dedication, and vision uniquely qualify me to overcome the tremendous challenges that we face in delivering quality local healthcare. The rapidly changing healthcare environment and decreased reimbursements from the Medicare and Medicaid programs have challenged many hospitals. Several thousand hospital mergers and acquisitions have occurred, and it was recently announced that Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley is closing. I am dedicated to Washington Hospital remaining independent, and community owned. Healthcare delivery is at the very core of our communities. It treats our basic human assets—our bodies, our minds, and our spirits. I pledge myself, with all my experience, expertise, and energy to keep Washington Hospital at the forefront of quality local healthcare. Your continued support and vote for my re-election will allow me to move this vital work forward.

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MEASURE E

E	To continue providing the colleges of Alameda, Berkeley, Laney, and Merritt, funds that cannot be taken by the state to support affordable college education, including core academic programs to prepare students for university transfer and successful careers, by providing tutoring and teacher support; shall Peralta Community College District continue to levy \$48 per parcel annually for eight years, providing \$8,000,000 annually, with internal and citizens' oversight, no funds for administrator salaries, and all funds benefitting local colleges?	YES
		NO

citizens' oversight committee shall oversee the expenditures of the monies.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to levy the special tax outlined above.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure E, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acvote.org.

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE E

ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

Measure E, a Peralta Community College District ("District") special parcel tax measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to levy an annual special parcel tax on each parcel of taxable real property in the District for 8 years between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2028.

Community College districts have the authority to levy special taxes upon approval by two-thirds of the votes cast on special tax measures pursuant to Article XIII A, Section 4 and Article XIII C, Section 2 of the California Constitution and sections 50075-50077, 50079.1, and 53722 of the California Government Code.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the District will impose a special tax on all parcels of taxable real property annually for 8 years. The tax rate will be \$48 per parcel per year. The Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector will collect the tax at the same time and in the same manner as *ad valorem* property taxes are collected. This measure exempts those parcels that are already otherwise exempt from taxation. For purposes of this special parcel tax, "parcel of taxable real property" means any unit of real property that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

If this measure passes, the funding revenue will be used for the specific purposes set forth in the full text of the measure printed in this sample ballot, including: supporting core academic programs, such as math, science, and English; training students for their careers; and preparing students to transfer to four-year universities. The measure provides that the monies collected shall be accounted for separately and shall be expended only for instructional purposes. The monies collected will not be used to pay administrators' salaries. The District will monitor the collection and expenditures of the special tax funds and file annual reports with the Board of Trustees. An independent

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

Protect affordable education, teachers and students without raising tax rates – **Vote YES on E!**

Our local Community Colleges – Oakland’s Laney and Merritt Colleges, College of Alameda, and Berkeley City College – are an essential safety net for students who transfer to university or get specialized job training that prepares them for well-paying, 21st century careers.

YES on E preserves core in-demand academic programs including math, science and English that help students prepare for transfer to 4-year universities.

YES on E saves students and their families thousands of dollars. As the cost of U.C. and Cal State tuition continues to rise, Measure E will maintain critical core academic programs, tutoring, and attract and retain high-quality faculty – again, without raising tax rates!

Measure E simply continues voter-approved, locally-controlled funding that **MUST** be spent on our local community colleges. By law, **NO** funding could be taken by the state.

YES on E continues to be fiscally accountable. Every penny will stay in our community and **NO** funds can be used for administrators’ salaries.

Vote YES on E! We must maintain programs that train and prepare students with high-quality, affordable education. Measure E will continue providing students with valuable job skills while also making a difference in our community, like the current program building much-needed housing for people who are homeless.

Our local Laney, Merritt, Alameda and Berkeley colleges serve tens of thousands of students per year, preparing them for university transfer and successful careers. We must continue Measure E, without raising tax rates, amid rising costs of education and living in our region.

Join the Board of Trustees, students, educators, businesses and community leaders in voting **YES on E!**

s/BARBARA LEE
Member of Congress

s/ADRIEN ABUYEN
Former Peralta Colleges Student Trustee/U.C. Berkeley Student

s/TONI R. COOK
Retired Peralta Colleges Instructor

s/Peralta Community College District
by AISHA K.L. JORDAN, Student Trustee

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

The health of Laney, Merritt, College of Alameda and Berkeley City College is critical to the educational and economic well being of our diverse communities. **PROPER** use of the current Parcel Tax is essential to ensuring student success.

Taxpayers intended the annual \$8 Million Parcel Tax revenue to be given to the colleges to use for student success. Unfortunately, the administration has spent little on the classroom.

Board of Trustees, you are responsible for the administration’s conduct. Are you listening to student pleas about class cuts and unavailable classes adding semesters to their educational careers? Do you ask why classes are being cut? Do you ask for clear expenditure records and accountability for the annual \$8 million? The answer to all is no.

Taxpayers, the District Administration is asking you to extend the \$48 per year to 2028. Don’t the administration and the Board owe you a **GUARANTEE** that the colleges and students get your money?

Two years remain on the current parcel tax. There is time to develop an enforceable plan.

Your **NO** vote shouts out clearly: show us how you use the money for the remaining two years and have a specific plan for the future.

As promised, I’ll gladly support a Parcel Tax in 2020 if the District complies with the taxpayer’s original intent. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Michael B. Mills, former chairperson (2015-18),
Citizens’ Oversight Committee

s/MICHAEL B. MILLS
Citizens’ Oversight Comm. Former Chairperson

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E

PLEASE VOTE NO on this premature AND unnecessary TAX EXTENSION. For three years, 2015-2018, I served as Chairperson of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, group appointed by the Peralta Community College District to represent the interests of taxpayers on Peralta District ballot measures. Unfortunately, For three years, I have seen the misuse of your parcel tax dollars.

In 2012, voters approved an eight year Parcel Tax giving the Peralta Community College District \$8 million annually to assist Peralta's four colleges to educate students for successful careers and university transfer. Two years remain on the current tax.

From 2012-2014, monies were properly spent. But, In 2015 matters changed.

Since 2015, taxpayer money has been shifted from the colleges, classrooms and students to pay for non-academic District office expenditures. An audit disclosed a drastic reduction in parcel tax funded academic expenditures.

As Oversight Committee Chairperson, I implored the District to honor taxpayer intent and return funding to the colleges, classrooms and, most importantly, the students. I asked for records showing which funds were allocated to the colleges and how they were used. These requests were denied or ignored.

Now, the Peralta Community College District is asking taxpayers to extend the \$8 million annually to 2028 without guarantees that the money will be spent as the taxpayers intended.

As Oversight Committee Chairperson, I asked the Peralta Community College District to postpone this ballot measure until 2020 and implement measures guaranteeing the money is spent properly. Request denied.

Your NO vote sends a clear message that you expect fiscal responsibility and accountability. Your money must focus on students.

With solid reforms, I will support a parcel tax extension in 2020, Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Michael B. Mills, former chairperson (2015-18), Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Parcel Tax

s/MICHAEL B. MILLS

Former Chairperson Citizens Oversight Committee
2015-2018

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E

Did the opponent even bother to check the facts? Voting **YES on E** continues Peralta Colleges commitment to strong fiscal stewardship, transparency and accountability focused on STUDENT success – without raising tax rates!

Here are the facts the opposition wants you to ignore:

FACT: A recent independent audit found that the "...Peralta Community College District has properly accounted for expenses...and that such expenditures were made for the purpose and activities authorized by the voter..."

FACT: NO Measure E funding can be spent on district administrators' salaries. ALL Measure E funding must be spent as voters authorized, which the recent publically-available audit found.

FACT: A Citizens Oversight Committee and independent financial audits will continue to guarantee Measure E accountability so **YES on E** can continue to support high-quality affordable college education amid ever increasing U.C. and Cal State costs, critical core academic programing, tutoring, workforce/career/job training, and attracting/retaining high-quality teachers so students continue to be prepared for university transfer and successful careers.

FACT: Measure E simply extends existing, voter-approved funding – without raising tax rates. Thirty thousand students, veterans and their families rely on Laney, Merritt, Berkeley, and Alameda Colleges to save thousands of dollars on education while preparing for university or high-paying jobs in our region – we must continue Measure E.

Join students, teachers and community leaders in voting **YES on E** to support our local community colleges, students and teachers.

s/MEREDITH BROWN

Peralta Colleges Board President

s/TONI R. COOK

Retired Peralta Colleges Instructor

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE E

This Proposition may be known and referred to as the “Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure” (the “Act”) or as “Measure E”.

TERMS OF THE SPECIAL TAX

Terms and Purposes. Upon approval of two-thirds of those voting on this measure, the District shall be authorized to extend the existing parcel tax (Peralta Community College District Parcel Tax of 2012) for eight (8) years until 2028. The net effect of this measure would be to authorize the District to impose a total of \$48 in taxes per parcel annually each year between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2028.

The qualified special tax shall be known and referred to as the “Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure.” Proceeds of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure shall be authorized to be used to support core academic programs such as math, science and English, train students for careers, and prepare students to transfer to four-year universities. Proceeds of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure are to be spent exclusively for instructional purposes with classified expenditures limited to defined instructional support.

ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

Annual Audit. Upon the levy and collection of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure, the Board of Trustees shall cause an account to be established for deposit of the proceeds. For so long as any proceeds of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure shall remain unexpended, the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration, Chief Financial Officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Trustees no later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31, 2020, stating (1) the amount of Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure received and expended in such year, and (2) the status of any projects or description of any programs funding from proceeds of the tax. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period, as the Chancellor shall determine and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board of Trustees.

Citizen’s Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. The Citizens’ Parcel Tax Oversight Committee created by the Board of Trustees and currently serving will continue to oversee expenditures for the duration of the tax approved by this measure, pursuant to the bylaws the Board of Trustees has adopted for the Citizen’s Parcel Tax Oversight Committee as amended from time to time.

Internal Planning and Accountability. During the term of the measure the Peralta Community College District Staff, in cooperation with staff from each of the Peralta Colleges will develop expenditures plans in two year increments for the funds generated by the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure for approval by the Board of Trustees. At least thirty (30) days prior to approval by the Board of Trustees, the proposed expenditure plans will be provided to the Planning and Budget Council and the Participatory

Governance Council for review. The Shared Governance Committees may provide recommendations with respect to the proposed expenditure plans to the Board of Trustees in writing and at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees will consider the recommendations of the Shared Governance Committees before approving the expenditure plans. The expenditure plans will include measurable outcomes. An annual presentation on the parcel tax plans, expenditures, and progress toward student success and identified outcomes will be prepared by the Presidents of the Peralta Colleges for review by the Board of Trustees annually in October.

Specific Purposes. Funds generated by the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure may only be used to augment (rather than substitute for) funds already allocated for supporting core academic programs such as math, science and English, training students for careers, and preparing students to transfer to four-year universities. The funds are to be used for instructional purposes only with classified expenditures limited to defined instructional support.

Appropriations Limit. The Board of Trustees shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code or any successor provision of law) for any increase in the District’s appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the funding of the Peralta Community College District Parcel Tax of 2012, and of all qualified special taxes levied by the District, may be spent for the authorized purposes and an election shall be conducted by the District for such purpose only if required by the general laws of the State applicable to community college district qualified special taxes. This provision shall be deemed to be declaratory of existing procedures governing District expenditures.

LEVY AND COLLECTION

The education parcel tax shall be collected by the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector. Unpaid taxes shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid. The collection of the education parcel tax shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.

“Parcel of taxable real property” shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District, which receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office. All property, which is otherwise exempt from or on which are levied no ad valorem property taxes in any year, shall also be exempt from the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure tax in such year.

The Alameda County Assessor’s determination of exemption or relief for any reason of any parcel from taxation shall be final and binding for the purposes of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure. Taxpayers wishing to challenge the County Assessor’s determination

must do so under the procedures for correcting a misclassification of property pursuant to Section 4876.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or other applicable procedures. Taxpayers seeking a refund of the Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure paid shall follow the procedures applicable to property tax refunds pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

SEVERABILITY

The Board of Trustees hereby declares, and the voters, by approving this Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure, concur, that every section, paragraph, sentence and clause of this Act has independent value, and the Board of Trustees and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this Act by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOND MEASURE G

G To upgrade aging classrooms, technology, science labs; expand job training classrooms; and acquire, construct, repair sites/facilities/equipment, shall the Peralta Community College District issue \$800 million in bonds at legal interest rates, with approximately \$44.2 million in taxes raised annually for 40 years at projected tax rates of \$24.50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, with no funds for administrator salaries, audits and citizen oversight, and all funds used locally?	BONDS – YES
	BONDS – NO

estimate applies to the average and the highest tax rates over the entire duration of the bond debt service. The District’s best estimate of the total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is \$1,720,000,000.00.

The District’s Board will establish an independent citizens’ bond oversight committee to ensure that bond proceeds are spent for the projects listed in the measure. The Board will conduct annual, independent performance and financial audits.

If 55% of those voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to issue the bonds.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official’s office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acvote.org.

COUNTY COUNSEL’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE G

ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOND MEASURE

Measure G, a Peralta Community College District (“District”) bond measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to issue eight hundred million dollars (\$800,000,000.00) of bonds in aggregate principal amount at an interest rate within the statutory maximum. The primary purpose of the bonds is to finance school facilities projects as specified in the measure.

Pursuant to California Constitution Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A and California Education Code Section 15266, this measure will become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of the qualified electors voting on this measure.

California Education Code Section 15100 restricts the use of the proceeds from the bonds sale to items such as building school buildings, improving school grounds, supplying school buildings and grounds with equipment, and the acquisition of real property for school facilities. In addition, proceeds may only be used for the projects listed in the measure. This measure provides that its proceeds will fund projects outlined in the Bond Project List of the measure (reproduced in the sample ballot pamphlet) that include, but are not limited to: facility, infrastructure, and technology upgrades and repairs. Proceeds may not be used for any other purpose, such as administrator salaries.

If 55% of those who vote on the measure vote “yes,” the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount noted above. Approval of this measure will authorize a levy on the assessed value of taxable property within the District by an amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds in each year that the bonds are outstanding.

The Tax Rate Statement for this measure in this sample ballot pamphlet reflects the District’s best estimate, based upon currently available data and projections, of the property tax rates required to service the bonds. The District’s best estimate of the tax rate required to be levied to fund the bonds is 2.45 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation, or \$24.50 per \$100,000.00 of assessed valuation. The District’s

TAX RATE STATEMENT OF BOND MEASURE G

An election will be held in the Peralta Community College District (the "District") on November 6, 2018, to authorize the sale of up to \$800 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to issue the bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9405 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 2.45 cents per \$100 (\$24.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2058-59.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 2.45 cents per \$100 (\$24.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2029-30.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$1,720,000,000.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Certain taxpayers may also be eligible to postpone payment of taxes. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The estimated rates presented above represent only new taxes to be levied to support bonds issued under this bond measure and will be over and above and separate from the 1% property tax described in the California Constitution and any other bond related property tax rates that are currently being levied to support bonds issued under bond measures previously authorized by voters of the District (including bonds authorized and issued pursuant to the election held on June 6, 2006 and any bonds issued to refund bonds authorized and issued pursuant to the elections held on November 3, 1992 and November 7, 2000) or any overlapping public agency or that might be levied to support bonds issued under bond measures to be authorized by voters of the District or any overlapping public agency.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The average annual tax rate, the highest tax rate and the year or years in which it will apply, and the

actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: July 10, 2018.

s/JOWEL C. LAGUERRE

Chancellor

Peralta Community College District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE G

Can you believe how much college can cost? Vote **YES on G** – support students and the affordable, high-quality education and job training that Laney and Merritt Colleges in Oakland, Berkeley City College, and College of Alameda provide!

We need Measure G!

YES on G will provide critical technology updates to classrooms and training centers to prepare students to be competitive for today's jobs. Students need access to high-paying jobs so they can stay and work in their own community!

YES on G will improve accessibility and upgrade aging classrooms, technology and science labs for fields including nursing, healthcare and public safety.

YES on G makes students, teachers and the community safer! Measure G will replace aging, seismically unsafe buildings, provide better security/lighting and emergency communications systems, and repair/replace leaky roofs for a safer learning environment students need to succeed.

With the cost of higher education and living so high, our community has thousands of students that rely on the Peralta Colleges. We need to continue to invest in Laney and Merritt Colleges in Oakland, Berkeley City College, and College of Alameda so students can continue to access high-quality and affordable education and job training – and save families thousands of dollars!

Measure G is fiscally accountable – by law, Measure G requires published independent financial audits and oversight by an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee to ensure all funds are spent as promised. NO money can be spent on administrators' salaries or pensions. NO money can be taken by the state. All funds must be spent on our local community colleges.

Join the Peralta Colleges Board of Trustees, local employers, community leaders, and residents throughout Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Piedmont, Albany, and Emeryville in voting YES on G!

s/BARBARA LEE

Member of Congress

s/ANDREAS CLUVER

Peralta Colleges Foundation Boardmember

s/JOHN MAHONEY

Local Employer

s/TONI R. COOK

Retired Peralta Colleges Instructor

s/Peralta Community College District

by AISHA K.L. JORDAN, Student Trustee

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE G WAS SUBMITTED

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE G

This Proposition may be known and referred to as the “Peralta Colleges Upgrades Measure” or as “Measure G”.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the voters of the Peralta Community College District (the “District”) voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$800,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled “BOND PROJECT LIST” below (the “Bond Project List”), and qualify to receive State of California matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific school facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code (the “Education Code”)).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees of the District (the “Board”) has prepared a facilities master plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District at each campus and facility, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitations on Use of Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, including, to the extent permitted by law, the acquisition or lease of real property in connection with an existing or future financing of the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List, including the prepayment of existing or future interim lease, certificate of participation or lease revenue bond financings, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Independent Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an independent citizens’ bond oversight committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 *et seq.*), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the Education Code. In accordance with Section 15282 of the Education Code, the citizens’ bond oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member

active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens’ organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers’ organization, a member that is a student who is both currently enrolled in the District and active in a community college group, such as student government, and a member that is active in the support and organization of a community college or the community colleges of the District, such as a member of an advisory council or foundation. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens’ bond oversight committee. The citizens’ bond oversight committee shall be representative of the constituent base of the District.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens’ bond oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens’ bond oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take those actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Chancellor of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after the sale of the first series of bonds, stating (a) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Chancellor of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Joint-Use Projects. The District may enter into agreements with other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of school facilities financed with the proceeds of the bonds in accordance with Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this proposition hereby

specifies and acknowledges that bond funds will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board shall determine.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond as determined by the law in effect when the bonds are issued or when the bonds were approved by voters, whichever is longer.

ESTIMATED BALLOT INFORMATION

The District is required by law to include in the statement of the measure to be voted on estimates of the amount of money to be raised annually to repay the bonds and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds. As of the time this proposition was placed on the ballot, the District estimated \$44.2 million would be raised annually for the repayment of the authorized bonds for approximately 40 years at a projected tax rate of 2.45 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that such information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of the bond proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or facility site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of

priority for funding or completion. Any authorized repairs shall be capital expenditures. The Bond Project List does not authorize non-capital expenditures. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available). Each project listed below may require construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities as may be determined by the Board at the time the project is undertaken. All or portions of the projects listed below may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds of the bonds under this proposition are as follows:

BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE
The following projects are authorized to be financed at BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Milvia Street 3rd floor classroom build-out• Main building reconfigurations• Additional educational facility, including STEM labs• Acquisition of real property• Wi-Fi deployment• Network upgrades

COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

The following projects are authorized to be financed at COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA:

- Electrical infrastructure
- HVAC upgrades and renovation
- Central plant renovation or replacement
- Science and administration building replacement (C/D)
- Aviation complex
- Automotive/Diesel complex
- Performing Arts complex
- Student Center (Building F) modernization

LANEY COLLEGE

The following projects are authorized to be financed at LANEY COLLEGE:

- Electrical equipment
- Central plant, including infrastructure
- Hot water system
- Compressed air system
- Water and air piping
- Student and welcome center
- STEAM center
- Library learning resource center
- Design and manufacturing center and outdoor work area canopy
- Performing Arts Center
- Community building and campus green
- Wellness Center
- Local business marketplace and incubator w/ parking garage and pedestrian bridge
- Culinary institute
- Gymnasium

MERRITT COLLEGE

The following projects are authorized to be financed at MERRITT COLLEGE:

- Electrical system/equipment replacements and upgrade
- Civil infrastructure upgrades
- Building A replacement
- Building D, E, F, and R renovation
- Combined Child Care Center & Child Development Center
- Horticulture Complex replacement
- Kinesiology physical fitness addition
- Site and ingress/egress improvements
- Genomics Institute

DISTRICT WIDE PROJECTS (PROJECTS FOR ALL CAMPUSES)

The following projects are supplemental to (although may in some cases duplicate) those described in the District's Facilities Master Plan. The projects identified in the Facilities Master Plan are incorporated by reference herein, except for the estimated costs associated therewith, which are excluded herefrom. The projects listed below and in the Facilities Master Plan are authorized to be financed at all current and future District sites.

- Network / telephony / technology infrastructure and equipment upgrades, including, but not limited to, software systems
- Sewer system repairs
- Power and electrical system repairs
- Water system repairs, including, but not limited to irrigation systems
- Safety and security system replacements and upgrades
- Emergency preparedness
- Landscaping upgrades
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, including, but not limited to, solar panels
- Signage and wayfinding upgrades
- Roadway, parking, pathways, bike lanes, trails, ingress, and egress improvements
- Upgrades, renovations and improvements to libraries, classrooms, and buildings
- Acquisition of real property
- Furniture and equipment and library materials, including, but not limited to, library digital resources
- Accessibility improvements, including, but not limited to ADA upgrades
- HVAC replacement
- Child care center renovations or replacements
- Athletic facility upgrades
- Veterans Centers
- District office
- Workforce development and continuing education center

MISCELLANEOUS

All listed bond projects include the following as needed:

- Removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint as needed.
- Construction and/or installation of access improvements for individuals with disabilities, as required by state and federal law.
- Associated onsite and offsite development, demolition and other improvements made necessary by listed bond projects.
- Planning, designing and providing temporary housing necessary for listed bond projects.
- Purchase of any rights-of-way and/or easements made necessary by listed bond projects.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or an interest therein, encumbered in order to finance or refinance the listed school facilities projects.
- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of the abated areas.

THE PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN UPDATE DATED MARCH 13, 2018 IS HEREBY INCORPORATED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE SUBJECT TO THE CAVEATS IN THE PARAGRAPH DIRECTLY BELOW THE CAPTION "BOND PROJECT LIST" ABOVE. ALL PROJECTS IN THE FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN UPDATE ARE AUTHORIZED BUT THE PRIORITIZATION AND COST ESTIMATES IN THE PLAN SHALL NOT BE BINDING UPON THE DISTRICT. A COPY OF THE PLAN IS AVAILABLE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE H

<p>H To provide safe/modern schools; upgrade aging classrooms/school facilities; update classroom technology; provide art/music classrooms; improve accessibility for students with disabilities; upgrade fire safety/emergency communications/school security systems; install solar panels; repair leaky roofs; update plumbing/heating/ventilation systems, shall Hayward Unified School District issue \$381,700,000 in bonds at legal rates, levy approximately \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value annually (generating approximately \$24,502,000), anticipated through 2049-50, with independent oversight and all funds staying local?</p>	<p>BONDS – YES</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p>BONDS – NO</p>
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the property tax rates required to service the bonds. The District’s best estimate of the highest tax rate required to be levied to fund the bonds is sixty dollars (\$60.00) per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of assessed valuation (estimated to be Fiscal Year 2032-33). The District’s best estimate of the average annual tax rate required to be levied to fund the bonds over the duration of the bond debt service is fifty-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$59.98) per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of assessed valuation. The District’s best estimate of the total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is \$845,067,102.00.

If 55% of those voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to issue the bonds.

The District’s Board will establish an independent citizens’ oversight committee to ensure that bond proceeds are spent for the projects listed in the measure. The Board will conduct annual, independent performance and financial audits.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official’s office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acvote.org.

COUNTY COUNSEL’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE H

ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE

Measure H, a Hayward Unified School District (“District”) bond measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to issue three hundred eighty-one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$381,700,000.00) in bonds at legal rates. The primary purpose of the bonds is to finance district-wide safety improvements and school facility construction.

Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and California Education Code Section 15274, this measure will become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of the qualified electors voting on this measure.

Proceeds from the sale of school bonds may only be used for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of such facilities, or for the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities. In addition, proceeds may only be used for the projects listed in the measure (reproduced in the sample ballot pamphlet), which include district-wide safety improvements (such as security equipment, surveillance cameras, disability access, and upgrades to parent parking), rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing school facilities, and refinancing or retiring debt on school sites and facilities. Proceeds may not be used for any other purpose.

If 55% of those who vote on the measure vote “yes,” the District will be authorized to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed the amount noted above. Approval of this measure will authorize a levy on the assessed value of taxable property within the District by an amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds in each year that the bonds are outstanding.

The Tax Rate Statement for the measure in this sample ballot pamphlet reflects the District’s best estimate, based upon currently available data and projections, of

TAX RATE STATEMENT OF BOND MEASURE H

An election will be held in the Hayward Unified School District (the "District") on November 6, 2018, to authorize the sale of up to \$381,700,000 in bonds of the District for the school facilities projects described in the bond measure. If such bonds are authorized, the District expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code. Such information is based upon assessed valuations available from official sources and projections based upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors. Based upon the foregoing, the following information is provided:

(1) The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations which are projected based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.05998 per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$59.98 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation). The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is Fiscal Year 2049-50.

(2) The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations which are projected based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.0600 per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$60.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation). The estimated year in which that rate would apply is Fiscal Year 2032.33.

(3) The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$854,067,102 (\$381,700,000 of principal and \$472,367,102 of interest). This estimate is based on assumptions regarding future interest rates and the term, timing, structure and amount of each series of bonds.

Voters should note that such estimated tax rates are specific to the repayment of bonds issued under this authorization and are and will be in addition to tax rates levied in connection with other bond authorizations approved or to be approved by the District or any other overlapping public agency.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on Alameda County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales,

the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the Alameda County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: 8-6-18

s/MATT WAYNE
Superintendent
Hayward Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE H

Vote Yes on H to repair Hayward's aging schools, keep students safe and prepare students for college and 21st century careers.

Most Hayward schools were built over 50 years ago and require critical repairs.

Measure H makes essential upgrades to classrooms, science labs and school facilities across the district to ensure our students have access to the same educational opportunities as other students in the East Bay.

YES on H provides modern classrooms needed to prepare students for college and the career training needed to compete for good jobs.

Yes on H improves earthquake safety, fire safety and school security to keep our students safe.

Measure H includes a clear system of strict fiscal accountability. Every penny stays local for Hayward schools and students.

Vote Yes on H to:

- Improve student safety and campus security systems
- Repair leaky roofs, aging plumbing and outdated heating, ventilation and electrical systems
- Modernize outdated classrooms and labs to support quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology
- Replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms
- Install solar panels to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy costs
- Update technology infrastructure to support 21st-century learning
- Improve school access for students with disabilities
- Provide dedicated classrooms for music and art instruction including a performing arts facility at Mt. Eden High School

Strict Fiscal Accountability Requirements

- All funds stay local in Hayward schools and cannot be taken by the State
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits are mandatory to ensure funds are spent as promised
- No funds can be spent on administrator and school employee salaries, pensions or benefits

Whether or not you have school-age children, protecting the quality of Hayward schools and the value of our homes is a wise investment.

Support our Hayward schools and students by voting Yes on H.

s/RICHARD VALLE

Vice-President, Alameda County Board of Supervisors

s/DR. MARSHALL MITZMAN

President, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

s/GLORIA PRADA

Retired HUSD Principal and HUSD Grandparent

s/DEISY BATES

President, Association of Educational Office and Technical Employees

s/HEATHER REYES

HUSD Parent and President, Hayward Arts Council

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE H
WAS SUBMITTED**

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE H

INTRODUCTION

The Hayward Unified School District serves the Hayward community in Alameda County and provides a quality education to approximately 20,400 students in transitional kindergarten through twelfth grade. The District was established in 1963 and has several aging schools in need of improvements as it struggles to adequately provide safe and modern classroom facilities for its students.

The Hayward community overwhelmingly supported two school improvement bond measures, Measure I in 2008 and Measure L in 2014 to fund an initial phase of upgrades to our local schools. Measures I and L were only intended to address some of the facility needs identified in the 2006 Facilities Master Plan. The District still has an ongoing need for facilities, infrastructure, and security improvements to meet 21st century instructional standards.

Upgrades to local schools are needed to ensure facilities are accessible for students with disabilities and are equitable for all. Repairs and upgrades are needed at school facilities, including, but not limited to leaky roofs, restrooms, multi-purpose rooms, athletic fields, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and the installation of solar panels at school sites to reduce energy operating costs.

Updates to student safety and security systems are also necessary, including, but not limited to, fire safety and emergency communications systems, including security equipment and surveillance cameras. New facilities are needed for music and art instruction. Construction of permanent classrooms to replace aging and unusable portable classrooms is also necessary.

Funds from a local school facilities improvement bond measure cannot be taken away by the State of California and must stay in our local community to upgrade local schools.

A school facilities improvement bond measure will require strict fiscal accountability requirements, including an independent citizens' oversight committee, mandatory annual audits and a prohibition against any funds being used for administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits.

Passage of a school facilities improvement bond measure will help the District qualify for State matching funds that otherwise may be lost to other school districts.

BONDS

To provide safe/modern schools; upgrade aging classrooms/school facilities; update classroom technology; provide art/music classrooms; improve accessibility for students with disabilities; upgrade fire safety/emergency communications/school security systems; install solar panels; repair leaky roofs; update plumbing/heating/ventilation systems, shall Hayward Unified School District issue \$381,700,000 in bonds at legal rates, levy approximately \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value annually (generating approximately \$24,502,000), anticipated through 2049-50, with independent oversight and all funds staying local?

MEASURE

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and costs incident thereto, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses.

The following list describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds, including other eligible project funds, such as grants, should they become available to the District. The scope of specific projects, the order of construction, and their completion is contingent on final project costs and the availability of needed funds. Further, projects on the project list are of the type that issuing the authorized general obligation bonds as stated will not cause the State to reduce any financial hardship contribution that would otherwise be available to the District had these bonds not been authorized, issued, and or expended for their stated purpose.

LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY THE BONDS

1. DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, including repairs related to installation and use of modern fire safety/emergency communication systems and other safety improvements, security equipment and/or surveillance cameras, disability access in compliance with state and federal law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, site access, traffic flow and parking improvements, including parent parking, energy and restroom upgrades.
2. SCHOOL FACILITY NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION including rehabilitation or replacement of facilities, with necessary furnishings, equipment and technology upgrades and improvements, installation of site infrastructure, including roof and roof drainage, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, athletic fields, one performing arts center, and land acquisition as needed for construction.
3. REFINANCE OR RETIRE PART OR ALL DEBT on existing facilities and school sites, including but not limited to lease financing obligations secured by real property.

In accordance with Article XIII A, section 1, subparagraph (b)(3) of the California Constitution, as funds are available the District will undertake projects for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities (which may include the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities) such as the following:

1. DISTRICT-WIDE CLASSROOM MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY

UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

2. SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT to accommodate shifting enrollment including site acquisition, new classrooms, new multi-purpose rooms, science labs, and furnishings and equipment.
3. INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT SYSTEMS, including solar improvements, to reduce operational costs and environmental impact.
4. DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT, defined or identified by project type in the District-Wide Facilities Master Plan (“Master Plan”) adopted by the District in 2006, and updated in 2013, and as may be amended from time to time, in order to carry out the District’s mission to ensure quality and equity of facilities District-wide.

The scope of specific projects, the order of construction, and their completion is contingent on final project costs and the availability of needed funds.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs.

These projects may include participation in the State Facility Program’s Joint-Use Program to gain matching funds for teacher education, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, libraries, childcare, and other qualifying Joint-Use facilities. With respect to such joint-use projects, the bond funds authorized by this Measure may be used to pay all of the local share needed to qualify the projects for special State matching funds under the State Facility Program’s Joint-Use Program requirements.

The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated the safety, class-size reduction, and information technology needs of the District in developing this list of school facilities projects.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

If the bonds are approved, the Board of Trustees will implement the following accountability measures in accordance with State law:

- (a) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and related uses, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and costs incident thereto, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses;
- (b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A;

- (c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for school facilities projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A; and
- (d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens’ oversight committee to ensure the bonds are used only for the projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

California Education Code section 15122.5 requires the following statement to be included in this sample ballot:

“Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the Hayward Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this bond measure. The school district’s proposal for certain of the projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which are subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.”

ANNUAL TAX AMOUNT, RATE, AND DURATION

The bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The maturity of the bonds shall not exceed the maximum term allowed by law at the time of issuance (currently 25 years if issued under Education Code section 15140, or 40 years if issued under Government Code section 53508, so long as the bonds are not capital appreciation bonds (“CABs,” which CABs are limited to 25 years)). Accordingly, as further set forth in the tax rate statement, the *ad valorem* tax will be levied at such rates and for so long as may be required to meet the debt service needs of the bonds proposed to be issued, including such bonds that may be issued to refund any approved bonds.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects.

The construction of facilities included in the project list above is assumed to include the construction of new schools, classrooms and support sites, including the acquisition of

land, necessary furnishings, equipment, technology, and installation of site infrastructure, as needed to accommodate continued growth or shifts in student population and provide additional learning facilities or replace aging facilities.

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; upgrade or install signage, clocks and fencing; repair and replace heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; upgrade public address systems; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; meet earthquake safety standards; improve water conservation; upgrade or construct support facilities, including administrative, physical education (including upgrading gyms, stadiums, athletic facilities, tracks, bleachers, lockers and equipment rooms), theater, and agricultural education classrooms and labs and performing arts and music classrooms; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; resurface or replace hard courts, turf, install all-weather turf; irrigation and drainage systems and campus landscaping; replace asphalt and broken pavement; expand or improve parking lots and drop-off areas; replace portable classrooms; interior and exterior painting, floor covering and tile replacement; upgrade or expand school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve athletic fields and shade structures, including adding solar shade structures, and solar panels; replace or upgrade outdated security fences, gates and security systems (including access control systems); and upgrade heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, and other miscellaneous equipment. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Bond proceeds shall only be expended

for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code section 53410.

SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE I

<p>I To restore funding previously approved by voters to protect the quality of education in local schools, provide high quality programs in math, science, technology, arts, and skilled trades that prepare students for success in college/careers, and attract/retain highly qualified teachers, on an ongoing basis shall the San Leandro Unified School District levy \$39 per parcel, raising \$745,000 annually, with annual cost of living adjustments, an exemption for seniors, independent citizen oversight, and no money for administrator salaries?</p>	YES
	NO

classroom instructional technology. The measure further provides that the monies collected shall be accounted for separately and expended only for those specified purposes. The measure provides for an independent citizens’ oversight committee and annual reports detailing the amount of funds collected and expended.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to levy the special tax outlined above.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

COUNTY COUNSEL’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE I

ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure I, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official’s office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acvote.org.

Measure I, a San Leandro Unified School District (“District”) special parcel tax measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to levy an annual special parcel tax on each parcel of taxable real property beginning on July 1, 2019.

School districts have the authority to levy special taxes upon approval by two-thirds of the votes cast on special tax measures pursuant to Article XIII A, Section 4 and Article XIII C, Section 2 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075-50077, 50079, and 53722 of the California Government Code.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the District will impose a special tax on all parcels of taxable real property annually on an ongoing basis. The tax rate will be \$39 per parcel. Beginning in 2020, the tax rate shall increase annually by a cost of living adjustment based on the regional Consumer Price Index. For purposes of this special parcel tax, “parcel of taxable real property” means any unit of real property that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Alameda County Tax Collector.

An exemption may be available to parcels owned and occupied as the principal place of residence by individuals who: (1) attain 65 years of age as of July 1 of the relevant tax year; (2) receive Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age; or (3) receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, and whose yearly income does not exceed 250% of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines. All property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes shall also be exempt from this tax.

If the measure passes, the funding revenue will be used for the specific purposes set forth in the full text of the measure printed in this sample ballot pamphlet, including: supporting core math, science and reading programs; attracting and retaining teachers; and maintaining

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I WAS SUBMITTED

San Leandro public schools have made huge strides over the past five years due in large part to the generous financial support of San Leandro voters. The changes have been numerous and when taken as a whole, dramatic. A partial list of the changes include increased enrollment in Advanced Placement courses, free SAT testing for all high school juniors, innovative teacher-led staff development programs, and expansion of Career Technical Education which offers students valuable career skills. As a result, San Leandro public schools have received many state and national awards and recognition.

Voting Yes on Measure ensures our public schools continue their dynamic and exciting growth. **Measure simply restores the parcel tax voters approved in 2012 at the same \$39 a year amount.** Property owners who are 65 or older, as before, are exempt.

Measure directly benefits our students. Measure I will support *high quality programs in math, science, technology, arts, and skilled trades* that prepare students for success in college or career, and be *used to attract and retain highly qualified teachers.*

All money raised by Measure I will stay in San Leandro and cannot be taken away by the State or used for other purposes. There will be independent citizen oversight of the spending. **None of the money can be used for school administrator salaries.**

Nationally, California ranks near the bottom of all states in per pupil spending when adjusted for the cost of living. This is why it is necessary that we raise funds locally to support our schools.

Maintaining the quality of education in our local public schools is important. Good schools improve the quality of life in our community and protect the value of our homes. Measure provides our schools the support they need to succeed.

We thank you for voting Yes on Measure I.

s/MONIQUE TATE

President, San Leandro Unified School District

s/EVELYN GONZALEZ

Trustee, San Leandro Unified School District

s/CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ

President, San Leandro Education Foundation

s/JON SHERR

President, San Leandro Teachers Association

s/WINGSHEUNG MOK

Parent and Retired Teacher

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE I

SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A. Introduction

To restore funding previously approved by voters to protect the quality of education in local schools, provide high quality programs in math, science, technology, arts, and skilled trades that prepare students for success in college/careers, and attract/retain highly qualified teachers, on an ongoing basis shall the San Leandro Unified School District levy \$39 per parcel, raising \$745,000 annually, with annual cost of living adjustments, an exemption for seniors, independent citizen oversight, and no money for administrator salaries?

B. Purposes

To provide local revenue that cannot be taken by the State and to maintain high-quality public education in schools in the District, the District proposes to levy and collect an education parcel tax annually as more fully described below and to implement accountability measures in connection with the education parcel tax and to provide oversight and accountability to ensure that funds are used only for the following specific purposes:

- Attracting and retaining qualified teachers,
- Supporting core academic math, science and reading programs,
- Providing for student safety,
- Maintaining and providing classroom computers and instructional technology,
- Maintaining art and music programs,
- Maintaining class sizes, and
- Maintaining programs in career technical education for students who want to learn a skilled trade

The District's Board of Education ("Board") will not fund any program other than those listed above from the proceeds of the education parcel tax.

C. Amount and Basis of Tax

This Measure shall authorize the District to annually levy a uniform qualified special tax at the rate of \$39 on all Parcels of Taxable Real Property on an ongoing basis beginning July 1, 2019. The District shall provide the Alameda County Tax Collector ("County Tax Collector") a report indicating the parcel number and amount of tax for each Parcel of Taxable Real Property.

To account for the impact of inflation on the cost of delivering the classroom programs and student services supported by the qualified special tax, the qualified special tax rate shall be increased annually to account for inflation pursuant to this provision. Beginning in 2020-21 and each year thereafter, the rate of this qualified special tax shall be the rate levied in the prior tax year increased by a cost-of-living adjustment equal to the annual average percentage change in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward area (Series CUURS49BSA0) over the prior twelve months, as

of December 1 of the prior fiscal year, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the event the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward area (Series CUURS49BSA0) is no longer published, the Board shall adopt a comparable index of general price levels as it shall determine. Any increase shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

This qualified special tax is estimated to raise \$745,000 in annual local funding for District schools. The amount of annual local funding raised by this qualified special tax will vary from year-to-year.

The qualified special tax shall be levied on every Parcel of Taxable Real Property in the District. "Parcel of Taxable Real Property" shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District which receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the County Tax Collector. All property which is otherwise exempt from or on which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall not be considered a Parcel of Taxable Real Property for purposes of the qualified special tax in such year.

D. Exemption from Qualified Special Tax

Under procedures adopted by the District, an exemption from payment of the qualified special tax may be granted on any parcel owned by one or more persons who is/are:

1. An individual who will attain 65 years of age as of July 1 of the tax year and occupying said parcel as his or her principal residence ("Senior Citizen Exemption"); or,
2. Receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, and occupying said parcel as his or her principal residence ("SSI Exemption"); or
3. Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and occupying said parcel as his or her principal residence ("SSDI Exemption").

E. Claim / Exemption Procedures

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the County Tax Collector or other appropriate County official shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision shall be final and binding. With respect to matters specific to the levy of the qualified special tax, including the exemptions or any other disputed matter specific to the application of the qualified special tax, the decisions of the District shall be final and binding. The procedures described herein, and any additional procedures established by the Board shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking an exemption, refund, reduction, or re-computation of the qualified special tax. Whether any particular claim is to be resolved by the District or by the County Tax Collector shall be determined by the District, in coordination with the County Tax Collector as necessary.

F. Appropriations Limit

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B and applicable laws, the appropriations limit for the District will be adjusted periodically by the aggregate sum collected by levy of this qualified special tax.

G. Accountability Measures

1. *Specific Purposes.* The proceeds of the qualified special tax shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified above. The proceeds of the qualified special tax shall be deposited into a fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from other funds of the District.
2. *Annual Reports.* No later than December 31 of each year while the tax is in effect, the District shall prepare and file with the Board a report detailing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project authorized to be funded by this Measure. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period, as said officer shall determine, and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.
3. *Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.* The Board shall provide for an independent citizens' oversight committee to review expenditures of the proceeds of the tax in order to ensure that such proceeds are applied only to authorized purposes. The Board shall establish, and may revise, requirements regarding the composition, duties, funding, and other necessary information regarding the Committee's operation and shall have the option to combine the Committee with any other existing bond or parcel tax oversight committee.

H. Protection of Funding

Current law forbids any decrease in State or federal funding to the District resulting from the adoption of a qualified special tax. However, if any such funding is reduced or affected because of the adoption of this local funding measure, then the Board may reduce the amount of the special taxes levied as necessary in order to restore such State or federal funding and/or maximize the District's fiscal position for the benefit of the educational program. As a result, whether directly or indirectly, no funding from this measure may be taken away by the State or federal governments.

I. Severability

The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Measure concur, that every section and part of this Measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this Measure by the voters, should any part of the Measure be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts of the Measure shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.

SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE J

<p>J To support academic excellence, provide stable, local funding the State cannot take away, to improve classroom technology, maintain after school programs and provide competitive salaries to help attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff, shall the San Lorenzo Unified School District be authorized to levy a \$99 per parcel tax providing \$2 million annually for eight years beginning July 1, 2019, with exemptions for senior citizens and no funds spent on administrators?</p>	YES
	NO

separately and expended only for those specified purposes. The measure provides for an independent citizens’ oversight committee and annual reports detailing the amount of funds collected and expended.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to levy the special tax outlined above.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure J, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official’s office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acvote.org.

COUNTY COUNSEL’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE J

ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

Measure J, a San Lorenzo Unified School District (“District”) special parcel tax measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to levy an annual special parcel tax on each parcel of taxable real property beginning on July 1, 2019 for eight years.

School districts have the authority to levy special taxes upon approval by two-thirds of the votes cast on special tax measures pursuant to Article XIII A, Section 4 and Article XIII C, Section 2 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075-50077, 50079, and 53722 of the California Government Code.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the District will impose a special tax on all parcels of taxable real property annually for eight years. The tax rate will be \$99 per parcel per year. For purposes of this special parcel tax, “parcel of taxable real property” means any unit of real property that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Alameda County Tax Collector.

An exemption may be available to parcels owned and occupied as the principal place of residence by individuals who: (1) attain 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the relevant tax year; (2) receive Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age; or (3) receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, and whose income does not exceed 250% of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines. All property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes shall also be exempt from this tax.

If the measure passes, the funding revenue will be used for the specific purposes set forth in the full text of the measure printed in this sample ballot pamphlet, including: attracting and retaining teachers, staff and classified personnel; maintaining classroom instruction; strengthening reading and writing programs; and maintaining art and music programs. The measure further provides that the monies collected shall be accounted for

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

A Yes vote on Measure J will provide a reliable, local source of funds to help support the outstanding students, teachers and staff of the San Lorenzo Unified School District. Measure J funds cannot be taken away by the state. All money will be spent locally to benefit students.

Measure J will:

- Allow the district to attract and retain great teachers, staff and classified personnel
- Maintain and strengthen reading, writing, math and science programs
- Maintain essential district programs such as music, art and physical education
- Upgrade and maintain the computers and technology used by students and teachers.

All of the funds raised by Measure J will be spent in our local classrooms. None of these funds can be spent on district administrators.

We take great pride in our schools and our students. We support the teachers, staff and classified personnel at our schools as they meet new challenges in the classroom every day. Our families and friends who have graduated from our schools continue to be active in the community. Measure J is a modest investment of \$99 per year to support these great schools and the students who attend them.

Measure J provides for strict accountability if approved by voters. An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee will monitor and review all expenditures. Because approval of Measure J requires a two-thirds majority, every yes vote is extremely important.

Quality schools protect and enhance our property values, and support our students, teachers and staff. Great schools make great communities.

Please join us and Vote Yes on Measure J.

s/PENNY PECK

Vice President San Lorenzo School Board

s/ANGELICA HUERTA

Resident

s/ROBERT H. GLAZE

Former Councilmember

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J WAS SUBMITTED

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE J

SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SAN LORENZO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ACT OF 2018

Measure J

TERMS

To support academic excellence, provide stable, local funding the State cannot take away, to improve classroom technology, maintain after school programs and provide competitive salaries to help attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff, shall the San Lorenzo Unified School District (“District”) be authorized to levy a \$99 per parcel tax providing \$2 million annually for eight years beginning July 1, 2019, with exemptions for senior citizens and no funds spent on administrators?

Moneys raised under this Measure shall be authorized to be used only for the following purposes in accordance with priorities established by the Board and to the extent of available funds:

- To attract and retain highly qualified teachers, staff, and classified personnel (including, clerical, paraeducators, custodial, buildings and grounds, bus drivers, etc.)
- To maintain 21st century, hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math instruction
- To strengthen reading and writing programs
- To maintain art and music programs

No funds will be spent on administrators.

A. Amount and Basis of Tax

This qualified special tax shall authorize the District to annually levy a special tax of \$99 per Parcel of Taxable Real Property beginning July 1, 2019, and continuing for a period of eight (8) years.

This qualified special tax is estimated to raise \$2,000,000 in annual local funding for District schools. The amount of annual local funding raised by this qualified special tax will vary from year-to-year due to changes in the number of parcels subject to the levy.

“Parcel of Taxable Real Property” is defined as any unit of real property in the District that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the County Tax Collector’s Office. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which no *ad valorem* property taxes are levied in any year shall also be exempt from the special tax in such year.

B. Exemptions

Under procedures adopted by the District, an exemption from payment of the special tax may be granted on any parcel owned by one or more persons who is/are:

1. An individual who will attain 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the tax year and occupying said parcel as his or her principal residence (“Senior Citizen Exemption”); or,
2. Receiving Supplemental Security Income for a

disability, regardless of age, and occupying said parcel as his or her principal residence (“SSI Exemption”); or

3. Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and occupying said parcel as his or her principal residence (“SSDI Exemption”).

The District shall annually provide to the Alameda County Tax Collector (“County Tax Collector”) or other appropriate County official a list of parcels that the District has approved for an exemption.

C. Claims / Exemption Procedures

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the County Tax Collector or other appropriate County tax official shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision shall be final and binding. With respect to matters specific to the levy of the special tax including any exemptions, the application of the definition of “Parcel of Taxable Real Property” to any parcel(s), the legality or validity of the special tax, or any other disputed matter specific to the application of the special tax, the decisions of the District shall be final and binding. The procedures described herein, and any additional procedures established by the Board shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking an exemption, refund, reduction, or re-computation of the special tax. Whether any particular claim is to be resolved by the District or by the County shall be determined by the District, in coordination with the County as necessary.

D. Appropriations Limit

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B and applicable laws, the appropriations limit for the District will be adjusted periodically by the aggregate sum collected by levy of this qualified special tax.

E. Mandatory Accountability Protections

1. *Specific Purposes.* The proceeds of the special tax shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified above. The proceeds of the special tax shall be deposited into a fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from other funds of the District.
2. *Annual Reports.* No later than December 31 of each year while the tax is in effect, the District shall prepare and file with the Board a report detailing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project authorized to be funded by this Measure. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period, and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

3. *Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.*
The Board shall provide for the creation of an independent citizens' oversight committee to oversee expenditure of the funds collected pursuant to the Measure to ensure that moneys raised under this Measure are spent only for the purposes described in this Measure. The Board shall provide for the composition, duties, and other necessary information regarding the committee's formation and operation.

F. Protection of Funding

Current law forbids any decrease in State or federal funding to the District resulting from the adoption of qualified special tax. However, if any such funding is reduced or affected because of the adoption of this local funding measure, then the Board may reduce the amount of the special taxes levied as necessary in order to restore such State or federal funding and/or maximize the District's fiscal position for the benefit of the educational program. As a result, whether directly or indirectly, no funding from this measure may be taken away by the State or federal governments.

G. Severability

The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Measure concur, that every section and part of this Measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this Measure by the voters, should any part of the Measure or taxing formula be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts of the Measure or taxing formula hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.

CITY OF ALAMEDA MEASURE F

<p>F City of Alameda Essential Services Protection Measure. Shall the measure maintaining the City of Alameda’s financial stability and protecting services and infrastructure such as police response to violent crimes and burglaries; 9-1-1 emergency medical and fire response; maintaining neighborhood parks; repairing potholes, maintaining streets and protecting the Bay from pollution by enacting a 0.5% sales tax until repealed by voters, providing approximately \$5,000,000 annually in locally controlled revenues, requiring independent audits and public spending review, be adopted?</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">NO</td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO
YES			
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s/JANET C. KERN
 City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure F. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Alameda City Clerk’s office at 510-747-4800 and a copy will be mailed at no cost.

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE F

The City Council has placed before the voters the question of whether to approve an ordinance enacting a transactions and use tax, which is a form of sales tax, within the City of Alameda to fund City services, such as police and fire services, park and beach maintenance, and street repair. The tax rate would be one-half of one percent (0.50%) of the retail sales price, or one-half cent for an item that costs one dollar. The tax would remain in effect until repealed or amended by the voters.

Technically, the existing “sales tax” is a combination of “sales and use tax” and “transactions and use tax.” Both are levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail, with certain limited exceptions. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which distributes the tax.

Currently, the tax on retail sales in Alameda is 9.25%, of which the City receives 1%, with the remaining 8.25% going to the State, the County, and BART. This measure would authorize an additional 0.50% transactions and use tax for the City, which would increase the total sales tax rate in Alameda to 9.75%.

The tax proceeds would be deposited into the City’s general fund and be available to support municipal services. Because this measure does not legally restrict the use of tax revenue to any specific purposes, it is classified as a “general tax,” not a “special tax.” The tax proceeds may be used for any valid municipal government purpose, including, but not limited to, police and fire services, park and beach maintenance, and street repair.

The measure requires the City’s independent auditors to prepare an annual audit report reviewing the collection, management, and expenditure of revenue from the tax. The audit report will be reviewed annually by City Council.

A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of the tax. A “No” vote is a vote against the tax. This measure would be approved if it receives a simple majority of “Yes” votes.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

Vote Yes on F - The City of Alameda Essential Services Protection Measure - to keep our streets safe, beaches clean and parks well-maintained, protecting our safety and quality of life.

Alameda is facing significant budget shortfalls. If we delay maintenance of streets, parks and beaches, the character of our community and quality of life will decline.

Measure F maintains Alameda's twenty-one community and neighborhood parks. It keeps pollution out of our beaches and the Bay, so parks, beaches, and waters are safe and clean.

Measure F repairs potholes, repaves deteriorating streets and maintains them for years to come. Alameda has a backlog of \$25 million in street maintenance and repair projects. Waiting will only make these repairs more expensive.

Measure F maintains fast 9-1-1 emergency response times and neighborhood police patrols. Crime rates are low and firefighters and paramedics respond quickly to fires, accidents and medical emergencies. Voting Yes on F will keep Alameda a safe place to live, run a business and raise a family.

With so much uncertainty in the federal government, Measure F is more important than ever. It provides locally controlled funding we can count on for vital city needs.

Vote Yes on F to:

- Protect police response to violent crime and burglaries
- Keep parks, beaches and waters safe and clean
- Fix potholes and repave deteriorating streets
- Maintain fast 9-1-1 emergency response times

Locally Controlled Funds for Local Needs

- The State and federal governments cannot touch one penny from Measure F
- Annual audits and public review of expenditures ensure funds are spent properly
- Essential purchases like groceries and medicine are exempt
- Visitors who shop in Alameda will pay their fair share

Measure F only adds five cents to a \$10 purchase — a small price to pay to keep Alameda safe, clean and strong.

Please vote Yes on F.

s/SANDRA RUSSELL

West End Small Business Owner

s/JIM SWEENEY

Founder of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund,
Longtime Alameda Resident and Park Advocate

s/RUTH ABBE

Environmental Advocate and 32-year Alameda Resident

s/BENJAMIN T. REYES II

Retired U.S. Army Airborne and 40-year Alameda Resident

s/CYNTHIA SILVA

President of the Alameda Library Board, 25-year Alameda Resident and Longtime Library Advocate

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE F WAS SUBMITTED

CITY OF ALAMEDA MEASURE K

K City of Alameda Initiative Measure: Shall the Charter be amended by incorporating Ordinance 3148, the City’s Rent Review, Rent Stabilization and Limitations on Evictions law, with the following modifications: (a) preclude City Council from amending the law in response to changing conditions and concerns, and require voter approval instead, and (b) eliminate the December 31, 2019 sunset clause?	YES
	NO

s/JANET C. KERN
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure K. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Alameda City Clerk’s office at 510-747-4800 and a copy will be mailed at no cost.

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE K

In March 2016, the Alameda City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3148, a rent control ordinance (“the Ordinance”). On August 8, 2016, the City Council voted to place the Ordinance on the November 8, 2016 election ballot. The voters approved the Ordinance, including a provision that the City Council retained the authority to amend the Ordinance in the future in response to “changing conditions and concerns”.

The proposed measure would incorporate the Ordinance into the City Charter and make two significant changes. First, it would eliminate the City Council’s authority to amend the Ordinance instead requiring a vote of the people for any amendment. Second, it would eliminate the Sunset Provision currently established as December 31, 2019, meaning the law would remain in effect unless the voters voted to amend or repeal it.

The current Ordinance limits rent increases to once a year, requires a review process for all rent increases above 5%, and requires landlords to pay relocation fees when terminating certain tenancies. In addition, for all rental units in the City, the Ordinance limits the grounds upon which a landlord may terminate a tenancy. Those grounds include a landlord’s right to terminate a tenancy for “cause” (e.g. failure to pay rent, breach of lease, etc.), “no fault” (e.g., owner move in, withdrawal from the rental market), or, with certain restrictions, “no cause” (no articulated basis). In cases of “no fault” and “no cause” evictions, landlords must pay relocation benefits to displaced tenants. These benefits amount to \$1,595, which is periodically adjusted for inflation, plus the equivalent of one month’s rent for each year that a tenant has rented the unit capped at four months’ rent. The Ordinance remains in effect until December 31, 2019, unless the City Council affirmatively acts to extend it.

If the proposed measure is passed, the foregoing provisions of the current Ordinance will remain in effect except for the following two changes: (1) the Ordinance will not sunset on December 31, 2019; and (2) the Ordinance can only be modified by a vote of the people not by act of the City Council.

The proposed measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of Alameda voters.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

Whether you rent or own, the cost of housing is Alameda is too high. Measure K will protect our seniors, working families, and our most vulnerable residents.

Measure K is a common sense initiative that will protect Alameda's rent control law and will prevent politicians from changing it in the future. By putting the people of Alameda in charge, Measure K protects our rent control system and ensures it will continue to work for tenants and property owners alike. A YES vote on Measure K will:

- **Protect Rent Control:** Measure K will cap rent increases at 5% annually and require a hearing before any larger rental increases can be implemented.
- **Prevent Evictions:** Landlords will not be permitted to evict tenants just to raise rents. However, Measure K allows landlords to maintain their right to evict bad tenants who violate the terms of their lease - by dealing drugs or engaging in domestic violence or other criminal activity.
- **Provide Relocation Assistance to Displaced Tenants:** Measure K provides relocation assistance where tenants, through no fault of their own, must relocate.

Alameda voters spoke loud and clear by passing Measure L1, the 2016 Rent Stabilization Ordinance, and rejecting the extreme, activist-sponsored Measure M1 by overwhelming margins. A YES vote for Measure K safeguards this important law for our community by placing it into the Alameda City Charter for good.

Protect Alameda's rent control law! Vote YES on Measure K.

s/ANTHONY ("TONY") DAYSOG

Former City Councilmember

s/MICHAEL GORMAN

Former City Councilmember

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

The fact is, Alamedans already enjoy all the benefits of Ordinance 3148 – which protects renters – without having to adopt Measure K.

But nothing's perfect – if we need to change the law, our council, elected by the people, can do it quickly and inexpensively.

Measure K would add months to the process and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars even for the simplest changes. It just doesn't make sense.

In fact, we know from community input and City staff review that Ordinance 3148 needs more than two dozen necessary administrative changes to work for all.

And with the complexities of housing policy and the reality of ever-changing State laws, we must expect that even more changes will be required.

Under Measure K, all changes require a costly and time-consuming election regardless of whether they're to correct minor errors or to remedy major flaws that hurt those most in need.

Alameda's seniors, working families, and our most vulnerable shouldn't be made to wait months for an election to get the help they need and taxpayers shouldn't have to pay a fortune to give them that help.

Every day more Alamedans recognize the importance of Ordinance 3148 and the benefits it provides, but let's not stall necessary changes when they are most needed.

We'll make the most progress in addressing our housing crisis, while continuing to serve all Alamedans, by preserving our ability to enact the best possible laws as we need them. Vote NO on Measure K.

s/MALIA VELLA

Vice Mayor, City of Alameda

s/MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT

Councilmember, City of Alameda

s/FRANK MATARRESE

Councilmember, City of Alameda

s/JIM ODDIE

Councilmember, City of Alameda

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE K

We strongly urge you to vote NO on Measure K.

Measure K locks Ordinance 3148, the current law governing rent increases, into our City Charter so that it can only be changed by a costly election. This is just not a realistic or practical way to address our housing crisis.

Roughly half of Alamedans live in rental housing and most Alamedans agree that we need fair and equitable laws that protect renters from unreasonable rent increases. But nothing is perfect.

Ordinance 3148 is a good start, but needs fixes and we shouldn't have to wait months and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to make them. And we may have to do more than just fix minor errors, and do it often. The reality is that housing policy is complicated and must adapt to ever-changing State laws.

If Ordinance 3148 becomes part of the City Charter, any change would require a costly and time-consuming election, regardless of whether the change is to correct minor errors or critical changes needed to remedy major flaws.

The Registrar of Voters says an election in Alameda would cost the Alameda taxpayers a minimum of \$188,000 and can go to over half a million dollars for a special election – even to correct the tiniest error in our Charter.

Let's be practical in addressing our housing crisis and maintain the flexibility to enact laws that serve all Alamedans, while adapting to the circumstances unique to our island city.

Join us in continuing to ensure balanced and fair treatment for all – in the tradition of Alameda – by voting NO on Measure K.

s/MALIA VELLA

Vice Mayor, City of Alameda

s/MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT

Councilmember, City of Alameda

s/FRANK MATARRESE

Councilmember, City of Alameda

s/JIM ODDIE

Councilmember, City of Alameda

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE K

Most Alamedans agreed that we needed fair and equitable laws that protect renters from unreasonable rent increases and evictions, which is why our community came together to develop our Rent Stabilization Ordinance. The City Council approved the Ordinance, and the voters overwhelmingly passed Measure L1 in November, 2016. Then, Councilmembers attempted to override the clear direction of over 20,000 voters by trying to add provisions that were rejected by almost two-thirds of the voters in the very same election. This is why we must pass Measure K.

Just like Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco, Alameda has allowed the voters to decide rent issues. This is good governance. Opponents of Measure K argue that holding an election to make changes is too costly, but this cost is nominal compared to the significance of letting voters decide important issues, like rent control.

Most importantly, over two years later, the current Rent Stabilization Ordinance is working to protect seniors, working families, and our most vulnerable residents. Measure K provides rent protections, including allowing renters to challenge a rent increase of any amount and obtain a binding decision, when appropriate, and receive moving costs when required to relocate, resulting in greater stability for renters.

Measure K allows for flexibility by providing a mediation-based process to address the unique circumstances of every rental relationship.

Let's send a clear message to City Council that they must honor Alamedans' vote for balanced and fair rental protections.

Vote YES on Measure K

s/TRISH SPENCER

Mayor, City of Alameda

s/DAN TUAZON

Retired Tax Accountant and Martial Arts Instructor

s/CANDACE GUTLEBEN

Retired Teacher – Alameda Unified School District

s/VICTOR JIN

Resident

s/TERRY HARRISON

Vice President, Alameda Naval Air Museum

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE L

L To continue providing and maintaining essential City services, such as: fire and police protection, public safety and emergency response, facilities maintenance, and environmental preservation, shall the City of Albany measure making its existing one-half cent transactions and use (sales) tax permanent, providing \$1.4 million annually for unrestricted general revenue purposes, without increasing the rate, with annual independent audits, and all funds spent only in Albany, be adopted?	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L

The City Council has placed before the voters the question whether to enact an Ordinance making an existing one-half cent (0.5%) sales tax permanent. A full copy of the Ordinance text is printed in these ballot materials.

In November 2012, the Albany voters approved an Ordinance enacting a temporary transactions and use tax within the City of Albany to fund municipal services and facilities. The tax was authorized to remain in effect for eight years after it became operative, unless extended by the voters. This tax was codified at Section 4-12 of the Albany Municipal Code.

Technically, the City's existing "sales tax" is a combination of "sales and use tax" and "transactions and use tax." Both are levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail, with certain limited exceptions. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the tax.

Because the revenue from the City's retail sales taxes is not legally restricted to any specific purposes, it is classified as a "general tax," not a "special tax." The tax proceeds are deposited into the City's general fund and are available to support the full range of municipal services and facilities.

Currently, the tax on retail sales in Albany is 9.75% of the purchase price. If the one-half cent transactions and use tax approved by the voters in 2012 is allowed to expire, the tax rate will be reduced to 9.25%. If the proposed Ordinance is approved, the total tax rate will remain at 9.75% with no automatic expiration date.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of the tax extension. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax extension. This measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

DATED: August 10, 2018

s/CRAIG LABADIE

City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

The City of Albany worked hard to maintain fiscal stability after the 2008 financial crisis and to avoid the dire fiscal consequences that other cities faced. A large part of our success was due to Measure F, the one-half percent local sales tax passed by Albany voters in 2012.

Because of the support of voters, Albany has been able to restore and enhance city services including fire and police protection, emergency response, recreational programs, senior and youth programs, community development and environmental preservation, maintenance of parks and playgrounds, and other general city services.

We are asking Albany voters to continue to support our city by renewing our half-cent sales tax with Measure L. This measure is not a tax increase. It simply asks to maintain the one-half percent local sales tax that Albany voters approved in 2012. Even with our local half-percent sales tax, Albany's total sales tax rate is 9.75 percent. This is the same rate as our neighboring city, El Cerrito, and less than the rate of many cities in California.

Measure L's one-half percent sales tax goes directly to the City of Albany's general fund, where it helps support the core services of the city, including police and fire fighters. The rest of the sales tax goes to the State of California and Alameda County. Some of this state and county revenue does find its way back to Albany in the form of restricted grants. However, if Measure L is not approved, the city's general fund will lose \$1.3 million annually.

The City of Albany has spent the sales tax revenue thoughtfully. With your help, the city will continue to do so. Albany is a good place to live. Please help to keep it that way by voting yes on Measure L.

s/MICHAEL BARNES
Albany City Council Member
s/PETER MAASS
Albany City Council Member
s/PEGGY MCQUAID
Albany Mayor
s/ROCHELLE NASON
Albany Vice Mayor
s/NICK PILCH
Albany City Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

This Sales Tax Measure is NOT 'simply a request to maintain the one-half percent sales tax' as the Argument in Favor claims. The new sales tax is a FOREVER tax. The existing sales tax must be renewed by the voters who approve the performance of City leadership. Measure L will require dissatisfied voters to launch an initiative process, pay legal fees and collect thousands of signatures to challenge this sales tax. The Full Text of the Measure explains that this is a '**permanent**' tax.

The City Council's Argument in Favor skipped over its attack on the voters' right to hold the leadership accountable. The City Attorney's 'Impartial Analysis' joined the City Council in a failure to advise the voters that their legal rights are being compromised. The leadership's use of selective facts proves that the bureaucracy needs more scrutiny, not less scrutiny. The voters must not give the politicians a free pass.

Part of the problem with this sales tax is that it is presented to the voters as a special tax that 'helps support the core services of the city, including police and fire fighters' but it is actually only a general tax that 'goes directly to the City of Albany's general fund' to be spent on ANYTHING.

When the City is forthright with the financial facts, the voters can trust the City. Until then Vote NO.

s/DAN B. WALDEN, Executive Director
Alameda County Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L

This measure proposes to renew the expiring half-cent sales tax with a FOREVER sales tax. The best way to hold politicians accountable is to require them to occasionally explain how they are doing at managing the tax funds. This measure proposes to eliminate an important test of their stewardship. The Measure explains that the half-cent sales tax pays for the ‘essential City services, such as: fire and police protection, public safety and emergency response, facilities maintenance, and environmental preservation.’ Now is the time to examine how well the City is managing these duties. The study of ‘Sen. John Moorlach Ranks California’s 482 Cities for Financial Soundness’ shows that the Albany City Council is performing poorly. Albany ranks 366 compared with the 482 California cities. Each Albany citizen’s share the City deficit is \$736.

This is no time to give the City leadership less scrutiny. Vote NO on this FOREVER sales tax. Don’t open the door to exploitation. Require the leadership to prove why each department needs funding help. Require the leadership to prove that ‘parks’ and ‘play structures’ need more funding to be well maintained.

Amendments to the City Charter must have more vigorous taxpayer protection. Accountability must be ironclad, not the meaningless ‘independent audit’ this measure proposes. Vote NO.

s/DAN B. WALDEN, Executive Director
Alameda County Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L

The author of the argument against Measure L, Dan Walden, does not live in Albany and does not understand our city finances. Walden’s generic anti-tax arguments attempt to obfuscate the reality of our City’s finances. Measure L is no more a “FOREVER” tax than continuing payment for an online newspaper is a “forever” charge. Both can be cancelled at will. If Measure L passes, and at some point in the future Albany voters want to repeal it, either the citizens or the city council can place a repeal measure on the ballot. This is how, in 2016, Albany voters modernized parking standards when they approved Measure N1. Measure L is not a charter amendment and has nothing to do with pension liabilities, the topic of the report by Orange County’s Senator Moorlach. What drives the numbers in the Moorlach report is a quirk in how long-term pension liabilities are reported. Albany has its own police and fire departments and responsibly reports and monitors long-term pension liabilities. Albany is fiscally responsible. California state law requires a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of city spending. Albany’s CAFR is conducted by independent, professional auditors and is the standard for ironclad accountability. Albany’s most recent CAFR showed that the city’s budget is balanced. Anyone interested in learning more about city finances can review these reports on the City’s website, and attend, or view on line, Council Meetings. The Albany City Council welcomes your participation.

Please vote Yes on Measure L.

s/MICHAEL BARNES
Albany City Council Member

s/PETER MAASS
Albany City Council Member

s/PEGGY MCQUAID
Albany Mayor

s/ROCHELLE NASON
Albany Vice Mayor

s/NICK PILCH
Albany City Council Member

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE L

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
AMENDING ARTICLE 4-12, CHAPTER IV
OF THE CITY OF ALBANY MUNICIPAL
CODE EXTENDING THE DURATION OF A
TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX
FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES
ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE
ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, Measure F was adopted by the voters in 2012 imposing a Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.5%) to remain in effect for a period of eight years after the tax was first collected; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the tax imposed by Measure F have helped the City of Albany to continue providing and maintaining a wide variety of essential public services, including: fire and police protection, safety, and emergency response; recreational programs, parks, playgrounds and open space; senior and youth programs and facilities; community development; environmental preservation; and other general City services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of the People of Albany that the tax remain in effect permanently; and

WHEREAS, the tax, if its proposed extension is approved, would continue to be imposed on the sale of tangible personal property and the storage, use, or other consumption of such property; and the tax revenue would be collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (performing functions formerly performed by the California State Board of Equalization) and remitted to the City; and

WHEREAS, the tax, if its proposed extension is approved, would continue to be a general tax that can be used for any legitimate governmental purpose and not committed to any particular purposes; and the ballot measure extending the duration of the tax shall be approved if it receives at least a simple majority of affirmative votes.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

This Ordinance is enacted in accordance with the authority granted to cities by Article XI, Section 7, of the California Constitution and Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9.

SECTION 2.

Chapter IV, Article 4-12, Section 4-12.17 of the City of Albany Municipal Code is hereby amended to read:

4-12.17 TERMINATION DATE

The authority to levy the tax shall remain in effect unless a later ordinance terminating said tax is adopted and approved by the voters.

SECTION 3.

All references in Article 4-12 of the City of Albany Municipal Code to the “State Board of Equalization” are hereby deleted and replaced with “California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.”

SECTION 4.

The People of the City of Albany find that all Recitals contained in this Ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 5.

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B, the appropriation limit for the City of Albany is hereby increased by the aggregate sum authorized to be levied by this general tax for fiscal year 2018/19 and each year thereafter.

SECTION 6.

The findings for this Ordinance in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) are the same as those set forth in City Council Resolution No. 2018-98 calling for an election on this Ordinance. The CEQA findings set forth in Resolution No. 2018-98 are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 7.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8.

This Ordinance relates to the levying and collection of the City Transactions and Use Taxes and shall take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2018-07 was submitted to the People of the City of Albany at the November 6, 2018 general municipal election. It was approved by the following vote of the People:

YES:

NO:

Ordinance No. 2018-07 was thereby adopted by the voters at the November 6, 2018 election and took effect upon adoption of a resolution declaring the results of the election at a regular meeting of the City Council held on December __, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly and regularly adopted by the People of the City of Albany, California.

s/ANNE HSU
City Clerk

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE M

<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">M To maintain and improve park and open space facilities, with funding that cannot be taken by Sacramento, including maintaining: City parks, ballfields, play structures, picnic areas and restrooms; vegetation management to prevent wildfires; creek habitat; and Albany Hill open space; shall the City of Albany measure levying an ongoing park and open space parcel tax with a typical rate of \$69 for a single-family residence, providing \$463,675 annually, exempting low-income residents, with annual independent audits, be adopted?</p>	YES
	NO

exemption for qualifying low-income individuals who own and occupy residential properties.

Because the revenue from the parcel tax is legally restricted to certain specific purposes, it is classified as a “special tax,” not a “general tax.” All revenue from the tax would be placed into a special account and restricted to the uses authorized in the Ordinance. The City’s Finance Director is required to prepare and submit to the City Council an annual report regarding the collection and expenditure of the special tax revenues.

A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of the parcel tax. A “No” vote is a vote against the tax. This measure will be approved if it receives a two-thirds majority of “Yes” votes.

DATED: August 10, 2018

s/CRAIG LABADIE
City Attorney

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M

The City Council has placed before the voters the question whether to enact an Ordinance authorizing a tax on all developed property within the City of Albany to fund maintenance and improvement of City parks and open space. A full copy of the Ordinance text is printed in these ballot materials.

In 1996, the voters approved an advisory ballot measure (“Measure R”) supporting formation of a Landscape and Lighting Assessment District (“LLAD”) to fund acquisition, improvement, and maintenance of open space on Albany Hill, recreational playfields throughout the City, and creek restoration. After the LLAD became operative, property owners in Albany received annual assessments, with the rate for a single-family home set at \$69 per year. The City subsequently issued improvement bonds secured by the LLAD revenue. The final LLAD assessments will be levied in fiscal year 2018-19, and the bonds will be fully repaid in September 2019.

The proposed Ordinance would establish a tax on developed residential and non-residential property within Albany, to take effect in the fiscal year following termination of the LLAD. The tax would be a flat amount annually that varies with the size and type of property. The rate would be \$69 annually for a single-family residential parcel. The rate for an apartment, condominium or townhouse would be \$51.75 annually per residential unit. The rate for a non-residential parcel would depend on the parcel size. For parcels of less than 0.25 acre, the rate would be \$69 annually. For parcels of 0.25 acre or greater, the rate would be \$259 annually per acre. Tax rates would be adjusted annually for inflation, based on the Consumer Price Index for the Bay Area. The tax would be collected by Alameda County with regular property taxes. The tax does not have an automatic expiration date; it would remain in effect unless terminated by the voters.

Authorized uses of tax proceeds include park and open space maintenance and improvements, as more specifically set forth in the Ordinance. Tax proceeds may also be used to fund related administrative expenses and rebates to qualifying low-income renters. The tax contains an

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

This Ballot Measure for essential maintenance of Albany's parks, playfields, and open space was placed on this ballot by a unanimous vote of the Albany City Council. It is designed as an extension of the annual assessment for parks that Albany voters enacted in 1996 as Measure R, and which is now expiring. On past secured property tax statements that assessment appears as "City Landscape 96-1".

The amounts assessed on this proposed parcel tax (\$69 for a single family residence) remain the same for all residential parcels, and replace and augment the amount of the funding the existing assessment provides for park purposes.

Parks, playfields, and open space are essential to our quality of life in Albany. The city acquired additional open space on Albany Hill following the passage of Measure R and it just recently completed development of the new Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park. These are welcome additions to our city but also add to our park maintenance requirements.

Albany's limited playfields are intensively used by both children and adults. The Albany Hill forest and the Codornices and Cerrito Creeks require additional maintenance to assure healthy fire-resistant vegetative conditions and clean watercourses - and these needs are expected to grow with changing climate conditions.

Please vote yes on Measure M to sustain the maintenance of Albany's parks, playfields, and open spaces.

s/ROCHELLE NASON

Albany Vice Mayor

s/NICK PILCH

Albany City Council Member

s/PEGGY MCQUAID

Albany Mayor

s/PETER MAASS

Albany City Council Member

s/MICHAEL BARNES

Albany City Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

This Measure is NOT simply 'designed as an extension of the annual assessment for parks that Albany voters enacted in 1996 as Measure R, and which is now expiring' as the Argument in Favor claims. The new parcel tax is a FOREVER tax. The **existing [Measure R]** parcel tax must be renewed by the voters who approve the performance of City leadership. The Ordinance explains that 'The tax does not have an automatic expiration date; it would remain in effect unless terminated by the voters.' The Argument in Favor skipped right over this critical legal issue. The City Attorney's 'Impartial Analysis' downplayed the huge task voters will have to ever terminate this tax with the statement 'The tax does not have an automatic expiration date; it would remain in effect unless terminated by the voters.' The City Attorney fails to explain that future dissatisfied voters of Measure L will be required to launch an initiative process, pay legal fees and collect thousands of signatures to challenge this sales tax.

This Special Tax and must be spent for specific purposes. However, the vaguely stated multiple purposes '**including** maintaining: City parks, ballfields, play structures, picnic areas and restrooms; vegetation management', are not specific purposes. The word '**including**' creates a loophole not a specific purpose.

The City Attorney explains that 'Tax proceeds may also be used to fund related administrative expenses'. The 'related administrative expenses' are boundless. The City Council must present an honest Special Tax with specific purposes. Vote NO.

s/DAN B. WALDEN, Executive Director
Alameda County Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

The City ALMOST drafted this Special Tax good and proper. The Special Tax and Bond Accountability Act [Act] requires the City to identify the ‘specific purposes’ of the tax funds. The purpose of the Act [Government Code §50075] is to give taxpayers a guarantee of accountability and to eliminate ‘loopholes.’ The City’s Resolution stated all the right things and then added the loophole of ‘including but not limited to’. This catchall phrase allows ANYTHING to qualify as an approved expenditure. Voters must demand accountability at all stages of the administrative process. Don’t leave the door open to exploitation. Vote NO, and require a clean proposal.

s/DAN B. WALDEN, Executive Director
Alameda County Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

Measure M is completely clear on its specific purposes. Like the existing assessment that it extends, the tax revenue from Measure M is to be used for park and open space maintenance and improvement. It includes a list of illustrative projects – such as trails, ballfields, restoration of natural areas, and park amenities like benches and bathrooms.

The exact projects will be determined by the City Council, with input from both the staff and the volunteer Advisory Committees that serve the city. These decisions will be made with public input, and through the usual annual public budget hearings on the City Manager’s proposals for the Parks & Recreation and Public Works departments.

The opposing argument proposes that we’ve left ourselves a loophole, but this is untrue. The funds can be used for park and open space maintenance and improvement and for no other purpose. The opposing group, never before having shown its presence in Albany, has filed an opposing argument simply to try to instill doubt.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE M, and please join our community of active supporters of Albany parks in the public processes that study how best to meet the needs of our parks and our community.

s/ROCHELLE NASON
Vice Mayor of Albany

s/JACK MILLER
President, Albany Little League

s/CAROLE FITZGERALD
President, Friends of Albany Hill

s/SUSAN SCHWARTZ
President, Friends of Five Creeks

s/ROBERT CHEASTY
Executive Director of Citizens for East Shore Parks and
Former Mayor of Albany

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE M
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
ENACTING A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX TO FUND
THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF
CITY PARK AND OPEN SPACE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Albany residents have identified regular maintenance of City parks and open space as an important aspect of quality of life and a high priority for investment by the City to ensure that the community has access to a wide variety of recreational opportunities within the City, including both public park and open space areas that also help protect our local environment; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of the City's maintenance obligations in open space areas includes helping enhance native habitat as well as managing vegetation to help prevent wildfires that could lead to devastating consequences throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany—like all California cities—has faced decreasing revenues to make infrastructure investments and improvements to City parks and open space areas; and

WHEREAS, without a dedicated source of additional funding to invest in the ongoing maintenance and improvement of Albany's parks and open space, the City would be unable to fully address needed maintenance obligations; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, City voters passed Measure R, and the City subsequently formed a Landscape and Lighting Assessment District (the "LLAD") consistent with the measure to fund acquisition, improvement and maintenance of open space on Albany Hill, recreational playfields throughout the City, and creek restoration and the City issued \$6.23 million in improvement bonds secured by the LLAD revenues. The LLAD assessment will last be levied in 2018-2019, and these bonds will be fully repaid in September 2019, effectively closing out this available funding source for maintenance of City parks and open space; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the City Council as identified in the City Council 2017-2019 Strategic Plan to maximize parks and open space for the benefit of the community at large, including the recent completion of a new park, Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park, which will require ongoing maintenance to ensure the park remains enjoyable for all users; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a number of planning processes resulting in the development of guiding policies for the maintenance and improvement of the City's public parks and open space as included within the City's General Plan, Climate Action Plan, Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, and Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has over a mile of natural creek area and has conducted a number of projects to enhance local creeks and adjoining habitat, along with additional

projects planned for the future, that require ongoing monitoring and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City owns approximately 15 acres of land on Albany Hill that requires ongoing maintenance as an open space public park, and the Albany Hill Creekside Park Master Plan details maintenance activities for Albany Hill to protect, maintain and enhance natural features, native vegetation and wildlife habitats, to protect cultural resources and to improve basic access for the public; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains six public parks including the Dartmouth Tot Lot, Memorial Park, Oceanview Park, Ohlone Greenway, Jewel's Terrace Park, and Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park; and these parks include a wide range of facilities to maintain such as ball field and play courts, play structures and equipment, restroom facilities, landscaping and site furnishing such as benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 5,000 city trees in Albany including trees on City owned properties (such as parks and street medians) and street trees that require ongoing maintenance, and the City continues to plant more City trees to help foster a robust urban forest; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance would create a guaranteed source of local funding for the maintenance and improvement of Albany's parks and open space areas that must be spent locally for Albany residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany acknowledges the benefits and value to the public health and welfare of providing a wide variety of recreational opportunities within our urban village; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, the City wishes to improve its commitment to City parks and open space areas for the benefit and enjoyment of our entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to alleviate the impact of the proposed special tax on low-income residents by providing a tax exemption for owner-occupants of single-family and multi-family residences and by providing a tax rebate for renters residing in rental units; and the City finds that provision of rebate payments is a permissible use of the special tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed special tax to be submitted to the voters will be approved if two-thirds of voters voting on the measure vote in favor of it.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance is enacted in accordance with the authority granted to cities by Article XI, Section 7, and Article XIII A, Section 4, of the California Constitution and Government Code sections 50075 *et seq.*

SECTION 2. The People of the City of Albany find that all Recitals contained in this Ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Article 4-15 is hereby added to Chapter IV of the Albany Municipal Code, to read as follows:

4- 15 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SPECIAL PARCEL TAX

4- 15.1 TITLE. This Article shall be known as the “City of Albany Parks and Open Space Facilities Special Parcel Tax.”

4- 15.2 DEFINITIONS.

A. “City” means the City of Albany.

B. “Consumer Price Index” or “CPI” means Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the Consumer Price Index is discontinued or revised, such other government index or computation with which it is replaced shall be used in order to obtain substantially the same result as would be obtained if the Consumer Price Index had not been discontinued or revised.

C. “Condominium/Townhouse” means an undivided interest in common in a portion of real property coupled with a separate interest in space called a unit. A condominium or townhouse unit is a parcel.

D. “Multi-family residential parcel” means all parcels that are improved with more than one residential unit.

E. “Nonresidential parcel” means all parcels that are improved with uses other than residences.

F. “Owner” means the owner or owners of the real property located within the City.

G. “Parcel” means any real property designated by an assessor’s parcel map and parcel number and carried on the secured property tax roll of the County of Alameda.

H. “Parks and Open Space” means any public park or open space owned by the City of Albany including: six public parks referred to as Dartmouth Tot Lot, Memorial Park, Oceanview Park, Ohlone Greenway, Jewel’s Terrace Park, and Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park; Albany Hill Open Space Area and Albany waterfront; over one mile of Albany Creeks including Cerrito, Middle and Codornices Creek; City trees and street trees.

I. “Single-family residential parcel” means all parcels which are improved with only one residential unit.

J. “Special tax” means the special tax imposed by this Article.

4-15.3 TAX IMPOSED.

A. An annual special tax in the amounts set forth in Section 4-15.4 is hereby imposed on every parcel of real property within the City. The special tax shall first be levied in fiscal year 2019-20. The annual assessment levied in City Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1996-1 (“LLAD 1996-1”) is anticipated to terminate in fiscal year 2018-19. In the event that the LLAD 1996-1 assessment terminates in a different fiscal year, the special tax shall first be levied in the immediately subsequent fiscal year.

B. The special tax constitutes a debt owed by the owner of each parcel of real property to the City.

C. The special tax shall be levied and collected on

each parcel of real property within the City for which the owner receives a separate ad valorem property tax bill, at the same time and manner, and subject to the same penalties and procedures as ad valorem property taxes collected by the County of Alameda except as otherwise set forth in this Article.

D. Real property otherwise wholly exempted from ad valorem tax by state law shall also be exempted from any liability for the special tax.

E. The tax imposed by this Section shall be subject to the exemptions and rebates set forth in this Section.

1. Single-family residential parcels and units on multi-family residential parcels shall be exempt from the special tax if they are owned and occupied by a person or persons whose combined family income, from all sources for the previous calendar year, is at or below the income level qualifying as “very low-income” for a family of such size under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.A. Sections 1437 *et seq.*), for such year. The application process will be in the form of self-certification under penalty of perjury. Owners must apply for the exemption provided for in this Section annually by application to the Finance Director in the manner and at the time set forth by the Finance Director. Such applications shall be on forms provided by the Finance Director and shall provide such information as the Finance Director may require. If the Finance Director determines the need to audit an application, the Finance Director may require additional information, including, but not limited to, federal income tax returns and W-2 forms of owner-occupants eligible for this exemption.

2. Renters who reside in a residential rental unit within the City of Albany whose combined family income, from all sources for the previous calendar year, is at or below the income level qualifying as “very low-income” for a family of such size under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.A. Sections 1437 *et seq.*), for such year may apply for a rebate of the special tax imposed by this section that applies to the rental unit in which they reside. Renters must apply for the rebate provided in this section annually by application to the Finance Director in the manner and at the time set forth by the Finance Director. Such applications shall be on forms provided by the Finance Director and shall provide such information as the Finance Director may require. If the Finance Director determines the need to audit an application, the Finance Director may require additional information, including, but not limited to, federal income tax returns and W-2 forms of renter occupants eligible for this exemption. Only one such rebate shall be allowed annually to a rental unit.

4-15.4 TAX RATES.

A. The rates of the special tax for each parcel type shall be as set forth in the table below.

Parcel Type	Size of Parcel	Rate, per parcel, unit, or acre
Single-family Residential	Not Applicable	\$69.00 per unit

Condominium/ Townhouse	Not Applicable	\$51.75 per unit
Multi-family Residential	Not Applicable	\$51.75 per unit
Non-Residential	< 0.25 acre	\$69.00 per parcel
Non-Residential	≥0.25 acre	\$259 per acre

B. To keep the tax on each property in constant first year dollars for each year, the annual tax rates listed in the above table shall be adjusted as set forth in this section to reflect any increase in the Consumer Price Index beyond the first fiscal year the tax is levied. The tax rate per year on each parcel for each year subsequent to the first year shall be an amount determined as follows:

Tax rate for the current year	=	Tax rate for the preceding year	X	Change in Consumer Price Index from April of the immediately preceding year to April of the current year or 1.02, whichever is less
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In no event shall the special tax rate for any type of parcel for any year be less than the amount established for the preceding year.

C. If a parcel consists of both residential and nonresidential real property, the tax rate shall be the rate for nonresidential parcels.

D. The assessment roll data of the Alameda County Tax Assessor as of January 1 of each year and City records shall be used to determine the actual use of each parcel of real property for purposes of determining the amount of the special tax for each parcel.

E. For parcels divided by Tax Rate Area lines, the amount of the special tax for the portion of the parcel within Alameda County shall be calculated at the same rates as set forth above. For properties wholly within Alameda County and divided by Tax Rate Area lines into multiple parcels, the property shall be taxed as a single parcel at the rates set forth above.

F. For non-residential parcels 0.25 acres or larger, the tax shall be calculated by multiplying the then-applicable rate by the actual acreage of the parcel. By way of example only, and without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, if a non-residential parcel were 4.25 acres and the then applicable tax rate were \$259, then the tax for the parcel would be \$1,100.75.

4-15.5 COLLECTION OF TAX. The special tax shall be collected in the same manner as ordinary ad valorem taxes are collected and shall have the same lien priority and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for ad valorem taxes collected by the County of Alameda. The City Council may provide for other alternative methods of collection of the special tax by resolution.

4-15.6. COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAX. The amount of the special tax, any penalty, and any interest imposed under the provisions of this Article shall be deemed

a debt to the City. Any person owing money under the provisions of this Article shall be personally liable to an action brought in the name of the City, at its option, for the recovery for such amount.

4-15.7 USE OF TAX REVENUE.

A. Revenue from the special tax, including penalties and interest thereon, shall be used for park and open space maintenance and improvements, including but not limited to maintenance of park and open space trails, including maintenance to prevent wildfires and to restore native plants; park facilities such as ball fields and play courts, play structures and equipment, restroom facilities, landscaping and site furnishing such as benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles and general maintenance of the facilities for repair/replacement of damaged and worn-out equipment and furnishings; adding new amenities such as site furnishings and play field areas; restoration and maintenance of creek and habitat areas; maintenance and enhancement of the City’s urban forest including planting, pruning and management of City street trees.

B. At the City Council’s discretion, revenue from the special tax, including penalties and interest thereon, may also be used to pay for the costs of holding an election to seek voter approval of this Article, for the costs of administering the special tax, and for the costs of defending the special tax and this Article, including attorneys’ fees and related costs.

C. Revenue from the special tax, including penalties and interest thereon, may also be used to pay for rebates to qualifying low-income renters as provided in Section 14-15.3(E)(2) of this Ordinance.

4-15.8 ACCOUNTABILITY. In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the special tax:

A. A separate, special account, referred to as the Parks and Open Space Special Tax Fund, shall be created, into which the proceeds of the special tax, including penalties and interest earned on such proceeds, must be deposited.

B. The specific purposes of the special tax are for the funding of maintenance and improvement of City park and open space facilities; for related election, administration, and legal fees; and for rebates to low-income renters, as set forth in Section 4-15.7. The proceeds of the special tax shall be applied only to those specific purposes.

C. The Finance Director shall annually prepare and submit to the City Council a report regarding the special tax funds collected and expended, as well as any other information required by Government Code sections 50075.1 and 50075.3.

4-15.9 ADMINISTRATION OF TAX. The City Council may establish rules and regulations that it determines are necessary and desirable for administration and implementation of this Article.

4-15.10 AMENDMENTS. This Article may only be amended by a vote of the people if the amendment

would result in the special tax being imposed, extended, or increased in a manner not authorized by this Article as originally approved by the voters, or if the amendment would substantially alter the purpose of the special tax. The City Council may enact other amendments, including but not limited to amendments necessary to implement or administer the special tax.

4-15.11 TERMINATION OF TAX. The authority to levy the special tax shall remain in effect unless a later ordinance terminating said tax is adopted and approved by the voters.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B, the appropriation limit for the City of Albany is hereby increased by the aggregate sum authorized to be levied by this special tax for fiscal year 2018/19 and each year thereafter.

SECTION 5. The findings for this Ordinance in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) are the same as those set forth in City Council Resolution No. 2018-98 calling for an election on this Ordinance. The CEQA findings set forth in Resolution No. 2018-98 are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance relates to the levying and collection of a City special tax and shall take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2018-05 was submitted to the People of the City of Albany at the November 6, 2018 general municipal election. It was approved by the following vote of the People:

YES:

NO:

Ordinance No. 2018-05 was thereby adopted by the voters at the November 6, 2018 election and took effect upon adoption of a resolution declaring the results of the election at a regular meeting of the City Council held on December ____, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly and regularly adopted by the People of the City of Albany, California.

s/ANNE HSU
City Clerk

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE N

N Shall Section 3.01 of the Albany City Charter be amended, as set forth in the voter pamphlet, to provide that the City Treasurer shall be appointed by the City Council effective December 10, 2020, or sooner if there is a vacancy in the office?	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE N

The City Council has placed before the voters the question whether to amend the City Charter to transition from an elected City Treasurer to an appointed City Treasurer. A full copy of the Charter Amendment text is printed in these ballot materials.

Currently, the City Treasurer is elected by the Albany voters to a four-year term of office. All other City officers and department heads are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

The current City Treasurer was elected to a four-year term commencing in December 2016. If the proposed Charter Amendment is approved by the voters, the City Treasurer will become an appointive position effective on December 10, 2020, or sooner if there is a vacancy in this office. From that point forward, the City Treasurer will be appointed by the City Council in the same manner as other City officers and department heads.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of the Charter Amendment. A "No" vote is a vote against the Charter Amendment. This measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

DATED: August 10, 2018

s/CRAIG LABADIE
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE N

It is time to modernize the position of City Treasurer to provide more effective oversight and greater public transparency with regard to the city's finances. Albany's voters have previously voted to convert the positions of elected Police Chief and elected City Attorney to professional positions. In light of the increasing complexity of municipal finance and the fiduciary obligations of cities, it is time to do the same with respect to the position of City Treasurer.

This change fulfills a recommendation of an outside consulting firm the City retained to conduct an Operational and Organizational Assessment of the city's Finance Department, which may be viewed online at http://albanyca.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1860&meta_id=104321. The assessment concluded that consolidating the elected City Treasurer position with the staff position of Finance Director will: (1) bring Albany's practices in line with those of roughly 80% of comparable local jurisdictions, (2) result in cost savings to the city of approximately \$77,000 per year, and (3) increase the accountability of the city staff to the City Council for the financial functions of the city as a whole.

The Operational and Organization Assessment further recommended a citizen Budget and Finance Advisory Committee be created to assure the change in structure enhances independent oversight and fiscal transparency. The City Council will be working to establish this Committee in early 2019. Such a committee, meeting in regular open sessions, will provide a far more effective and accountable form of public oversight than can be achieved through the election of a City Treasurer once every four years.

The current elected position will remain in place until December 10, 2020 unless it becomes vacant sooner.

Please join with the entire Albany City Council in voting YES on Measure N to modernize and improve the efficiency of our finance department.

s/PEGGY MCQUAID

Albany Mayor

s/ROCHELLE NASON

Albany Vice Mayor

s/NICK PILCH

Albany City Council Member

s/PETER MAASS

Albany City Council Member

s/MICHAEL BARNES

Albany City Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE N

Don't be fooled by the bureaucratic double-talk of the Argument in Favor of Measure N. The Ballot Measure and Ordinance have not presented facts to support the conclusions that appointing the City Treasurer by City Council will;

- Modernize the bureaucracy.
- Provide more effective oversight.
- Provide greater public transparency; or
- Save the City \$77,000 annually.

The proponents are making up facts to suit the argument. This is a power move by the City Council to increase their power and reduce oversight on their actions. Their argument is that an Advisory Budget will create more transparency and oversight. In countless situations, we have seen Advisory and Oversight Committees with NO access to transparency on finances and NO real authority to right any wrongs.

The Charter amendment proposes to appoint the City Treasurer by the City Council, thereby reducing the 'will of the people' in financial oversight. Their argument that a City Council-appointed City Treasurer will create more oversight is false. The opposite is true – this reduces financial oversight.

The City Council and the City Attorney are already working together to mislead the voters on the Measure L sales tax. The City Treasurer must continue to be independent to protect the best interests of the voters and taxpayers. Keep it that way. Vote NO.

s/ DAN B. WALDEN, Executive Director
Alameda County Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N

Presently the citizens of Albany elect the City Treasurer and enjoy maximum amount of independent financial oversight. The City Council proposes to change the Charter to be able appoint the City Treasurer. The Measure fails to explain how the citizens' best economic interests will be improved by making the City Treasurer beholden to the City Council. An independent City Treasurer is best for the citizens and taxpayers. Vote NO.

s/ DAN B. WALDEN, Executive Director
Alameda County Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N

Does voting once every four years, for an elected official who is rarely challenged and has no term limit, really provide accountability?

The City Council is proposing to divide the City Treasurer functions between 1) a citizen commission that will meet several times each year in noticed open meetings to advise the Council and inform the public about municipal finance policy matters; and (2) the Finance Director, a staff professional accountable to the City Manager, who will have the appropriate expertise to oversee the finance-related staff work, who will be available at citizen commission meetings to provide information and updates, and to answer the questions of the commission and the interested public.

Transparency and accountability will be significantly increased, and savings of more than \$75,000 per year will be realized, by modernizing Albany's finance system and bringing it in line with the best practices of comparable cities. This measure is the first step; please join us in voting Yes!

s/PEGGY MCQUAID
Mayor of Albany

s/FARID JAVANDEL
Former Mayor of Albany

s/ROBERT LIEBER
Former Mayor of Albany

s/ELLEN M. DAVIS-ZAPATA
Former City of Albany Treasurer

s/CARYL O'KEEFE
Former Chair of Charter Review Committee

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE N

The people of the City of Albany amend Section 3.01 of the Albany City Charter, to read as follows:

SECTION 3.01. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

(a) All officers and department heads, ~~except as otherwise provided,~~ shall be appointed by the City Council and shall hold office at the pleasure of the City Council. ~~The City Treasurer shall be elected from the City at large, and shall hold office for four (4) years and until a successor is elected and qualified.~~ The Council shall establish by ordinance the administrative offices of the City and shall designate the department heads of the City. The City Council shall be empowered to create, abolish, or reorganize departments and divisions as necessary for the proper administration of the City business, but not inconsistent with other sections of this Charter.

(b) Effective December 10, 2020, or sooner if there is a vacancy in the office, the City Treasurer shall be appointed by the City Council as provided herein. Effective at the November 2010 election the City Attorney shall be elected from the City at large for a term ending on December 5, 2011. Commencing December 6, 2011, or sooner if there is a vacancy in the office, the City Attorney shall be appointed by the City Council as provided herein.

CITY OF BERKELEY BOND MEASURE O

O Shall the measure to issue \$135 million in general obligation bonds to create and preserve affordable housing for low-income households, working families, and individuals including teachers, seniors, veterans, the homeless, and persons with disabilities; subject to citizen oversight and independent audits, be adopted? <u>Financial Implications:</u> Annual cost over projected 36-year period bonds are outstanding is approximately \$23 for every \$100,000 or \$97 for the average assessed home value of \$425,000; raising approximately \$7,500,000/year.	BONDS – YES
	BONDS – NO

Financial Implications

The average annual cost over the 36-year period the bonds are projected to be outstanding would be approximately \$23 for every \$100,000 of assessed value, or \$97 for the average assessed home value of \$425,000. The highest tax rate that would be required to be levied is approximately \$32 per \$100,000 of assessed value, projected to apply beginning in 2025/2026.

The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$270,000,000.

s/FARIMAH BROWN
Berkeley City Attorney

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE O

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

This measure would authorize the issuance of \$135 million of general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition and improvement of real property for the purpose of constructing, rehabilitating, or preserving affordable housing for low-, very low-, low-, median-, and middle-income individuals and working families, including teachers, seniors, veterans, the homeless, students, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations. The City could use the bond proceeds to leverage state and county funds allocated for affordable housing.

Bond proceeds will be used to acquire and improve affordable housing either by the City directly or indirectly through third parties. The proceeds may be used to finance the acquisition or improvement of real property for the purpose of constructing, rehabilitating or preserving affordable housing, or to construct, rehabilitate or preserve affordable housing, including but not limited to supportive housing, nonprofit rental housing, and limited-equity housing cooperatives affiliated with community land trusts. Proceeds of the Bonds may be used to reimburse the City for amounts advanced from the general fund or other funds or accounts to acquire and improve real property when such purchases are made prior to the availability of Bond proceeds.

This measure includes financial accountability requirements to ensure that the expenditure of Bond proceeds will be used only for the purpose of financing affordable housing projects and related costs. Financial accountability measures include an annual independent financial audit and oversight by an independent oversight committee to ensure that Bond proceeds are expended to finance affordable housing projects. In addition, the City Manager would be required to file an annual report with the City Council regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the affordable housing projects.

This measure provides that the maximum rate of interest to be paid on the bonds shall not exceed twelve percent (12%).

TAX RATE STATEMENT OF BOND MEASURE O
City of Berkeley Affordable Housing
Bond Measure O

An election will be held in the City of Berkeley (the “City”) on November 6, 2018, to authorize the sale of up to \$135 million in bonds of the City to finance the specific projects listed in the measure. If such bonds are authorized, the City expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable solely from the proceeds of ad valorem tax levies made upon the taxable property in the City. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the City, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the City’s assessed valuation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement is 2.33 cents per \$100 (or \$23.27 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. The best estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2054/2055.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement is 3.28 cents per \$100 (or \$32.81 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. The best estimate of the first year in which the highest tax rate will apply is 2025/2026.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$270,000,000.

Voters should note that such estimated tax rates are specific to the repayment of bonds issued under this authorization and will be in addition to tax rates levied in connection with other bond authorizations approved or to be approved by the City or any other overlapping public agency.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on Alameda County’s official tax rolls, not on the property’s market value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner’s exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property’s assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts or durations and are not binding upon the City. The actual debt service amounts, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to

variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the City based on need for funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the City as determined by the Alameda County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: July 31, 2018

s/DEE WILLIAMS-RIDLEY
City Manager, City of Berkeley

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE O

Everyone deserves a safe, affordable place to call home. **Vote YES on Measure O to create and preserve affordable housing and support a diverse and equitable Berkeley.**

With housing costs skyrocketing, many in Berkeley are struggling to find or keep their homes, and longtime residents are being displaced. Homelessness has increased by almost 20% from 2015 to 2017. Many people pay more than half of their income for housing, and cannot afford other basic necessities like groceries, medicine, childcare and transportation.

The Bay Area is building less than half of the affordable homes we need. We need housing for working families, low-income students, and vulnerable populations including seniors, veterans, people with disabilities and the homeless.

Berkeley requires private developers to create affordable housing, but that is not enough. Measure O will jump-start creation of permanently affordable housing.

Measure O will:

- Create and preserve affordable housing for working people and their families, including teachers, artists, nurses, first responders and nonprofit employees;
- Support affordable ownership opportunities such as co-ops, co-housing and land trusts to build community and wealth;
- Unlock affordable housing dollars from the County, State and Federal governments that are only available if Berkeley can provide a “local match”;
- Protect seniors, veterans, the homeless, and other vulnerable members of our community by ensuring that they have access to safe housing with necessary services.

Measure O is a responsible approach with strong accountability features. Every dollar raised **MUST** be spent to create and preserve affordable housing. Independent annual audits and an oversight committee will ensure funds are spent as approved by voters.

Join our current and former Mayors, a united City Council, teachers, firefighters, nurses, seniors, and veterans to bring more affordable housing to Berkeley.

Vote YES on Measure O!

www.AffordableBerkeley.org

s/JESSE ARREGUÍN

Mayor, City of Berkeley

s/LUIS AMEZCUA

Chair, Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group

s/ADENA ISHII

President, League of Women Voters of Berkeley,
Albany and Emeryville

s/AMIT PRICE PATEL

Board Member, East Bay Housing Organizations

s/TOM BATES

Former Berkeley Mayor State Assemblyman and
Alameda County Supervisor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE O

This Bond Measure has BAD accountability by design. The City's Bond Resolution rambles on with multiple vague purposes for this Bond and concludes with the loophole 'Proceeds of the Bonds may be used to reimburse the City for amounts advanced from the general fund' etc. The California 'Special Tax and Bond Accountability Act' requires that the ballot state the specific purposes of the Bond. This Bond Ballot and Resolution is stated so vague that accountability will be impossible.

The City is already planning to play fast and loose with the Bond funds. Instead of diligently spending Bond funds on a well specified Bond project, the City will be spending General Funds on bond projects and Bond funds on City staffing expenditures. The City Argument in Favor calls this 'strong accountability.' Actually, the City has designed IMPOSSIBLE accountability.

This Bond Measure follows the standard political model of 'identify the civic problem and exploit it.' This ballot Measure pretends that the statement of the problem is somehow equivalent to the solution of the problem. More taxes and more bureaucracy are never a good solution to a problem.

A solution to a problem is ALWAYS a well-conceived series of steps with achievable goals and specific purposes. The affordable housing Bond requires a wise solution and the law requires specific purposes! The City has skipped this entire planning process to pounce on the standard Berkeley solution: 'more taxes and more political spending.' Vote NO.

s/MARCUS CRAWLEY

Concerned Taxpayer

s/DAN B. WALDEN

Executive Director, Alameda County Taxpayers
Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE O

Bonds are BAD for taxpayers because half of the taxes are paid to bankers as finance fees. Bonds are a particularly bad solution for this long range affordable housing problem. A 'Pay-as-You-Go' tax will supply funds for years to come, while the best solutions can be found in the years to come. The best affordable housing solution today is not the same as 36 years ago and will not be the best solution 36 years from now. Proceed carefully and thoughtfully and use taxes wisely.

This Bond measure is deceptive. This ballot measure proposes to impose a Tax without ever mentioning the word 'TAX.' Local governments use the gimmick of 'Avoid the Word Tax' to mislead the voters. People hate taxes. People will often vote against a tax measure just because it is a tax measure regardless of the proposed benefit. However, the word 'Bond' sounds good, so the City Council proposes a 'Bond', even though the Berkeley citizens receive twice the benefit from a 'Pay-as-You-Go' tax payment financing.

The City Council must develop a sound affordable program and next, present it to the voters as a 'Pay-as-You-Go' Special Tax, dedicated to that specific purpose.

Vote NO on this BOND.

s/MARCUS CRAWLEY

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE O

The anti-tax opponents of Measure O don't even live in Berkeley and are either misinformed or are intentionally misleading you about the housing crisis in **our** city. Let's stay focused on the facts.

FACT: Measure O is a powerful tool to address our affordable housing crisis. **Funds spent now to create affordable housing will benefit Berkeley residents far past Measure O's expiration**, and Measure O allows us to get Berkeley's fair share of matching funds from Alameda County and other government sources.

FACT: Berkeley has a housing crisis **right now**, and we need an **immediate** solution. People who grew up in Berkeley cannot afford to stay here. Longtime residents are being pushed out of our city or onto the streets because of rapidly rising rents.

FACT: Measure O helps **everyone** in Berkeley. Measure O:

- Creates affordable housing for low- and middle-income residents and working families;
- Provides opportunities for Berkeley residents to share in ownership and build wealth;
- Helps stem Berkeley's displacement crisis by providing housing stability to seniors, veterans, people with disabilities and other vulnerable members of our community;
- Finds safe and permanent homes for homeless residents, relieving pressure from our sidewalks and parks.

FACT: Measure O funds can be used only to create and preserve affordable housing and are subject to annual audits and an independent oversight committee.

Measure O is supported by Berkeley teachers, firefighters, nurses, seniors, veterans, students, the League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club.

The choice is clear. Vote YES on Measure O.

www.AffordableBerkeley.org

s/NANCY SKINNER

State Senator

s/COLIN ARNOLD

Berkeley Firefighter

s/JULIE SEARLE

Berkeley Unified School District Teacher

s/LUIS AMEZCUA

Chair, Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group

s/ADENA ISHII

President, League of Women Voters of Berkeley,
Albany and Emeryville

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE O

MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BERKELEY TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

SECTION 1. Findings.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Berkeley recognizes the existence of a housing crisis in the City that has caused housing to become increasingly scarce and expensive, to the point that housing is out of reach for many extremely low-, very low-, low-, median-, and middle-income and working families and individuals, including, but not limited to, teachers, seniors, veterans, the homeless, students, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a goal of achieving at least 10% reserved affordable housing by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the housing crisis is causing displacement of long-time communities, impacting local businesses' ability to retain workers, and leading to an increase in homelessness and housing insecurity among Berkeley residents, threatening the public health, peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, homelessness in the City has been increasing, and recent estimates project that there are approximately 1,000 homeless people in the City, almost 1% of the City's population, on any given night; and

WHEREAS, shelter beds are inadequate, and people experiencing homelessness are left to sleep in public spaces throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, providing additional affordable housing options will allow people to live in safe, decent, affordable homes and still have enough money for groceries, medicine, transportation and other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS, improving housing stability and security has been demonstrated to improve health, education, and employment outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City is in need of safe and affordable housing for Berkeley residents to help extremely low-, very low-, low-, median-, and middle-income and working families and individuals purchase or rent homes and stay in the community, and provide supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, existing funds and funding sources are inadequate to finance affordable housing projects necessary to address the affordable housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City may have the opportunity to leverage state and county funds allocated for affordable housing if it issues bonds to finance affordable housing projects; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to issue general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition and improvement of real property for affordable housing, including the application of bond proceeds by the City directly, or indirectly through third parties as loans, grants, or other disbursements to

qualified individuals, not-for-profit entities acting alone or together with tax credit investors, not-for-profit corporations, partnerships, associations, and government agencies, to acquire real property for the purpose of constructing, rehabilitating or preserving affordable housing, or to construct, rehabilitate or preserve affordable housing; including but not limited to supportive housing, nonprofit rental housing, and limited-equity housing cooperatives affiliated with community land trusts, to reimburse City funds for the prior acquisition and improvement of property to be used for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the impact on the average Berkeley home assessed at \$425,000 is currently projected to be \$97 per year while Bonds are outstanding, currently estimated to be 36 years.

SECTION 2. Object and Purpose of Bonds. This measure (the "Measure") authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds (the "Bonds"), the object and purpose of which is to finance, by the City of Berkeley or a third party, the acquisition or improvement of real property for affordable housing for extremely low-, very low-, low-, median- and middle-income and working families and individuals, including teachers, seniors, veterans, the homeless, students, people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.

The Improvements (as defined below) will be completed as needed, and each is assumed to include its share of costs, including planning, program management and construction costs. The final cost of each Improvement will be determined as real property is purchased, plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, or projects are completed. In addition, certain acquisition or improvement funds are expected from non-bond sources, including funds which have not yet been secured. Therefore, the City Council cannot guarantee that the Bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all needed improvements.

Proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to finance the acquisition and improvement of real property for affordable housing (the "Improvements"), including the application of bond proceeds for the City directly, or indirectly through third parties as loans, grants, or other disbursements to qualified individuals, not-for-profit entities acting alone or together with tax credit investors, not-for-profit corporations, partnerships, associations and government agencies, to acquire real property for the purpose of constructing, rehabilitating or preserving affordable housing, or to construct, rehabilitate or preserve affordable housing; including but not limited to supportive housing, nonprofit rental housing, and limited-equity housing cooperatives affiliated with community land trusts, to reimburse City funds for the prior acquisition and improvement of property to be used for affordable housing.

Proceeds of the Bonds may be used to reimburse the City for amounts advanced from the general fund or other funds or accounts to acquire real property when such purchases are made prior to the availability of Bond proceeds.

SECTION 3. Estimated Cost of Improvements. The estimated cost of the portion of the costs of the

Improvements to be paid for from the Bonds is \$135 million. The estimated cost includes legal and other fees and the cost of printing the Bonds and other costs and expenses incidental to or connected with the authorization, issuance or sale of the Bonds. The cost of the Improvements include planning, program management and construction costs.

SECTION 4. Principal Amount of Bonds. The aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued is not to exceed \$135 million.

SECTION 5. Maximum Interest Rate. The maximum rate of interest to be paid on the Bonds shall be 12% per annum.

SECTION 6. Accountability Requirements. The following accountability measures apply to the issuance of Bonds pursuant to this Measure:

- (a) The specific purpose of the Bonds is to finance the Improvements for affordable housing; and
- (b) The proceeds from the sale of the City's Bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this Measure, and not for any other purpose; and
- (c) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into an account to be created and held by the City; and
- (d) The City Manager of the City shall file an annual report with the Berkeley City Council which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the Improvements; and
- (e) All expenditures will be subject to oversight by an independent oversight committee, composed of individuals appointed by the City Council, to confirm that Bond expenditures are consistent with the intent of this Measure; and
- (f) All expenditures also will be subject to an annual independent financial audit to confirm that Bond expenditures are consistent with the intent of this Measure.

CITY OF BERKELEY MEASURE P

<p>P Shall the ordinance raising funds for general municipal purposes such as navigation centers, mental health support, rehousing and other services for the homeless, including homeless seniors and youth; increasing the real property transfer tax for ten years from 1.5% to 2.5% for property sales and transfers over \$1,500,000, adjusted annually to capture the top approximately 33% of transfers; generating an estimated \$6,000,000 - \$8,000,000 annually; and establishing the Homeless Services Panel of Experts to recommend homeless services, be adopted?</p>	YES
	NO

6. Have experience in the development and financing of affordable housing for formerly homeless persons; or
7. Have experience in the provision of mental health and/or substance use programs for homeless persons.

The City Council would be required to consider the Panel’s recommendations and to inform the Panel about the extent to which it had implemented the Panel’s recommendations, but would not be required to adopt the recommendations.

The 2.5% tax rate would expire in ten years, meaning that real property that is transferred for more than \$1.5 million, would be taxed at a rate of 1.5% beginning January 1, 2029, unless the voters reauthorize the higher tax rate.

s/FARIMAH BROWN
Berkeley City Attorney

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE P

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council. The measure would increase the City’s tax on the transfer of real property in the City from 1.5% to 2.5% for properties that are transferred for over \$1.5 million in consideration. The \$1.5 million threshold would be adjusted annually to capture approximately the top 33% of such transfers, based on transfers that occurred in the 12 months preceding September 1 of the preceding year. However, the threshold could not be reduced below \$1.5 million, meaning that the tax on properties transferred for \$1.5 million or less would remain at 1.5%, notwithstanding any adjustment.

The revenues from the increased tax would be used to fund general municipal services and could be used for homeless shelters, navigation centers, mental health support, rehousing, rental subsidies, and other services for people experiencing homelessness including but not limited to homeless seniors, transition-age youth, the long-term homeless, and disabled homeless; and staffing costs associated with implementing these programs.

The measure would also establish the Homeless Services Panel of Experts, which would be charged with advising the City Council regarding how and to what extent the City should establish and/or fund programs to end or prevent homelessness in Berkeley and provide humane services and support. The Panel would consist of nine members, who must satisfy at least one the following criteria:

1. Have experience in the development, administration, provision and/or evaluation of homeless programs in a government or non-profit capacity; or
2. Have current or past lived experience with homelessness; or
3. Have experience in researching the causes, impacts, and solutions to homelessness; or
4. Have experience with state and/or local homeless policy, funding or programs; or
5. Have experience with federal homeless policy and funding administration such as the Continuum of Care Program; or

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE P

Vote Yes on Measure P to reduce homelessness.

Like many cities, Berkeley is facing a crisis, with homelessness rising almost 20% in just two years. As housing costs skyrocket, seniors, people with disabilities and other vulnerable residents are displaced; some end up on our streets. A humanitarian disaster for the homeless, this crisis also impacts the community's use and enjoyment of sidewalks, parks, commercial areas and neighborhoods.

Berkeley has reached a tipping point; it's time to take bold action.

Measure P is a crucial step to generate funds to lift the homeless off our streets and into housing, with services they desperately need.

Working with regional partners, Berkeley is launching successful programs to fight homelessness; over the past two years, over 100 homeless people have been housed. But even with County, State and Federal money, Berkeley needs local funds for health and housing, and to offset impacts to our streets, parks, and emergency responders.

Measure P will generate general funds that can be used for navigation centers, mental health and substance abuse services, housing subsidies and job training for the homeless, including seniors, veterans, people with disabilities and youth.

A truly progressive measure, the transfer tax is paid only once, when a high-value property is purchased or transferred; it is not an ongoing or yearly cost. A temporary measure, it sunsets in ten years. The average resident or homebuyer will never pay it.

Initially applied to transactions over \$1.5 million, Measure P is adjusted annually to ensure only the top approximately 1/3 of high-end commercial and residential transactions are ever taxed.

Measure P establishes the Homeless Services Panel of Experts to advise the City Council on expenditures to reduce homelessness.

Join our current and former Mayors, a united City Council, students, and housing and homeless advocates in supporting Measure P.

www.HelpBerkeleysHomeless.org

s/JESSE ARREGUÍN
Mayor, City of Berkeley

s/LUIS AMEZCUA
Chair, Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group

s/ADENA ISHII
President, League of Women Voters of Berkeley,
Albany and Emeryville

s/PATRICIA WALL
Executive Director, Homeless Action Center

s/TOM BATES
Former Berkeley Mayor, State Assemblyman and
Alameda County Supervisor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE P

Homelessness is a very important issue for our community, but using the homelessness issue merely to pass a new tax is dishonest and unethical.

There is no guarantee that the money from this tax will be directed to homelessness. The last time the transfer tax was increased proponents made similar promises, claiming money would be spent on affordable housing. That never happened.

Berkeley already has California's highest transfer tax, and raising it will ensure only the rich will be able to survive in Berkeley.

Buyers and sellers used to split transfer taxes, but in tight housing markets, the tax is often paid only by the buyer, making the purchase price higher. **Raising the tax on housing means that tenants will be charged more rent to cover the cost of the building and that only the wealthy will be able to afford homes.**

The cost of living and doing business in Berkeley is already astronomical. Wealthy individuals and chain stores will become the only tenants able to stay afloat. **Passage of Measure P will mean even less socio-economic diversity in Berkeley.**

The tax funds will be placed in the General Purpose Fund where they can be spent on ANYTHING. The City Attorney's Opinion admits that the funds 'could' be for homeless solutions but 'would' be used for staff.

Since the City has no effective program to help the homeless, most of the funds will be spent on city bureaucracy with only a pittance spent on the homeless population.

Vote NO on P.

s/MARCUS CRAWLEY
Concerned Taxpayer

s/DAN B. WALDEN
Executive Director, Alameda County Taxpayers
Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE P

This Tax Proposal is misleading because the tax is NOT a Special Tax that must be dedicated to ‘mental health, homeless, etc.’ The City Resolution authorizes a General Tax, ‘for general municipal purposes such as’. A General Tax is placed in the General Purpose Fund to be spent for ANYTHING. However, the wording of the measure implies that the tax is a Special Tax that requires the funds will be spent for special purposes that voters desire such as ‘navigation centers, mental health support, rehousing and other services for the homeless.’ These special purpose projects are ‘sucker’ purposes that can be completely ignored at the discretion of the City leadership. The City can use the funds to hire more bureaucrats, expand their benefits or fund their pensions.

The City must first design a program with specific purposes, and then propose a ballot **Special Tax** Measure that will guarantee the performance of that program.

Vote NO on this deceptive Tax.

s/MARCUS CRAWLEY
Concerned Taxpayer

s/DAN B. WALDEN
Executive Director, Alameda County Taxpayers
Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE P

Measure P’s out-of-town opponents don’t understand the severity of our homelessness crisis, and they are not telling the truth about how Measure P ensures accountability.

Four years ago, Berkeley defeated Big Soda with Measure D. Measure D was a general tax, but it created the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts to ensure that the City Council spent the money correctly. Third-party experts have verified that Measure D funds have been spent exactly as promised. (www.healthyberkeley.com)

Measure P creates the Homeless Services Panel of Experts to guide its use of funds, and voters can expect the same level of transparency and accountability to address our homelessness crisis.

Berkeley’s homelessness crisis cannot wait. It is a humanitarian catastrophe for homeless people, and impacts our neighborhoods, downtown, parks and sidewalks.

Navigation centers, mental health and substance abuse services, housing subsidies and job training for the homeless are proven strategies to lift the homeless off the streets and into housing.

Measure P will fund these services *without* taxing the average resident or homebuyer – ever. Only the top 1/3 of property transactions will be subject to Measure P. The transfer tax is paid only once, when a high-value property is sold or transferred. Measure P expires in ten years, and is not an ongoing or yearly cost, even for the few who will pay it. All funds stay in Berkeley and can be used to help rehouse the homeless.

Join good governance groups, small businesses, environmentalists, students, and housing and homeless advocates. **VOTE YES on P.**

www.HelpBerkeleysHomeless.org

s/NANCY SKINNER
State Senator

s/PATRICIA WALL
Executive Director, Homeless Action Center

s/YOEL KAHN
Berkeley Rabbi

s/LUIS AMEZCUA
Chair, Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group

s/ADENA ISHII
President, League of Women Voters of Berkeley,
Albany and Emeryville

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE P

ORDINANCE NO. #,###-N.S.

INCREASING THE REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX TO FUND GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED by the people of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. Findings and declarations.

The People of the City of Berkeley find and declare as follows:

A. Berkeley is facing an emergency, with homelessness rising by almost 20% from 2015 to 2017.

B. Approximately 1000 individuals experience homelessness every day in Berkeley, including almost 700 who are without shelter.

C. The growth of homelessness in Berkeley and throughout the State of California, brought about largely due to a national, statewide and regional lack of affordable housing, healthcare, mental health and other supportive services for vulnerable individuals, has provided a new sense of urgency to address this crisis.

D. The crisis of homelessness results in large numbers of people living on Berkeley's sidewalks, in parks and in other public spaces that were not designed for human habitation, creating public health and safety impacts the City must regularly address, requiring increasing expenditures from the General Fund.

E. In 2016, Berkeley declared a Homeless Shelter Crisis (Res. No. 67,357-N.S.), recently extended to January 2020 (Res. No. 68,206-N.S.), which allows the City to explore a wide variety of responses to rising homelessness, and remove obstacles to implementation.

F. The homeless crisis has created an urgent need to pay for additional services to care for and house the homeless including, but not limited to, homeless seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, transition-age youth and the long-term homeless, and for services for homeless people such as emergency shelters, navigation centers, rehousing counseling, rental subsidies, job training, mental health support, emergency transport and crisis response.

G. In April of 2017, to respond to the homeless crisis, the Berkeley City Council unanimously passed the Pathways Project, a comprehensive plan to address homelessness, focused on preventing homelessness, increasing access to permanent and supportive housing and creating an unbroken path from homelessness to housing, and rebuilt lives.

H. Berkeley is now implementing the Pathways Project's two goals: (1) to provide homeless individuals with temporary respite and relief from living on the streets and, to the extent possible given resources, permanent housing, services and support; and (2) to relieve pressure from areas of Berkeley experiencing disproportionate impacts of concentrated homeless populations, and throughout Berkeley.

I. The Pathways Project's Navigation Center, a low-barrier 24-hour shelter with on-site case management and housing counseling, opened in June of 2018 and is already helping

chronically homeless individuals to obtain permanent housing.

J. Regionally, Berkeley is working to expand shelter, services and housing resources to address homelessness and reduce displacement, and to ensure sharing of resources and costs equitably among communities.

K. Berkeley is also working to ensure all public funds available to address homelessness and affordable housing are being maximized, from the County, State and Federal governments.

L. Even with the addition of Alameda County, State, and Federal resources, Berkeley is unable to shelter all of its homeless residents, or to meet the complex challenges of providing affordable housing, health and mental health services, job training, housing counseling and other desperately needed services.

M. The increased costs of meeting the challenges of the homeless crisis have impacted Berkeley's General Fund. The City needs new funds to pay for municipal services, including homeless services, and expert advice to determine how best to use the City's limited resources to address the crisis.

Section 2. Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 7.52 Real Property Transfer Tax, Section 7.52.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.52.040 Imposed.

A. There is hereby imposed on all transfers of lands, tenements, or other interests in real property located in the City of Berkeley a real property transfer tax at the rate of one and one-half percent of the value of consideration, for transfers with a value at or below the threshold established in paragraph (C). Except as set forth in Section 7.52.060, this tax applies regardless of the method by which the transfer is accomplished or the relationship of the parties to the transfer.

B. There is hereby imposed on all transfers of lands, tenements, or other interests in real property located in the City of Berkeley a real property transfer tax at the rate of two-and-one-half percent of the value of consideration, for transfers with a value above the threshold established in paragraph (C). Except as set forth in Section 7.52.060, this tax applies regardless of the method by which the transfer is accomplished or the relationship of the parties to the transfer. For purposes of this paragraph, the tax reduction available under Section 7.52.060.K shall be limited to the rebate that would be available based on the tax rate imposed pursuant to Paragraph A.

C. For purposes of the real property transfer tax imposed by this Section, the threshold is \$1,500,000, adjusted annually by the City of Berkeley on January 1 of every subsequent year to a number equal to the value of consideration for the transaction at the 67th percentile of transactions during the 12 months preceding September 1 of the preceding year, as recorded by the Alameda County Assessor, rounded to the nearest \$100,000 increment, provided that in no case shall any adjustment lower the threshold below \$1,500,000.

D. The two-and-one-half percent rate imposed in Paragraph B of this Section shall expire on January 1, 2029, unless reauthorized by the voters prior to such date.

Section 3. Section 7.52.190 of the Berkeley Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

7.52.190 Homeless Services Panel of Experts.

A. There shall be established the Homeless Services Panel of Experts to make recommendations on how and to what extent the City should establish and/or fund programs to end or prevent homelessness in Berkeley and provide humane services and support.

B. An officer or employee of the City designated by the City Manager shall serve as secretary of the Panel.

C. In accordance with Chapter 2.04, the Panel shall be composed of nine members appointed by the City Council.

D. Terms shall expire and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.04.030 through 2.04.145 of this Code.

E. Each member of the Panel must:

1. Have experience in the development, administration, provision and/or evaluation of homeless programs in a government or non-profit capacity; or
2. Have current or past lived experience with homelessness; or
3. Have experience in researching the causes, impacts and solutions to homelessness; or
4. Have experience with state and/or local homeless policy, funding or programs; or
5. Have experience with federal homeless policy and funding administration such as the Continuum of Care Program; or
6. Have experience in the development and financing of affordable housing for formerly homeless persons; or
7. Have experience in the provision of mental health and/or substance use programs for homeless persons.

F. In accordance with Section 3.02.040, members of the Panel may be reappointed but shall not serve more than eight consecutive years.

G. The Panel shall, by majority vote, do each of the following:

1. Annually appoint one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice-chair;
2. Approve bylaws to facilitate the proper functioning of the Panel;
3. Establish a regular time and place of meeting. All meetings shall be noticed as required by law and shall be scheduled in a way to allow for maximum input from the public. Minutes for each meeting shall be recorded, kept, and

maintained; and

4. Publish an annual report that includes the following:

- a. recommendations on how to allocate the City's general funds to fund homeless services programs in Berkeley;
- b. information, if available, concerning the impact of funded programs on the residents of the City; and
- c. any additional information that the Panel deems appropriate.

H. Within 15 days of receipt of the publication of the Panel's annual report, the City Manager shall cause the report to be published on the City's Internet website and to be transmitted to the City Council.

I. The revenue raised by the tax imposed by Section 7.52.040 is available to pay the usual and current expenses of conducting the municipal government of the City, as determined by the City Council. The City Council shall consider, but need not follow, the Panel's recommendations on how and to what extent to use this revenue to establish and/or fund programs to pay for homeless services and shall annually inform the Panel as to the extent to which it has implemented the Panel's recommendations.

Section 4. Severability.

If any word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid for any reason, then such word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion, or the prescribed application thereof, shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this chapter, and all applications thereof, not having been declared void, unconstitutional or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect. The People of the City of Berkeley hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases had been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

CITY OF BERKELEY MEASURE Q

Q Shall the ordinance amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance to: account for potential repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act by preserving existing vacancy rent adjustments; update the new construction exemption from rent stabilization to a 20-year rolling period; and exempt all lawfully permitted Accessory Dwelling Units from rent stabilization and eviction for good cause protections, be adopted?	YES
	NO

Dwelling Unit from rent stabilization and limitations on the reasons for evicting tenants, if the owner resides on the property, and the Accessory Dwelling Unit is lawfully established and fully permitted. The exemption would not apply to tenancies created before November 7, 2018. This amendment would take effect regardless of whether Costa-Hawkins is repealed.

s/FARIMAH BROWN
Berkeley City Attorney

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Q

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

Berkeley's Rent Stabilization and Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance (BMC Chapter 13.76) requires landlords to register rental units, limits how much landlords can increase rents on many rental units, and provides that certain tenants may only be evicted for good cause. Berkeley's Ordinance is currently limited by a state law known as the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act. Costa-Hawkins bars cities from establishing or limiting rents for single-family homes or newly built housing completed on or after February 1, 1995, or earlier if the city had previously adopted a local exemption for newly constructed units, and from regulating how much rent landlords may charge tenants moving into vacant rental units.

A statewide initiative on the November 6, 2018 ballot, Proposition 10, would repeal Costa-Hawkins and allow local governments to adopt laws governing a landlord's right to establish and increase rents on newly built housing, notwithstanding the date of construction. Existing Berkeley law does not specify what will happen to rent increases imposed under state law in the event that California voters approve Proposition 10.

This proposed measure would amend Berkeley's Rent Stabilization and Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance to account for the potential repeal or amendment of Costa-Hawkins. If state law changes to remove current limits on Berkeley's Ordinance, this measure would do the following:

1. Berkeley's rent stabilization and registration requirements would begin applying to newly built housing twenty years after that housing is built. For the first twenty years, newly built housing would be exempt from these requirements. This differs from current City law, which permanently exempts all housing completed on or after June 30, 1980, from rent stabilization and registration requirements.
2. This measure would preserve rent increases that were legally imposed on new tenants moving into vacant rental units while Costa-Hawkins was in effect. This would not significantly change the way rent control is implemented in Berkeley, but ensures that existing lawful rent increases remain in effect if state law changes.

In addition, this measure would exempt a rental unit in a residential property that contains a single Accessory

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q WAS SUBMITTED

Vote Yes on Measure Q to keep rent control fair for everyone.

Berkeley and the entire state is facing a housing affordability crisis. Rents continue to increase and more renters are facing displacement. We need a balanced housing policy, that encourages new construction and protects sitting tenants.

Measure Q would prevent unfair rent rollbacks, give tenants in buildings from the 1980s and 1990s rent control protections, and homeowners would be incentivized to build new Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to address the housing shortage.

Proposition 10 on the November ballot would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act and expand rent control protections for tenants. To prepare for the potential passage of Prop 10, the City Council placed Measure Q on the ballot. Measure Q provides clarity and sets a fair standard that whatever the rent is at the time Prop 10 passes will be the rent ceiling going forward.

Newly constructed buildings are exempt from rent control, but buildings built in the '80s and '90s aren't "new" anymore. If Prop. 10 passes, Measure Q would give much-needed rent control to tenants in all buildings over 20-years old. It will also continue Berkeley's long-standing policy of permitting rent control, but not hindering new construction.

The housing shortage is critical, and we need more units, including Accessory Dwelling Units. We also need multi-generational housing opportunities. Measure Q would exempt lawfully established ADUs from rent controls, and also exempt the main house if the owner resides in their ADU. This will allow owners to age in place and increase housing opportunities.

Berkeley deserves clarity about the effects of Prop 10, a fair standard for new construction, and incentives for homeowners to build additional housing units.

Please join the Mayor, City Councilmembers and the League of Women Voters in supporting Measure Q.

s/JESSE ARREGUÍN

Berkeley Mayor

s/SOPHIE HAHN

Berkeley City Councilmember

s/LISA STEPHENS

Chair, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, 2008-2014

s/TIRIEN STEINBACH

Executive Director, East Bay Community Law Center

s/DAVID A. BLAKE

Small Berkeley Landlord

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE Q

ORDINANCE NO. #####-N.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.76 TO ACCOUNT FOR POTENTIAL REPEAL OF THE COSTA-HAWKINS RENTAL HOUSING ACT BY PRESERVING EXISTING VACANCY RENT ADJUSTMENTS AND UPDATE NEW CONSTRUCTION EXEMPTION FROM RENT STABILIZATION TO A ROLLING 20-YEAR PERIOD; AND TO EXEMPT LAWFULLY PERMITTED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

The People of the City of Berkeley ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 13.76.040 of the Berkeley Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

13.76.040 Definitions.

A. “Board” refers to the elected Rent Stabilization Board established by this chapter and Article XVII of the Charter of the City of Berkeley.

B. “Commissioners” means the members of the board who are denominated commissioners.

C. “Housing services” include but are not limited to repairs, maintenance, painting, providing light, hot and cold water, elevator service, window shades and screens, storage, kitchen, bath and laundry facilities and privileges, janitor services, refuse removal, furnishing, telephone, parking and any other benefit, privilege or facility connected with the use or occupancy of any rental unit. Services to a rental unit shall include a proportionate part of services provided to common facilities of the building in which the rental unit is contained.

D. “Landlord” means an owner of record, lessor, sublessor or any other person or entity entitled to receive rent for the use or occupancy of any rental unit, or an agent, representative or successor of any of the foregoing.

E. “Rent” means the consideration, including any deposit, bonus, benefit or gratuity demanded or received for or in connection with the use or occupancy of rental units and housing services. Such consideration shall include, but not be limited to, monies and fair market value of goods or services rendered to or for the benefit of the landlord under the rental agreement.

F. “Rental agreement” means an agreement, oral, written or implied, between a landlord and a tenant for use or occupancy of a rental unit and for housing services.

G. “Rental unit” means any unit in any real property, including the land appurtenant thereto, rented or available for rent for residential use or occupancy (including units covered by the Berkeley Live/Work Ordinance No. 5217-NS), located in the City of Berkeley, together with all housing services connected with use or occupancy of such property such as common areas and recreational facilities held out for use by the tenant.

H. “Property” means a parcel of real property which is assessed and taxed as an undivided whole.

I. “Tenant” means any renter, tenant, subtenant, lessee, or sublessee of a rental unit, or successor to a renter’s interest, or any group of tenants, subtenants, lessees, or

sublessees of any rental unit, or any other person entitled to the use or occupancy of such rental unit.

J. “Skilled nursing facility” means a health facility or a distinct part of a hospital which provides the following basic services: skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients whose primary need is for availability of skilled nursing care on an extended basis. It provides 24-hour inpatient care and, as a minimum, includes medical, nursing, dietary, pharmaceutical services and an activity program. The facility shall have effective arrangements, confirmed in writing, through which services required by the patients, but not regularly provided within the facility can be obtained promptly when needed.

K. “Health facility” means any facility, place or building which is organized, maintained and operated for the diagnosis, care and treatment of human illness, physical or mental, including convalescence and rehabilitation and including care during and after pregnancy, or for any one or more of these purposes, for one or more persons, to which such persons are admitted for a 24-hour stay or longer.

L. “Recognized tenant organization” means any group of tenants, residing in rental units in the same building or in different buildings operated by the same management company, agent or landlord, which requests to be so designated.

M. “Rent ceiling” means the maximum allowable rent which a landlord may charge on any rental unit covered by this chapter.

N. “Base rent ceiling” means the maximum allowable rent established under Section 13.76.100 of this chapter.

O. “Fees” means for the purpose of this chapter, a charge fixed by law for services of public officers or for use of a privilege under control of government.

P. “Nonprofit, accredited institution of higher education” means a post secondary educational institution whose legal status under the California Education Code is verified by an annual validation receipt from the California State Department of Education, and which is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or the Association of Theological Schools and which is exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and under Section 23701(d) of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and which, if otherwise required by law to do so, has obtained a valid unrevoked letter or ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service or from the Franchise Tax Board which states that the organization so qualifies for exemption from taxation.

Q. “Newly Constructed” means a rental unit created after June 30, 1980. For purposes of this definition, the date a unit was created is based upon the date of the first certificate of occupancy issued for the subject unit. However, in the event of the repeal or amendment of Civil Code Section 1954.52, such that “certificate of occupancy” is no longer the operative standard set forth under state law, the date a unit was created shall be determined by the final inspection approval by the City.

Section 2. Section 13.76.050 of the Berkeley Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

13.76.050 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to all real property that is being rented or is available for rent for residential use in whole or in part, except for the following:

A. Rental units which are owned by any government agency. However, the exemption of units owned by the Berkeley Housing Authority from the terms of this chapter shall be limited to their exemption from the terms of Section 13.76.080, Rent Registration; Section 13.76.100, Establishment of Base Rent Ceiling and Posting; Section 13.76.110, Annual General Adjustment of Rent Ceilings; and Section 13.76.120, Individual Adjustments of Rent Ceilings, of this chapter.

B. Rental units which are rented primarily to transient guests for use or occupancy less than fourteen consecutive days in establishments such as hotels, motels, inns, tourist homes, and rooming and boarding houses. However, the payment of rent every fourteen days or less shall not by itself exempt any unit from coverage by this chapter.

C. Rental units in nonprofit cooperatives owned and controlled by a majority of the residents.

D. Rental units leased to tenants assisted under the Section 8 program (42 U.S.C. Section 1437f) or the Shelter Plus Care Program (42 U.S.C. 11403 et. seq.) or similar federally funded rent subsidy program. Except as may be preempted by state or federal law, the exemption of such rental units from the terms of this chapter shall be limited to Section 13.76.080, Rent Registration; Section 13.76.100, Establishment of Base Rent Ceiling and Posting; Section 13.76.110, Annual General Adjustment of Rent Ceilings and Section 13.76.120, Individual Adjustments of Rent Ceilings, of this chapter. However, the exemption from Sections 13.76.080, 13.76.110 and 13.76.120 shall apply only for so long as the rent demanded does not exceed the authorized Payment Standard, which, for purposes of this subsection, is the maximum monthly rental assistance potentially available to an assisted household before deducting the household share of income paid for rent and utilities as established by the Berkeley Housing Authority or successor agency. For units where the rent demanded exceeds the Payment Standard, the Payment Standard or an initial rent above the Payment Standard if approved by the Berkeley Housing Authority, as reported to the board by the Berkeley Housing Authority or successor agency, shall become the unit's base rent ceiling and the reference point from which the rent ceiling shall be adjusted in accordance with Sections 13.76.110 and 13.76.120.

E. Rental units in any hospital, skilled nursing facility, health facility, asylum, or non-profit home for the aged.

F. Rental units in a residential property which is divided into a maximum of four units where one of such units is occupied by the landlord as his/her principal residence. Any exemption of rental units established under this subsection (13.76.050 F.) shall be limited to rental units that would have been exempt under the provisions of this chapter had this chapter been in effect on December 31, 1979. After July 1, 1982, this exemption shall no longer apply to rental units in a residential property which is divided into three or four units. It shall continue to apply to rental units in a residential property which is divided

into two units, and which meet all the other requirements of this subsection (13.76.050F). Rental units which become non-exempt under this provision shall have the provisions of Subsections 13.76.080I and 13.76.100C. applied to them.

G. A rental unit in a residential property where the landlord shares kitchen or bath facilities with the tenant(s) of such rental unit and where the landlord also occupies a unit in the same property as his/her principal residence.

H. For the purposes of Subsections 13.76.050 F., G., and N., the term landlord shall be defined only as the owner of record holding at least 50% interest in the property.

I. Newly constructed rental units, as defined in Section 13.76.040. However, the exemption of such newly constructed units shall be limited to their exemption from the terms of Section 13.76.080, Rent Registration; Section 13.76.100, Establishment of Base Rent Ceiling and Posting; Section 13.76.110, Annual General Adjustment of Rent Ceilings; and Section 13.76.120, Individual Adjustments of Rent Ceilings, of this chapter. To the extent that state law permits, the exemption of such newly constructed units shall be limited to the first 20 years after completion of construction.

J. A rental unit which is rented by a nonprofit, accredited institution of higher education to a tenant or tenants who are student(s), faculty, or staff of the institution or of a member school of the Graduate Theological Union, provided, however, that the institution owned the unit as of January 1, 1988.

K. A rental unit in a residential property owned by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is rented to a low income tenant and subject to a regulatory agreement with a governmental agency that controls the unit's rent levels. However, the exemption for such rental units from the terms of this chapter shall be limited to Section 13.76.080, Rent Registration; Section 13.76.100, Establishment of Base Rent Ceiling and Posting; Section 13.76.110, Annual General Adjustment of Rent Ceilings; and Section 13.76.120, Individual Adjustments of Rent Ceilings of this chapter and shall apply only for so long as the regulatory agreement is in effect. This exemption shall not apply to rental units at the property that are not subject to a regulatory agreement with a governmental agency or that are rented by a tenant who occupied the unit prior to the property's acquisition by the tax-exempt organization.

L. Rental units in a facility owned or leased by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that has the primary purpose of operating a treatment, recovery, therapy, sanctuary or shelter program for qualified clients, where such rental units are provided incident to the client's participation in the primary program and where the client has been informed in writing of the temporary or transitional nature of the housing at the inception of his or her participation in the program. However, except as may be preempted by the Transitional Housing Participant Misconduct Act (California Health and Safety Code Sections 50580 et. seq.) or other state or federal law, such rental units shall not be exempted from the terms of Section 13.76.130, Good Cause Required for Eviction. For purposes

of Section 13.76.130.A.2, the client's continued eligibility for participation in the treatment, recovery, therapy, sanctuary or shelter program shall be deemed a material term of the client's rental agreement with the program's operator.

M. A rental unit or room which is rented by an active member of a fraternity or sorority recognized by the University of California Berkeley, or a rental unit or room which is rented by an active member of a fraternity or sorority identified by Rent Board Resolution. To qualify for the exemption, the rental unit must be owned by the fraternity or sorority or by an entity whose sole purpose is the maintenance and operation of the fraternity or sorority's rental units for the benefit of the members in order to provide housing to said members at cost.

N. A rental unit in a residential property containing a lawfully established and fully permitted Accessory Dwelling Unit where the landlord also occupies a unit in the same property as his/her principal residence. This subsection shall only apply to properties containing a single Accessory Dwelling Unit, shall only apply to units compliant with all applicable requirements of Chapter 23C.24 ("Accessory Dwelling Units"), and shall only apply to tenancies created after November 7, 2018.

preceding that date and no other rent has been certified or determined by the board after hearing, the base rent ceiling shall be the first periodic rent charged following December 31, 1981.

D. Vacancy Rent Increases Preserved. This subdivision shall apply to the extent that state law no longer mandates that a landlord may establish the initial rental rate for any tenancy in a unit that is otherwise subject to a residential rent control ordinance. For such rental units where the landlord lawfully established a new initial rent under the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act (Civil Code Section 1954.50 et seq.), the Base Rent Ceiling shall be the most recent lawfully established periodic rent. For such rental units that were exempt from rent stabilization pursuant to the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, the Base Rent Ceiling shall be the most recent lawfully established periodic rent.

Section 3. Section 13.76.100 of the Berkeley Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

13.76.100 Establishment of base rent ceiling and posting.

A. Base Rent Ceiling. Upon adoption of this chapter, no landlord shall charge rent for any rental unit covered by the terms of this chapter affecting rents in an amount greater than the lawful rent which was actually due and payable on, or last preceding, May 31, 1980, under the periodic term of the rental agreement, in accordance with the provisions of the Temporary Rent Stabilization Ordinance, No. 5212-N.S., except as permitted by the board under Sections 13.76.110 and 13.76.120 of this chapter. Such lawful rent in effect on May 31, 1980, is the base rent ceiling and is a reference point from which the rent ceiling shall be adjusted in accordance with Sections 13.76.110 and 13.76.120. For such rental units where no rent was in effect on May 31, 1980, the base rent ceiling shall be the most recent lawful periodic rent in effect for that rental unit during the six months preceding that date. For such rental units where no periodic rent was in effect on May 31, 1980, or during the six months preceding that date and no other rent has been certified or determined by the board after hearing, the base rent ceiling shall be the first periodic rent charged following May 31, 1980.

B. Posting. The board may establish reasonable rules and regulations for the posting of rent ceiling and other relevant information to further the purposes of this chapter.

C. Previously Exempt Units. For rental units specified in Section 13.76.050.F., the base rent ceiling shall be the rent in effect on December 31, 1981. For such rental units where no rent was in effect on December 31, 1981, the base rent ceiling shall be the most recent lawful periodic rent in effect for that rental unit during the six months preceding that date. For such rental units where no periodic rent was in effect on December 31, 1981, or during the six months

CITY OF BERKELEY MEASURE R

R Shall the measure, advising the Mayor to engage citizens and experts in the development of Vision 2050, a 30-year plan to identify and guide implementation of climate-smart, technologically-advanced, integrated and efficient infrastructure to support a safe, vibrant and resilient future for Berkeley, be adopted?	YES
	NO
<u>Financial Implications:</u> Unknown costs, plan dependent.	

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF ADVISORY MEASURE R

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

The measure would express the voters' goal of establishing a 30-year plan, known as Vision 2050, to ensure that the City has a long-range plan to achieve a more resilient and sustainable infrastructure system. The plan would build upon Measure G and the Berkeley Climate Action Plan, which were adopted in 2006 and 2009, respectively, and which set the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 33% of 2000 levels by 2020, and 80% by 2050, and the Resilience Strategy, which is intended to ensure that Berkeley is "resilient and prepared for the impacts of global warming."

The measure states that much of Berkeley's infrastructure, such as streets, sidewalks, storm drains, parks, and the marina and waterfront, was built more than 70 years ago and is in need of repair and replacement. Climate change, including a rise in the level of the San Francisco Bay, is expected to cause significant changes to the City's infrastructure and natural environment, such as erosion, inundated freeway sections, and habitat destruction. The goal of the Vision 2050 plan is to ensure that Berkeley is prepared for climate change by identifying and guiding the implementation of a climate-smart, technologically advanced, integrated, and efficient infrastructure system.

The measure would direct the Mayor to work with the community to develop the plan and present it to the City Council for its consideration.

s/FARIMAH BROWN
Berkeley City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R WAS SUBMITTED

**Support a safe, vibrant and resilient future for Berkeley.
Vote YES on Measure R.**

Much of Berkeley's infrastructure – streets, sewers, sidewalks, storm drains, parks and public buildings – were built more than 70-years ago and are approaching the end of their lifespan. Aging infrastructure is costly to operate and maintain, and the backlog of deferred maintenance coupled with record high construction costs only add to the challenge of keeping up with repair needs.

At the same time, we are faced with the potential for a major earthquake at any time, rapidly changing technologies, and exponentially worsening climate change predictions. Berkeley and the Bay Area are already experiencing unprecedented wildfires, and the threat of extreme weather conditions and sea level rise will only increase over time.

Simply restoring existing infrastructure as-is in perpetuity will not prepare our city for the many changes to come. That is why we need infrastructure that is resilient, adaptable and includes emerging technologies and materials. And we need to start planning now.

Our community must be protected from climate induced flooding, inundated roadways, erosion, unsafe buildings and fires. Technologies are also advancing, such as micro-grids, self-driving vehicles and permeable pavements that Berkeley can utilize. The city's infrastructure should withstand and recover from climatic, fire and seismic events, incorporate the latest technologies, and be environmentally and financially sustainable.

Measure R directs the Mayor to lead a community process to develop Vision 2050, a 30-year infrastructure plan, with the goal of creating climate-smart, technologically-advanced, integrated and efficient infrastructure that prepares our city for the future.

Let's build on our legacy of innovation and environmental stewardship, and together create a resilient city.

Please join a unanimous City Council, the Sierra Club and League of Women Voters in supporting Measure R.

s/JESSE ARREGUÍN

Mayor of Berkeley

s/SUSAN WENGRAF

Berkeley City Council Member

s/LUIS AMEZCUA

Chair, Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group

s/RAY YEP

Chair, Public Works Commission

s/GORDON WOZNIAK

former Berkeley City Councilmember 2002-2014

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE R

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

EXPRESSING THE PEOPLE’S GOAL OF ACHIEVING MORE RESILIENT AND CLIMATE-SMART INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADVISING THE MAYOR TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP VISION 2050, A 30-YEAR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR COUNCIL ADOPTION THAT IDENTIFIES AND GUIDES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE-SMART, TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED, INTEGRATED AND EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, infrastructure comprises the physical assets and networks necessary to provide essential services including transportation, technology, energy, water, sewer, storm water, clean air, watersheds, and parks and waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is deeply committed to sustainability and addressing climate change; and

WHEREAS, voters overwhelmingly approved Measure G in 2006, and the Berkeley Climate Action Plan was adopted in 2009 - setting the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 33% of 2000 levels by 2020, and 80% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning Resilience Strategy was developed in 2016, building upon one of the Climate Action Plan goals to ensure Berkeley is “resilient and prepared for the impacts of global warming”; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts and achievements informed by these plans, much of our infrastructure – streets, roads, sidewalks, storm drains, parks, the marina and waterfront – that is foundational to these advancements were constructed more than 70 years ago during the Works Projects Administration; and

WHEREAS, many cities across the United States, including Berkeley, are faced with infrastructure that is approaching the end of its useful life and in need of repair or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released their Infrastructure Scorecard for 2017 and gave American infrastructure a grade of D+; and

WHEREAS, although the \$100 million-dollar Measure T1 General Obligation Bond was approved by voters on November 8, 2016, and will be used to repair, renovate, replace or reconstruct aging infrastructure and facilities, our restoration needs far exceed what this bond can fund; and

WHEREAS, we are faced with rapidly changing technologies and exponentially worsening predictions of climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, by 2050, the California Natural Resources Council projects San Francisco Bay water levels will rise at least one foot; and

WHEREAS, the scientific consensus is the San Francisco Bay and its eastern shoreline, which includes Berkeley, can expect extensive changes to our built and natural

environment, such as massive erosion, inundated freeway sections, and habitat destruction; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise coupled with new weather patterns, increased storm surges and intensity, and water table rise will create a greater total impact of climate induced flooding within much of our lowland community; and

WHEREAS, in the face of these challenges we need to have infrastructure that is more sustainable and resilient; and

WHEREAS, we also have technology that is rapidly changing and infrastructure systems must be flexible and adaptable to future needs. Emerging technologies are becoming available that will affect the way we build and use our future infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley needs integrated and long-lasting infrastructure to provide multiple benefits, and be environmentally and financially sustainable; and

WHEREAS, our community will benefit from having an integrated long-range plan that will provide a reliable and safe infrastructure system to ensure a healthy economy, public safety, and quality of life in Berkeley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the People of the City of Berkeley hereby establish the goal of achieving more resilient and climate-smart infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor should work with the community to develop Vision 2050, a 30-year sustainable infrastructure plan for Council adoption that identifies and guides the implementation of climate-smart, technologically-advanced, integrated and efficient infrastructure to support a safe, vibrant and resilient future for Berkeley.

CITY OF EMERYVILLE MEASURE S

<p>S To protect essential municipal services, including repairing public facilities, reducing traffic congestion, and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety; and to support regulation of the cannabis industry, and preserve the City of Emeryville’s long-term financial stability, shall the ordinance to impose a business tax of up to 6% of gross receipts on all cannabis businesses within Emeryville, thereby generating an estimated \$2,000,000 annually for unrestricted general revenue purposes, and which continues until repealed by the voters, be adopted?</p>	YES
	NO

than 50%) of the electorate. A “Yes” vote would approve the cannabis business license tax on cannabis businesses. A “No” vote would reject the cannabis business license tax.

s/MICHAEL A. GUINA
City Attorney

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE S

The Emeryville City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 18-113 placing Measure S on the ballot. If adopted by a majority of the voters, Measure S would add Section 3-1.1.29, “Cannabis Businesses,” to Chapter 1 of Title 3 of the Emeryville Municipal Code establishing a new cannabis business license tax for cannabis businesses. “Cannabis Business” is defined in Chapter 25 of Title 5 of the Emeryville Municipal Code.

Cannabis businesses currently pay 0.10% of annual gross receipts, or \$25, whichever is greater. If approved, the proposed measure would impose a tax on the privilege of conducting a cannabis business within the City of Emeryville of up to 6% of annual gross receipts on all cannabis businesses. The City Council would adopt the effective tax rate by separate resolution. The City Council may raise or lower the tax rate from time to time by resolution; however the tax rate may not exceed 6% unless authorized by another vote of the electorate. The measure also authorizes the City Council to set different tax rates for different types of cannabis businesses, subject to the 6% cap.

The tax would apply to all for-profit and non-profit businesses involved in commercial cannabis activities within the City, including delivering, dispensing, distributing, processing, manufacturing, selling, or testing adult-use or medicinal cannabis, as well as adult-use or medicinal cannabis-derived products. The tax is only on commercial cannabis businesses, and is not a sales tax imposed on individuals purchasing adult-use or medical cannabis. The tax would not be imposed on persons engaged only in personal cultivation for personal consumption in accordance with current State law.

The proposed measure is a general tax, and therefore the revenues generated would be placed in the City’s general fund and may be used for unrestricted governmental purposes. The measure is estimated to generate approximately \$2,000,000 annually. The tax would remain in effect until repealed by the voters.

As a general tax, the California Constitution requires the proposed measure to be adopted by a majority vote (greater

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE S

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE S WAS SUBMITTED

Voting YES on Measure S will allow Emeryville to impose a tax on commercial cannabis businesses to ensure that the city has adequate resources to properly support and regulate the cannabis industry without harming our investment in core city services, such as local infrastructure, public safety, and community services.

The City of Emeryville recently began issuing permits to cannabis businesses after voters approved Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, which legalized recreational cannabis statewide. Cities like Emeryville need to identify new revenues to help cover the costs of adequately regulating and supporting local cannabis businesses.

Measure S is fiscally responsible, timely and prudent. The City of Emeryville has a limited pool of resources available to help address many of the key service and infrastructure needs facing our community today. By establishing a local tax on cannabis business that is capped at a reasonable rate of 6%, Emeryville can cover the costs of supporting this new industry without compromising the quality or level of services residents enjoy in our community.

Measure S has been carefully crafted to ensure that the city balances opportunities for new revenue against the sustainability and success of the emerging cannabis industry. Reasonable regulations paired with a fair tax structure will discourage illegal sales, help us attract new local businesses, protect Emeryville consumers, and diversify our local economy.

The Emeryville City Council unanimously supports Measure S. Please join us by voting YES on Measure S on November 6th.

s/JOHN J. BAUTERS

Mayor

s/ALLY MEDINA

Vice Mayor

s/T. SCOTT DONAHUE

Councilmember

s/DIANNE MARTINEZ

Councilmember

s/CHRISTIAN R. PATZ

Councilmember

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE S

RESOLUTION NO. 18-113

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE A MEASURE TO APPROVE A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX ON CANNABIS BUSINESSES AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ELECTION REGARDING SAID MEASURE WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE AND THAT ALAMEDA COUNTY PROVIDE ELECTION SERVICES WITH FULL REIMBURSEMENT BY THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE; SETTING CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENT; DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENT; CEQA DETERMINATION: EXEMPT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES 15378(b)(4) AND 15061(b)(3)

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, California voters enacted Proposition 64 to legalize adult recreational use of cannabis and to allow businesses that support such cannabis use to operate legally, subject to regulations imposed by state and local public entities; and

WHEREAS, since then the City of Emeryville has been evaluating its options and working to develop local regulatory policies; and

WHEREAS, adopting such a local commercial cannabis business tax measure in the City of Emeryville will benefit residents of the City by ensuring that cannabis businesses contribute to pay towards the costs associated with allowing this emerging industry to operate in Emeryville, while allowing the City to continue to maintain stable funding for essential City services and continued quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the volatility of the newly-legalized cannabis market and will therefore set limited initial tax rates to balance the financial needs of the City and the desire of the City to support and encourage the industry to engage in a regulated market; and

WHEREAS, neighboring cities have already instituted local cannabis business taxes and a local measure would help ensure the City gets its fair share of local revenue to keep Emeryville clean, safe and well-maintained; and

WHEREAS, such a measure will provide locally-controlled revenue that cannot be taken by the State; and

WHEREAS, such a measure will help to maintain the City's long-term financial stability, with all funds staying local to benefit Emeryville residents and providing locally-controlled revenue to protect public safety services, preserve parks and open space, maintain local transportation services

and repair and improve local streets; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2018, the City Council considered several revenue measures for the November 2018 ballot, including a Cannabis Business License Tax measure; and

WHEREAS, after considering the staff report on potential revenue measures, as well as public comment, the City Council directed preparation of a Cannabis Business License Tax measure for the November 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2018, at a duly noticed public meeting, City staff presented the City Council with the proposed "ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1.124, "ANNUAL BUSINESS TAX BASED ON GROSS RECEIPTS", AND ADDING SECTION 3-1.129, "CANNABIS BUSINESSES", TO CHAPTER 1, "BUSINESS TAXES", OF TITLE 3, "FINANCE", OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A" (the "Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance"), which would impose an excise tax on the privilege of conducting business within the City of up to six percent (6%) on all cannabis businesses operating within the City; and

WHEREAS, a general municipal election consolidated with the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, has been called and pursuant to Government Code Section 53724 and Elections Code Section 9222, the City Council desires to submit the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance to the qualified electors of the City of Emeryville at the consolidated election; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville does hereby declare, determine and order as follows:

MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

Section 2(b) of Article XIIC of the California Constitution (Proposition 218) and Government Code Section 53723 requires that a general tax must be submitted to the voters for approval and Government Code Section 53724(c) requires that *any* tax submitted to the voters for approval shall be consolidated with a statewide primary election, a statewide general election, or a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the local government or district are entitled to vote, and the City Council desires that the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance be submitted to the voters for approval at the general municipal election consolidated with the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

The full text of the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, shall be printed in the voter pamphlet. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53724 and Elections Code Section 9222, the City Council hereby submits the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance to the voters at the general municipal election consolidated with the general election and orders the following question to be submitted to the voters on the ballot as follows:

<p>“To protect essential municipal services, including repairing public facilities, reducing traffic congestion, and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety; and to support regulation of the cannabis industry, and preserve the City of Emeryville’s long-term financial stability, shall the ordinance to impose a business tax of up to 6% of gross receipts on all cannabis businesses within Emeryville, thereby generating an estimated \$2,000,000 annually for unrestricted general revenue purposes, and which continues until repealed by the voters, be adopted?”</p>	<p>Yes _____ No _____</p>
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This question requires the approval of a majority vote of the City of Emeryville electorate voting on the measure at the election to become effective. If this ordinance is approved by the City of Emeryville electorate as outlined above, then this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days following the date the vote is declared by the City Council in accordance with Elections Code Section 9217; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that on July 10, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda to consolidate the City of Emeryville’s general municipal election for the purpose of electing two (2) Councilmembers with the general election to be held on November 6, 2018, and accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code Section 10403, the City Council hereby requests that the consolidated election of November 6, 2018, include the submission of the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance measure to the voters of the City of Emeryville; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by Elections Code §10418; the City of Emeryville requests the services of Alameda County to conduct said general municipal election and the Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County staff to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of a consolidated election; Alameda County and its staff are authorized and instructed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies and equipment and other necessary items in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election; Alameda County is authorized to canvass the returns of the election, which shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used; and the City of Emeryville recognizes that additional cost will be incurred by the County by reason of the consolidation of the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance measure with the general election and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs that are not reimbursed by the State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with California Elections Code Section 9282, the City Council of the City of Emeryville does resolve, declare, determine, and order that the City Council of the City of Emeryville is authorized to file a written argument in favor of the City measure as

specified above, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California and to change the argument until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk after which no arguments for or against the City measure may be submitted to the City Clerk; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with California Elections Code Section 9282, arguments in favor and against, not exceeding 300 words, shall be filed with the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018**, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument. The arguments shall be accompanied by the *Form of Statement to Be Filed By Author(s) of Argument*, which can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance measure to the City Attorney, who shall prepare an impartial analysis showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure; the City Attorney’s impartial analysis may not exceed 500 words and shall be filed with the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018**; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council has elected to author a ballot argument in support of the Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance measure, and California Elections Code Section 9285 authorizes the City Council to adopt provisions for the filing of rebuttal arguments for measures submitted at municipal elections; accordingly, when the City Clerk has selected the argument for and against the measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City Clerk shall send a copy of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and a copy of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor of the measure immediately upon receiving the arguments. The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2018**, accompanied by the printed names and signatures of the persons submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the *Form of Statement To Be Filed By Author(s) of Argument*, which can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments, and rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all previous resolutions providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures are hereby repealed and the provisions of this resolution providing for

the filing of rebuttal arguments regarding a city measure to approve a Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance shall only apply to the election to be held on November 6, 2018, and shall thereafter be repealed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that should any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution for any reason be held to be invalid, then the remainder of the resolution shall be deemed valid, it being expressly declared that this resolution, and each and every section, subsection, clause and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, adopted and/or ratified even if any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution were declared invalid; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council hereby finds that the proposed Cannabis Business License Tax Ordinance involves the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment and thus is not a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b) (4); additionally, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of the ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, and accordingly the adoption of the ordinance is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to the "general rule" at CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, July 24, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Mayor Bauters, Vice Mayor Medina and Council Members Donahue, Martinez and Patz
NOES: 0 _____
ABSTAIN: 0 _____
ABSENT: 0 _____

s/JOHN J. BAUTERS
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/MICHAEL GUINA
City Attorney

ATTEST:

s/SHERI HARTZ
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1.124, "ANNUAL BUSINESS TAX BASED ON GROSS RECEIPTS", AND ADDING SECTION 3-1.129, "CANNABIS BUSINESSES", TO CHAPTER 1, "BUSINESS TAXES", OF TITLE 3, "FINANCE", OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, in 1996 the California voters approved Proposition 215, "The Compassionate Use Act," which provides that qualified patients may obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes with a physician's recommendation and will not be subject to certain criminal penalties under state law; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the state Legislature enacted Senate Bill 420, the "Medical Marijuana Program Act," as a supplement to The Compassionate Use Act, which allows cities to adopt and enforce rules consistent with the Medical Marijuana Program Act; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015, Governor Brown approved a series of bills commonly referred to as the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act ("MCRSA"), effective January 1, 2016, which established a comprehensive State licensing and regulatory framework for the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of medical cannabis, also known as marijuana; and which recognizes the authority of local jurisdictions to either impose additional restrictions or prohibit certain activities related to the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 64, known as the "Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act" ("AUMA"), which establishes a comprehensive State licensing and regulatory framework for the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of recreational cannabis, also known as marijuana; and which recognizes the authority of local jurisdictions to either impose additional restrictions or prohibit certain activities related to the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, effective September 1, 2017, the City Council of the City of Emeryville enacted Ordinance No. 17-003 to establish a comprehensive regulatory system governing the manufacture, distribution, processing, storing, testing, labeling, transportation, research and development, delivery and sale of cannabis or cannabis products for commercial purposes within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Emeryville desires to impose a tax on all cannabis businesses that may operate within the City of Emeryville; and

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XIII C, Section 2(b), provides that no local government may impose a general tax unless and until that tax is submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote; now, therefore

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. AMENDING SECTION 3-1.124, "ANNUAL BUSINESS TAX BASED ON GROSS RECEIPTS", OF CHAPTER 1, "BUSINESS TAXES", OF TITLE 3, "FINANCE", OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE. Section 3-1.124, "Annual Business Tax Based On Gross Receipts", of Chapter 1, "Business Taxes", of Title 3, "Finance", of the City Of Emeryville Municipal Code is hereby amended to

read as follows:

Section 3-1.124. Annual Business Tax Based on Gross Receipts.

Every person transacting and carrying on any business within the City of Emeryville, other than those enumerated in Sections 3-1.125, 3-1.126, 3-1.127, 3-1.128 and 3-1.129, shall pay an annual business tax equal to the greater of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) of the annual gross receipts of such business.

SECTION TWO. ADDING SECTION 3-1.129, "CANNABIS BUSINESSES", TO CHAPTER 1, "BUSINESS TAXES", OF TITLE 3, "FINANCE", OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Section 3-1.129, "Cannabis Businesses", is hereby added to Chapter 1, "Business Taxes", of Title 3, "Finance", of the City of Emeryville Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 3-1.129. Cannabis Businesses.

(a) Every person engaged in cannabis business in the City shall pay, for the privilege of operating a cannabis business in the City, a business tax at a rate of up to six percent (6%) of annual gross receipts. The tax under this section shall not be imposed on cannabis businesses unless and until the City Council, by resolution, takes action to set a tax rate not to exceed six percent (6%) of annual gross receipts.

(b) Notwithstanding the maximum tax rate of six percent (6%) of annual gross receipts established under subsection (a), the City Council may, in its discretion, at any time by resolution, implement a lower tax rate for all cannabis businesses or establish differing tax rates for different categories of cannabis businesses, as defined in such resolution, subject to the maximum rate of six (6%) percent of annual gross receipts. The City Council may, by resolution, also increase any such tax rate from time to time, not to exceed the maximum tax rate of six percent (6%) of annual gross receipts established under subsection (a).

(c) For purposes of this section, cannabis business shall have the same meaning as set forth in Chapter 28 of Title 5 of the City of Emeryville Municipal Code.

SECTION THREE. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION. Sections One and Two of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City of Emeryville municipal code. Sections Three, Four, Five and Six of this Ordinance shall not be codified.

SECTION FIVE. COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA.

The action to adopt this Ordinance involves the establishment of a business license tax on cannabis businesses and does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment and thus is not a "project" subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)

(4); additionally, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, and accordingly the adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to the "general rule" at CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance relates to the establishment of a business license tax on cannabis businesses in the City of Emeryville authorized pursuant to the provisions of Article 3.7 of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code (Sections 53720-53730), for unrestricted general revenue purposes, and submitted to the City of Emeryville electorate at an election called for November 6, 2018. This Ordinance may be approved by a majority vote of the City of Emeryville electorate voting on the measure at the election. If this Ordinance is approved by the City of Emeryville electorate as outlined above, then this Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days following the date the vote is declared by the City Council in accordance with Elections Code Section 9217.

(The foregoing Ordinance, if approved by a vote of the People of the City of Emeryville on November 6, 2018, will be adopted by Declaration of the November 6, 2018 election results by the City Council of the City of Emeryville.)

CITY OF HAYWARD MEASURE T

<p>T To support City of Hayward services, with revenue that cannot be taken by the State, including: repairing streets and sidewalks; 911 emergency and firefighter response times; neighborhood police patrols; disaster preparedness; extended library hours and after-school programs; and unrestricted general revenue purposes; shall Hayward increase the rate of its real property transfer tax, collected once upon purchase of real estate, from \$4.50 to \$8.50 per \$1,000, providing \$13,000,000 annually, until repealed by voters, all funds benefiting Hayward?</p>	YES
	NO

s/MICHAEL LAWSON
 City Attorney
 City of Hayward

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure T, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (510) 583-4400 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure on the City of Hayward’s website at the following address: <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/your-government/elections>

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE T

The City Council of the City of Hayward is submitting a measure to voters that would increase the rate of the tax imposed on transfers of real property. This tax is known as a real property transfer tax. Currently, the rate on such transfers is \$4.50 per \$1,000 of value. The proposed rate is \$8.50 per \$1,000 of value. If approved by a simple majority of voters voting on the measure, the new rate would remain in effect until modified or repealed by voters.

The real property transfer tax applies to transactions involving the sale and purchase of real property, including improved property with homes or commercial structures and unimproved land with no structures. The tax is paid when ownership transfers from the seller of the property to the purchaser of the property. In Hayward the tax can be paid by either the seller or the purchaser, or the tax can be shared between the seller and the purchaser. It is a one-time expense related to the transfer of ownership. It is unrelated to the annual payment of property taxes.

Funds generated by the real property transfer tax are deposited in Hayward’s general fund. Such funds can be used for any legitimate City service but are typically used to pay for 911 emergency and firefighter response times, neighborhood police patrols, disaster preparedness, extended library hours and after-school programs, and repairing streets and sidewalks. Such funds cannot be taken or appropriated by the State of California.

If the proposed increase is approved, it is estimated the tax would generate \$13 million annually, according to the Hayward Director of Finance. At the current rate, the tax generates \$7.2 million annually.

A ‘yes’ vote is a vote in favor of the proposed increase. A ‘no’ vote is a vote against the proposed increase. If the proposed increase is not approved, the current rate would remain in effect.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE T

Protecting Hayward's quality of life is critical – for our safety, our neighborhoods, our property values, and our future. If you agree, there's nothing more important on the November ballot than **Measure T. Please join us in VOTING YES.**

The City of Hayward is working hard to make local government work better, operating with 22% fewer employees today than 10 years ago. City workers are contributing a larger share of their healthcare and retirement benefits than ever before. Despite these and other efficiencies, a structural deficit is expected to exhaust City General Fund reserves by 2022 if not addressed.

Measure T provides an affordable way to help close the gap.

Without increasing the cost of living to local residents, Measure T authorizes adjusting Hayward's existing Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) to help maintain vital city services, such as:

- Fixing potholes, repairing streets and reducing traffic
- Maintaining 911 emergency response times
- Continuing adequate neighborhood police patrols
- Offering after-school programs and extended library hours
- Providing affordable housing solutions for seniors, families and the homeless.

This is NOT an ongoing property tax or repetitive tax.

The RPTT is collected **only once** in transaction closing costs when Hayward residential and commercial properties are bought/sold. Businesses pay their fair share through the RPTT when they too buy/sell Hayward properties.

Taxpayer Safeguards are REQUIRED. ALL FUNDS MUST STAY LOCAL for City of Hayward purposes. The State can't take these funds away. Independent financial audits and regular public reporting ensure proper spending.

Hayward's RPTT is currently the lowest among Alameda County charter cities. Measure T would make ours the second lowest, well below six other cities.

Please join firefighters, police, neighborhood, civic and business leaders, seniors, parents, and residents throughout Hayward uniting behind Measure T to protect Hayward's future.

Join us - VOTE YES on Measure T.

www.protecthaywardsfuture.com

s/MICHAEL SWEENEY

Mayor, City of Hayward, Retired

s/MARGARET MARY (MIMI) BAUER

President, Fairway Park Neighborhood Association

s/JOSEPH A. OCHOA

35-year Hayward Resident, Southgate Neighborhood

s/FREDDYE M. DAVIS

President, Hayward South Alameda County NAACP

s/JOAN E. SIEBER

Retired Professor, Cal State University East Bay

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE T

Lots of promises but no guarantees. Before you make up your mind on Measure T, read the fine print: "unrestricted general revenue purposes" means City Hall can use this tax to pay for anything they want.

All the safeguards and oversight don't change the fact that there is no guarantee this money will be used for city services. In fact, if you vote yes on this tax, most of the money will probably be used to pay for pensions for retired City Hall bureaucrats.

This IS an ongoing tax. EVERYONE, including seniors, who are selling their homes in Hayward will pay this tax. This tax does increase the cost of living for Hayward's newest residents including first-time homebuyers.

Help put Hayward on the right track to a sustainable future by telling City Hall to deal with its spending problem before it asks for more money.

Vote NO on Measure T.

s/SOFYAN KARIM

Hayward resident

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

The City of Hayward has a spending problem and wants to try to solve it by making housing more expensive. The price of a typical home in Hayward is now more than \$700,000. That's too expensive for most first-time homebuyers, or families who want to put down roots here in Hayward, and for our children. Now the City wants to add thousands of dollars to the price of a home by almost doubling their transfer tax rate. A homebuyer can't finance the cost of the transfer tax. It's money they must bring to the table. If you don't want the City of Hayward to make the housing crisis worse, please vote no on the transfer tax increase.

Another problem with treating home sales like a piggy bank is that it's unreliable. The City seems to have forgotten that home sales are unpredictable and can drop significantly from year to year. Plus, by making homes more expensive, this transfer tax increase could result in fewer homes being sold. When that happens, the City will receive much less revenue from this tax than it expects.

The City of Hayward needs to fix this problem by taking another look at how it spends its money. If Hayward really does need more revenue, then the City Council needs to come up with a reliable and fair solution that asks everyone who needs city services to help. Putting the burden of generating more money for City Hall on the backs of home owners and home buyers isn't fair and isn't smart.

Please send a message to City Hall that the transfer tax increase is a bad idea that will cause problems and not fix them. Please vote no on the transfer tax increase.

s/BILL ESPINOLA
Hayward resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

There's one thing that the lone individual registering opposition to Measure T didn't tell you: he's a real estate agent and landlord with a special interest in protecting his profits over Hayward's quality of life.

In contrast, we speak for Hayward homeowners and residents.

Here are the facts:

FACT: Measure T is about two things: maintaining vital city services that Hayward needs and protecting our quality of life – **without impacting residents' daily cost of living.**

FACT: Hayward is one of the Bay Area's most affordable home-buying communities. Measure T won't change that.

FACT: This fee will be collected **only once** - when you buy or sell property. (It's a drop in the bucket compared to typical real estate agent fees.)

FACT: Measure T will directly benefit Hayward residents and the services we value most:

- Pothole repairs and street maintenance
- Adequate rapid-response times for 911 medical, fire and police emergencies
- Neighborhood police patrols
- Fire protection/prevention services
- Reducing traffic on Hayward city streets
- Extended library hours

FACT: Measure T MANDATES taxpayer protections. All funds stay IN Hayward FOR Hayward. None of this money can be taken by Sacramento. Independent audits and regular public reporting ensure proper spending.

Hayward continues to move forward every year, becoming a more desirable place to live. This is happening because our city and community are taking steps together to grow responsibly and pay attention to protecting Hayward's quality of life. Let's keep the momentum going.

Stand with us. You'll be in good company.

VOTE YES on Measure T.

www.ProtectHaywardsFuture.com

s/JUDITH HARRISON
President, Friends of Hayward Library

s/JULIUS C. WILLIS, JR.
Board Member, Eden Shores Homeowners Association

s/MINANE JAMESON
Vice President, Fairway Park Neighborhood
Association, HARD Director

s/RANDY J. WRIGHT
Block Captain, Neighborhood Alert - Hayward Hills

s/ELISA MÁRQUEZ
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Hayward, Lifelong Resident

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE T

ORDINANCE No. __

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 8-6.05 OF THE HAYWARD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8-6.05 of the Hayward Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8-6.05 - IMPOSITION OF TAX.

A tax is hereby imposed on each transfer, by deed, instrument, or writing, by which any lands, tenements, or other real property located in the City are sold, granted, assigned, transferred, or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, a purchaser or purchasers thereof, or any other person or persons at or by the direction of said purchaser or purchasers, when the value of the consideration exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100.00), said tax to be at the rate of ~~four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50)~~ *eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50)* for each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or fractional part of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the value of the consideration.

As used herein, 'value of the consideration' shall mean the total consideration, paid or delivered, or contracted to be paid or delivered, in return for the transfer of real property, including the amount of any indebtedness, existing immediately prior to the transfer which is secured by a lien, deed of trust or other encumbrance on the property conveyed and which continues to be secured by such lien, deed of trust, or encumbrance after said transfer, and also including the amount of any indebtedness which is secured by a lien, deed of trust, or encumbrance given or placed upon the property in connection with the transfer to secure the payment of the purchase price or any part thereof which remains unpaid at the time of the transfer. Value of the consideration also includes the amount of any special assessment levied or imposed upon the property by a public body, district, or agency, where said special assessment is a lien or encumbrance on the property and the purchaser or transferee agrees to pay such special assessment or takes the property subject to the lien of such special assessment. The value of any lien or encumbrance of a type, other than those which are hereinabove specifically included, existing immediately prior to the transfer and remaining after said transfer, shall not be included in determining the value of the consideration. If the value of the consideration cannot be definitely determined or is left open to be fixed by future contingencies, value of the consideration shall be deemed to mean the fair market value of the property at the time of transfer after deducting the amount of any lien or encumbrance, if any of a type which would be excluded in determining the value of the consideration pursuant to above provisions of this section.

Section 2. To the extent allowed under Article XIII C of the California Constitution, this Ordinance may be amended by the City Council without a vote of the people, except

that voter approval shall be required for any amendment that increases the tax, within the meaning of Government Code section 53750(h), beyond the levels authorized by this chapter.

Section 3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City Council independently finds and determines that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as an activity that is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The general exemption applies in this instance because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments could have a significant effect on the environment, and thus are not subject to CEQA. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, invalid or beyond the authority of the City of Hayward by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective 10 days after the certification of its approval by the voters at the Election pursuant to Elections Code section 9217.

Section 6. Upon approval by the voters, the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause it to be published according to law.

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CITY OF LIVERMORE MEASURE U

<p>U Local Regulation of Health Care Service Costs. Shall the measure regulating and limiting the amounts that specified hospitals, medical clinics, and other health care providers in Livermore may charge patients for health care services in Livermore be adopted?</p>	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE U

Operation and Enforcement:

The measure proposes to limit the costs that medical, dental, and other health care providers in the City of Livermore may charge for patient health care services. The measure purportedly provides for the regulation of hospitals and health facilities, and for investment in health care quality, but it does not contain any such regulations.

The measure requires Livermore’s Community Development Department to implement and enforce a program to ensure that health care providers covered by the measure issue a rebate for the amount paid, or reduce the amount billed, for each service provided to a patient in Livermore that exceeds a predetermined amount. For patients with medical insurance, the rebate or reduction will most likely go to the patient’s primary or secondary insurer, or other entity that is financially responsible for paying for the patient’s services.

The predetermined amount is defined as 115% of the sum of the cost of “direct patient care,” plus a proportionate share of a provider’s costs for items such as information technologies, training non-managerial personnel, and providing patient-centered education. The measure restricts the City’s ability to determine what costs are included in the predetermined amount.

The measure contains two different definitions for “direct patient care.” One definition defines it to mean the provider’s reasonable operating costs, and costs to provide care to patients, in Livermore. The other defines it to mean specific items, including: salaries, wages, and benefits of non-managerial staff; staff training and development; pharmaceuticals and supplies; facility costs; laboratory testing; and, property depreciation. The measure does not indicate whether a cost meeting one definition for “direct patient care” but not the other can be included in the predetermined amount.

The measure requires providers to report information to the Community Development Department concerning the services provided to each patient in Livermore, including the predetermined amounts for each service, and the amounts paid or billed. The Community Development Department must make the report available to the public consistent with the California Public Records Act.

The City will be responsible for ensuring providers pay a fine for each rebate or reduction that is due but not issued within the specified time. The measure permits the City

and individuals to enforce the measure through civil lawsuits, and allows the City to seek misdemeanor criminal prosecution. It also allows the City to revoke a provider’s permits or other licenses, but it is unclear whether those remedies are enforceable.

Economic Impact:

A City report analyzing the measure’s economic impact estimates the program’s initial costs to be over \$750,000, with annual operating costs of approximately \$1,900,000.

Existing Law:

This appears to be the first ordinance of its kind. A lawsuit was filed in the Alameda County Superior Court, *City of Livermore v. Dupuis, Case No. RG18911516*, seeking a judicial determination whether the City of Livermore has the authority to adopt it. The measure contains a severability clause if any of its provisions are determined to be invalid.

This measure is placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters.

s/JASON R. ALCALA
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE U

Your YES vote on Measure U will help ensure patients receive quality healthcare that is fair and affordable by prohibiting hospitals from charging patients more than 15% above the actual cost of care and quality improvements.

Healthcare costs are skyrocketing. Meanwhile, the owners of ValleyCare Hospital, Stanford Health Care, are making hundreds of millions of dollars in profits every year while being subsidized by taxpayers and sitting on \$700 million in reserves. At the same time, some of their hospitals have among the worst records on hospital-acquired conditions, including patient infections, in the state.

Here are the facts:

- Surgical site infections at ValleyCare Hospital ranked 67% worse than national rates for the surgical procedures reported. (See <https://www.consumerreports.org/health/hospitals/stanford-health-care-valleycare/6930107/>)
- High infection rates have led Medicare to cut payments to ValleyCare in fiscal year 2018, and to its owner Stanford Health Care in 2016-2018, to encourage lower hospital-acquired condition rates.
- Despite such serious problems, ValleyCare Hospital's owner, Stanford Health Care, continues to charge patients some of the highest prices in California.

Measure U brings high healthcare costs under control, treating patients fairly and with dignity by ensuring they can't be gouged for care they desperately need.

If Measure U passes, hospitals like ValleyCare can still make a profit while its patients benefit from lower healthcare costs and increased investment in patient care.

Measure U also requires healthcare providers who overcharge patients to rebate money paid for healthcare services.

As frontline healthcare providers and community leaders, we believe our patients deserve quality care that is safe, fair and affordable.

Measure U places a critically needed check on local hospitals that put profits over patient care.

Join thousands of patients, healthcare providers and others by voting YES on Measure U.

s/OLGA HURTADO

Hospital Housekeeping Assistant

s/RYAN DINWIDDIE

Hospital Materials Specialist

s/LINDA GUTHRIE

Retired Early Childhood Educator

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE U

Don't be fooled by the proponents' claims of caring about saving you money. This measure isn't about lowering the amount you pay or health care quality. The proponents of Measure U talk about infection rates to get your attention, but the measure itself contains no provisions whatsoever that deal with quality of care, dignity or respect. Nor will this measure bring health care costs under control for you. The City of Livermore will be on the hook for spending your tax dollars to administer a very burdensome regulatory bureaucracy, taking away funding from needed city services. It is very unlikely that you personally will save any money. The City of Livermore should not be in the business of regulating your health care costs. The proponents of this measure fail to mention that any rebates will go mostly to insurance companies, not to you. The Service Employees International Union members backing this measure are in a contentious labor dispute with Stanford Health Care. None of their issues with Stanford Health Care are remotely connected to the service your dentist, optometrist, or other Livermore health care professionals provide to you. The bottom line is this measure will punish you and all of your Livermore health-care providers. VOTE NO on this measure.

Submitted by the Livermore City Council:

s/JOHN MARCHAND

Mayor

s/BOB WOERNER

Vice-Mayor

s/BOB CARLING

Council Member

s/BOB COOMBER

Council Member

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE U

The proponents of this measure claim that this ordinance will reduce your health care costs. In reality, there is little chance that you will see any savings and it will actually increase city expenses. This measure will require that the City of Livermore create an additional bureaucracy costing the tax payers millions of dollars. A recent study showed that if the measure passed, it would likely result in our community losing many medical service providers. This measure requires that the City of Livermore establish and maintain a new administrative division to gather health care information from providers, determine if all health care providers are meeting their responsibilities, levy fines for those who are not, and then seek to collect those fines. The cost to operate this new burdensome bureaucracy will be significant and could result in the City being forced to reduce critical services that are needed by our community such as police, fire, libraries, and public works. Our local health care providers (such as physicians, dentists, optometrists, etc.) and all the citizens of Livermore are caught in the middle of a contentious labor dispute and are in danger of being irreparably harmed. Please VOTE NO on this measure.

(see Economic Impact Report, 9212, on the City's web site)

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s/JOHN MARCHAND

Mayor

s/BOB WOERNER

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Council Member

s/BOB COOMBER

Council Member

s/STEVEN SPEDOWFSKI

Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE U

Vote YES on Measure U, which holds our local healthcare providers accountable for the prices they charge patients.

We believe the City has an obligation to keep our community safe and healthy. It is disappointing that our city councilmembers are essentially repeating talking points made by healthcare companies that want to keep overcharging their patients.

Don't believe the politicians' scare tactics regarding the costs of holding our hospitals accountable. Under this initiative, healthcare providers, including hospitals, are responsible for providing the city with information on what they charge. Between fines levied for violations and a modest investment from the City, we can start to control our health care costs, push investments in patient care, and ensure our city's finances remain strong. The City has a fully-funded general fund reserve, anticipated at over \$40 million.

Sadly, politicians on our City Council are choosing to side with a multimillion dollar healthcare organization that has been overcharging patients and has been penalized for high infection rates.

If Measure U passes, providers like ValleyCare can still make a profit while its patients benefit from lower healthcare costs and increased investment in patient care. Measure U includes protections so the providers help pay for the cost of running the program; a program needed because of their high prices.

As frontline healthcare professionals and community leaders, we believe our patients deserve better, no matter what excuses local politicians may make. Measure U provides accountability, fairness and affordability for our patients.

Vote YES on Measure U.

s/OLGA HURTADO

Hospital Housekeeping Assistant

s/RYAN DINWIDDIE

Hospital Materials Specialist

s/LINDA GUTHRIE

Retired Early Childhood Educator

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE U

LIVERMORE ACCOUNTABLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

SECTION 1. Chapter 8.21 is added to Title 8 of the Livermore Municipal Code, governing Health and Safety, to read:

Sec. 8.21.010 Purpose and intent.

It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter to provide for the orderly regulation of hospitals and other health facilities, as defined in this Chapter, in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare, by providing certain minimum standards and regulations regarding their operation. The prices charged to patients and other payers have far-reaching effects on consumers purchasing health care services and insurance, as well as taxpayers supporting public health and welfare programs. Investments in quality of care improvements can benefit patients and caregivers, and ultimately result in lower overall health care costs. For these reasons, and because neither the State nor federal governments have yet done so, this Chapter seeks to impose reasonable limits on prices that hospitals and other health facilities may charge and encourages further investment in health care quality improvements.

Sec. 8.21.020 Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Acceptable payment amount" means an amount equal to 115 percent of the sum of the reasonable cost of direct patient care for a particular patient and the pro rata health care quality improvement cost, or such amount determined by the Community Development Department pursuant to Section 8.21.030(d).

(b) "Amount reasonably estimated to be paid" means the payment amount specified by agreement between the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider, and the payer, or, in the absence of such an agreement, the amount of the bill or invoice for services.

(c) "Health care quality improvement costs" means costs a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider pays that are necessary to: maintain, access or exchange electronic health information; support health information technologies; train non-managerial personnel engaged in direct patient care; and provide patient-centered education and counseling. Additional costs may qualify as health care quality improvement costs, as authorized pursuant to Section 8.21.030(c).

(d) "Hospital" means a hospital within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the California Health and Safety Code, but does not include: (1) any children's hospital identified in Section 10727 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; (2) public hospitals, as defined in paragraph (25) of subdivision (a) of Section 14105.98 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; or (3) hospitals operated by or licensed to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(e) "Medical clinic" means a clinic within the definition

of Section 1200 of the California Health and Safety Code, but does not include: (1) a chronic dialysis clinic, as defined by Section 1204(b)(2) of the California Health and Safety Code; (2) a clinic that provides services exclusively to children or operates under the license of a children's hospital identified in Section 10727 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; (3) community clinics or free clinics, as defined by Sections 1204(a)(1) (A) and (B) of the California Health and Safety Code; (4) clinics that primarily provide reproductive health care services, as defined in Section 6215.1 of the California Government Code, or family planning services, as defined by Section 14503 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; (5) a clinic that is licensed to a county, a city, a city and county, the State of California, the University of California, a local health care district, a local health authority, or any other political subdivision of the state; or (6) a clinic operated by or licensed to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(f) "Other provider" means any provider organization within the meaning of subdivision (f) of Section 1375.4 of the California Health and Safety Code, any risk-bearing organization within the meaning of subdivision (g) of Section 1375.4 of the California Health and Safety Code, and any outpatient setting within the meaning of Section 1248 of the California Health and Safety Code. Provided, however, that "other provider" shall not include: (1) a chronic dialysis clinic, as defined by Section 1204(b)(2) of the California Health and Safety Code; (2) an organization that provides services exclusively to children or operates under the license of a children's hospital identified in Section 10727 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; (3) community clinics or free clinics, as defined by Sections 1204(a)(1) (A) and (B) of the California Health and Safety Code; (4) clinics that primarily provide reproductive health care services, as defined in Section 6215.1 of the California Government Code, or family planning services, as defined by Section 14503 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; (5) an organization owned by, operated by, or licensed to a county, a city, a city and county, the State of California, the University of California, a local health care district, a local health authority, or any other political subdivision of the state; or (6) an organization owned by, operated by or licensed to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(g) "Payer" means the person or persons who paid or are financially responsible for payments for services provided to a particular patient, and may include the patient or other individuals, primary insurers, secondary insurers, and other entities, provided that the term does not include Medicare or any other federal, state, county, city, or other local government payer.

(h) "Pro rata health care quality improvement cost" means the total health care quality improvement costs paid by a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider in a fiscal year, divided by the total number of patients treated by that hospital, medical clinic, or other provider in the same fiscal year.

(i) “Reasonable cost of direct patient care” means the cost of providing care to a patient in a fiscal year, as provided for in Section 8.21.030(b)(1).

Sec. 8.21.030 Pricing limitations and rebates.

All hospitals, medical clinics, and other providers shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Commencing January 1, 2019, a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall annually issue a rebate and a reduction in billed amount to a payer for all money paid or billed for services provided to a patient in excess of the acceptable payment amount for those services, as follows:

(1) No later than 150 days after the end of its fiscal year, a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall calculate its health care quality improvement costs and pro rata health care quality improvement cost for the most recently completed fiscal year.

(2) No later than 150 days after the end of its fiscal year, a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall compile the following information for each patient to whom it provided care in the most recently completed fiscal year:

(i) patient;

(ii) total amount received from each payer or payers for health care services provided in the fiscal year, or, if payment has not been made in full, the amount reasonably estimated to be paid by that payer or those payers for health care services provided in the fiscal year;

(iii) reasonable cost of direct patient care provided in the fiscal year;

(iv) acceptable payment amount for the fiscal year; and

(v) the amount, if any, by which the total amount identified pursuant to subparagraph (ii) exceeds the acceptable payment amount.

(3) No later than 180 days after the end of its fiscal year, a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall (i) issue a rebate of any amount paid, as described by subdivision (a)(2)(ii), in excess of the acceptable payment amount, and (ii) for any amount that has not been paid and for which the amount reasonably estimated to be paid exceeds the acceptable payment amount, as described by subdivision (a)(2)(ii), reduce the invoice to the acceptable payment amount and reissue the invoice to the payer.

(4) Where a rebate must be paid or an amount billed but not yet paid must be reduced pursuant to this section, and more than one payer is responsible, the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall divide and distribute the total required rebate or reduction in billed amounts among the payers consistent with the payers’ relative obligations to pay for the services. The hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall issue the rebate together with interest thereon at the rate of interest specified in subdivision (b) of Section 3289 of the California Civil

Code, which shall accrue from the date the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider received payment.

(5) Where, in any fiscal year, the rebate the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider must issue to a single payer is less than twenty dollars (\$20), the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider need not issue that rebate.

(6) In the event a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider is required to issue a rebate or reduction in amount billed under this section, no later than 180 days after the end of its fiscal year the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall pay a fine to the Community Development Department for each patient for whom a rebate or reduction is required in the following amounts:

(i) If rebates or reductions are owed by a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider for services provided to 50 patients or fewer in the fiscal year, an amount equal to five percent of the required rebate or reduction, provided that the fine for each rebate or reduction shall be at least one hundred dollars (\$100), but shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per rebate or reduction.

(ii) If rebates or reductions are owed by a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider for services provided to more than 50 patients in the fiscal year, an amount equal to 10 percent of the required rebate or reduction, provided that the fine for each rebate or reduction shall be at least one hundred dollars (\$100), but shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per rebate or reduction.

(7) In the event a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider fails to issue a rebate or reduction within the time required by paragraph (3), consistent with Municipal Code Section 1.16.040 each subsequent day that the required rebate or reduction is not issued constitutes a separate violation for which a fine is to be imposed pursuant to paragraph (6).

(8) Fines collected pursuant to paragraphs (6) and (7) shall be used by the Community Development Department to implement and enforce laws governing hospitals, medical clinics, and other providers.

(9) Where reimbursement for health care services is subject to the requirements of Section 1371.31(a) of the California Health and Safety Code, nothing in this Chapter shall affect the reimbursements required by that Section. Further, (i) the payments received for health care services that are subject to the reimbursement requirements of Section 1371.31(a) of the California Health and Safety Code shall not be included in the total amount received, or the total amount reasonably estimated to be paid, for the fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (a)(2)(ii), and (ii) the costs associated with providing health care services that are subject to the reimbursement requirements of Section 1371.31(a) of the California Health and Safety Code shall not be included in the reasonable cost of direct patient care for the fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (a)(2)(iii).

(b) (1) No later than 150 days after the end of its fiscal year, every hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall provide to the Community Development Department information identifying the reasonable cost of direct patient care for each patient to whom services were provided in the fiscal year. The reasonable cost of direct patient care shall be the reasonable costs directly associated with operating a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider in Livermore and providing care to patients in Livermore. The reasonable cost of direct patient care shall include only (i) salaries, wages, and benefits of non-managerial hospital, medical clinic, or other provider staff, including all personnel who furnish direct care to patients, regardless of whether the salaries, wages, or benefits are paid directly by the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider, or indirectly through an arrangement with an affiliated or unaffiliated third party, including but not limited to a governing entity, an independent staffing agency, a physician group, or a joint venture between a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider, and a physician group; (ii) staff training and development; (iii) pharmaceuticals and supplies; (iv) facility costs, including rent, maintenance, and utilities; (v) laboratory testing; and (vi) depreciation and amortization of buildings, leasehold improvements, patient supplies, equipment, and information systems. For purposes of this paragraph, “non-managerial hospital, medical clinic, or other provider staff” includes all personnel who furnish direct care to patients, including doctors, nurses, technicians and trainees, social workers, registered dietitians, environmental service workers, and non-managerial administrative staff, but excludes managerial staff such as facility administrators. Categories of costs of direct patient care may be further prescribed by the department through regulation.

(2) Each hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall maintain and report to the Community Development Department the information described in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, the information described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), and information describing every instance during the period covered by the submission when the rebate or reduction required under subdivision (a) was not timely issued in full, and the reasons and circumstances therefor. The information required to be maintained and the report required to be submitted by this paragraph shall each be independently audited by a certified public accountant in accordance with the standards of the Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and shall include the opinion of that certified public accountant as to whether the information contained in the report fully and accurately describes, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, the information required to be reported.

(3) Each hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall annually submit the report required by paragraph (2) of this subdivision on a schedule, in a format, and on a form prescribed by the Community Development Department, provided that the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall submit the report no later than 150 days after the end of its fiscal year.

(4) The chief executive officer or administrator of the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider shall personally certify under penalty of perjury that he or she is satisfied, after review, that all information submitted to the department pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subdivision is accurate and complete.

(5) The Community Development Department shall annually publish information showing the number and aggregate amount of rebates provided, as well as the number and aggregate amount of fines paid, by each hospital, medical clinic, or other provider. Any information that must be reported to or by the Department pursuant to this Chapter shall be made available to the public upon request, consistent with the requirements of the California Public Records Act and any other applicable law, including limitations on public disclosure in the interest of personal privacy.

(c) (1) A hospital, medical clinic, or other provider may petition the Community Development Department at any time for a determination that a cost not specified in Section 8.21.020(c) is a health care quality improvement cost or for a determination that a cost not specified in Section 8.21.030(b) (1) is a reasonable cost of direct patient care.

(2) The Community Development Department may grant a petition concerning health care quality improvement costs only upon finding that the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider has demonstrated:

(i) The cost was spent on activities designed to improve health quality and increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes in ways that are capable of being objectively measured and of producing verifiable results and achievements;

(ii) The hospital, medical clinic, or other provider actually paid the cost; and

(iii) The cost was spent on services offered at the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider to patients.

(3) The Community Development Department may grant a petition concerning reasonable costs of direct patient care only upon finding that the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider has demonstrated:

(i) The cost was directly associated with operating a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider in Livermore and providing care to patients in Livermore and is reasonable in light of market rates for similar goods or services;

(ii) The hospital, medical clinic, or other provider actually paid the cost; and

(iii) The cost was spent on services offered at the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider to patients.

(4) The Community Development Department may permit the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider to apply a cost incurred in one year equally over a period not to exceed five years upon finding that the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider has demonstrated that the cost is reasonably expected to provide health care quality improvements or support direct patient care

during that period.

(d) (1) A hospital, medical clinic, or other provider may petition the Community Development Department at any time for a determination that the acceptable payment amount defined in Section 8.21.020(a) should be increased with respect that hospital, medical clinic, or other provider.

(2) The Community Development Department may grant such a petition only upon finding that an acceptable payment amount of 115 percent of the sum of the reasonable cost of direct patient care and the pro rata health care quality improvement cost would be confiscatory or otherwise unlawful as applied to that hospital, medical clinic, or other provider.

(3) If the Community Development Department grants a petition pursuant to subdivision (d)(2), it may adjust the number "115" in Section 8.21.020(a) to the lowest whole number such that the resultant acceptable payment amount would not be unlawful. The Community Development Department shall not increase the acceptable payment amount to any amount greater than that minimally necessary under California and federal law. Any variance granted pursuant to subdivision (d) shall be for a period of one fiscal year, unless the petitioner demonstrates that a variance is likely to be required for subsequent fiscal years, in which case the Department may grant a variance for up to five years.

(4) In a petition pursuant to subdivision (d), the burden shall be on the hospital, medical clinic, or other provider to (i) prove that an acceptable payment amount of 115 percent of the sum of the reasonable cost of direct patient care for a particular patient and the pro rata health care quality improvement cost would be unlawful, and (ii) provide the Community Development Department with all information necessary to determine the lowest acceptable payment amount required by law.

Sec. 8.21.040 Implementation and Enforcement.

(a) The Community Development Department shall be authorized to coordinate implementation and enforcement of this Chapter and shall promulgate appropriate guidelines, regulations or rules for such purposes consistent with this Chapter. Such guidelines, regulations or rules shall ensure that implementation of this Chapter is consistent with the requirement of due process imposed by the California and United States Constitutions and, as necessary, shall provide guidance concerning the process for bringing a petition under this Chapter with the goals of minimizing the burden to the petitioner and increasing the efficiency of the petition review process. Any guidelines, regulations or rules promulgated by the department shall have the force and effect of law. The City shall appropriate to the Community Development Department sufficient funds to enable the department to implement and enforce this Chapter.

(b) If a determination of a violation has been made, consistent with the requirements of due process, and except where prohibited by state or federal law,

the department may request that City agencies or departments revoke or suspend any registration certificates, permits or licenses held or requested by the violator until such time as the violation is remedied. All City agencies and departments shall cooperate with revocation or suspension requests from the department.

(c) Violation of this Chapter shall be a misdemeanor. The department, the City Attorney, any person aggrieved by a violation of this Chapter, any entity a member of which is aggrieved by a violation of this Chapter, or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the public as provided for under applicable state law, may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against a hospital, medical clinic, or other provider violating this Chapter, or against the City for *de novo* review of a determination pursuant to Section 8.21.030(c) or (d), and, upon prevailing, shall be entitled to such legal or equitable relief as may be appropriate including, without limitation, twice the amount of the required rebate or reduction up to the maximum amount allowable by law and injunctive relief, and shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses. Provided, however, that any person or entity enforcing this Chapter on behalf of the public as provided for under applicable state law shall, upon prevailing, be entitled only to equitable, injunctive or restitutionary relief, and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses. Nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted as restricting, precluding, or otherwise limiting a separate or concurrent criminal prosecution under the Municipal Code or state law. Jeopardy shall not attach as a result of any administrative or civil enforcement action taken pursuant to this Chapter.

Sec. 8.21.050 Severability.

The provisions of this Chapter are severable. If any provision of this Chapter or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.



City of Oakland

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CITY OF PIEDMONT MEASURE BB

<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">BB Shall the measure amending the Charter of the City of Piedmont to modify procedures for filling of vacancies in elected offices for City Council and Board of Education for the Piedmont Unified School District, modify term limits for the City Council, and making other clarifying amendments regarding City recordkeeping, format of City ordinances, public posting, City contract approval, operation of City Council meetings, and other minor technical amendments, be adopted?</p>	YES
	NO

This Measure will be effective if a majority (greater than fifty percent (50%)) of the voters voting on the Measure vote in its favor.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure BB. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (510) 420-3040 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/MICHELLE MARCHETTA KENYON
City Attorney for the City of Piedmont

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE BB

If adopted by the voters, Measure BB would amend various sections of the Charter of the City of Piedmont. In particular, Section 2.03 would be amended to prohibit any councilmember who has already served two full consecutive terms from holding such office again until two full intervening terms have elapsed. Sections 2.05(C) and 7.04 would be amended to increase the time the City Council and Board of Education have to fill a vacancy in their respective membership, from thirty to sixty days. If the respective body does not act within the sixty days, the vacancy would be filled by special election. Section 2.07(A) deletes the mandatory requirement that the Council meet regularly at least twice a month and requires instead that the Council have a goal of meeting at least twice a month. Sections 2.07(C) and 7.06 remove archaic provisions allowing a non-quorum of the City Council or Board of Education to compel the attendance of absent members. Section 2.12 updates archaic language regarding the enacting clause of ordinances to be more in line with modern practice and updates ordinance posting to be done electronically rather than on the City bulletin board. Section 2.15(A) is amended to remove the requirement that the City keep ordinances and resolutions in an indexed book as the City's electronic records management system presently serves this function. The Measure deletes existing Section 3.02 which allows the City Council to require faithful performance bonds for officers of the City and renumbers all remaining provisions of Article III. Section 4.11 is amended to remove language regarding state law threshold amounts for bidding to clarify existing authority to set all public bidding requirements by ordinance. Finally Section 5.02 is amended to mirror current legal requirements regarding the prohibition against employment discrimination to cover all classes protected under current and future law.

A "yes" vote on Measure BB would be a vote to adopt the various amendments to the Charter of the City of Piedmont as described above.

A "no" vote on Measure BB would be a vote against adopting the various amendments to the Charter of the City of Piedmont as described above and the Charter will remain the same.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE BB

Measure BB proposes changes to the Piedmont City Charter. The last major Charter revision was in 1980. Many changes remove outdated language, ensure the Charter is consistent with current practices and make the City's political processes more open and transparent. These changes, such as the posting of city notices and record keeping, reflect new technology and modern practices. Much has changed since 1980.

The Charter currently stipulates that the council meets twice monthly. Council typically meets that often and sometimes more frequently. This change sets a goal of meeting twice a month, but ensures that there is no Charter violation should an occasion arise where only one meeting is held. Further, language that allows Council members to compel attendance of other members is removed; that is neither legal or practical.

Proposed changes significantly improve the openness and transparency of the City's political processes. The amendment increases the waiting period for councilmembers that have served two full terms from four to eight years. Piedmont does not need semi-professional politicians. The City's talented residents should be encouraged to seek office. Given costs, time and resources required to run for Council, former councilmembers have an advantage. The short 4-year time frame is insufficient to mitigate this advantage. Eight years gives new people an opportunity; elections should be open, competitive and feature fresh candidates.

Filing vacancies is addressed. Currently, the Charter gives Council 30 days to replace a member. If there is no agreed replacement, the Mayor chooses the new member. These changes provide Council 60 days to select a replacement and remove the unilateral authority of the Mayor. Should the Council fail to select a replacement, a special election will be held. This change is clearly more democratic and transparent.

Vote for Measure BB

The undersigned proponents or authors of the direct argument in favor of Measure BB at the General Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont to be held on November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their/knowledge and belief.

s/ROBERT S. MCBAIN
Mayor

s/TIM ROOD
Councilmember

s/DEAN BARBIERI
Former Mayor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE BB

Read the measure - key fiscal changes are ignored in the argument. Most important is the weakening of competitive bidding. BB calls for to-be-determined bidding rules but grants Council the right to waive those rules. Soon the city will begin several large private/public projects and a facility maintenance program that calls for millions in repairs. Bidding is essential to cost control – bids for two city hall restrooms ranged from \$150,00 to \$500,000 – and should be mandatory to save taxpayer dollars. Current rules allow \$75,000 projects without formal bidding. Reject BB and make Council come forward with the bidding ordinance before granting waiver authority.

Proponents claim a problem we don't have - no termed out-council member has ever run again after 4 years. First-term council members always do, and BB limits who they run against for re-election – that is the advantage being gained here. Proponents found only one California city with this 8-year limit. Most Council elections go uncontested – why limit voter choice by making it harder for volunteers to run again? Volunteerism is essential to Piedmont's success and lets voters get to know the candidates personally, an asset to our community. Regular monthly meetings are needed for oversight by Council and for rapid community response, as was seen with cell towers.

The other changes in BB are non-essential. Anti-discrimination protections are already in place under state law and can be strengthened by ordinance. Protect Piedmont's fiscal oversight and proven volunteer leadership and VOTE NO on BB.

“The undersigned proponents or authors of the direct/rebuttal argument in favor of or opposed to Measure BB at the General Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont to be held on November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their/knowledge and belief.”

s/GARRETT KEATING
Former Councilman

s/MELANIE ROBERTSON
Former Planning Commissioner

s/GEORGE CHILDS
Resident

s/JIM MCCREA
Resident

s/GREG JURIN
Resident

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE BB

THIS MEASURE SHOULD BE REJECTED BY VOTERS. The ballot wording noted as, “and other minor technical amendments” suggests that the proposed Charter changes are minor and inconsequential. These are not “minor” technical changes, but electoral changes to limit voter choice and a reduction of contract bidding rules that weaken fiscal oversight.

This amendment reduces required competitive bidding on many city contracts. Contract management and oversights were “lessons learned” from Piedmont’s undergrounding debacle costing taxpayers over \$2 million dollars. Measure BB reduces important rules for fiscal oversight and obtaining the best bids for taxpayer dollars. Now is not the time for relaxing bidding rules when large capital projects are planned at Coaches Field, the Piedmont Pool, and Linda Beach Field.

This amendment replaces required Council meetings to those approved simply by Council resolution. Calling electoral changes for City Council “term limits” is disingenuous. Measure BB does not “modify term limits for City Council” – for it makes no changes to the 2-term limit for elected officials. Instead, it increases the amount of time before termed-out council members can run again from 4 to 8 years. It limits who incumbent City Council members run against, further protecting incumbency and others by prohibiting proven, voter-supported volunteers from serving again. The Piedmont School Board rejected this restrictive amendment limiting candidates. Keep competitive bidding, save tax dollars, and eliminate proposed electoral limits within the Charter by voting NO ON MEASURE BB!

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s/GARRETT KEATING

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE BB

Measure BB opponents address only two of the constructive changes proposed. They are totally wrong and misguided on both issues. Competitive bidding: their claim is totally inaccurate, without merit and appears purposely inflammatory - they seem not to have read the measure or to be deliberately misrepresenting facts. Competitive bidding was discussed at the town hall meeting held to review Charter changes. Pursuant to community input and legal review, language was specifically clarified to ensure there is no confusion: **COMPETITIVE BIDDING IS STILL REQUIRED**. The measure simply raises the dollar threshold for formal, public bidding, which is extremely inefficient for very small projects and can discourage responsible bidders.

Opponents are equally mistaken regarding revised election rules. The proposed measure helps more citizens and volunteers seek office. The measure prevents the council from becoming self-perpetuating. In politics, name recognition is critical. Currently, an 8-year councilmember need wait only 4 years; they can easily gain the endorsement of former colleagues and sitting councilmembers, enlist previous supporters, and tap former contributors. They effectively run as an incumbent with inherent and tremendous advantages. This measure does not prevent councilmembers from running again. It just makes former councilmembers wait another 4 years and gives less well-known volunteers a chance. That must outweigh the personal ambitions of councilmembers wanting to quickly return to office.

Measure BB proposes positive changes to the Charter. Opposition arguments are inaccurate, misleading and unpersuasive. Support efforts to make Piedmont more democratic, responsive and modern. **SUPPORT BB**

The undersigned proponents or authors of the rebuttal to the argument opposed to Measure BB at the General Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont to be held on November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their/knowledge and belief.

s/ROBERT S. MCBAIN

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Former Mayor

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE BB

CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE BB

SECTION 1. AMENDED. The People of the City of Piedmont hereby amend the Charter of the City of Piedmont as follows:

Section 2.03 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2.03 TERM OF OFFICE

No person who has served two (2) full consecutive terms as a Councilmember shall thereafter be eligible to hold such office until two full intervening terms, totaling eight (8) years have elapsed. For the purposes hereof, any person who serves as a Councilmember for more than eighteen (18) months of an unexpired term shall be considered to have served a full term.”

Section 2.05(C) of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“(C) FILLING OF VACANCIES. A vacancy on the City Council shall be filled by appointment by the Council, with said appointee to hold office until the next general municipal election, when a successor shall be chosen by the electors for the unexpired term. If the Council does not fill such vacancy within sixty (60) days after the same occurs, then such vacancy shall be filled by special election.”

Section 2.07(A) of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“(A) MEETINGS. The City Council shall meet regularly, with a goal of meeting at least twice in every month, at such times and places as the Council may prescribe by ordinance or resolution. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Mayor or of three (3) or more members and, whenever practicable, upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to each member. All meetings shall be public except as otherwise provided by law.”

Section 2.07(C) of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“(C) VOTING. Voting, except on procedural motions, shall be by roll call and the ayes and nays shall be recorded in the minutes. Three (3) members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. No action of the Council, except as otherwise provided for in this Charter, shall be valid or binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of three (3) or more members of the Council.”

Section 2.12 (A) of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“(A) FORM. Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing, and the subject of the ordinance shall be clearly expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be, “The City Council of the City of Piedmont hereby ordains...” Any proposed ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance or part of the City Code shall distinctly set out the City Code sections or subsections to be repealed or amended, and those existing provisions shall be posted with said ordinance.”

Section 2.12 (D) of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“(D) POSTING DEFINED. As used in this section, the term “posting” means to post the ordinance in accordance with any applicable legal requirements. The City Clerk shall strive to post ordinances in a manner which ensures maximum availability to the public, especially in time of emergency.”

Section 2.15(A) of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“(A) AUTHENTICATION AND RECORDING. The City Clerk shall, when necessary, authenticate by signature all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the City Council.”

Section 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is deleted in its entirety and all subsequent sections in Article III are renumbered sequentially. In the event that more than one measure amending any provision of Article III is enacted by the voters of the City of Piedmont, the renumbering of Article III provided for by this provision shall be made after all substantive revisions authorized by such other measure, so that such renumbering does not create a conflict with any substantive revisions of such other measure.

Section 4.11 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4.11 CONTRACT WORK

All expenditures for public projects shall be contracted for and let to the lowest responsible bidder after notice. All contracts shall be drawn under the supervision of the City Attorney. All contracts must be in writing and executed in the name of the City by an officer or officers authorized to sign the same.

The City Council shall establish, by ordinance, the rules and regulations for the City’s competitive bidding system. The Council may reject any and all bids, and may call for new bids. The Council, without advertising for bids, may provide for such work to be procured in the open market if it deems it more beneficial or economical to do so.”

Section 5.02 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 5.02 APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

All appointments to and promotions within the classified service shall be based upon selection of the best qualified individual as determined by means of recognized personnel selection techniques. The City shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, creed, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, disability, age, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, AIDS/HIV status, medical condition, political activities or affiliations, military or veteran status, or status as a victim of domestic violence or on any other basis protected by law.”

Section 7.04 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 7.04 VACANCIES

The same rules governing the creation of vacancies or causing forfeiture of office from the City Council shall also apply to the members of the Board of Education. A vacancy on the Board shall be filled by appointment of a majority vote of said Board, with the appointee holding office for the remainder of the unexpired term or until the next general municipal election. If a vacancy on the Board of Education continues for sixty (60) days, the vacancy shall be filled by special election.”

Section 7.06 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 7.06 MEETINGS

The Board of Education shall meet at such times and places as may be designated by resolution of said Board. Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, except as otherwise provided by law. All meetings of the Board of Education shall be public, except as otherwise provided in the California Government and Education Codes. The Board shall determine the rules of its proceedings.”

SECTION 2. BALLOT DESCRIPTION. As provided in Government Code section 34458.5, the following ballot description is included in this proposed Charter Amendment measure:

This Charter Amendment measure amends Sections 2.03, 2.05(C), 2.07, 2.12, and 2.15, to require two intervening terms before any councilmember that has already served two full consecutive terms is eligible to serve again; create a goal that City Council meet twice a month and specify the manner of calling special meetings; eliminate the power of a non-quorum of councilmembers to adjourn meetings or compel attendance of other members; provide the City Council with additional time to fill vacancies on the Council by appointment before being required to call a special election; change the format of City ordinances and the manner of posting to ensure maximum availability to the public; and change the manner in which certain official records must be kept. Section 3.02, which allows the City Council to require bonds from appointed city officers, is deleted from the Charter.

Section 4.11 is amended to remove language regarding state law threshold amounts for public bidding. Section 5.02 is amended to clarify the existing prohibition on discrimination in City employment.

Sections 7.04 and 7.06 are amended to provide an additional time for the Board of Education for the Piedmont Unified School District to fill vacancies on the Board by appointment before calling a special election. Section 7.06 is amended to remove the ability of a non-quorum of members of the Board to adjourn meetings or to compel attendance of other board members.

The proposed Charter Amendment measure does not provide for any new city powers that would occur as a result of its adoption, and adoption of the measure will have no effect on the power of the City Council to raise its own compensation or that of other city officials.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. It is the intent of the people

that the provisions of this Charter Amendment measure are severable and that if any provision of this Charter Amendment measure of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid then such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of this Charter Amendment measure which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION AND FILING. Upon ratification by the voters, the City Clerk is directed to certify to the passage of this Charter Amendment and to file it in the Office of the Secretary of State forthwith, and to take such other actions required by law as are necessary to give effect to its passage.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Charter Amendment measure shall become effective in the manner provided for by law.

CITY OF PIEDMONT MEASURE CC

CC Shall the measure amending the Charter of the City of Piedmont to clarify the duties and reporting structure for officers and employees of the City be adopted?	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CC

If adopted by the voters, Measure CC would amend various sections of the Charter of the City of Piedmont. In particular, Measure CC amends Sections 3.01, 3.03, 3.05, 3.06, 3.07, 3.08, 3.09, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13 to clarify the reporting structure of employees to reflect that all officers are appointed by the Council but only the City Administrator and City Attorney, serve at the pleasure of the City Council. These amended sections further clarify that all appointed officers, other than the City Administrator and City Attorney serve at the pleasure of the City Administrator instead of the City Council. In addition, Section 3.06 is amended to clarify that the City Attorney represents all officers of the City and Section 3.09 is amended to reflect that the Fire Department is responsible for emergency medical services. Additionally, Section 3.10 would require that the Department of Public Works be responsible for maintenance of park and recreation facilities in addition to all other public facilities. Measure CC would also amend Section 3.13 to rename the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Department of Recreation, headed by a Director of Recreation instead of a Director of Parks and Recreation. Section 3.13 would also be amended to eliminate the department's maintenance of City's park lands and recreation facilities. Finally, Section 5.01(A)(2) would be amended to clarify that all officers of the City are part of the unclassified service.

A "yes" vote on Measure CC would be a vote to adopt the various amendments to the Charter of the City of Piedmont as described above.

A "no" vote on Measure CC would be a vote against adopting the various amendments to the Charter of the City of Piedmont as described above and the Charter will remain the same.

This Measure will be effective if a majority (greater than fifty percent (50%)) of the voters voting on the Measure vote in its favor.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure CC. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (510) 420-3040 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/MICHELLE MARCHETTA KENYON
City Attorney for the City of Piedmont

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CC

This proposed charter amendment would change the reporting structure for officers of the City, the formal term for the City Administrator, City Attorney, and department heads (City Clerk, Finance Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Director, Planning Director, and City Engineer).

Under the Charter as it stands now, officers of the City are hired, directed, and fired by the City Council. Separately, the Charter contains conflicting provisions wherein the City Administrator is the Chief Administrative Officer and has responsibility for the administration and supervision of all departments.

The proposed amendments would remove conflicting provisions and reflect both the actual practice in the City of Piedmont for many decades and the typical practice in smaller cities. Because it is not practical for the City Council, meeting twice a month, to direct the daily work of department heads, the Council instead provides strategic direction to staff through the City Administrator, who supervises and provides daily direction to officers and is responsible for evaluating their performance.

The measure would amend the Charter to clarify that the City Administrator and City Attorney are appointed, directed, and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. It also clarifies that other officers of the City are appointed by the City Council but are directed and serve at the pleasure of the City Administrator. This would ensure clear lines of accountability for officers and remove political considerations from personnel decisions, while preserving the City Council's role in appointing officers of the City.

Following public discussion at three Council meetings and a televised town hall, the City Council voted unanimously to place this measure before the voters.

The undersigned proponents or authors of the direct argument in favor of Measure CC at the General Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont to be held on November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their/knowledge and belief.

s/ROBERT S. MCBAIN
Mayor

s/TIM ROOD
Councilmember

s/DEAN BARBIERI
Former Mayor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CC

Vote NO! Reject Measure CC – the HIRE, BUT NOT FIRE Measure - eliminating our City Council's right to evaluate, direct and terminate Council-hired key employees: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Finance, Public Works and Recreation Director, etc. This administrative change was recommended by the City Administrator at lightly attended meetings with little public participation.

Measure CC would decrease the authority of the City Council, transferring it to one person, the City Administrator, who would be the only person to evaluate, direct, and terminate the Council-hired key employees without Council consultation or directive. Measure CC increases the power of an unelected administrator holding no public accountability.

Piedmont's Charter has effectively served Piedmont for generations. Separating Council-selected employees from Council oversight creates conflicts and misplaced loyalties detrimental to Piedmont. Key employees should be loyal to the citizens of Piedmont and "serve at the pleasure of the City Council," not at the pleasure of the City Administrator.

Our Charter requires our five-member Council to vote on key employee hiring selections, evaluations, direction, compensation, and terminations. The public and Council should not be isolated from undisclosed policies and injudicious decisions by City Administrators.

Piedmont success depends on the accountability of our elected Council to make important decisions of hiring and firing key employees, rather than abdicating to an unelected City Administrator.

Measure CC proposes a "solution" to a problem that doesn't exist. Keep Piedmont's elected Council strong and protective. VOTE NO on CC!

"The undersigned proponents or authors of the direct/rebuttal argument in favor of or opposed to Measure CC at the General Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont to be held on November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their/knowledge and belief."

s/ALICE CREASON
Former Mayor and Planning Commissioner

s/MELANIE ROBERTSON
Former Planning Commissioner

s/BRUCE MOWAT
Resident

s/GALA MOWAT
Resident

s/B. SUZANNE FARLEY
Resident

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE CC

VOTE NO! This City Charter amendment is NOT a “clarification” - it is a drastic downgrading of the power and authority of our City Council. This amendment unacceptably splits Piedmont’s governing authority. Our City Council has always had the authority to recruit, hire, direct, evaluate, and fire key employees: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Recreation, Public Works, and Finance Director, etc. Under Measure CC, the City Council would continue to hire key employees, but the Council would be prohibited by law to terminate or direct the key employees they hired; only the UNELECTED City Administrator would have this authority.

The City Council recruits and hires for objectives: better project management, proactive policing, financial controls, community outreach, accountability, resident needs, etc. Taking away Council authority, oversight and evaluations of their selected employees creates an inherent personnel problem between the Council-hired employees and the City Administrator. Splitting authority in the proposed manner opens the City to potential wrongful termination lawsuits and jeopardizes Council-selected key employees. This Measure would allow the Council to evaluate, direct, and terminate only one employee, the City Administrator.

Measure CC takes away the checks and balances processes that have kept Piedmont’s government running smoothly for many years. The proposed change is not a benefit to Piedmont residents. Keep our Council in its current role. Vote NO on this flawed City Charter Amendment weakening Piedmont government. Let’s retain Piedmont’s strong, effective Council government rather than strong City Administrator government. VOTE NO ON MEASURE CC.

The undersigned proponents or authors of the direct argument in favor of or opposed to Measure CC at the General Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont to be held on November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their/knowledge and belief.

s/ALICE CREASON

Former Mayor and Planning Commissioner

s/PATTY WHITE

Former Mayor and Planning Commissioner

s/MELANIE ROBERTSON

Former Planning Commissioner

s/BOBBE STEHR

CIP Member, Former Planning Commissioner

s/GALA MOWAT

Resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE CC

Measure CC opponents claim the measure would “unacceptably split Piedmont’s governing authority” but have identified no other city with Piedmont’s current system of split governance. The Charter says City officers are appointed, directed by and serve at the pleasure of the Council, but also has conflicting provisions saying that the City Administrator is the chief administrative officer, with responsibility for administration and supervision of all departments. Measure CC would resolve this conflict.

Opponents mischaracterized the measure. Under Measure CC, the Council still hires, directs and fires the City Administrator and City Attorney and hires other officers. But meeting twice a month, Council cannot and shouldn’t attempt to direct department heads’ daily work; instead, Council provides strategic direction to staff through the City Administrator, who’s responsible for supervising, reviewing performance, and if necessary disciplining staff – including department heads. This is the practice in Piedmont and nearly every other city. Measure CC clarifies this ambiguity.

Opponents warn of wrongful termination lawsuits, but cite no legal opinion. The City Attorney carefully reviewed the measure.

Piedmont competes for quality staff in a tight labor market. While Piedmont currently benefits from a highly qualified, professional staff, expensive failures of oversight have occurred in the past. Letting three Councilmembers protect an incompetent department head from termination even after a disciplinary process, or fire a competent department head for payback or political reasons, has the potential for an uncomfortable work environment, high staff turnover and low morale.

Bring Piedmont into the 21st Century – Vote Yes on CC.

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Mayor

s/VALERIE MATZGER

Former Mayor

s/JOHN CHIANG

Former Mayor

s/TIM ROOD

Councilmember

s/DEAN BARBIERI

Former Mayor

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE CC

CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CC

SECTION 1. AMENDED. The People of the City of Piedmont hereby amend the Charter of the City of Piedmont as follows:

Section 3.01 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.01 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The officers of the City of Piedmont shall consist of a City Administrator, a City Clerk, a City Attorney, a Director of Finance, a Chief of Police, a Fire Chief, a Director of Public Works, a City Engineer, a Planning Director, a Director of Recreation and such other assistants, deputies and employees as the City Council may deem necessary to provide by ordinance or resolution. The City Administrator and City Attorney shall be appointed and directed by the Council, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council. All other officers shall be appointed by the City Council and be directed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Administrator.

The Council may by resolution reorganize, or by ordinance combine or consolidate or abolish any two or more offices or functions and require the duties of the same to be performed by one officer or department. The Council shall have the right of providing for such officers, departments and their functions in whole or in part through contract agreements.

The Council may transfer or consolidate functions of the City government to or with appropriate functions of the State or County government, or any other public or private agency, or make use of such functions of said entities. In such case, the provisions of this Charter providing for the function of the City government so transferred or consolidated shall be deemed suspended during the continuance of such transfer or consolidation, to the extent that such suspension is made necessary or convenient and is set forth in the ordinance establishing such transfer or consolidation. Any such transfer or consolidation may be repealed in like manner.”

Section 3.03 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.03 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The City Council shall appoint a City Administrator for an indefinite term and fix his/her compensation. The administrator shall be appointed on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications.

The City Administrator shall be the chief administrative officer of the city and shall be responsible to the City Council for the administration of all City affairs placed in his/her charge by or under this charter.

The administrator shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Shall appoint all city employees.
- (2) Shall discipline, and, when deemed necessary for the good of the City, suspend or remove City officers

and employees except as otherwise provided by law, this Charter, or personnel rules adopted pursuant to this Charter.

(3) Shall supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by law and except further that the internal administration of each department shall remain with each department head.

(4) Shall attend Council meetings and shall have the right to take part in discussion, but may not vote.

(5) Shall see that all laws, provisions of this Charter and acts of the Council, subject to enforcement by him/her or by officers subject to his/her supervision, are faithfully executed.

(6) Shall prepare and submit the annual budget to the Council and shall supervise its administration after its adoption.

(7) Shall submit to the Council and make available to the public a report on the finances of the City each fiscal year.

(8) Shall make such other reports as the Council may require concerning the operations of City departments, offices and agencies.

(9) Shall keep the Council fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of the City and make recommendations to the Council concerning the affairs of the City.

(10) Shall administer the personnel system of the City and, in particular, those matters involving the City’s personnel classification system and employee benefit and retirement plans.

(11) Shall maintain a system of City records.

(12) Shall perform such duties as are specified in this charter or may be required by the Council.”

Section 3.05 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.05 CITY CLERK

There shall be an officer of the City who shall have the title of City Clerk. The City Clerk shall give notice of Council meetings to its members and the public, keep the minutes of its proceedings and perform such other duties as are assigned by this Charter, State Law, the City Council, or the City Administrator.”

Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.06 CITY ATTORNEY

The City Council shall appoint a City Attorney. That person shall be an attorney-at-law licensed as such under the laws of the State of California, and continue to be so licensed during the time of holding office, and shall have been engaged in the practice of law for at least five (5) years prior to appointment. The City Attorney shall, directly or through deputies, have power and be required to:

- (1) Represent and advise the Council and all officers of the City in all matters of law pertaining to their offices;

(2) Represent and appear for the City in any or all actions or proceedings in which the City is concerned or is a party, including the prosecution of violations of this Charter and ordinances enacted by the Council, and represent and appear for any City officer or employee, or former City officer or employee, in any or all actions and proceedings in which any such officer or employee is concerned or is a party for any act arising out of his/her employment or by reason of official capacity, provided the interest of the City in such action or proceeding is not adversely affected;

(3) Attend all regular meetings of the Council and give advice or opinion in writing whenever requested to do so by the Council, by the City Administrator or by any of the boards or commissions of the City, subject to the approval of the Council or the City Administrator;

(4) Approve the form of all contracts made by and all bonds given to the City, endorsing approval thereon in writing;

(5) Prepare ordinances or resolutions for the City and amendments thereto;

(6) Transfer forthwith to the appointed successor all books, papers, files and documents pertaining to the City, which he/she has in their control.

The Council shall have control of all legal business and proceedings and may employ other attorneys to take charge of any litigation or matter or to assist the City Attorney therein.”

Section 3.07 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.07 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

There shall be a Department of Finance headed by a Director of Finance who will have charge of the administration of the financial affairs of the City, and may be empowered to act as assessor, tax collector and/or treasurer for the City, and perform such other duties as may be assigned. The department shall be responsible for the collection of all taxes, assessments, license fees and other revenues of the City for whose collection the City is responsible and shall receive all taxes or other money receivable by the City from the County, State or Federal governments or from any office or department of the City.”

Section 3.08 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.08 POLICE DEPARTMENT

There shall be a Police Department headed by a Chief of Police. This department shall have charge of the law enforcement function of the City, and such other public safety activities as may be assigned, with the duty of preserving the public peace and upholding the laws of the City and of the State of California. For the enforcement of said laws, the chief shall have all the powers that are now or may hereafter be conferred upon sheriffs and other peace officers by the laws of the State. Every citizen shall lend aid to the police when requested for the arrest of offenders, the maintenance of public order, or the protection of life and property.”

Section 3.09 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.09 FIRE DEPARTMENT

There shall be a Fire Department headed by a Fire Chief. This department shall have charge of the prevention and extinguishing of fires, the provision of emergency medical services, and such other public safety activities as may be assigned. The chief shall also direct the department in protecting life and property in other natural and/or man-made disasters. Every citizen shall lend aid to the fire department when requested for the protection of life and property.”

Section 3.10 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

There shall be a Department of Public Works headed by a Director of Public Works. This department shall have charge of the maintenance and repair of all City streets, sewers and storm sewers, parks, public facilities, and any other related activities as may be assigned.”

Section 3.11 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.11 CITY ENGINEER

There shall be a City Engineer who shall have supervision over all matters of an engineering character as required by State law, or as may be assigned. At the time of appointment, this officer shall have been a practicing civil engineer for a period of at least five (5) years, and licensed in the State of California.”

Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.12 PLANNING DIRECTOR

There shall be a Planning Director who shall be responsible for administering the City’s continuing planning activities as may be assigned, including, but not limited to, maintenance of the general plan, overseeing the zoning system and building regulations and codes.”

Section 3.13 of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3.13 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

There shall be a Department of Recreation headed by a Director of Recreation. This department shall have charge of the organization and administration of the City’s public recreation programs and such other related activities as may be assigned. The director shall administer the operations and programs of the department and shall carry out policies established by the Council for the use of the City’s park lands and recreation facilities.”

Section 5.01(A)(2) of the Charter of the City of Piedmont is amended to read as follows:

“(2) The officers of the City, as defined in this charter;”

SECTION 2. BALLOT DESCRIPTION. As provided in Government Code section 34458.5, the following ballot description is included in this proposed Charter Amendment measure:

The proposed measure amends Sections 3.01, 3.07, 3.08, 3.09, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12 and 3.13 of the Charter of the City Piedmont to provide that appointed officers, except the City Administrator and City Attorney, serve at the pleasure of the City Administrator and have such duties as may be assigned. Section 3.06 is amended to clarify that the City Attorney represents all officers of the City. Section 3.09 is amended to clarify that the duties of the Fire Chief include the provision of emergency medical services. Section 3.10 is amended to provide that the Department of Public Works is responsible for maintenance and repair of all City parks and other public facilities. Section 3.13 is amended to state that the Department of Parks and Recreation shall be the Department of Recreation, headed by a Director of Recreation, who will be responsible for recreation programs in the City. Section 5.01 is amended to specify that officers of the City are part of the unclassified service.

The proposed Charter Amendment measure does not provide for any new city powers that would occur as a result of adoption of the measure, and will have no effect on the power of the City Council to raise its own compensation or that of any other city official.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. It is the intent of the people that the provisions of this Charter Amendment measure are severable and that if any provision of this Charter Amendment measure or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid then such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of this Charter Amendment measure which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION AND FILING. Upon ratification by the voters, the City Clerk is directed to certify to the passage of this Charter Amendment and to file it in the Office of the Secretary of State forthwith, and to take such other actions required by law as are necessary to give effect to its passage.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Charter Amendment measure shall become effective in the manner provided for by law.

CITY OF UNION CITY MEASURE DD

<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">DD</p> <p style="margin: 0;">To maintain/enhance essential city services including 911 dispatch/neighborhood police patrols/emergency response times; after-school programs for children/teens; keeping fire stations open full time; and other essential services shall a measure be adopted establishing a Union City cannabis business tax at a maximum rate of \$12.00 per square foot for cultivation and 6% of gross receipts for others, until ended by voters, providing \$1,400,000 annually, requiring oversight and no money for Sacramento?</p>	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE DD

The City Council of the City of Union City is submitting to the voters the question of whether to approve an ordinance that would enact a cannabis business tax (the “Ordinance”) on cannabis-related businesses operating within the City.

The City Council has already separately approved a process for potentially permitting cannabis businesses. The Ordinance would authorize a tax on those businesses allowed to operate. The Ordinance adds Chapter 3.24 to the Union City Municipal Code and establishes an excise tax on cannabis businesses in Union City including: commercial cultivators, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and testing laboratories. The Ordinance does not impose any sales or use taxes directly on cannabis users or consumers. The excise tax does not apply to the use of cannabis or the cultivation of cannabis for personal use as authorized by state law.

For commercial cultivation, the initial tax rate will range, depending on the type of cultivation activity, from two dollars (\$2) per square foot and eight dollars (\$8) per square foot of cannabis cultivation space and up to a maximum rate of a range, depending on the type of cultivation activity, of four dollars (\$4) per square foot and twelve dollars (\$12) per square foot of cannabis cultivation space. The annual maximum tax rate is adjusted upward annually by the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index beginning July 1, 2021.

Initial and maximum tax rates will apply to other specific types of cannabis businesses as follows: an initial rate of one percent (1%) of gross receipts up to two and a half percent (2.5%) of gross receipts for testing laboratories; an initial rate of two percent (2%) of gross receipts up to three percent (3%) of gross receipts for distribution; an initial rate of four percent (4%) of gross receipts up to five percent (5%) of gross receipts for manufacturing; and an initial rate of four percent (4%) of gross receipts up to six percent (6%) of gross receipts for retail.

The Ordinance allows the Council to increase or decrease the tax rates by resolution as long as they do not exceed the maximum rates. The Ordinance includes procedures for tax

reporting, remittance, enforcement, and appeals.

Measure DD is a general tax. Therefore, the revenue from the tax will be deposited into the City’s general fund and may be used to maintain city services, including: 911 dispatch/neighborhood police patrols/emergency response times; after-school programs for children/teens; and keeping fire stations open full time.

A “Yes” vote is a vote to establish a tax on cannabis businesses permitted in the City. A “No” vote is a vote against the tax. Measure DD would be approved if it received a simple majority of “Yes” votes.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure DD. If you desire a copy of the proposed ordinance, please call the City Clerk’s office at 510-675-5448 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO
City Attorney, City of Union City

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE DD

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE DD WAS SUBMITTED

Vote YES on DD – Protect our safety and quality of life!

YES on DD ensures cannabis businesses pay their fair share to help keep Union City a great place to live, work and play.

Measure DD is paid **ONLY** by cannabis businesses to help maintain essential services including:

- 911 dispatch and paramedic services
- Emergency response times and neighborhood police patrols
- Open, full-time fire stations
- After-school programs for children and teens

We need Measure DD!

YES on DD will provide funding for youth education for children and teens – this is critical for keeping kids and teens on the right track.

Measure DD will help maintain current public safety services including crime and gang prevention and neighborhood patrols are maintained. Cannabis businesses will pay their fair share to help protect our quality of life, including health and safety. Cannabis users, such as, medical patients are not taxed.

By law, **YES on DD** requires every dime be used for our local services – not a penny can be taken by Sacramento. ALL revenue generated will benefit OUR city and residents.

Measure DD includes strong fiscal accountability, including financial audits and public reports to ensure funds are used efficiently, effectively and as promised to voters.

Vote **YES on DD** to maintain 911 dispatch and paramedic services, emergency response times and neighborhood police patrols. Vote **YES on DD** to keep our fire stations open full-time, and keep kids safe with after-school programs for children and teens.

Measure DD generates locally-controlled funding, that cannot be taken by the state, for critical quality of life services – and is only paid by cannabis businesses. Maintain our quality of life, public health and safety – **Vote YES on DD!**

Please join City Council members, Police Officers, Firefighters, Businesses, Community Leaders, and Neighbors – **Vote YES on DD.**

s/TROY CUSHMAN

Union City Police Officers Association, Vice President

s/JOE BALDWIN

Alameda County Firefighters Local 55, Vice President

s/JAIME JARAMILLO

Executive Director, Centro De Servicios

s/PEGGY KRUGER

Cannabis business community relations

s/MICHAEL RITCHIE

Former New Haven Unified School District Trustee

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE DD

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ADDING CHAPTER 3.24 (CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX) TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, California voters approved the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Cannabis Act (AUMA), which legalized the possession, use, and cultivation of non-medical cannabis for those who are 21 years of age or older and established a state system to regulate commercial cannabis activity; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 94, the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), which repealed the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA), incorporated certain licensing provisions from MCRSA, and created a single regulatory scheme for both medical and non-medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, subject to certain exceptions, MAUCRSA generally establishes a comprehensive system to legalize, control, and regulate the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution, testing, and sale of cannabis, including cannabis products, and to tax the commercial growth and retail sale of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to impose a cannabis business license tax for the privilege of operating within the City; and

WHEREAS, revenues from a cannabis business tax would be for unrestricted general revenue purposes and go into the City's general fund and could be used for any legitimate government purpose; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the City's General Fund is used for public safety purposes (police and fire protection services) and the City Council has determined that a cannabis business tax is an effective way of offsetting the impact of commercial cannabis on the City's public safety services, including police, fire, and code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Article XIIC, section 2(b) of the California Constitution requires that any general tax for unrestricted general revenue purposes, such as a business license tax, must be submitted to and approved by a majority vote of the voters voting on the issue of imposing any general tax; and

WHEREAS, the tax imposed by this Ordinance is an excise tax on the privilege of conducting business within the City and will only become effective if approved by a majority of the City's voters at the November 6, 2018 election; and

WHEREAS, based on all of the information presented at the July 24, 2018 meeting of the City Council, both written and oral, including the staff reports, minutes, and other relevant materials, the City Council finds that under CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(2) and 15378, subdivisions (2) and (4) of subdivision (b), this tax does not constitute a project under CEQA and therefore review under CEQA,

review is not required.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Municipal Code. Chapter 3.24 "Cannabis Business Tax" is hereby added to the Union City Municipal Code as follows:

CHAPTER 3.24 CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX

Sections:

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3.24.010 Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance.”

3.24.020 General excise tax.

The cannabis business tax is enacted solely to raise revenue and not to regulate cannabis activity; regulation of that activity remains the province of the City Council. The cannabis business tax is an excise tax on the privilege of engaging in cannabis business activity in the City; it is not a sales or use tax. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this chapter shall be placed in the City’s general fund and used for general governmental purposes.

3.24.030 Purpose.

The ordinance codified in this chapter is adopted to achieve the following purposes, among others, and shall be interpreted to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose an excise tax on certain businesses engaged in the cannabis industry operating within the City of Union City pursuant to MAUCRSA and the “California Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Initiative” approved by the state’s voters on November 8, 2016, and/or any other enabling legislation, or in violation of such legislation, and notwithstanding whether such state laws use the term “marijuana” or “cannabis”;

B. To specify the type of tax and maximum rate of tax that may be levied and the method of collection;

C. To comply with all requirements to impose a general excise tax.

3.24.040 Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below when used in this chapter:

A. “Business” means professions, trades, occupations and all and every kind of calling, whether or not carried on for profit.

B. “Cannabis” means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* Linnaeus, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. “Cannabis” also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, “cannabis” also means “cannabis” as defined by Section 26001 of the California Business and Professions Code and Section 11018 of the California Health and Safety Code, as may be amended from time to time, and all other applicable state law.

C. “Cannabis business” means any business activity in the City relating to cannabis, including but not limited to cultivation (including nurseries), transportation, distribution, manufacturing, compounding, conversion, processing, preparation, testing, storage, packaging, delivery and sales (wholesale and/or retail sales) of cannabis or cannabis products, whether or not carried on for gain or profit. A cannabis business does not include any business whose only relationship to cannabis or cannabis products

is the production or sale of cannabis accessories.

D. “Cannabis business tax” means the tax due pursuant to this chapter for engaging in cannabis business in the City.

E. “Cannabis product” means any product containing cannabis, including, but not limited to, flowers, buds, oils, tinctures, concentrates, extractions, edibles and those products described in Section 11018.1 of the California Health and Safety Code, as may be amended from time to time.

F. “Canopy” means all areas occupied by any portion of a cannabis plant, inclusive of all vertical planes, whether the areas are contiguous or noncontiguous. When cannabis plants occupy multiple horizontal planes (as when plants are placed on shelving above other plants) each plane shall be counted as a separate canopy area. The plant canopy need not be contained to a single parcel of land in determining the total square footage that will be subject to tax under this chapter.

G. “City” means the City of Union City, either the entity or its territorial limits, as the context requires.

H. “City Council” means the City Council of the City of Union City.

I. “Commercial cannabis cultivation” means cultivation conducted by, for, or as part of a cannabis business. Commercial cannabis cultivation does not include personal medical cannabis cultivation, or cultivation for personal recreational use as authorized under the “California Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Initiative” approved by the state’s voters on November 8, 2016, and as amended by MAUCRSA, for which the individual receives no compensation whatsoever.

J. “City permit” means a permit issued by the City to a person to authorize that person to operate or engage in a cannabis business.

K. “Cultivation” means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis. “Cultivation” also includes nurseries. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, “cultivation” includes “cultivation” as defined in California Business and Professions Code Section 26001, as may be amended from time to time.

L. “Distributor” means a person engaged in procuring cannabis from a cultivator, and/or procuring cannabis products from a manufacturer, for sale to a retailer. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, “distributor” includes “distributor” as defined in Section 26070 of the Business and Professions Code, as may be amended from time to time. “Distribution” means the procurement, sale, and transport of cannabis and cannabis products between persons with a State license.

M. “Employee” means each and every person engaged in the operation or conduct of any cannabis business, whether as owner, member of the owner’s family, partner, associate, agent, manager or solicitor, and each and every other person employed or working in such cannabis business for a wage, salary, commission, barter or any other form of

compensation.

N. “Engaged in business as a cannabis business” means the commencing, conducting, operating, managing or carrying on of a cannabis business, whether done as owner, or by means of an officer, agent, manager, employee, or otherwise, whether operating from a fixed location in the City or coming into the City from an outside location to engage in such activities. A person shall be deemed engaged in business as a cannabis business within the City if:

1. Such person or person’s employee maintains a fixed place of business within the City for the benefit or partial benefit of such person;
2. Such person or person’s employee owns or leases real property within the City for business purposes;
3. Such person or person’s employee regularly maintains a stock of tangible personal property in the City for sale in the ordinary course of business;
4. Such person or person’s employee regularly conducts solicitation of business within the City; or
5. Such person or person’s employee performs work or renders services in the City.

The foregoing specified activities shall not be a limitation on the meaning of “engaged in business as a cannabis business.”

O. “Gross Receipts,” except as otherwise specifically provided, means, whether designated a sales price, royalty, rent, commission, dividend, or other designation, the total amount (including all receipts, cash, credits and property of any kind or nature) received or payable for sales of goods, wares or merchandise or for the performance of any act or service of any nature for which a charge is made or credit allowed (whether such service, act or employment is done as part of or in connection with the sale of goods, wares, merchandise or not), without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, interest paid or payable, losses or any other expense whatsoever. “Gross receipts” shall also include the estimated value of cannabis products which are transferred between cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, or retail operations, using a valuation methodology which may be developed in the sole discretion of the Tax Administrator, for the purposes of estimating gross receipts when there is no recorded sale for purposes of the cannabis business tax. However, the following shall be excluded from gross receipts:

1. Cash discounts where allowed and taken on sales;
2. Any tax required by law to be included in or added to the purchase price and collected from the consumer or purchaser;
3. Such part of the sale price of any property returned by purchasers to the seller as refunded by the seller by way of cash or credit allowances or return of refundable deposits previously included in gross

receipts;

4. Receipts derived from the occasional sale of used, obsolete or surplus trade fixtures, machinery or other equipment used by the taxpayer in the regular course of the taxpayer’s business;

5. Whenever there are included within the gross receipts amounts which reflect sales for which credit is extended and such amount proved uncollectible in a subsequent year, those amounts may be excluded from the gross receipts in the year they prove to be uncollectible; provided, however, if the whole or portion of such amounts excluded as uncollectible are subsequently collected they shall be included in the amount of gross receipts for the period when they are recovered;

6. Receipts of refundable deposits, except that such deposits when forfeited and taken into income of the business shall not be excluded when in excess of one dollar;

7. Amounts collected for others where the business is acting as an agent or trustee and to the extent that such amounts are paid to those for whom collected. These agents or trustees must provide the Finance Department with the names and the addresses of the others and the amounts paid to them. This exclusion shall not apply to any fees, percentages, or other payments retained by the agent or trustees.

8. Retail sales of t-shirts, sweaters, hats, stickers, key chains, bags, books, posters or other personal tangible property which the Tax Administrator has excluded in writing by issuing an administrative ruling shall not be subject to the cannabis business tax under this chapter. However, any retail sales not subject to this chapter as a result of the administrative ruling shall be subject to the appropriate business tax under any other chapter or title as determined by the Tax Administrator.

P. “Lighting” means a source of light that is primarily used for promoting the biological process of plant growth. Lighting does not include sources of light that primarily exist for the safety or convenience of staff or visitors to the facility, such as emergency lighting, walkway lighting, or light admitted via small skylights, windows or ventilation openings.

Q. “Manufacturer” means a person who conducts the production, preparation, propagation, or compounding of cannabis or cannabis products either directly or indirectly or by extraction methods, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, or who packages or repackages cannabis or cannabis products or labels or re-labels its container. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, “manufacturer” includes “manufacturer” as defined in California Business and Professions Code Section 26001, as may be amended from time to time.

R. “Nursery” means a facility or part of a facility that is used only for producing clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically

for the planting, propagation, and cultivation of cannabis. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, “nursery” includes “nursery” as defined in California Business and Professions Code Section 26001, as may be amended from time to time.

S. “Person” means an individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, whether organized as a nonprofit or for-profit entity, and includes the plural as well as the singular number.

T. “Retailer” means a facility where cannabis or cannabis products are offered, either individually or in combination, for retail sale, including an establishment that engages in delivery of cannabis or cannabis products as part of a retail sale. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, “retailer” includes “retailer” as defined in Section 26070 of the Business and Professions Code including, as may be amended from time to time.

U. “Sale” means the transfer, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of title to real or personal property for a consideration; the serving, supplying, or furnishing for a consideration of any property; and a transaction whereby the possession of property is transferred and the seller retains the title as security for the payment of the price shall likewise be deemed a sale. The definitions in this subsection shall be deemed to include any transaction which is or which, in effect, results in a sale within the contemplation of law.

V. “State” means the State of California.

W. “State license” means a state license issued pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 26000 et seq. or other applicable state law.

X. “Tax Administrator” means the Finance Director of the City of Union City or other designee of the City Manager.

Y. “Testing Laboratory” means a cannabis business that (i) offers or performs tests of cannabis or cannabis products, (ii) offers no service other than such tests, (iii) sells no products, excepting only testing supplies and materials, (iv) is accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in the cannabis industry in the state and (v) is registered with the State Department of Public Health. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, “testing laboratory” also includes “testing laboratory” as defined under Section 26001 of the Business and Professions Code, as may be amended from time to time.

3.24.050 Tax imposed.

A. A cannabis business tax is hereby imposed on every person who is engaged in cannabis business in the City as prescribed herein, from and after the effective date of this ordinance. It is unlawful for any person to transact or carry on any cannabis business in the City without paying, in accordance with this chapter, the cannabis business tax imposed by this section.

B. The initial rate of the cannabis business tax shall be as follows:

1. For every person who is engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation in the City:

a. Eight dollars (\$8.00) annually per square foot of canopy space that uses exclusively artificial lighting.

b. Six dollars (\$6.00) annually per square foot of canopy space that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting.

c. Four dollars (\$4.00) annually per square foot of canopy space that uses no artificial lighting.

d. Two dollars (\$2.00) annually per square foot of canopy space for any nursery.

2. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a testing laboratory: one percent (1%) of gross receipts.

3. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a retailer: Four percent (4%) of gross receipts.

4. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a distributor: two percent (2%) of gross receipts.

5. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a manufacturer or any other type of cannabis business not described in subsections (B) (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section: Four percent (4%) of gross receipts.

C. The City Council may, by resolution, in its discretion, increase or decrease the rate of the cannabis business tax for all persons engaged in a cannabis business in the City in commercial cannabis cultivation or as a manufacturer, distributor, retailer or other type of cannabis business or establish differing tax rates for different categories of cannabis businesses. For example, and without limitation, the City Council may set different rates for cannabis businesses serving medical or adult recreational use, or for different types of manufacturers, distributors or retailers. However, in no event may the City Council set any adjusted rate that exceeds the maximum rate for any type of cannabis business established in subsection (D) of this section for the date on which the adjusted rate will commence. No further voter approval shall be required for any adjustment of a tax rate under the authority granted by this section, it being the intent of the people of the City to authorize such a tax up to and including the maximum rates pursuant to subsection (D) of this section whenever implemented by the City Council hereafter.

D. The maximum rate shall be calculated as follows:

1. For every person who is engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation in the City:

a. Through June 30, 2021, the maximum rate shall be:

i. Twelve dollars (\$12.00) annually per square foot of canopy space that uses

exclusively artificial lighting.

ii. Ten dollars (\$10.00) annually per square foot of canopy space that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting.

iii. Eight dollars (\$8.00) annually per square foot of canopy space that uses no artificial lighting.

iv. Four dollars (\$4.00) annually per square foot of canopy space for any nursery.

b. On July 1, 2021 and annually thereafter, the maximum annual tax rate per square foot of each type of canopy space shall increase by the percentage change between January of the calendar year prior to such increase and January of the calendar year of the increase in the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) for all urban consumers in the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area as published by the United States Government Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, no CPI adjustment resulting in a decrease of any tax imposed by this subsection shall be made.

2. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a testing laboratory, the maximum tax rate shall not exceed two and a half percent (2.5%) of gross receipts.

3. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a retailer, the maximum tax rate shall not exceed six percent (6%) of gross receipts.

4. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a distributor, the maximum tax rate shall not exceed three percent (3%) of gross receipts.

5. For every person who engages in cannabis business as a cannabis manufacturer or any other type of cannabis business not described in subsections (D) (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section, the maximum tax rate shall not exceed five percent (5%) of gross receipts.

E. A person engaged in multiple cannabis business activities shall pay the tax applicable to each cannabis business activity regardless of whether or not the cannabis business activity involves a transaction with another person. For example, and without limitation, a person engaged in a cannabis business as both a manufacturer and retailer shall first pay the tax applicable for persons engaged in cannabis business as a manufacturer, and then second pay the tax applicable for persons engaged in cannabis business as a retailer.

3.24.060 Reporting and remittance of tax.

A. The cannabis business tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid, in arrears, on a quarterly basis. For commercial cannabis cultivation, the tax due for each calendar quarter shall be based on the square footage of the business’s canopy space during the quarter and the rate shall be 25% of the applicable annual rate. For all other cannabis businesses activities, the tax due for each calendar quarter shall be based on the gross receipts for the quarter.

B. Each person owing cannabis business tax for a calendar quarter shall, no later than the last day of the month following the close of the calendar quarter, file with the Tax Administrator a statement of the tax owed for that calendar quarter and the basis for calculating that tax. The Tax Administrator may require that the statement be submitted on a form prescribed by the Tax Administrator. The tax for each calendar quarter shall be due and payable on that same date as the statement for the calendar quarter is due.

C. Upon cessation of a cannabis business, tax statements and payments shall be immediately due for all calendar quarters up to the calendar quarter during which cessation occurred.

D. The Tax Administrator may, at his or her discretion, establish shorter report and payment periods for any taxpayer as the Tax Administrator deems necessary to ensure collection of the tax. The Tax Administrator may also require that a deposit, to be applied against the taxes for a calendar quarter, be made by a taxpayer at the beginning of that calendar quarter. In no event shall the deposit required by the Tax Administrator exceed the tax amount he or she projects will be owed by the taxpayer for the calendar quarter. The Tax Administrator may require that a taxpayer make payments via a cashier’s check, money order, wire transfer, or similar instrument.

E. For purposes of this section, the square feet of canopy space for a cannabis business engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation shall be presumed to be no less than the maximum square footage of canopy allowed by the business’s City permit for commercial cannabis cultivation, or, in the absence of a City permit, the square footage shall be the maximum square footage of canopy for commercial cannabis cultivation allowed by the state license type. The tax shall be calculated in accordance with rules established by the Tax Administrator pursuant to this chapter. Any decision to prorate or adjust the tax will be made at the sole discretion of the Tax Administrator. In no case shall canopy square footage which is authorized by the permit or license but not utilized for cultivation be excluded from taxation unless the Tax Administrator is informed in writing, prior to the period for which the space will not be used, that such space will not be used.

3.24.070 Payments and communications – timely remittance.

Whenever any payment, statement, report, request or other communication is due, it must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the final due date. A postmark will not be accepted as timely remittance. If the due date would fall on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, the due date shall be the next regular business day on which the City is open to the public.

3.24.080 Payment - when taxes deemed delinquent.

Unless otherwise specifically provided under other provisions of this chapter, the taxes required to be paid pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed delinquent if not received by the Tax Administrator on or before the due date

as specified in Sections 3.24.060 and 3.24.070.

3.24.090 Notice not required by the City.

The City is not required to send a delinquency or other notice or bill to any person subject to this chapter. Failure to send such notice or bill shall not affect the validity of any tax or penalty or interest due under this chapter.

3.24.100 Penalties and interest.

A. Any person who fails or refuses to pay any cannabis business tax required to be paid pursuant to this chapter on or before the due date shall pay penalties and interest as follows:

1. A penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the tax, in addition to the amount of the tax, plus interest on the unpaid tax calculated from the due date of the tax at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month.

2. If the tax remains unpaid for a period exceeding one calendar month beyond the due date, an additional penalty equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the tax, plus interest at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month on the unpaid tax and on the unpaid penalties.

3. Interest shall be applied at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month on the first day of the month for the full month and will continue to accrue monthly on the tax and penalty until the balance is paid in full.

B. Whenever a check or electronic payment is submitted in payment of a cannabis business tax and the payment is subsequently returned unpaid by the bank for any reason, the taxpayer will be liable for the tax amount due plus any fees, penalties and interest as provided for in this section, and any other amount allowed under state law.

3.24.110 Refunds and credits.

A. No refund shall be made of any tax collected pursuant to this chapter, except as provided in Section 3.24.120.

B. No refund of any tax collected pursuant to this chapter shall be made because of the discontinuation, dissolution, or other termination of a business.

3.24.120 Refunds and procedures.

A. Whenever the amount of any cannabis business tax, penalty or interest has been overpaid, paid more than once, or has been erroneously collected or received by the City under this chapter, it may be refunded to the claimant who paid the tax provided that a written claim for refund is filed with the Tax Administrator within one (1) year of the date the tax was originally due and payable.

B. The Tax Administrator, his or her designee shall have the right to examine and audit all the books and business records of the claimant in order to determine the eligibility of the claimant to the claimed refund. No claim for refund shall be allowed if the claimant refuses to allow such examination of claimant's books and business records after request by the Tax Administrator to do so.

C. In the event that the cannabis business tax was erroneously paid, and the error is attributable to the City, the City shall refund the amount of tax erroneously paid up to one (1) year from when the error was identified.

3.24.130 Administration of the tax.

A. For purposes of administration and enforcement of this chapter, the Tax Administrator may from time to time promulgate such administrative interpretations, rules, and procedures consistent with the purpose, intent, and express terms of this chapter as he or she deems necessary to implement or clarify such provisions.

B. The Tax Administrator may take such administrative actions as needed to administer the tax, including but not limited to:

1. Provide to all cannabis business taxpayers forms for the reporting of the tax;
2. Provide information to any taxpayer concerning the provisions of this chapter;
3. Receive and record all taxes remitted to the City as provided in this chapter;
4. Maintain records of taxpayer reports and taxes collected pursuant to this chapter;
5. Assess penalties and interest to taxpayers pursuant to this chapter;
6. Determine amounts owed and enforce collection pursuant to this chapter.

3.24.140 Apportionment.

If a business subject to the cannabis business tax is operating both within and outside the City, it is the intent of the City to apply the cannabis business tax so that the measure of the tax fairly reflects the proportion of the taxed activity actually carried on in the City. To the extent federal or state law requires that any tax due from any taxpayer be apportioned, the taxpayer may indicate said apportionment on his or her tax return. The Tax Administrator may promulgate administrative procedures for apportionment.

3.24.150 Construction.

This tax is intended to be applied in a manner consistent with the United States and California Constitutions, state and local law. None of the tax provided for by this chapter shall be applied in a manner that causes an undue burden upon interstate commerce, a violation of the equal protection or due process clauses of the Constitutions of the United States or the state of California or a violation of any other provision of the California Constitution, state or local law.

3.24.160 Audit and examination of records and equipment.

A. The Tax Administrator shall have the power to audit and examine all books and records of any person engaged in cannabis business in the City, including both state and federal income tax returns, California sales tax returns, or other evidence documenting the gross receipts of persons engaged in cannabis business, and, where necessary, all equipment of any person engaged in cannabis business

in the City, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of cannabis business tax, if any, required to be paid under this chapter, and for the purpose of verifying any statements or any item thereof when filed by any person pursuant to this chapter. If such person, after written demand by the Tax Administrator, refuses to make available for audit, examination or verification such books, records or equipment as the Tax Administrator requests, the Tax Administrator may, after full consideration of all information within his or her knowledge concerning the cannabis business and activities of the person so refusing, make an assessment against the cannabis business of the taxes estimated to be due under this chapter, following the procedures set forth in Sections 3.24.210 and 3.24.220, except that calculation of any penalties and interest for unreported or misreported gross receipts shall be in accordance with Section 3.24.100 and appeals shall be in accordance with Section 3.24.230.

B. The cannabis business being audited shall be liable for the cost of the audit and all reasonable City administrative expenses related to the audit.

C. It shall be the duty of every person liable for the collection and payment to the City of any tax imposed by this chapter to keep and preserve, for a period of at least three years, all records as may be necessary to determine the amount of such tax as he or she may have been liable for the collection of and payment to the City, which records the Tax Administrator shall have the right to inspect at all reasonable times.

3.24.170 Other licenses, permits, taxes, fees or charges.

Except as expressly provided in this chapter, nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any requirements for any permit or license required by, under or by virtue of any provision of any other title or chapter of this Code or any other ordinance or resolution of the City, nor be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any tax, fee or other charge imposed, assessed or required by, under or by virtue of any other title or chapter of this Code or any other ordinance or resolution of the City. Any references made or contained in any other title or chapter of this Code to any permits, licenses, taxes, fees, or charges, or to any schedule of license fees, shall be deemed to refer to the permits, licenses, taxes, fees or charges, or schedule of license fees, provided for in other titles or chapters of this Code unless otherwise expressly provided.

3.24.180 Payment of tax does not authorize unlawful business.

A. The payment of a cannabis business tax required by this chapter, and its acceptance by the City, shall not entitle any person to carry on any cannabis business unless the person has complied with all of the requirements of this Code and all other applicable state or local laws.

B. No tax paid under the provisions of this chapter shall be construed as authorizing the conduct or continuance of any illegal or unlawful business, or any business in violation of any state or local laws.

3.24.190 Deficiency determinations.

If the Tax Administrator is not satisfied that any statement filed as required under the provisions of this chapter is correct, or that the amount of tax is correctly computed, he or she may compute and determine the amount to be paid and make a deficiency determination upon the basis of the facts contained in the statement or upon the basis of any information in his or her possession or that may come into his or her possession within three (3) years of the date the tax was originally due and payable, or such later date as allowable by law. One or more deficiency determinations of the amount of tax due for a period or periods may be made. When a person discontinues engaging in a business, a deficiency determination may be made at any time within three (3) years thereafter, or such later date as allowable by law, as to any liability arising from engaging in such business whether or not a deficiency determination is issued prior to the date the tax would otherwise be due. Whenever a deficiency determination is made, a notice of deficiency shall be given to the person concerned in the same manner as notices of assessment are given under Section 3.24.210.

3.24.200 Failure to report—nonpayment, fraud.

A. Under any of the following circumstances, the Tax Administrator may make and give notice of an assessment of the amount of tax owed by a person under this chapter at any time:

1. If the person has not filed a complete statement or return required under this chapter;
2. If the person has not timely paid any tax, fee, interest and/or penalties due under this chapter;
3. If the person has not, after demand by the Tax Administrator, filed a corrected return or statement, or furnished to the Tax Administrator adequate substantiation of the information contained in a statement already filed, or paid any additional amount of tax due under this chapter.

B. The notice of assessment shall separately set forth the amount of any tax, fee, interest and/or penalties known by the Tax Administrator to be due or estimated by the Tax Administrator, after consideration of all information within the Tax Administrator's knowledge concerning the business and activities of the person assessed, to be due under each applicable section of this chapter.

3.24.210 Tax assessment - notice requirements.

The notice of assessment shall be served upon the person liable for the tax under this chapter either by personal delivery, or by a deposit of the notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid thereon, addressed to the person at the address of the location of the business or to such other address as he or she shall register with the Tax Administrator for the purpose of receiving notices provided under this chapter; or, should the person have no address registered with the Tax Administrator for such purpose, then to such person's last known address. For the purposes of this section, a service by mail is complete at the time of deposit in the United States mail.

3.24.220 Tax assessment - hearing, application and

determination.

Within thirty (30) days after the date of service of the notice of assessment, the person may apply in writing to the Tax Administrator for a hearing on the assessment. If application for a hearing before the City is not made within the time herein prescribed, the tax assessed by the Tax Administrator shall become final and conclusive. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of any such application for hearing, the Tax Administrator shall cause the matter to be set for hearing before him or her no later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of the application, unless a later date is agreed to by the Tax Administrator and the person requesting the hearing. Notice of such hearing shall be given by the Tax Administrator to the person requesting such hearing not later than five (5) days prior to such hearing. At such hearing said applicant may appear and offer evidence why the assessment as made by the Tax Administrator should not be confirmed and fixed as the tax due. After such hearing the Tax Administrator shall determine and, if applicable, reassess the proper tax to be charged and shall give written notice to the person in the manner prescribed in Section 3.24.210 for giving notice of assessment.

3.24.230 Appeal procedure.

Any taxpayer aggrieved by any decision of the Tax Administrator with respect to the amount of tax, fee, interest and penalties, if any, due under this chapter may appeal to the City Manager by filing a written appeal with the City within fifteen calendar days of the mailing of the decision or determination. The City shall schedule the appeal and give fifteen (15) days' written notice to the appellant of the time and place of hearing by serving the notice personally or by depositing in the United States Post Office in the City, postage prepaid, addressed as shown on the appeal papers or, if none, such other address as is known to the City or, absent any address, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. The City Manager shall have authority to determine all questions raised on such appeal. No such determination shall conflict with any substantive provision of this chapter.

3.24.240 Conviction for violation - taxes not waived.

The conviction and punishment of any person for failure to pay a required tax, fee, penalty and/or interest under this chapter shall not excuse or exempt such person from any civil action for the amounts due under this chapter. No civil action shall prevent a criminal prosecution for any violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any state law requiring the payment of all taxes.

3.24.250 Violation deemed misdemeanor.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or who, other than by a sworn statement, knowingly or intentionally misrepresents to any officer or employee of the City any material fact herein required to be provided is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section 1.16.010. A person who on a sworn statement states as true a material fact that he or she knows to be false is guilty of perjury.

3.24.260 Actions to collect.

The amount of any tax, fee, penalty and/or interest imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed a debt owed to the City. An action may be commenced in the name of the City in any court of competent jurisdiction, for the amount of any delinquent tax, fees, penalties and interest thereon.

3.24.270 Remedies cumulative.

All remedies prescribed under this chapter shall be cumulative and the use of one or more remedies by the City shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions hereof.

3.24.280 Annual audit.

Each year, as part of audit of the City's financial statements, the City's independent auditors shall complete a report reviewing the collection, management, and expenditure of revenue from the tax levied by this chapter.

3.24.290 Amendment or repeal.

As required by Article XIIC of the California Constitution, any amendment that increases the maximum rates of tax beyond the levels authorized in Section 3.24.050 shall not take effect unless approved by a vote of the people. The City Council may, by resolution, implement a tax under this chapter in any amount or at any rate that does not exceed the maximum rates set forth in Section 3.24.050.

SECTION 3. Amendment. The City Council of the City of Union City is hereby authorized to amend Chapter 3.24 of the Union City Municipal Code as adopted by this Ordinance in any manner that does not increase the tax rates above the maximum rates set forth in Section 3.24.050, or that otherwise constitutes a tax increase for which voter approval is required by Article XIIC of the California Constitution.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.

SECTION 5. Publication and effective date. Within fifteen (15) days from and after adoption, this Ordinance shall be published once in the Tri-City Voice, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Alameda County and circulated in the City of Union City, in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933. If this ordinance is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue at the November 6, 2018 election, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the Council

declares the results of the election.

APPROVED by the following vote of the People of the City of Union City on November 6, 2018:

YESES:

NOES:

ADOPTED by Declaration of the November 6, 2018 election results by the City Council of the City of Union City at a regular meeting held on _____, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS

APPROVED:

s/CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI
Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ANNA BROWN
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO
City Attorney

CITY OF UNION CITY MEASURE EE

<p>EE To enhance local control with funding that cannot be taken by the State for essential services including fire/police protection; youth violence/gang prevention programs; maintaining city parks/senior services; and other essential services; shall a measure be adopted establishing Union City as a Charter City and a real property transfer tax of \$10 per \$1,000, until ended by voters, paid only by property buyers/sellers, providing \$5,000,000 dollars annually, with funds benefiting Union City?</p>	YES
	NO

since the last increase, effective upon the beginning of a new term of a councilmember. The last increase of City Council compensation was in 2008. Under the general laws of the State, the City Council may increase their own salaries by greater than 5% for each year since the last increase with voter approval. The City Council may increase the compensation of other city officials without voter approval.

Because compensation of City officials is a municipal affair, under the proposed Union City Charter, the City Council could enact a law to establish the ability of the City Council to raise the City Council’s compensation or the compensation of other city officials in a manner that is different from the general laws of the State without voter approval. The City Council would have to make any compensation changes at a noticed public meeting. The City Council or Union City residents could also propose amendments to the Charter related to City Council compensation.

CITY OF UNION CITY BALLOT DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE EE

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 34458.5 a proposal to adopt or amend a charter must include a ballot description that enumerates the new city powers as a result of the adoption of the charter, including whether the City Council will have the power to raise its own compensation and the compensation of other city officials without voter approval.

Union City is currently a general law city. Union City would change from a general law city to a charter city if voters approve Measure EE.

As a general law city, the powers of the City are defined by the general laws of the State of California, as established by the California Constitution, State Legislature and voter initiative. On the other hand, charter cities have the powers granted to them by their respective charters over “municipal affairs”. Charter cities remain subject to State laws regarding matters of statewide concern. Thus, charter cities possess local control over municipal affairs subject only to the limitations contained in the charter, the California Constitution, and federal law.

The proposed Union City Charter provides that Union City shall have the full power and authority to adopt laws and regulations regarding municipal affairs, except as limited by the Charter itself or applicable State or federal laws. It specifically provides that the City may exercise all powers of a charter city to generate revenue, including the power to enact a real property transfer tax. The proposed Union City Charter also provides that the City shall remain subject to and governed by California laws applicable to general law cities with respect to matters related to: payment of prevailing wage; public contracting; labor relations; and elections. Further, the proposed Charter states that the City’s current Municipal Code would not be altered by the Charter.

The proposed Union City Charter itself does not change the City Council’s authority to raise its own compensation and the compensation of other city officials without voter approval. Currently, under the general laws of the State (Government Code Section 36516) and the Municipal Code, the City Council may increase, by ordinance and without voter approval, their own salaries by up to 5% for each year

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE EE

The City Council of the City of Union City is submitting to the voters the question of whether to adopt the Union City Charter to establish Union City as a charter city and to approve an ordinance that would authorize a real property transfer tax (the "Transfer Tax") on the sale of property.

The City is a general law city bound by the general laws of the State of California, as established by the State Legislature and voter initiative. Charter cities are subject to State laws regarding matters of statewide concern but have sole authority over "municipal affairs" under the California Constitution. A matter is considered a municipal affair when its impact is local while a matter is generally considered of statewide concern where the impact is regional or statewide. Courts resolve whether a matter is a local or statewide affair. As a charter city, the City would possess local control over municipal affairs subject only to the limitations contained in the Union City Charter, the California Constitution, and federal law.

The Union City Charter provides that the City would retain the existing form of government and Municipal Code and requires that the City follow State laws related to: payment of prevailing wage; public contracting; labor relations; and elections. The Union City Charter authorizes the City to impose the Transfer Tax.

The City currently imposes a tax on the transfer of real property at the rate of fifty-five cents (\$0.55) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of value, which is the maximum tax rate permitted for general law cities. For example, a property currently sold for \$100,000 results in a tax of \$55 paid to the City. The City could impose a tax on the transfer of real property at a greater rate as a charter city.

The Transfer Tax is a tax on the conveyance of real property at the rate of ten dollars (\$10) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of value. Under the Transfer Tax, a property sold for \$100,000 would result in a tax of \$1,000 paid to the City. The Transfer Tax only applies to the transfer of property for consideration. Thus, for example, the Transfer Tax would generally not apply to property that is solely transferred by inheritance.

The Transfer Tax is a general tax. Therefore, the revenue from the tax will be deposited into the City's general fund and may be used to maintain city services, including: fire/police protection; youth violence/gang prevention programs; and city parks/senior services. All revenue generated by the Transfer Tax will remain in Union City, and be subject to local control.

A "Yes" vote will adopt the Union City Charter to establish Union City as a charter city and authorize the Transfer Tax. A "No" vote will maintain the City of Union City as a general law city and reject the Transfer Tax. Measure EE would be approved if it received a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

s/KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO
City Attorney, City of Union City

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE EE

Vote YES on EE – keep OUR money LOCAL! Measure EE will enhance local control over local funds for local needs. No Measure EE funding can be seized by Sacramento.

The state takes more than \$5 million from Union City every year. **YES on EE** will expand local control and create a guaranteed funding source that cannot be taken by the state. Much of the revenue generated by Measure EE will be paid by large property owners, and corporate and commercial real estate owners.

Many neighboring cities have already become more independent from Sacramento and enhanced their local control of local needs. **YES on EE** gives Union City residents a greater voice in THEIR local government. Union City voters – not Sacramento politicians – better understand the needs of Union City.

YES on EE will maintain essential local services with money that cannot be taken by the state including:

- Police and Fire protection safety services
- Youth violence prevention and gang intervention programs
- City parks, path and playfields that provide children a safe place to play
- Senior services and keeping the Senior Center open

YES on EE will maintain our core city services, and won't cost the average tax payer a dime. Only those buying and selling property, including large corporate and commercial real estate owners, pay a one-time charge to help keep Union City a safe, well-maintained community.

Measure EE is fiscally accountable, with annual audits and yearly reports to the community to make sure Measure EE funds are spent responsibly and as promised.

Enhance our local control and maintain our public safety, parks, and youth and senior services with funding that cannot be seized by Sacramento – **Vote YES on EE!**

Join City Council members, Public Safety, Businesses, Youth, and Senior Leaders in voting **YES on EE.**

s/STAN RODRIGUES
Union City Police Officers Association, President

s/CARA MILGATE
Intero Real Estate, Vice-President

s/KELLY KLUG
Chamber of Commerce, Co- President

s/DAN RIVERA
Union City Park and Recreation Commissioner

s/JOE BALDWIN
Alameda County Firefighters Local 55, Vice President

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE EE

VOTE NO on Measure EE which would create a City Charter.

Do you like paying extra taxes for Basic City Services?
Did you know these taxes just pay for high city staff salaries and pension costs?

Annual taxes to residents include:

- 2010 Measure AA, then again with the 2014 Measure JJ Union City residents pay 10% sales tax one of the highest state rates, \$3.1 million for the City.

- 2016 Measure QQ Union City residents pay a \$123/parcel tax, \$4.1 million for the City.

Union City is already imposing more than \$7 million annually in extra taxes on its residents.

The City will ask for approval of Measure EE, a Real Estate Transfer at \$10/\$1,000 in valuation on your home when it sells. For a \$1 million dollar property, \$10,000 is the cost to you. Would you not want to give this \$10,000 to your children/family vs. giving it to the City to pay for city staff pensions and bloated city salaries?

The proposed Measure EE tax would be the 6th highest in CA. Union City would be 1 of only 22 cities out of 482 (4.6% of all CA cities), to impose such a high tax. This tax along with others already imposed above, has made Union City uncompetitive for business investment. The only way the City can get you to pay this tax is if you approve the proposed change to a Charter City. VOTE NO on Measure EE

s/EVA KAMAKEYA

Union City Senior Citizens Commissioner

s/CATHY KEESEE

Certified Nurse Assistant

s/MARIA RAMIREZ

Union City Resident

s/ELIZABETH AMES

Former Union City Planning Commissioner

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE EE

Union City voters should vote NO on becoming a Charter city. Why? All three CA cities that have filed bankruptcy were Charter cities: San Bernardino, Stockton and Vallejo. Charter cities are exempt from state laws on salary limits for elected officials. For example, the City of Bell paid its City Manager \$800,000/year and Council members \$100,000/year. Do you want this in Union City? Also, Charter cities are exempt from 1986 Proposition 62, which mandates a public vote whenever cities want to raise taxes on business licenses, hotel rooms, certain real estate transactions and other items. Do you want to waive your vote if the City wants to increase your taxes? You are already burdened with one of California's highest sales tax rates at 10%. Now the City wants to add a real estate transfer tax that will significantly increase the cost for you to sell or buy a home or business in Union City. The City is taxing us two years later for the same programs in Measure QQ. Why are they requesting more taxes? The City is not managing our tax dollars wisely and is asking for the freedom to increase taxes without voter approval. Vote NO on Measure EE.

s/EVA KAMAKEYA

Union City Senior Citizens Commissioner

s/CATHY KEESEE

Certified Nurse Assistant

s/MARIA RAMIREZ

Union City Resident

s/ELIZABETH AMES

Former Union City Planning Commissioner

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE EE

The fact is, **Sacramento takes more than \$5 million EVERY year from Union City.** This is a serious situation that must be addressed to maintain our safety, local control over local needs, and quality of life. YES on EE funding – by law – cannot be taken by Sacramento!

FACT: YES on EE helps maintain critical police, fire, youth, senior and parks services, *but doesn't cost the average person a dime.* Only those buying and selling property pay a one-time fee.

FACT: Much of the revenue from Measure EE will be paid by corporate and commercial real estate owners – NOT the average resident. Without Measure EE, large property owners will never have to pay their fair share, while residents continue to shoulder costs of maintaining our safety and quality of life.

Opponents are using untrue scare tactics – don't believe them!

FACT: Many nearby cities – Hayward, Piedmont, Emeryville, Alameda, Albany, San Leandro, and others – are ALL Charter cities. Union City residents also deserve more local control over THEIR city. Local funding, for local needs – not to fix Sacramento's budget!

FACT: Union City is fiscally accountable – including audits and public review to ensure Measure EE funds are spent responsibly and as promised.

That's why the local Chamber of Commerce, realtors, public safety professionals, and residents across Union City all say YES on EE – maintain our public safety and keep our money LOCAL. It's a no-brainer – **Vote YES on EE!**

For the facts, visit: www.unioncity.org/ballot measures

s/DOMINGO FILARDO

Senior Commissioner

s/CARA MILGATE

Intero Real Estate, Vice-President

s/JO ANN LEW

Planning Commissioner

s/JEANELLE SINGH

Local Small Business Owner

s/ROGER GONZALEZ

50 + year Resident and Taxpayer

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE EE

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The City of Union City was incorporated as a general law city in 1959, combining the communities of Alvarado, New Haven, and Decoto, by residents seeking to manage local affairs. Over time, the authority of general law cities over local affairs has diminished. The State continues to add mandates for cities that require local resources to address State concerns, increase its control over local matters, and redirect much needed local revenue for its own purposes. Changes in State law have limited the ability of Union City residents to decide how to use local dollars for local needs. The power of home rule, granted by the California Constitution, makes available to charter cities a variety of tools to use to construct local policy and address local concerns. We the people of Union City, are sincerely committed to the belief that local government has the closest affinity to the people governed and are firmly convinced that the economic and fiscal independence of our local government will better serve and promote the health, safety and welfare of all the residents of Union City. Based on these principles, we do here by exercise the express right granted by the Constitution of the State of California and do ordain and establish this Charter for the City of Union City.

ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT OF HOME RULE, POWER OVER MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, GENERAL LAW POWERS

Section 100. Powers of the City. The City of Union City (the "City") shall have full power and authority to adopt, make, exercise, and enforce all legislation, laws, ordinance, resolutions, and regulations with respect to municipal affairs, subject only to the limitations and restrictions imposed on that power by this Charter, the Constitution of the State of California, and the laws of the United States.

Section 101. Municipal Affairs. Municipal affairs encompass all matters of local concern as determined by the City Council consistent with the meaning of "municipal affairs" under the constitutional, statutory, and judicially defined law of the State of California. Each of the matters set forth in this Charter are declared to be municipal affairs, consistent with the laws of the State of California. The municipal affairs set forth in this Charter are not intended to be an exclusive list of municipal affairs over which the City Council may govern. The exercise of home rule over each matter set forth in this Charter uniquely benefits the residents of the City and addresses local concerns within the City.

Section 102. Powers under State Law.

(a) In addition to the power and authority granted by this Charter and the Constitution of the State of California, the City shall have the power and authority to adopt, make, exercise, and enforce all legislation, laws, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations and to take all actions and to exercise any and all rights, powers, and

privileges heretofore or hereafter established, granted or prescribed by any law of the State of California or by any other lawful authority. In the event of any conflict between this Charter and the general laws of the State of California related to a municipal affair, this Charter shall control.

(b) Nothing in this Charter is intended to restrict the City in exercising any right, power or authority granted under the general laws of the State of California. However, the provisions of this Charter shall prevail in the event of any conflict with the general laws of the State of California, unless preempted by state law on matters of statewide concern.

ARTICLE II. CONTINUATION OF BOUNDARIES, FORM OF GOVERNMENT, AND EXISTING LAW

Section 200. Incorporation and Succession. The City shall continue to be a municipal corporation known as the City of Union City. The boundaries of the City shall continue as established prior to this Charter taking effect until changed in the manner authorized by law. The City shall remain vested with and shall continue to own, have, possess, control, and enjoy all property rights and rights of action of every nature and description owned, had, possessed, controlled, or enjoyed by it at the time this Charter takes effect. The City shall be subject to all debts, obligations, and liabilities of the City at the time this Charter takes effect.

Section 201. Form of Government. The government of the City shall continue to be the Council-Manager form of government as established by the Union City Municipal Code at the time that this Charter takes effect and by the laws of the State of California. The Council-Manager form of government of the City may be changed in the same ways and using the same procedures as a general law city.

Section 202. City Council, City Manager, and City Attorney.

- (a) The City Council shall establish the policy of the City. The City Manager shall carry out that policy.
- (b) The City Council shall appoint the City Manager.
- (c) The City Manager, as the chief administrative officer of the City, shall, consistent with the Union City Municipal Code, appoint all department heads other than the City Attorney. The City Council and its members shall deal with the administrative services of the City only through the City Manager except for the purpose of inquiry, and neither the City Council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the City Manager.
- (d) The City Council shall appoint the City Attorney. The City Attorney may be an employee of the City or an independent contractor providing legal services pursuant to a contract.

Section 203. Continuation of Existing Local Laws. All ordinances, codes, resolutions, regulations, rules, and

portions thereof, in force at the time this Charter takes effect, and not in conflict or inconsistent herewith, shall continue in force until repealed, amended, changed, or superseded in the manner provided by this Charter and any other applicable laws.

Section 204. General State Laws. Except as provided in this Charter and in any ordinance, code, resolution, or other law adopted by the City Council regarding a matter that is a municipal affair, the City shall be governed by the general laws of the State of California.

ARTICLE III. MUNICIPAL REVENUE

Section 300. Revenue Raising Power. The City may exercise all powers of a charter city to generate revenue, including but not limited to taxes, fees, assessments, and other charges.

Section 301. Real Property Transfer Tax. Without limiting the general power of the City to generate revenue, as expressed in Section 300 above, the City may impose a tax on the conveyance of real property based upon the price paid for the real property. Any real property transfer tax imposed by the City shall be in addition to any similar tax authorized by the general laws of the State of California.

ARTICLE IV. PREVAILING WAGES FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC CONTRACTING

Section 400. State Prevailing Wage Law. The City shall comply with the laws of the State of California applicable to general law cities regarding the payment of prevailing wages for public works projects.

Section 401. Contracting for Public Works. The City shall comply with the laws of the State of California applicable to general law cities regarding contracting for public works. The City's laws, ordinances, codes, resolutions, and policies implementing State laws regarding contracting for public works shall continue to apply when this Charter takes effect and may be amended thereafter.

ARTICLE V. LABOR RELATIONS

Section 500. State Labor Relations Law. The City shall comply with the laws of the State of California applicable to general law cities regarding labor relations. The City's laws, ordinances, codes, resolutions, and policies implementing State laws regarding labor relations shall continue to apply when this Charter takes effect and may be amended thereafter.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 600. State Elections Law. The City shall comply with the laws of the State of California applicable to general law cities regarding elections. The City's laws, ordinances, codes, resolutions, and policies implementing State laws regarding elections shall continue to apply when this Charter takes effect and may be amended thereafter.

Section 601. Initiative, Referendum, and Recall. Without limiting the general applicability of Section 600 of this Charter, the City shall comply with the laws of the State of California applicable to general law cities regarding

initiative, referendum, and recall.

ARTICLE VII. INTERPRETATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AMENDMENT

Section 700. Construction and Interpretation. The language of this Charter is intended to be permissive rather than exclusive or limiting and shall be liberally and broadly construed in favor of the exercise by the City of its power to govern with respect to any matter that is a municipal affair. Every reference in this Charter to state or federal law shall mean that law as it exists when this Charter takes effect or as it may thereafter be amended.

Section 701. Severability. If any provision of this Charter should be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 702. Amendment of Charter. As provided by state law, this Charter, and any of its provisions, may be amended by a majority vote of the electors voting on the question. Amendment or repeal may be proposed by initiative or by the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ADDING CHAPTER 3.26 (REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX) TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Union City was incorporated as a general law city in 1959 by residents seeking to manage local affairs; and

WHEREAS, the authority of general law cities has diminished through State mandates and State law regarding use of local resources; and

WHEREAS, charter cities have a variety of tools to address local concerns through the power of home rule granted by the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, becoming a charter city would provide Union City with more local autonomy and expand the City's economic and fiscal independence to promote the health, safety, and welfare of all residents; and

WHEREAS, establishing Union City as a charter city gives Union City more local control over City affairs and local funding needs; and

WHEREAS, being a charter city allows for more options for funding important local services or capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council provided direction to City staff and the City Attorney's Office to prepare a draft charter for the City Council to consider submitting to the voters of Union City to change Union City to a charter city, which would also empower the voters to approve an enhanced real property transfer tax; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held two duly noticed public hearings on May 10, 2018 and June 12, 2018 to receive comments from the public and to consider the proposed

draft Union City City Charter consistent with Government Code Section 34458; and

WHEREAS, following both public hearings and after considering all testimony, evidence, and comments from the public, the City Council directed the preparation of a ballot measure to submit to the voters of Union City the approval of the Union City City Charter and an ordinance that would authorized an enhanced real property transfer tax; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City Charter authorizes the City to levy a real property transfer tax; and

WHEREAS, the tax to be submitted to the voters, if approved, would authorize a tax on the sale of property. Payment of the tax could be negotiated between buyer and seller. The tax would not be an annual tax on property, only a tax on the sale of property. The tax rate would be ten dollars (\$10.00) per each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, of the consideration paid for real property. The tax would be owed at the time of sale of real property. The tax would collected by the City. Both the Union City City Charter and the tax would be approved if the measure receives at least a simple majority vote of affirmative votes; and

WHEREAS, revenues from a real property transfer tax would go into the City’s general fund and could be used for any legitimate government purpose; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII C, section 2(b) of the California Constitution requires that any general tax for unrestricted general revenue purposes, such as a real property transfer tax, must be submitted to and approved by a majority vote of the voters voting on the issue of imposing any general tax; and

WHEREAS, the tax imposed by this Ordinance will only become effective if approved by a majority of the City’s voters at the November 6, 2018 election; and

WHEREAS, based on all of the information presented at the July 24, 2018 meeting of the City Council, both written and oral, including the staff reports, minutes, and other relevant materials, the City Council finds that under CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(2) and 15378, subdivisions (2) and (4) of subdivision (b), this tax does not constitute a project under CEQA and therefore review under CEQA, review is not required.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Municipal Code. Chapter 3.26 “Real Property Transfer Tax” is hereby added to the Union City Municipal Code as follows:

**CHAPTER 3.26
REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX**

Sections:

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3.26.010 Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Real Property Transfer Tax Ordinance.”

3.26.020 Purpose and authority.

The tax imposed by this chapter is solely for the purpose of raising revenues for the general governmental purposes of the City. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this chapter shall be placed in the City’s general fund. This chapter is not enacted for regulatory purposes.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the City’s authority under Article XI, section 5 of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 301 of the Union City City Charter.

3.26.030 Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below when used in this chapter:

A. “Changes in control and ownership of legal entities” means any direct or indirect acquisition or transfer of ownership interest or control in a legal entity that constitutes a change in ownership or transfer of the real property of the entity under California Revenue and Taxation Code section 64, as such statute reads and is interpreted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

B. “County Assessor” means the County Assessor of the County of Alameda.

C. “County Recorder” means the Office of the Clerk-Recorder of the County of Alameda.

D. “Person” and “persons” mean any natural person, receiver, administrator, executor, assignee, trustee in bankruptcy, trust, estate, firm, co-partnership, joint venture, club, company, joint stock company, business

trust, limited liability company, municipal corporation, political subdivision of the State of California, domestic or foreign corporation, association, syndicate, society, or any group of individuals acting as a unit, whether mutual, cooperative, fraternal, nonprofit, or otherwise, and the United States or any instrumentality thereof. "Person" and "persons" also mean any natural person, who as an individual or with a spouse, owns fifty one percent (51%) or more of the capital stock of a corporation obligated to file a declaration and pay tax pursuant to this chapter; and in addition, is a person with the power to control the fiscal decision-making process by which the corporation allocates funds to creditors in preference to its tax obligations under the provisions of this chapter. A person who is also an officer or director of a corporation obligated to file declarations and pay tax pursuant to this chapter shall be presumed to be a person with the power to control the fiscal decision-making process. Whenever the term "person" is used in any clause prescribing and imposing a penalty, the term as applied to association shall mean the owners or part owners thereof, and as applied to corporation, the officers thereof.

E. "Real property" and "realty" mean real property as defined by and under the laws of the state of California.

F. "Tax" means the tax authorized and imposed by this chapter.

G. "Tax administrator" means the Finance Director or other City Manager designee designated to administer the tax.

H. "Transfer of real property" means a sale, grant, assignment, transfer, or other conveyance of any lands, tenements, or other real property by deed, instrument, or other writing from a transferor to a transferee, or to a third person at or by the direction of transferee. "Transfer of real property" includes a change in control and ownership of a legal entity that results in a transfer of real property.

I. "Transferee" means a person to whom a transfer of real property is made.

J. "Transferor" means a person who makes a transfer of real property.

K. "Value of consideration" or "value of the consideration" means the total consideration, valued in money of the United States, paid or delivered, or contracted to be paid or delivered in return for the transfer of real property, including the amount of any indebtedness existing immediately prior to the transfer which is secured by a lien, deed of trust or other encumbrance on the property conveyed and which continues to be secured by such lien, deed of trust or encumbrances after such transfer, and also including the amount of any indebtedness which is secured by a lien, deed of trust or encumbrance given or placed upon the property in connection with the transfer to secure the payment of the purchase price or any part thereof which remains unpaid at the time of transfer. "Value of the consideration" also includes the amount of any special assessment levied or imposed upon the property by a public body, district or agency, where such special assessment is a lien or encumbrance on the property and the purchaser or

transferee agrees to pay such special assessment or takes the property subject to the lien of such special assessment. The value of any lien or encumbrance of a type other than those which are hereinabove specifically included, existing immediately prior to the transfer and remaining after such transfer, shall not be included in determining the value of the consideration. If the "value of the consideration" cannot be definitely determined, or is left open to be fixed by future contingencies, "value of the consideration" shall be deemed to mean the fair market value of the property at the time of transfer, after deducting the amount of any lien or encumbrance, if any, of a type which would be excluded in determining the "value of the consideration" pursuant to the above provisions of this section. In the event that the asserted "value of consideration" for a transfer of real property is less than the fair market value, the Tax Administrator may assume that the "value of consideration" is the fair market value of the property but shall consider evidence submitted by the persons responsible for paying the tax that the lower amount represents the price agreed upon as part of a valid arms-length transaction.

3.26.040 Tax imposed.

A tax is hereby imposed on each transfer of real property located in the City of Union City, when the value of the consideration exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

3.26.050 Tax rate.

The rate of the tax imposed pursuant this chapter shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the value of consideration paid for a transfer of real property, or fractional part of each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the value of consideration.

3.26.060 Persons liable for tax.

Any person who makes a transfer of real property subject to the tax imposed by this chapter and any person to whom such a transfer is made shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of the tax. The transferor and transferee may apportion the tax among themselves.

3.26.070 Exceptions and exemptions.

A. Government Entities. A transfer of real property shall be exempt from any tax imposed pursuant to this chapter if the transferee is the United States or any political subdivision thereof, the State of California, any city, county, city and county, district or any other political subdivision of the State of California.

B. Writings That Secure a Debt. Any tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall not apply to any instrument in writing given to secure a debt.

C. Transfers of Real Property to Effectuate a Plan of Reorganization. Any tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall not apply to the making, delivery, or filing of conveyances to make effective any plan of reorganization or adjustment:

1. Confirmed under the Federal Bankruptcy Act, as amended;
2. Approved in an equity receivership proceeding in a

court involving a railroad corporation, as defined in Section 101 of Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended;

3. Approved in an equity receivership proceeding in a court involving a corporation, as defined in Section 101 of Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended; or

4. Whereby a mere change in identity, form, or place of organization is effected.

Subsections (1) to (4), above, shall only apply if the making, delivery, or filing of instruments of transfer or conveyance occurs within five (5) years from the date of such confirmation, approval, or change.

D. Orders of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall not apply to the making or delivery of conveyances to make effective any order of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1083 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; but only if:

1. The order of the Securities and Exchange Commission in obedience to which such conveyance is made is necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of Section 79k of Title 15 of the United States Code, relating to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935;

2. Such order specifies the property which is ordered to be conveyed; and

3. Such conveyance is made in obedience to such order.

E. Transfer of Certain Partnership Property.

1. In the case of any realty held by a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, no tax shall be imposed pursuant to this chapter by reason of any transfer of an interest in the partnership or other entity or otherwise, if both of the following occur:

a. The partnership or other entity treated as a partnership is considered a continuing partnership within the meaning of Section 708 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

b. The continuing partnership or other entity treated as a partnership continues to hold the realty concerned.

2. If there is a termination of any partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, within the meaning of Section 708 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, for purposes of this chapter, the partnership or other entity shall be treated as having executed an instrument whereby there was conveyed, for fair market value (including the value of any lien or encumbrance remaining thereon), all realty held by the partnership or other entity at the time of the termination.

3. Not more than one (1) tax shall be imposed pursuant to this chapter by reason of a termination described in subsection (E)(2) of this section, and any transfer pursuant thereto, with respect to the realty held by a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership at the time of the termination.

4. No tax shall be imposed pursuant to this chapter by reason of any transfer between an individual or individuals

and a legal entity or between legal entities that results solely in a change in the method of holding title to the realty and in which proportional ownership interests in the realty, whether represented by stock, membership interest, partnership interest, co-tenancy interest, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, remain the same immediately after the transfer.

F. Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure. Any tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall not apply with respect to any deed, instrument, or writing to a beneficiary or mortgagee, which is taken from the mortgagor or trustor as a result of or in lieu of foreclosure; provided, that such tax shall apply to the extent that the consideration exceeds the unpaid debt, including accrued interest and cost of foreclosure. Consideration, unpaid debt amount, and identification of grantee as beneficiary or mortgagee shall be noted on said deed, instrument, or writing or stated in an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury for tax purposes.

G. Transfer of Restricted Affordable Units. The tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall not apply to transfers of real property if the real property is encumbered by a recorded and enforceable covenant executed in favor of the City restricting the ownership and occupancy of the real property, for a period of no less than thirty (30) years following the date of transfer, to "persons and families of low or moderate income" as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50093.

H. Transfers between Spouses and Domestic Partners.

1. Any transfer made during the term of a marriage or domestic partnership between spouses or domestic partners shall be exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter.

2. Any transfer of property from one spouse or domestic partner to the other in accordance with the terms of a decree of dissolution or legal separation or in fulfillment of a property settlement incident thereto shall be exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter. This exemption shall apply only to property that was acquired by the spouses or domestic partners prior to the final decree of dissolution. This exemption shall not apply to a transfer of property to a third party, despite the existence of a valid court order or settlement agreement.

a. For domestic partners, the two parties to the transfer must have on file a valid domestic partnership registration (a) under existing law and procedures for the state of California domestic partnership registry, or (b) with a governmental agency of a jurisdiction that recognizes domestic partnership registration.

b. If domestic partners do not own, as joint tenants, the property that is the subject of their dissolution agreement, they must demonstrate that they were living together at the location of the real property in question either at least six months prior to the dissolution of the domestic partners relationship or the entire period of ownership of the transferring partner, whichever is more.

c. To qualify for this exemption, domestic partners must provide that portion of their dissolution and property

settlement agreement pertaining to the division or transfer of property, which shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk. The copy of the settlement agreement shall be accompanied by an affidavit with verifiable signatures or proof of identity, that the copy is an accurate and authentic reproduction of the final settlement agreement between the parties.

I. Transfers That Confirm or Correct a Recorded Deed. A transfer of real property without consideration that confirms or corrects a deed shall be exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter. The correcting or confirming transfer must be recorded no later than ninety (90) days after the recordation of the transfer requiring correction or confirmation.

3.26.080 Administration of tax.

The Tax Administrator shall collect the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter and shall otherwise administer this chapter. The Tax Administrator may make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this chapter, as he or she may deem reasonably necessary or desirable to administer this article, as well as necessary forms and receipts.

3.26.090 Due dates, delinquencies, penalties, interest, administrative charges, and lien release recordation fees.

The tax imposed pursuant to this chapter is due and payable at the time the deed, instrument, or writing effecting a transfer subject to the tax is delivered, and is delinquent if unpaid ninety (90) days later. If a transfer of real property is effected but not recorded with the County Recorder within ninety (90) days of the date on which the deed, instrument, or writing was delivered, all statutes of limitations regarding liability for the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be tolled until the City has actual knowledge of the transfer, at which time the tax on the unrecorded transfer shall relate back to the date on which the deed, instrument, or writing was delivered. Penalties and interest shall be deemed to have begun accruing on the date the deed, instrument, or writing was delivered, and shall be the joint and several liability of the persons referred to in Section 3.26.060. In the event that the tax is not paid prior to becoming delinquent, a delinquency penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the tax due shall accrue. In the event only a portion of the tax is unpaid prior to becoming delinquent, the penalty shall only accrue as to the unpaid portion. An additional penalty of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of tax due shall accrue if the tax remains unpaid on the ninetieth day following the date of the original delinquency. Interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, on the amount of the tax, inclusive of penalties, from the date the tax becomes delinquent to the date of payment. Interest and penalties shall become part of the tax. An administrative charge and a release of lien filing fee equal to the amount charged by the County Recorder shall be added to the amount owed for each property approved for a tax lien by the City Council.

3.26.100 Declaration may be required.

A. The tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid to the Tax Administrator by the persons referred to in

Section 3.26.060. The Tax Administrator shall have the authority, pursuant to this chapter and any promulgated rules and regulations, to require that the payment shall be accompanied by a declaration of the amount of tax due signed by the person paying the tax or by their duly authorized agent. If a declaration is required, it shall include a statement that the value of the consideration on which the tax due was computed includes all indebtedness secured by liens, deeds of trust, or other encumbrances remaining or placed on the property transferred at the time of transfer, and also includes all special assessments on the property which a purchaser or transferee agrees to pay or which remains a lien on the property at the time of transfer. The declaration shall identify the deed, instrument, or writing effecting the transfer for which the tax is being paid. The Tax Administrator may require delivery of a copy of such deed, instrument, or writing whenever they deem such to be reasonably necessary to adequately identify such writing or to administer the provisions of this chapter. The Tax Administrator may but is not required to rely on the declaration as to the amount of the tax due.

B. Whenever the Tax Administrator has reason to believe that the full amount of tax due is not shown on the declaration or has not been paid, they may, by notice served upon any person liable for the tax, require them to furnish a true copy of their records relevant to the value of the consideration or fair market value of the property transferred. Such notice may be served at any time within three (3) years after recordation of the deed, instrument, or writing which transfers such property.

3.26.110 Determination of deficiency; petition for redetermination.

A. If on the basis of such information as the Tax Administrator receives pursuant to Section 3.26.100, or on the basis of such other relevant information that comes into his or her possession, he or she determines that the amount of tax due as set forth in the declaration, or as paid, is insufficient, he or she may re-compute the tax due on the basis of such information.

B. If the declaration referenced in Section 3.26.100 is not submitted, the Tax Administrator may make an estimate of the value of the consideration for the property transferred and determine the amount of tax to be paid on the basis of any information in his or her possession or that may come into his or her possession.

C. More than one deficiency determination may be made of the amount due with respect to any single transfer of real property.

D. The Tax Administrator shall give written notice to a person liable for payment of the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter of a deficiency determination made under this section. Such notice shall be given within three (3) years after the recordation of the deed, instrument, or writing effecting the transfer on which the tax deficiency determination was made.

E. Any notice required to be given by the Tax Administrator under this chapter may be served personally

or by mail. If service is made by mail, it shall be made by depositing the notice in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope with postage paid, addressed to the person on whom it is to be served at the address as it appears in the records of the City or as ascertained by the Tax Administrator. The service is complete at the time of the deposit of the notice in the United States mail, without extension of time for any reason.

F. Any person against whom a deficiency determination is made under this chapter or any person directly interested may petition the Tax Administrator for a redetermination within sixty (60) days after service upon the person of notice thereof. If a petition for redetermination is not filed in writing with the Tax Administrator within the sixty (60) day period, the determination becomes final at the expiration of the period.

G. If a petition for redetermination is filed within the sixty (60) day period, the Tax Administrator shall reconsider the determination and, if the person has so requested in his or her petition, shall grant the person an oral hearing, and shall give ten (10) days' notice of the time and place of the hearing. The Tax Administrator may designate a hearing officer for the purpose of conducting hearings. A hearing on a tax deficiency redetermination may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

H. As part of a redetermination hearing, the Tax Administrator may decrease or increase the amount of the tax owed before a redetermination decision becomes final, but the amount may be increased only if the Tax Administrator asserts a claim for the increase at or before the hearing.

I. The order or decision of the Tax Administrator upon a petition for redetermination becomes final thirty (30) days after service of notice thereof upon the petitioner or at the time of hearing of redetermination. There is no administrative appeal to the City Council of the Tax Administrator's decision on a petition for redetermination. Writs challenging the Tax Administrator's decision must be filed with the appropriate court within ninety (90) days of the final date of such redetermination. (California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.)

3.26.120 Tax a debt.

The amount of any tax, penalty, and interest imposed under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a debt owed to the City. Any person owing money to the City under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable in an action brought in the name of the City for the recovery of such amount, plus the City's costs of bringing the action, including attorneys' fees and litigation costs. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed a limitation upon the right of the City to bring any other action, whether criminal, legal, or equitable, based upon the failure to pay the tax, penalty, or interest imposed by this chapter or the failure to comply with any of the provisions hereof.

3.26.130 Refunds.

Whenever the amount of any tax, penalty, or interest has been overpaid, or paid more than once, or has been

erroneously collected or received by the City under this chapter, it may be refunded as provided in this section. The person who paid the tax must file with the Tax Administrator a written claim stating under penalty of perjury the specific grounds on which the refund is claimed. A refund claim must be filed within one (1) year of the date of payment. The claim shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Tax Administrator. The Tax Administrator may make such refund if they are satisfied that the claimant is entitled to the refund under the provisions of this chapter. No refund shall be paid under the provisions of this section unless the claimant establishes his or her right thereto.

3.26.140 Tax a lien or assessment against transferred real property.

A. The amount of tax, penalty, and interest imposed under the provisions of this chapter is assessed against the real property upon the transfer of which the tax is imposed. If the tax, penalties, or interest are not paid when due, they may be recorded as a lien against or a special assessment on the real property transferred. Any lien against the transferred real property shall continue until the amount thereof including all penalties and interest are paid, or until it is discharged of record. Any person owing money to the City under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to an action brought in the name of the City for the recovery of such amount.

B. The Tax Administrator shall file with the City Manager a written notice of liens and special assessments that the Tax Administrator believes should be recorded to collect the tax, penalties, or interest owned pursuant to this chapter. Upon the receipt of such notice, the City Manager shall fix a time and place for a public hearing on such notice before the City Council and present the same to the City Council.

C. The Tax Administrator shall cause a copy of such notice to be served upon the persons responsible for the tax, penalties, or interest owed. Notice shall be provided not less than ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for the hearing. Service shall be made by mailing a copy of the notice to the transferor and transferee of real property at their last known addresses. Service shall be deemed complete at the time of deposit in the United States mail.

D. Following the hearing, if the City Council determines that tax, penalties, or interest are owed pursuant to this chapter, it may authorize the imposition of a lien against the transferred real property and may order that any delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest that remain unpaid by the transferor or transferee shall constitute a special assessment against the transferred real property. If the City Council orders the imposition of a special assessment against the transferred real property, the special assessment shall be collected at such time as is established by the County Assessor for inclusion in the next property tax assessment.

E. The Tax Administrator shall turn over to the County Assessor for inclusion in the next property tax assessment the total sum of unpaid delinquent charges consisting of the delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest at the rate of twelve

percent (12%) per annum from the date of recordation to the date of lien.

F. Thereafter, the authorized special assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary property taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure of sale as provided for delinquent property taxes. The assessment lien previously imposed upon the property is paramount to all other liens except for those of State, county, and municipal taxes with which it shall be upon parity. The lien shall continue until the special assessment and all interest and charges due and payable thereon are paid. All taxes applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of municipal taxes shall be applicable to said special assessments.

3.26.150 Citizens oversight committee.

There shall be a five-person committee of members of the public to review and report on the revenue and expenditure of funds from the tax adopted by this chapter. The City Council shall adopt a resolution establishing the composition of the committee and defining the scope of its responsibilities. Failure of the City Council to appoint a committee shall not in any way invalidate the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter.

3.26.160 Annual audit.

Each year, as part of audit of the City’s financial statements, the City’s independent auditors shall complete a report reviewing the collection, management, and expenditure of revenue from the tax levied by this chapter.

3.26.170 Amendments.

The following amendments to this ordinance must be approved by the voters of the City: increasing the tax rate or revising the methodology for calculating the tax such that a tax increase would result; imposing the tax on persons not previously subject to the tax; or extending the tax. The City Council may otherwise amend this Chapter without submitting the amendment to the voters for approval. The City Council may establish rules that are necessary and desirable for implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Adjustment of Appropriations Limit. Pursuant to Article XIIB of the Constitution of the State of California and applicable laws, the appropriations limit for the City is hereby increased by the aggregate sum authorized to be levied by this tax for fiscal year 2018-19 and each year thereafter.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,

sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.

SECTION 5. Publication and effective date. Within fifteen (15) days from and after adoption, this Ordinance shall be published once in the Tri-City Voice, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Alameda County and circulated in the City of Union City, in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933. If this ordinance is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue at the November 6, 2018 election, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the Council declares the results of the election. The tax authorized by the ordinance shall become operative upon the effective date of the Charter of the City of Union City. .

APPROVED by the following vote of the People of the City of Union City on November 6, 2018:

YESES:

NOES:

ADOPTED by Declaration of the November 6, 2018 election results by the City Council of the City of Union City at a regular meeting held on _____, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS

APPROVED:

s/CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI
Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ANNA BROWN
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO
City Attorney

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT MEASURE FF

<p>FF Wildfire Protection, Safe Parks/Trails, Public Access, Natural Habitat. Without increasing tax rates, to protect against wildfires; enhance public safety; preserve water quality, shorelines, urban creeks; protect redwoods and parklands in a changing climate; and restore natural areas, shall East Bay Regional Park District be authorized to extend an existing parcel tax of \$1 monthly (\$12/year) per single-family parcel and 69¢ monthly (\$8.28/year) for multi-family units, raising approximately \$3.3 million annually, to expire in 20 years?</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">NO</td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO
YES			
NO			

board of the District.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure FF, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official’s office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acvote.org.

COUNTY COUNSEL’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE FF

ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF AN EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

Measure FF, an East Bay Regional Park District (“District”) special parcel tax measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to levy an annual special parcel tax in the amount of \$12 per dwelling unit on each single-family residential property and \$8.28 per dwelling unit on each multi-family residential property for a period of 20 years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The District’s voters previously authorized Measure CC, which is a special parcel tax assessment at the same rates that will expire on June 30, 2020. Passage of Measure FF will allow the continued collection of the amounts currently collected by Measure CC when Measure CC expires.

The tax will be levied on parcels within the East Bay Regional Park District Community Facilities District No. A/C-3 (“CFD”). The qualified electors are the registered voters within the CFD. If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, a special parcel tax will be imposed annually for 20 years at the rates described above. The tax will be collected by the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner as *ad valorem* property taxes are collected, provided that the District may directly bill or collect the special tax at a different time or manner if necessary to meet the CFD financial obligations.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the proceeds of the tax will be used for specific purposes and projects solely within the CFD territory or vicinity. These projects include, among others, wildfire protection, public safety enhancements, water quality preservation, and natural area restoration. The measure provides for an annual report and public accounting of the use of tax proceeds.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to levy this special tax.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE FF

WITHOUT raising your tax rate, VOTE YES on Measure FF to extend, and maintain critical investments in local East Bay Regional Parks, reduce the risk of wildfires, save redwoods, preserve water quality, and increase park safety for all.

In 2004 local voters overwhelmingly approved Measure CC to maintain our local parks. Your support has made a difference. Now, Measure FF seeks your support to extend this vital funding to **maintain** our investment in wildfire protection, public access, urban creeks and water quality, and natural habitat preservation – **all for ONLY \$1 a month**, keeping your tax rate flat.

2018 has become the worst year on record for California wildfires. The new normal is more wildfires leaving more destruction across the state. We cannot risk another wildfire in the East Bay like The 1991 Oakland-Berkeley Hills Fire. Measure FF will continue the park district's approved Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan work to reduce the risk of wildfires.

Measure FF also provides a detailed plan built with environmental and community leader input to:

- **Increase** public safety across all parks (including wildfire protection)
- **Preserve** water quality, shorelines, urban creeks and coastal areas
- **Protect** natural habitats for birds, wildlife and endangered species
- **Improve** trails and public access to parks and trails
- **Maintain** and increase environmental education programs
- **Upgrade** erosion control and nature-based flood protection

Measure FF has built-in taxpayer safeguards. **ALL MEASURE FF FUNDS STAY LOCAL**, dedicated to East Bay Regional Parks only. Because of the prudent steps taken to protect taxpayers, the Alameda County Taxpayers Association has endorsed Measure FF.

Help keep local parks safe, clean and protected from wildfires - **WITHOUT raising your tax rate. Remember, they are YOUR parks – these parks belong to YOU.**

Please join the Regional Parks Foundation, Sierra Club, Save the Redwoods League, Golden Gate Audubon Society, firefighters, public safety officers, neighborhood, civic and Labor leaders, environmentalists, park enthusiasts, and residents across our community **VOTING YES on Measure FF** to continue protecting our parks.

VOTE YES on FF. Thank you!

Learn more at www.YesEastBayParks.com

s/Alameda County Fire Department
by DAVID ROCHA, Fire Chief

s/BARBARA LEE
Congresswoman, 13th District

s/Sierra Club East Bay Public Lands Committee
by NORMAN LA FORCE, Chair

s/Golden Gate Audubon Society East Bay Conservation
Committee
by PAM YOUNG, Chair

s/Alameda County Taxpayers Association
by DAN B. WALDEN, Executive Director

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE FF

Climate change is causing terrifying wildfires across the world. According to fire research, vegetation management near housing is wise, but the benefits of thinning forests in distant areas, away from housing, are unproven. Even within “defensible space” (within 100 feet of structures,) cutting *all* trees is inadvisable. And yet we’ve observed East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) destroying entire groves of “non-native” species. This irresponsible approach scapegoats trees, creates a false sense of security, and *worsens* climate change!

Extreme fires are primarily driven by temperature, moisture content and wind, not a particular tree species. Attempts to control nature by eradicating a species that has demonstrated remarkable climate-resilience (unlike many “native” species) is foolhardy. Fire scientists advocate tackling wildfires by constructing homes of ignition-resistant materials.

Use of pesticides to solve perceived ecological imbalances is particularly problematic. EBRPD has even employed aerial spraying to eradicate “non-native” plants. Do you really want YOUR parks poisoned, using YOUR tax dollars? EBRPD’s “Integrated Pest Management” is a positive small step, but we call for a bolder approach: no pesticides! If organic farmers can do it, so can EBRPD!

In truth, we champion most of Measure FF’s intended purposes. We love our parks and want to protect them—from poisons and unnecessary tree-cutting. The Measure promises “environmental and community leader input,” but over the years we’ve steadfastly provided community input, to no avail.

Please join Forest Action Brigade, East Bay Pesticide Alert, Save East Bay Hills, San Francisco Forest Alliance, fire survivors, cancer survivors, environmentalists, park lovers, dog walkers, water drinkers, and air breathers. Vote NO on Measure FF.

s/PETER GRAY SCOTT
Architect

s/JEAN STEWART
Botanist, Former Pesticide Researcher

s/MAXINA VENTURA
East Bay Pesticide Alert

s/MARY MCALLISTER
Webmaster of Million Trees Blog

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE FF

We love public parks, and we support taxation which benefits the common good. Nevertheless, we urge a NO vote. East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) has previously used this measure to destroy, unnecessarily, thousands of healthy trees under pretexts such as “hazardous tree” designations and “protection against wildfires”. But fire experts point out that tree shade retains moisture, thereby *reducing* fire danger. The measure has also funded so-called “restoration”—large-scale destruction of “non-native” plants, in a futile attempt to transform the landscape back to some idealized previous “native” era.

EBRPD’s restoration and tree-cutting projects often utilize pesticides, including glyphosate (Roundup), triclopyr, and imazapyr. We agree with the groundswell of public sentiment opposing the spending of tax dollars on pesticides applied to *public* lands. Not only do pesticides destroy the soil microbiome; they also migrate into air, water and soil, severely harming plants, animals, and humans. Because EPA pesticide regulation, especially under the current administration, is inadequate, it is imperative that local jurisdictions exercise greater oversight. While EBRPD utilizes “Integrated Pest Management” which limits pesticide use, we strongly advocate a *no pesticide* policy, with a concomitant commitment of resources.

Given the terrifying pace of climate change, it is indefensible to target certain species of trees for eradication. *All* trees—not just “natives”—are the planet’s “lungs,” breathing in carbon dioxide and breathing out oxygen. When a tree is destroyed, its air-cleansing function is forever eliminated, and its stored carbon is released into the atmosphere, thus *worsening* climate change.

Throughout history, plants, animals, and humans have migrated when their given habitats became unlivable. Adaptation to new environments is at the heart of evolutionary resilience. To claim that some species “belong here” and others do not strikes us as unscientific xenophobia.

Until EBRPD modifies its approach, we urge a NO vote.

s/Forest Action Brigade
by MARG HALL, President

s/Forest Action Brigade
by JEAN STEWART, Member

s/Forest Action Brigade
by TERI SMITH, Member

s/Forest Action Brigade
by TANYA SMITH, Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE FF

The individuals who signed the opposition statement may be well intended, but their message is inaccurate.

Here are the facts:

FACT: The threat of wildfires is REAL and potentially devastating to living trees, including precious redwood trees, wildlife, residential areas, and generations of parkgoers.

FACT: East Bay Regional Park District has led the way taking steps to prevent the risk of wildfires in our parks. Measure FF will continue that effort. **Your YES VOTE EXTENDS CRITICALLY NEEDED PARK PROTECTIONS while keeping the current tax rate FLAT.**

FACT: The park district's community-built wildfire reduction plan is ENDORSED by the Sierra Club, Golden Gate Audubon Society, and Save the Redwoods League.

FACT: Measure FF extends funding to protect redwood trees, water quality, shorelines, safe havens for wildlife, and natural habitats for endangered species.

FACT: Without Measure FF, we risk cutbacks to the protections currently maintaining and safeguarding our parks. Measure FF will: **increase** public safety across all parks, **including wildfire protection; preserve** water quality, shorelines, urban creeks and coastal areas; **protect** natural habitats for birds, wildlife and endangered species; **improve** public access to parks and trails; **maintain** and increase environmental education programs; and **upgrade** erosion control and nature-based flood protection

FACT: Measure FF has built-in taxpayer safeguards. **ALL FF FUNDS STAY LOCAL**, dedicated to our local East Bay Regional Parks.

Stand with us. You'll be in good company. To continue protecting our parks, join the Sierra Club, Save the Redwoods League, Golden Gate Audubon Society, Save the Bay, The Alameda County Taxpayers Association, firefighters, public safety officers, neighborhood, civic and Labor leaders, environmentalists, park enthusiasts, and residents across our community **VOTING YES on Measure FF.**

PLEASE - Vote Yes on Measure FF.

www.YesEastBayParks.com

s/KENNETH S. BLONSKI

Retired Fire Chief, Richmond Resident

s/United Seniors of Alameda County

by CHONITA CHEW, Community Organizer

s/Save the Bay

by DAVID LEWIS, Executive Director

s/AUDREE V. JONES-TAYLOR

Park User, Retired City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Director

s/Save The Redwoods League

by SAM HODDER, President and CEO

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE FF

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO: 2018 – 06 – 129

June 5, 2018

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE FORMATION OF A COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. A/C-3

WHEREAS, East Bay Regional Park District (District) includes all of Alameda County and all of Contra Costa County. The District operates 73 regional parks, recreation areas, shorelines, preserves, wilderness and land banked areas, on more than 121,390 acres of parkland and over 1250 miles of trails; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 more than two-thirds of the voters in the boundary of “Zone 1” (which includes the cities and communities of Alameda, Oakland, Piedmont, Albany, Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Kensington, Berkeley, Emeryville and El Cerrito) approved Measure CC which levied a \$12 per year tax on single-family parcels and \$8.28 per year tax on multi-family units to improve park facilities, protect the environment and open-space, enhance public access and maintain public safety; and

WHEREAS, funding from Measure CC has:

- supported police protection at shoreline and urban regional parks and catastrophic fire prevention in the East Bay Hills, with more than 500 acres of hazardous vegetation thinned or removed.
- enhanced public access to parks by allowing upgrades to regional parks and trails, including visitor centers, staging areas, picnic tables, restrooms and water fountains.
- protected the natural environment by helping pay for the restoration and preservation of natural areas, including shorelines, marshes, wetlands, and urban creeks; and protecting sensitive habitat and promoting resiliency to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Measure CC tax funding will expire on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it is necessary to extend the \$12 per year tax on single-family parcels and \$8.28 per year tax on multi-family units to continue to provide for wildfire protection, safe parks and trails, public access and natural habit, among other things; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2018-05-097 entitled “A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, California, Declaring its Intention to Establish a Community Facilities District and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes” (the “Resolution of Intention”), stating its intention to form the East Bay Regional Park District Community Facilities District No. A/C-3 (the “CFD”)

under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, Sections 53311 and following of the California Government Code (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Intention, incorporating a map of the proposed boundaries of the CFD and stating the services to be provided and the rate and method of apportionment of the special tax to be levied within the CFD to pay for the services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board and the provisions thereof are incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary and territory of the CFD are the same boundary and territory as Zone 1; and

WHEREAS, the territory of the CFD contains the oldest parks in the regional park system, some dating back to the 1930s, and the highest population density and park use in the District by the urban communities along the eastern shoreline of the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the parks within the CFD to benefit from the levy of special taxes include: Alameda Point, Anthony Chabot, Crown Beach/Crab Cove, Gateway, Kennedy Grove, Lake Chabot, Leona Canyon, Martin Luther King, Jr., McLaughlin Eastshore, Miller-Knox, Point Isabel, Point Molate, Point Pinole, Redwood, Roberts, Sibley/Huckleberry/Claremont Canyon, Sobrante Ridge, Temescal, Tilden and Wildcat Canyon, and such new parks or properties that may be purchased and/or annexed to parks within the CFD; and

WHEREAS, one or more of the District’s parks and/or trails is within ten (10) miles of virtually all residents within the CFD; and

WHEREAS, the District’s parks and trails enhance the health, safety and welfare of all residents within the CFD; and

WHEREAS, under the Resolution of Intention, the General Manager of the District was directed to make, or cause to be made, and file with the Clerk of the Board a report (the “Report”) in writing, presenting the services to be provided and an estimate of the reasonable cost of providing the services, which was prepared and submitted to the Clerk of the Board prior to the public hearing described below; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Intention called for a public hearing pertaining to the formation of the CFD and the levy of said special tax to be held on June 5th, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the meeting place of the Board of Directors at the East Bay Regional Park District Administration Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California; and

WHEREAS, under the Resolution of Intention, the Clerk of the Board was directed to cause notice of the public hearing to be given by publication one time in a newspaper published in the area of the CFD, and the Clerk of the Board caused the publication of such notice at least 7 days before the date set for the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on this date, this Board of Directors held a noticed public hearing as required by the Act and the Resolution of Intention relative to the proposed formation

of the CFD; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing all interested persons desiring to be heard on all matters pertaining to the formation of the CFD, the services to be provided therein and the levy of such special tax were heard and a full and fair public hearing was held; and

WHEREAS, written protests with respect to the formation of the CFD, the furnishing of specified types of services and the rate and method of apportionment of the special taxes have not been filed with the Clerk of the Board by 50% or more of the registered voters residing within the territory of the CFD or property owners of one-half or more of the area of land within the CFD and not exempt from the proposed special taxes; and

WHEREAS, the special tax proposed to be levied in the CFD to pay for the proposed services has not been eliminated by protest by 50% or more of the registered voters residing within the territory of the CFD or the owners of one-half or more of the area of land within the CFD and not exempt from the special taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby finds, determines, and resolves that all of the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the formation of the CFD, and the proposed special tax to be levied within the CFD, have not been precluded by majority protest pursuant to Section 53324 of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all prior proceedings taken by the Board of Directors in connection with the establishment of the CFD and the levy of the special tax have been duly considered and are hereby found and determined to be valid and in conformity with the requirements of the Act. The Board of Directors has heretofore adopted Resolution No. 2015-06-171 the East Bay Regional Park District Statement of Local Goals and Policies Concerning the Use of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, and the Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the CFD is in conformity with said goals and policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the community facilities district designated as the "East Bay Regional Park District Community Facilities District No. A/C-3" of the District is hereby established pursuant to the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the boundaries of the CFD, as set forth in the map entitled "Proposed Boundaries of Community Facilities District No. A/C-3, East Bay Regional Park District, Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa, State of California" heretofore recorded in the Alameda County Recorder's Office on May 2, 2018, in Book 18 at Page 98 as Document No. 2018-088327 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts and in the Contra Costa County Recorder's Office on May 2, 2018, in Book 86 at Page 43 as Document No. 2018-0068556 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts, are hereby approved, are incorporated herein by reference and shall be the boundaries of the CFD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the type of public

services proposed to be funded by the CFD and pursuant to the Act shall consist of those services (the "Services") shown in Exhibit A hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, except to the extent that funds are otherwise available to the CFD to pay for the Services, a special tax sufficient to pay the costs thereof, secured by the recordation of a continuing lien against all non-exempt real property in the CFD, will be levied annually within the CFD pursuant to the Rate and Method of Apportionment shown in Exhibit B of the special tax, and collected in the same manner as ordinary ad valorem property taxes or in such other manner as the Board of Directors or its designee may determine, including direct billing of the affected landowners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the rate and method of apportionment of the special tax among the parcels of real property within the CFD, in sufficient detail to allow each landowner within the CFD to estimate the maximum amount such owner will have to pay, is shown in Exhibit B attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer of the District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, City of Oakland, California, 94605, telephone number (510) 544-2401, is the officer of the District who will be responsible for preparing annually a current roll of the levy of the special tax obligations by assessor's parcel number and who will be responsible for estimating future levies of the special tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon recordation of a notice of special tax lien pursuant to Section 3114.5 of the California Streets and Highways Code, a continuing lien to secure each levy of the special tax shall attach to all nonexempt real property in the CFD and this lien shall continue in force and effect until the collection of the special tax by the District ceases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Act, the annual appropriations limit, as defined by subdivision (h) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution, of the CFD is hereby preliminarily established at an amount equal to \$3,300,000, and such appropriations limit shall be submitted to the voters of the CFD as hereafter provided. The proposition establishing such annual appropriations limit shall become effective if approved by the qualified electors voting thereon and shall be adjusted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act and the California Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to the Act, the proposition of the levy of the special tax and the proposition of the establishment of the appropriations limit specified above shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the CFD at an election, the time, place and conditions of which shall be as specified by a separate resolution of this Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to accomplish the

intentions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Moved by Director Rosario, seconded by Director Corbett, and approved this 5th day of June, 2018, by the following vote:

FOR: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskmap.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

s/DENNIS WAESPI
Board President

CERTIFICATION

I, Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board of the Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2018-06-129 adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on June 05, 2018.

s/YOLANDE BARIAL KNIGHT

EXHIBIT A

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. A/C-3
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE FUNDED BY
THE CFD

It is intended that the CFD will be eligible to fund within or in the vicinity of the CFD all or a portion of the direct and incidental costs of the maintenance, improvement, and servicing of parklands, trails, open space, and related parkland access improvements; public safety protection services; recreation and open-space program services; flood and storm protection services; maintenance and operation of District property, including open space; and the construction, expansion, improvement, or rehabilitation of District property, including park, recreation, open-space, and flood and storm protection facilities.

The CFD may fund any of the following related to the maintenance of the services described in the preceding paragraph: obtaining, constructing, reconstructing, furnishing, and operating and maintaining equipment, apparatuses or facilities related to providing the services; equipment, apparatuses, facilities, or fixtures in areas to be maintained; paying the salaries and benefits of personnel necessary or convenient to provide the services; payment of insurance costs and other related expenses; and the provision of reserves for repairs, replacements, and for the future provision of services. It is expected that the services will be provided by the District, either with its own employees or

by contract with third parties, or any combination thereof. The CFD may also fund administrative fees of the District related to the CFD.

The foregoing description of the types of services eligible to be funded is general in nature and includes any appurtenant work and incidental expenses relating to the operation, maintenance and servicing of facilities. The final nature and location of the services will be determined upon the preparation of final plans and specifications for such services.

EXHIBIT B

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. A/C-3
RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. A/C-3
RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

A Special Tax as hereinafter defined shall be levied and collected in the East Bay Regional Park District Community Facilities District No. A/C-3 (“CFD No. A/C-3”) each Fiscal Year, commencing in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, in an amount determined by the application of the procedures described below. All of the real property in CFD No. A/C-3, unless exempted by law or by the provisions hereof, shall be taxed for purposes of CFD No. A/C-3, to the extent and in the manner herein provided.

A. DEFINITIONS

The terms hereinafter set forth have the following meaning:

“**Act**” means the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, being Chapter 2.5, Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California, as amended to date and as may be amended from time to time.

“**Administrative Expenses**” means the actual or reasonably estimated costs directly related to the administration of CFD No. A/C-3 including, but not limited to, the following: the costs of computing the Special Tax and preparing the annual Special Tax collection schedules (whether by the District, the CFD Administrator, or both); the costs of collecting the Special Taxes (whether by the County, the District, or otherwise); the costs to the District, CFD No. A/C-3, or any designee thereof of complying with disclosure requirements; the costs associated with preparing Special Tax disclosure statements and responding to public inquiries regarding the Special Taxes; and the costs of the District, CFD No. A/C-3, or any designee thereof related to any appeal of the levy or application of the Special Tax. Administrative Expenses shall also include amounts estimated or advanced by the District or CFD No. A/C-3 for any other administrative purposes, including, but not limited to, attorney’s fees; costs associated with annexations to CFD No. A/C-3; and other costs related to commencing and pursuing to completion any foreclosure of delinquent Special Taxes.

“Assessor’s Data” means Use Code, Homeowner Exemption, Secured Roll or other Assessor’s Parcel information contained in the records of the County Assessor.

“Assessor’s Parcel” means a lot or parcel shown on an Assessor’s Parcel Map with an assigned assessor’s parcel number.

“Assessor’s Parcel Map” means an official map of the County Assessor of the County designating Assessor’s Parcels by an Assessor’s Parcel number.

“Authorized Services” means the public services authorized to be funded by CFD No. A/C-3 as set forth in the resolutions of formation adopted by the Board establishing CFD No. A/C-3.

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, acting as the legislative body of CFD No. A/C-3.

“CFD Administrator” means an official of the District, or designee thereof, responsible for determining the Special Tax Requirement and providing for the levy and collection of the Special Taxes.

“CFD No. A/C-3” means the East Bay Regional Park District Community Facilities District No. A/C-3.

“County” means either the County of Alameda, the County of Contra Costa, or both.

“District” means the East Bay Regional Park District.

“Dwelling Unit” means an individual residential living space. The number of Dwelling Units assigned to each Assessor’s Parcel may be determined by (i) referencing Use Code data, (ii) site surveys and physical unit counts, (iii) reviewing County building permit data, and/or (iv) determining the number of Homeowner Exemptions reflected for an Assessor’s Parcel in the Assessor’s Data on the County Secured Roll.

“Exempt Property” means all Assessors’ Parcels that are exempt from the Special Tax pursuant to Section E.

“Fiscal Year” means the period starting July 1 and ending on the following June 30.

“Floating Home Property” means all Assessor’s Parcels within CFD No. A/C-3 with an Alameda County Use Code of 0750.

“Homeowner Exemption” means a property tax exemption that is (i) permitted by the State to be taken against an individual’s primary residence and (ii) reflected in the Assessor’s Data on the County Secured Roll.

“Maximum Annual Special Tax” means the maximum annual Special Tax, determined in accordance with Section C, which may be levied in any Fiscal Year on any Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property.

“Mobile Home Property” means all Assessor’s Parcels within CFD No. A/C-3 (i) with an Alameda County Use Code of 0600 or 0700; or (ii) with a Contra Costa County Use Code of 88.

“Multi-Family Residential Property” means all

Assessor’s Parcels of Taxable Property within CFD No. A/C-3 (i) with an Alameda County Use Code of 1200, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2440, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 7100, 7200, 7430, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7701, 7800, or 7900, as those Use Codes may be amended in the future; or (ii) with a Contra Costa County Use Code of 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, or 28, as those Use Codes may be amended in the future.

“Non-Residential Property” means all Assessor’s Parcels within CFD No. A/C-3 not classified as Floating Home Property, Mobile Home Property, Multi-Family Residential Property, Public Property, or Single-Family Residential Property.

“Property Use” means, in any Fiscal Year, the category of use assigned using the County Assessor’s Data Use Code, as indicated on the Secured Roll.

“Proportionately” means, in any Fiscal Year, that the ratio of the Special Tax levy on Taxable Property to the Maximum Annual Special Tax on Taxable Property is equal for all Assessors’ Parcels of Taxable Property authorized to be levied in that Fiscal Year.

“Public Property” means any property within the boundaries of CFD No. A/C-3 which (i) is owned by a public agency, (ii) has been irrevocably offered for dedication to a public agency, or (iii) is designated with specific boundaries and acreage on a final subdivision map as property which will be owned by a public agency; provided, however, that any property leased by a public agency to a private entity and subject to taxation under Section 53340.1 of the Act shall be taxed and classified in accordance with its use. For purposes of this definition, a “public agency” includes the federal government, the State, the County, the District, or any other public agency.

“Rate and Method” means this Rate and Method of Apportionment for CFD No. A/C-3.

“Secured Roll” means that Assessor’s Data indicating the current Fiscal Year property value for County tax assessment purposes.

“Single-Family Residential Property” means all Assessor’s Parcels of Taxable Property within CFD No. A/C-3 (i) with an Alameda County Use Code of 1100, 1101, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1150, 1160, 1300, 1400, 1440, 1500, 1505, 1520, 1525, 1540, 1545, 1600, 1620, 1640, 1700, 1800, 1820, 1840, 1900, 1901, 5100, 7300, 7301, 7302, 7320, 7321, 7340, 7341, 7342, or 7400, as those Use Codes may be amended in the future; (ii) with a Contra Costa County Use Code of 11, 12, 14, 16, 19, 29 or 61, as those Use Codes may be amended in the future; or (iii) that meet neither of the two criteria listed above, but have a Homeowner Exemption reflected on the County Secured Roll.

“Special Tax” means the annual special tax to be levied in each Fiscal Year on each Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property to fund the Special Tax Requirement.

“Special Tax Requirement” means that amount of Special Tax revenue required in any Fiscal Year, as determined by the CFD Administrator, for the following

purposes: (i) to pay the costs of Authorized Services; (ii) to pay Administrative Expenses; (iii) to pay any amounts required to establish or replenish any repair and contingency funds, capital improvement replacement funds, or reserve funds for CFD No. A/C-3; (iv) to pay for reasonably anticipated delinquent Special Taxes based on the delinquency rate for Special Taxes levied in the previous Fiscal Year. The Special Tax Requirement shall be net of a credit for any funds available to reduce the annual Special Tax levy, as determined by the CFD Administrator.

“State” means the State of California.

“Taxable Property” means all Assessor’s Parcels within the boundaries of CFD No. A/C-3 that are not classified as Exempt Property under the Act or Section E below which, in any Fiscal Year, have been assigned an Improvement Value greater than zero dollars (\$0.00) on the County Secured Roll for that Fiscal Year.

“Use Code” means (i) the four-digit use code assigned by the Alameda County Assessor’s Office to each Assessor’s Parcel within Alameda County; or (ii) the two-digit use code assigned by the Contra Costa County Assessor’s Office to each Assessor’s Parcel within Contra Costa County.

B. DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE PARCELS

On or about July 1 of each Fiscal Year, the CFD Administrator shall determine the valid Assessor’s Parcels for all Assessor’s Parcels within CFD No. A/C-3. If any Assessor’s Parcels are no longer valid from the previous Fiscal Year, the CFD Administrator shall determine the new Assessor’s Parcels that are in effect for the current Fiscal Year. To the extent Assessor’s Parcels are subdivided, consolidated or otherwise reconfigured, the Maximum Special Tax rates shall be assigned to the new Assessor’s Parcels pursuant to Section C. The CFD Administrator shall also determine whether Assessor’s Parcels within CFD No. A/C-3 are Taxable Property or Exempt Property and, for all Taxable Property, the Property Use and Dwelling Units.

C. MAXIMUM ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX

The Maximum Annual Special Tax for each Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property shall be assigned according to the table below:

Property Use	Maximum Annual Special Tax Rates
Single-Family Residential Property	\$12.00 per Dwelling Unit
Multi-Family Residential Property	\$8.28 per Dwelling Unit

D. METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF THE SPECIAL TAX

The Special Tax shall be levied each Fiscal Year by the CFD Administrator. The Special Tax Requirement shall be apportioned to each Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property within CFD No. A/C-3 by the method shown

below.

First. Determine the Special Tax Requirement.

Second. Levy the Special Tax on each Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property, Proportionately, up to the Maximum Special Tax Rates described in Section C to satisfy the Special Tax Requirement.

Notwithstanding the above, under no circumstances will the Special Tax levied in any Fiscal Year against any Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property be increased by more than ten percent above the amount that would have been levied in that Fiscal Year had there never been any delinquency or default by the owner(s) of any other Assessor’s Parcel within CFD No. A/C-3.

E. EXEMPTIONS

The CFD Administrator shall classify Assessor’s Parcels with the following Property Use as Exempt Property: Floating Home Property, Mobile Home Property, Non-Residential Property, Public Property, Assessor’s Parcels exempt from *ad valorem* taxation, and Assessor’s Parcels with public or utility easements making impractical their utilization for any use other than the purposes set forth in the easement shall also be classified as Exempt Property.

If, in any Fiscal Year, the Property Use of an Assessor’s Parcel of Exempt Property changes so that such Assessor’s Parcel is no longer classified as Exempt Property, such Assessor’s Parcel shall cease to be classified as Exempt Property and shall be classified as Taxable Property.

F. APPEALS AND INTERPRETATION

Any property owner may file a written appeal of the Special Taxes with the CFD Administrator claiming that the amount or application of the Special Taxes is not correct. The appeal must be filed not later than one calendar year after having paid the Special Taxes that are disputed, and the appellant must be current in all payments of Special Taxes. In addition, during the term of the appeal process, all Special Taxes levied must be paid on or before the payment date established when the levy was made.

The appeal must specify the reasons why the appellant claims the Special Taxes are in error. The CFD Administrator shall review the appeal, meet with the appellant if the CFD Administrator deems necessary, and advise the appellant of its determination.

If the property owner disagrees with the CFD Administrator’s decision relative to the appeal, the owner may then file a written appeal with the Board whose subsequent decision shall be final and binding on all interested parties. If the decision of the CFD Administrator or subsequent decision by the Board requires the Special Taxes to be modified or changed in favor of the property owner, no cash refund shall be made for prior years’ Special Taxes, but an adjustment shall be made to credit future Special Taxes.

This procedure shall be exclusive and its exhaustion by any property owner shall be a condition precedent to filing any legal action by such owner.

The District reserves the right to make minor administrative and technical changes to this Rate and Method that do not materially affect the rate and method of apportioning the Special Tax. In addition, the interpretation and application of any section of this Rate and Method shall be at the District's discretion. Interpretations may be made by the District by ordinance or resolution of the Board for purposes of clarifying any vagueness or ambiguity in this Rate and Method.

G. MANNER OF COLLECTION

The Special Tax shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ordinary *ad valorem* property taxes, provided that the District may directly bill the Special Tax, may collect the Special Tax at a different time or in a different manner if needed to meet the financial obligations of CFD No. A/C-3.

H. NO PREPAYMENT OF SPECIAL TAX

The Special Tax may not be prepaid.

I. TERM OF SPECIAL TAX

The Special Tax shall be levied for a 20-year period, commencing in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 through Fiscal Year 2039-40, as necessary to satisfy the Special Tax Requirement.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 – 06 - 130

June 5, 2018

ADOPTION OF AN EXPENDITURE PLAN AND A STATEMENT REGARDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. A/C-3

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2018, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District adopted a resolution entitled “A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, California, Declaring the Formation of a Community Facilities District East Bay Regional Park District Community Facilities District No. A/C-3” (Resolution of Formation); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Formation authorized the levy of a special tax on property within CFD No. A/C-3 and preliminarily established an appropriations limit for the CFD, all pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, Sections 53311 and following of the California Government Code (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the levy of a special tax is for purposes of wildfire protection, safe parks and trails, public access, and natural habitat, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the territory of the CFD includes the cities and communities of Alameda, Oakland, Piedmont, Albany, Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Kensington, Berkeley, Emeryville and El Cerrito and contains the oldest parks in the system, some dating back to the 1930s, and the highest population density and park use in the District by the urban communities lining the eastern shoreline of the San

Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the parks within the CFD to benefit from the levy of special taxes include: Alameda Point, Anthony Chabot, Crown Beach/Crab Cove, Gateway, Kennedy Grove, Lake Chabot, Leona Canyon, Martin Luther King, Jr., McLaughlin Eastshore, Miller-Knox, Point Isabel, Point Molate, Point Pinole, Redwood, Roberts, Sibley/Huckleberry/Claremont Canyon, Sobrante Ridge, Temescal, Tilden and Wildcat Canyon, and such new parks or properties that may be purchased and/or annexed to parks within the CFD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has deemed it desirable to adopt an Expenditure Plan for the revenue from the proposed special tax which includes the necessary and optimal uses of the revenue including a Commitment List and Proposed Use of Funds (Commitment List); and

WHEREAS, the draft Commitment List was approved by the Board of Directors on January 16, 2018 by Resolution 2018-1-007 and was reviewed by the Board Legislative Committee on May 18, 2018 for favorable consideration by the full Board at the meeting of June 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Formation established an initial annual appropriations limit, as defined by subdivision (h) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution, for the CFD at an amount equal to \$3,300,000, subject to approval by the voters of the CFD at the November 6, 2018, election. The annual appropriations limit shall become effective if approved by the qualified electors voting thereon and shall be adjusted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act and the California Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approve the Expenditure Plan for Community Facilities District No. A/C-3 which includes the Commitment List and Proposed Use of Funds as attached and made part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland Zoo is eligible for funding not to exceed \$100,000 per year for purposes of enhancing conservation and stewardship efforts and youth engagement, which amount may be granted on an annual basis pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Local Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of the special tax by the voters will assure funding for the projects and services listed in the Commitment List but will not constitute approval of any particular project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since the tax is a special tax, the District must identify the uses to which it will put the tax proceeds, however, approval of a tax for funding of those categories of work is not a commitment to a specific project that will affect the environment, and for those reasons, the action proposed is not a “project” requiring CEQA compliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approve a Statement Regarding the Annual Appropriations

Limit and Accountability Measures for CFD No. A/C-3 as attached and made part of this Resolution (Statement Regarding CFD Annual Appropriations Limit). The Statement Regarding CFD Annual Appropriations Limit shall be submitted to the voters of the CFD at the November 6, 2018, election as a part of the measure seeking voter approval of the special tax. The initial annual appropriations limit for the CFD shall be approved if voters within the CFD approve the measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorize the General Manager and Clerk of the Board to formally request the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and Contra Costa County Elections Office to print this resolution and the full Expenditure Plan and Commitment List and Proposed Use of Funds and the Statement Regarding CFD Annual Appropriations Limit in the Voter Information Guide mailed to all voters within CFD No. A/C-3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Rosario, seconded by Corbett, and adopted this 5th day of June, 2018, by the following vote:

FOR: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

s/DENNIS WAESPI
Board President

CERTIFICATION

I, Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board of the Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2018-06-130 adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on June 05, 2018.

s/YOLANDE BARIAL KNIGHT

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. A/C-3 EXPENDITURE PLAN

INTRODUCTION

On June 5, 2018, the East Bay Regional Park District ("Park District") Board of Directors authorized submitting a special tax measure to the voters of Zone 1 to extend an existing parcel tax for a period of 20 years in order to continue to fund essential park projects and services. As

part of the measure, the Board authorized the formation of Community Facilities District No. A/C-3 ("CFD No. A/C-3") to encompass the same boundary and territory as Zone 1 and authorized the levy of a special tax on property within CFD No. A/C-3 of \$12/year for single-family and \$8.28/year multi-family unit for a period of twenty (20) years.

This Expenditure Plan for CFD No. A/C-3 ("the Expenditure Plan") is intended to provide guidance for the implementation of spending proceeds of the tax authorized as part of CFD No. A/C-3. This Plan continues the purposes of Measure CC, consistent with the Board adopted Resolution of Intention, Resolution of Formation, and Rate and Method of Apportionment required for the formation of CFD No. A/C-3.

The focus for expenditure of the tax revenues includes wildfire protection, safe parks and trails, public access, and natural habitat, among other things.

BACKGROUND

The Park District includes all of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The Park District operates 73 regional parks, recreation areas, shorelines, preserves, wilderness and land banked areas, on more than 121,390 acres of parkland and over 1250 miles of trails.

In 2004, Measure CC was approved by more than two-thirds of the voters in the boundary of Zone 1 which encompasses the cities and communities of Alameda, Oakland, Piedmont, Albany, Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Kensington, Berkeley, Emeryville and El Cerrito. Measure CC levied a \$12 per year tax on single-family parcels and \$8.28 per year tax on multi-family units to improve park facilities, protect the environment and open-space, enhance public access and maintain public safety. Zone 1 is the same territory and boundary as CFD No. A/C-3. Measure CC tax funding will expire on June 30, 2020.

Measure CC was created with the recognition that the Park District's General Fund annual revenue is appropriated in support of existing operations which enables the Park District to support current operations, but provides limited funding for new park services or facilities. CFD No. A/C-3 has the highest population density and park use in the Park District with some of the oldest parks in the regional park system. There are 22 parks in CFD No. A/C-3 including Alameda Point, Anthony Chabot, Crown Beach/Crab Cove, Gateway, Kennedy Grove, Lake Chabot, Leona Canyon, Martin Luther King, Jr., McLaughlin Eastshore, Miller-Knox, Point Isabel, Point Molate, Point Pinole, Redwood, Roberts, Sibley/Huckleberry/Claremont Canyon, Sobrante Ridge, Temescal, Tilden and Wildcat Canyon, and such new parks or properties that may be purchased and/or annexed to parks within the CFD.

The Board of Directors has determined that it is necessary to extend the Measure CC parcel tax to continue to provide for essential park projects and services in CFD No. A/C-3. In furtherance thereof, the Board has authorized putting a special tax measure to the voters within CFD No. A/C-3 with has the same boundaries and territory as the Measure CC zone. The proposed levy of special taxes is the same as Measure CC: \$12 per year on single-family parcels and

\$8.28 per year on multi-family units. The proposed tax will expire in 20 years.

INVESTMENTS IN PARKS AND PROGRAMS

The purpose of the special tax levy is for maintenance, improvement, and servicing of parklands, trails, open space, and related parkland access improvements; public safety protection services; recreation and open-space program services; flood and storm protection services; maintenance and operation of Park District property, including open space; and the construction, expansion, improvement, or rehabilitation of Park District property, including park, recreation, open space, and flood and storm protection facilities.

The Park District engaged in substantial public outreach to develop the attached “Commitment List and Proposed Use of Funds” (“Commitment List”) which is incorporated herein by this reference. The Commitment List is consistent with the Park District’s Master Plan and deemed necessary to provide continuing and enhanced levels of service and park projects in CFD No. A/C-3 for purposes of wildfire protections, safe parks and trails, public access, and natural habitat, among other things.

The Commitment List currently identifies the current allocation of the proceeds from the special tax as follows:

Natural Resource Related	40%
Safety, Access, Facility Improvements	50%
10% Contingency	10%
Total	100%

The approval of this Expenditure Plan does not guarantee that each and every project or program on the Commitment List will be completed or undertaken in the time frame proposed. The Board may make adjustments reflecting opportunities that arise over the life of the Expenditure Plan that are found to be beneficial for resource enhancement or public access and safety projects but are not necessarily identified on the Commitment List. This Expenditure Plan commits that a minimum of thirty (30%) percent of proceeds shall be used for natural resource related projects, programs or services over the life of the measure.

ADMINISTRATION, OVERSIGHT, AND IMPLEMENTATION

Term of Plan

This Plan and the tax levied within CFD No. A/C-3 will be in effect for 20 years, starting on July 1, 2020 and continuing through June 30, 2040. It may be extended by voters within the CFD prior to expiration.

Restrictions on Use of Funds

Funds from the proceeds of the tax levied within the CFD shall be accounted for and paid into a separate account restricted to the uses described in the Resolution of Intention, Resolution of Formation, and Rate and Method of Apportionment required for the formation of CFD No. A/C-3, and this Plan, including the Commitment List, as it may be amended. Funds from the proceeds of the tax levied may be spent only in the territory or vicinity of CFD

No. A/C-3.

The park facilities in the CFD, in common with the majority of Park District facilities, are currently supported by monies derived from property taxes, grants, revenues from fees and charges, and other miscellaneous funding sources, and it is the specific intention of the Board that new funds raised by the special tax will augment existing funding sources.

Continued Public Engagement in Selection of Projects

Annually each year that the tax is in effect, the Park District Board of Directors will review project selections and allocations supported by revenue from the tax. For projects that are not ongoing, this Plan contemplates that the Board will decide which to initiate, based upon a variety of factors, including but not limited to equity in allocation of funds within the CFD, availability of funds, opportunities for supplemental outside funding, the timing of related projects sponsored by other agencies, and the time necessary for planning projects.

The Board may hold public forums from time-to-time regarding the allocation of funds and support of projects, whenever questions and/or issues arise that merit additional input from the general public, including stakeholder groups and organizations. Proposed allocations and expenditures of tax revenue shall be reviewed by the Board Finance Committee. Meetings of the Board Finance Committee shall be open to the public with opportunities for the public to comment upon the proposals.

Annual Accounting

The Board of Directors will annually review project selections and allocations funded by the tax proceeds. Each year there will be an annual report and public accounting of the use of tax proceeds during the past year. The annual accounting shall be a public document available for review prior to Board consideration of each year’s proposed allocations and expenditures.

Amendment of the Expenditure Plan

Based upon the Park District’s experience with Measure CC, over the life of the Expenditure Plan, the Park District may find that some projects or programs in the Commitment List require modification, re-prioritization, or elimination or replacement to meet the overarching goals of the Expenditure Plan. The Board is therefore authorized to amend this Plan, including the Commitment List, to provide for the use of additional federal, state or local revenues, to account for unexpected revenues, to take into consideration unforeseen circumstances or respond to a comprehensive review over the 20-year life of the tax. Any amendments to the Expenditure Plan must be consistent with the voter-approved purposes of the tax. The Board may amend the Expenditure Plan, including the Commitment List, by the adoption of a separate resolution or by including the amendment in a resolution approving or authorizing a project or program.

Compliance with Environmental Law in Project Approval Process

To the extent that a use of tax proceeds described in this Plan would constitute a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), those

projects will be subject to environmental review pursuant to CEQA at the earliest feasible time prior to the Board approving any particular project, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15004 and 15352. The Park District has identified the uses to which it will utilize the tax proceeds, however approval of this Plan is not a commitment to a specific project that will affect the environment. Approval of this Plan is not itself a project as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the approval of the Expenditure Plan itself may have a significant effect on the environment.

Commitment List and Proposed Use of Funds

Line #	Location	Commitment	Total Allocation
1	Alameda Point	Increase park and public safety personnel to operate a new regional park. Protect seasonal wetlands, Breakwater Beach shoreline and park facilities by designing for sea level rise adaptation using natural systems.	2,950,000
2	Anthony Chabot	Reduce storm erosion for improved creek water quality and natural habitat. Upgrade visitor use facilities. Increase recreational trail access and provide for trail safety structural improvements.	215,000
3	Crown Beach	Develop sea level rise interpretation with educational programming. Continue year-round Visitor Center services through staffing. Improve San Francisco Bay health by upgrading the beach-front storm water drainage system. Expand park and improve visitor use facilities.	4,225,000
4	Gateway	Enhance tidal and intertidal habitat to provide for shoreline protection through use of natural systems. Convert existing paved lands to natural landscape. Increase public access to the San Francisco Bay Trail and newly constructed Bay Bridge bike path. Provide for park personnel to develop, operate and maintain future park facilities.	1,400,000
5	Green Transportation / Regional Trails	Provide regional trail connectivity for commuters and safe routes to school, specifically in disadvantaged communities and along the San Francisco Bay Trail. Expand and maintain parkland trails to increase access while preventing erosion for protection of sensitive, natural habitats. Increase public safety patrol to enforce trail use ordinances in protection of wildlife. Explore potential to enter into partnership with transportation provider to increase park access.	4,300,000
6	Kennedy Grove	Repair erosion of urban creek streambank for improved water quality, habitat and trail access.	150,000
7	Lake Chabot	Upgrade marina facilities for boating and fishing access, safety and experience.	400,000
8	Leona Canyon	Reduce erosion and sediment build up to improve water quality of creek through trail maintenance and stewardship efforts.	40,000
9	McLaughlin Eastshore State Park	Provide for shoreline and natural habitat protection across the State Park and Albany Bulb. Expand park personnel for increased wildlife conservation. Provide for protection and monitoring of burrowing owl habitat. Improve visitor use facilities.	6,835,000
10	Miller/Knox	Provide for shoreline protection and sea level rise adaptation using natural systems. Increase park staffing and upgrade Keller Beach visitor experience. Enhance drought tolerant landscape through stewardship improvements, such as removal of French broom and other invasive plants.	1,040,000
11	MLK Jr. Shoreline	Develop nature-based flood protection for shoreline and facilities in anticipation of sea level rise. Improve marsh habitat for endangered Ridgway's rail. Improve visitor experience with facility upgrades, and increased park and public safety personnel. Provide for expanded educational and recreational programming to serve the surrounding communities.	6,905,000
12	Oakland Zoo	Enhance conservation and stewardship efforts. Provide for youth engagement.	2,000,000
13	Point Isabel	Stabilize banks of Hoffman Channel for shoreline protection, improved visitor access and healthier San Francisco Bay water quality. Provide for conservation for endangered Ridgway's rail habitat and environmental maintenance.	600,000

Commitment List and Proposed Use of Funds

Line #	Location	Commitment	Total Allocation
14	Point Molate	Provide for park and public safety personnel to develop, operate and maintain future park facilities and the San Francisco Bay Trail.	2,350,000
15	Point Pinole	Provide for shoreline protection through natural systems at Dotson Family Marsh. Enhance habitat of native grasses and other species. Improve visitor use facilities and San Francisco Bay water access. Increase educational and recreational programming to serve the surrounding communities.	3,450,000
16	Redwood	Expand partnership with Save the Redwoods League for ongoing redwood conservation. Increase interpretation of redwood natural history. Provide for creek restoration and erosion control for visitor safety and watershed health.	160,000
17	Roberts	Expand partnership with Save the Redwoods League for ongoing redwood conservation. Increase interpretation of redwood natural history.	60,000
18	Safe Healthy Forests	Continue sustainable forest management practices consistent with the approved Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan to lessen the potential for wildland urban interface wildfire. Develop a redwood forest management plan. Provide for stewardship of natural vegetation to improve forest health.	14,200,000
19	Sibley/ Huckleberry/ Claremont	Enrich natural habitat for threatened pallid manzanita and other vegetation with increased stewardship efforts. Upgrade the Bay Area Ridge Trail for improved watershed health and trail safety. Increase park personnel.	1,125,000
20	Sobrante Ridge	Enrich natural habitat for threatened pallid manzanita and other vegetation through stewardship efforts.	75,000
21	Temescal	Improve water quality, habitat and recreational swimming experience at Lake Temescal with efforts such as dredging. Provide for erosion control to benefit watershed health and recreational trail safety.	1,500,000
22	Tilden	Restore recreational trails for erosion control and sensitive habitat protection. Improve access and pedestrian safety at the Brazil Room and Botanical Garden Visitor Center. Begin design planning for park-wide improvements at visitor use facilities such as the Environmental Education Center, Little Farm and Botanical Garden Visitor Center.	200,000
23	Water Resources - Regional	Improve water quality across parklands with stewardship efforts for watershed protection and preservation of shorelines, marshes, lakes, riparian areas and urban creeks. Manage harmful algae blooms for improved visitor and wildlife health. Increase water supply in preparation for climate related weather events with facilities such as rainwater collection systems. Install additional water bottle filling stations throughout region.	4,800,000
24	Wildcat Canyon	Improve protection of Wildcat Creek watershed by mitigating erosion. Enhance and restore natural habitat throughout park. Increase ADA trail access and safety for visitors.	150,000
Allocations TOTAL			59,130,000
10% Contingency TOTAL			6,600,000
TOTAL			65,730,000

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STATEMENT REGARDING THE ANNUAL
APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT
AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. A/C-3**

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If voters approve Measure FF, the initial annual appropriations limit for the CFD, as defined by Article XIII B, section 8(h) of the California Constitution, shall be an amount equal to \$3,300,000. The amount of the appropriations limit will be adjusted annually in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act and the California Constitution while the special tax is in effect.

Pursuant to Section 50075.1 of the California Government Code, the following accountability provisions are included in the measure: (a) the facilities and services that may be financed with the special tax and the incidental costs thereof, all as defined in the Resolution of Formation, constitute the specific purposes of the special tax; (b) the proceeds of the special tax shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified in (a) above; (c) there shall be created special account(s) or funds(s) into which the proceeds of the special tax shall be deposited; and (d) there shall be caused to be prepared an annual report regarding the special tax funds pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the California Government Code.

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How to Vote

- 1 Vote for your first choice in the first column.
- 2 Vote for your second choice in the second column.
- 3 Vote for your third choice in the third column.



If you selected the same candidate in more than one column, your vote for that candidate will count **ONLY ONCE**.

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1	Mark your first choice in Column 1.	
2	Mark your second choice in Column 2. This choice should be different from your first choice.	
3	Mark your third choice in Column 3. This choice should be different from your first and second choices.	

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BILLY ROSE ←	BILLY ROSE ←	BILLY ROSE ←
KATE SMITH ←	KATE SMITH ←	KATE SMITH ←
ISADORA DUNCAN ←	ISADORA DUNCAN ←	ISADORA DUNCAN ←
EDWARD ELLINGTON ←	EDWARD ELLINGTON ←	EDWARD ELLINGTON ←
		Jane Doe ←

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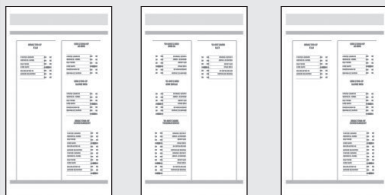
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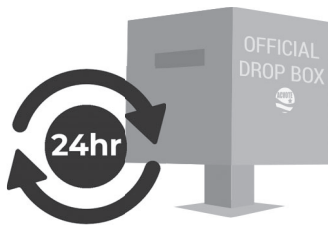
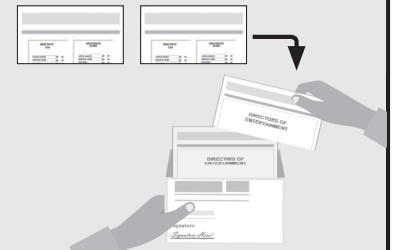
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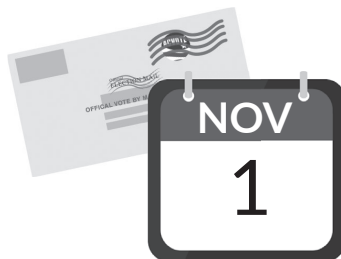
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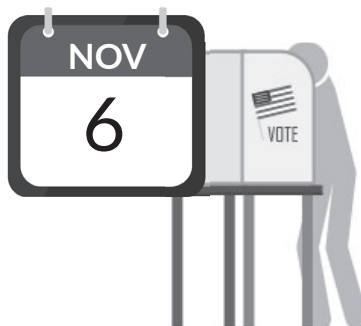
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Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

I, **RASHI KESARWANI**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Rashi Kesarwani
2. The office for which I am a candidate is City Council District 1
3. That my residence is 1619 Edith St., Berkeley
4. The place of my birth is Westminster, CA
5. My present occupation is Government Finance Manager
6. I have held the following public offices: Commissioner, Housing Advisory Commission; Commissioner, Community Health Commission
7. Record of community service: Volunteer, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area (former); Board Member, East Bay Women's Political Alliance (former); Board Member, Explorit Science Center (former)
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. As your Councilmember, I'll fight to ensure that Berkeley remains a beacon of opportunity, diversity, and social justice. My parents immigrated to California from India. They didn't have any money and English was their second language, but they were able to work hard and buy a modest home. I want that same opportunity for Berkeley's next generation, including my newborn son, Austin. With over a decade of relevant experience, I know how to make government reflect our values. At the California Legislative Analyst's Office, I helped win the fight for fair pay for low-wage homecare workers. I now manage a \$900 million budget for the City and County of San Francisco's Human Services Agency, which provides healthcare, meals, and other essential support to needy families. Serving on Berkeley's Housing Advisory Commission and Community Health Commission, I've championed affordable homes and fought to save Alta Bates Hospital. As your Councilmember, I will work with our first responders to ensure public safety and fairness for communities of color; fix our roads and make them safe for all users; and ensure Berkeley recommit to its climate action goals. I've received the endorsement of Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf because she knows I'll partner with neighboring cities on long-term, regional solutions to homelessness. I hope to earn your vote. www.rashi2018.org

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

Nancy Skinner, State Senator
Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember
Darryl Moore, Berkeley City Councilmember (retired)
Laurie Capitelli, Berkeley City Councilmember (retired)
Shirley Issel, Berkeley School Board President (retired)
Ayelet Waldman, Bestselling Author/Berkeley Mom
Linda Schacht Gage, Board Member, Berkeley Public Library Foundation/Trustee, University of California, Berkeley Foundation (former)/Board Member, Berkeley Symphony (former)
Dorothy Walker, Community Leader and Activist for an Inclusive and Diverse Berkeley
Stephanie Allan, Berkeley Unified School District Career Technical Education Adviser
Karen McKie, Berkeley Public Schools Advocate
Jonathan Morris, President, Graduate Assembly, University of California, Berkeley
Tora Spigner, Nurse, Alta Bates Hospital/Community Health Commissioner
Debra Sanderson, Accessory Dwelling Unit Taskforce Co-Leader/City of Berkeley Planning Manager (retired)
Sachu Constantine, Clean Energy Advocate/Energy Commissioner (retired)
Michael Caplan, City of Berkeley Economic Development Manager (retired)
Beth Gerstein, Volunteer Coordinator, Women's Daytime Drop-In Center/District 1 Neighbor
Victoria Eisen, Planning Commissioner (retired)/Transportation Commissioner (retired)/Member of the Downtown Area Planning Advisory Committee/Transportation Planner/District 1 Neighbor
Jill Martinucci, Jefferson School PTA President (former)/Housing Advisory Commissioner (retired)/District 1 Neighbor
Phyllis Orrick, School and Garden Volunteer/District 1 Neighbor

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s/RASHI KESARWANI

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

I, **IGOR A. TREGUB**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Igor A. Tregub
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council, District 1
3. That my residence is 1043 Virginia St., Berkeley, CA 94710
4. The place of my birth is Kiev, Ukraine
5. My present occupation is Rent Board Commissioner/Chair, Housing Commission/Engineer
6. I have held the following public offices: Elected Commissioner, Berkeley Stabilization Rent Board; Chair, Zoning Adjustments Board; Chair, Housing Advisory Commission; Chair, Commission on Labor; City Council-Rent Board 4*4 Committee; AC Transit Parcel Tax Oversight Committee; Berkeley Unified School District Facility Safety and Maintenance Oversight Committee; Vice Chair, Joint Subcommittee for the Implementation of State Housing Laws; Zoning Ordinance Revision Project Subcommittee; Berkeley Planning Commissioner; Berkeley Transportation Commissioner; Chair, Budget and Personnel Subcommittee; Safe and Sustainable Housing Subcommittee; Chair, Subcommittee on Short-Term Rentals; Chair, Community Development Block Grant Subcommittee; Vice Chair, Accessory Dwelling Unit Subcommittee; Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee; U1 Fund Allocation Subcommittee; Low-Income Housing Subcommittee; Moderate-Income Housing Subcommittee; 1281 University Affordable Housing Subcommittee; Chair, Sweatshop-Free Subcommittee; Chair, Living Wage and Earned Income Tax Subcommittee; IRA/AGA Subcommittee; Right-to-Know Ordinance Subcommittee; UC Chancellor's Joint Oversight Committee on Parking and Transportation.
7. Record of community service: Chair, Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter; Berkeley Climate Action Coalition Steering Committee, Transportation Working Group; National Night Out Block Captain; Mentor, East Bay College Fund
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. As someone who has dedicated over 15 years of public service to Berkeley, I have the experience and integrity to make Berkeley a better place. I love this city; I'm running for City Council to make Berkeley a place we can all call home. I helped secure millions of dollars to house our neighbors, approved thousands of small businesses and housing units--many affordable--and maintained our parks. I've worked to improve West Berkeley's air quality, protect McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, raise wages, improve accessibility, and establish National Night Out block parties to promote public safety. My fiancée, Maritessa, and I came here as immigrants to raise a family. We want all of our neighbors to have the same opportunities. We're at a critical time. From providing families with the stability they need to raise their children to ensuring our neighbors are not forced to live on the streets, I'm the proven public servant we need to solve our tough challenges. I'm an independent voice for District 1, a leader who listens and can translate our shared values into city policy. Endorsers include Sierra Club, Nurses, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, BART Director Lateefah Simon, Berkeley Tenants Union, majorities of the Berkeley and neighboring City Councils, Alameda County Building Trades, Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma former Berkeley Mayor Gus Newport. I'd be honored to be your voice on the City Council. www.igor.vote.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
 - Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley Mayor
 - Veronika Fukson, Berkeley City Councilmember (Ret.) District 1 Resident
 - Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Gordon Wozniak, former Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Ying Lee, Former Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Maria Poblet, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner; District 1 Resident
 - Nicky González Yuen, Trustee, Peralta Colleges Board
 - Sheila Jordan, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Emerita
 - Anna de Leon, Former School Board President; Parks and Waterfront Commissioner; Civil Rights Attorney; Musician; District 1 Resident
 - Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
 - Mansour Id-Deen, President, Berkeley NAACP
 - boona cheema, Chair, Mental Health Commission, District 1 Resident
 - Malcolm Margolin, Former Publisher, Heyday Books; Author; Cultural Advocate; Nonprofit Founder; District 1 Resident
 - Melanie Traynor, Duck's Nest Preschool Director, District 1
 - Aida Gamez, Art's Commissioner for City of Berkeley owner of District 1 Arts Workshop UC Berkeley Instructor
 - Pete Castelli, Former executive Director SEIU 1021 Berkeley Commission on Labor; District 1 Resident
 - Sara Shumer, Animal Care Commissioner; former: Zoning Adjustments Board member, Planning Commissioner; District 1 Resident
 - Mel Martynn, Teacher Berkeley Adult School; Bd. Pres Savo Island Co-Op Homes, Berkeley
 - Luis Amezcua, Commissioner, Housing Advisory Commission; Chair, Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group
 - Beth G. Montano, Oceanview Neighborhood Association Member

s/IGOR A. TREGUB

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

I, **MARGO SCHUELER**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Margo Schueler
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council District 1
 3. That my residence is 890 Camelia Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
 4. The place of my birth is California, USA
 5. My present occupation is Civil Engineer
 6. I have held the following public offices: West Berkeley Project Area Commissioner, Streets and Open Space Improvement Committee member, Public Works Commissioner
 7. Record of community service: Infrastructure Vision 2050 task force member committed to sustainable Berkeley.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful city - culturally, racially, and economically diverse city with committed, compassionate residents. Our neighborhoods, the strength of our city, face innumerable challenges. National and state policies have increased homeless populations and the costs of managing our city. Our climate is changing and stressing aging infrastructure. Berkeley citizens have often led efforts to address difficult problems. Today is no different. The road ahead requires hard work and attention to detail. I am ready and able to understand complex staff reports, insist on sound planning and budgeting, and help facilitate efficient productive public meetings leading to clear and unambiguous decisions. I will work for safe, clean streets and sidewalks, infrastructure for changing conditions, well maintained green spaces, protected watersheds and public safety systems functioning at the highest standard. I support secure, affordable housing, appropriate to existing neighborhoods, and developing regional homeless shelters and services with other cities. I've lived and worked in Berkeley for 24 years, with 15 years experience on City commissions. I am passionate about making Berkeley more livable for all. I'm Margo Schueler. I have the depth of experience, time and energy to serve as your Council representative. www.votemargo.com
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Loni Hancock, Former State Legislator, Mayor
 - Linda Maio, City Councilmember District One
 - Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Executive Director Bay Area Hispano Institute for Advancement
 - Mary C Breland, Minister Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist. Church
 - Jeanne Friedman, Peralta Street Neighbors
 - Lauren G. Parsons, Cedar Street Neighbors
 - Eduardo Pineda, Public Artist and Educator, Hopkins Street Neighbors
 - John Hitchen, Retired East Bay Regional Parks Supervisor
 - Larry Henry, Berkeley Public Works Commissioner
 - Kristina Hill, Professor of Environmental Planning, UC Berkeley
 - Claudia Polsky, Director, Environmental Law Clinic, UC Berkeley Law
 - Jack Kurzweil, Prof (emeritus) of Electrical Engineering
 - Michael H. Goldhaber, Chair, Community Environmental Advisory Commission
 - Sibella Kraus, Josephine St. Neighbors
 - Alan Louwerse, Francisco St. Neighbors
 - Kirk McCarthy, President Arts and Crafts Cooperative Inc., Hearst Ave Neighbors
 - Miranda Maupin, Environmental Planner
 - Christopher Polk, owner Christopher Polk Design/Build
 - Rob Browning, Talavera Ceramics & Tile, University Ave.
 - Liz Varnhagen, Community Environmental Advisory Commissioner

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s/MARGO SCHUELER

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

I, **MARY BEHM-STEINBERG**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Mary Behm-Steinberg
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council District 1
 3. That my residence is 1447 Kains Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702
 4. The place of my birth is Kansas City, Missouri
 5. My present occupation is Community Volunteer, Artist
 6. I have held the following public offices: None
 7. Record of community service: Volunteer activist for SEIU Local 1021 at California College of the Arts, volunteer online organizer, former chapter president of Amnesty International, former World Affairs Council volunteer.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. My life and practical experience is broad, and gives me a cross-section of skills and experiences to formulate innovative policy proposals. I've lived in my home for over half my life. I'm a condo-owner; have been a tenant in a rent-controlled apartment and a tenant in an illegal sublet. My experience includes work at the state legislative level; grant writing and international program administration; and fair trade importing in my own small business in Berkeley. Finally, I'm a person with multiple disabilities. This gives me unique insight to both (mostly white) privilege and disadvantage, as well as a unique perspective, as people with disabilities often have to make one action count for multiple purposes to get by. I've learned to thrive doing it, and it's something I can do for the community. But I can't do it alone: my perspective isn't universal. I don't have the same experiences as everyone else (and there are so many other areas of expertise that need to be taken into account as well). Synthesizing diverse perspectives into wins for all is the goal of this campaign, no matter who wins, so I have based my campaign on collaboration so that we all will.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- None

s/MARY BEHM-STEINBERG

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **KATE HARRISON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Kate Harrison
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council District 4
 3. That my residence is 2043 Lincoln St
 4. The place of my birth is Los Angeles, CA
 5. My present occupation is Berkeley Councilmember/Public Sector Consultant
 6. I have held the following public offices: Berkeley City Council, District 4
 7. Record of community service: Berkeley Progressive Alliance; Wellstone Club; Berkeley Tenants Union; East Bay Citizens for Action; Sierra Club; Berkeley Food and Housing; SF Mime Troupe; ASUC Senate
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I am honored to serve as your Councilmember. I am running for re-election to continue building a diverse, vibrant community in the midst of our unprecedented housing affordability crisis. During my first term, I led the City Council in increasing housing fees paid by developers, making it easier to build in-law units, protecting tenants and humanely addressing Berkeley's homeless crisis. I am using my expertise in local and state government to fight to keep Alta Bates Hospital open, provide effective civilian police oversight, and combat climate change through stricter green building standards and better bicycle, pedestrian and transit options. I am beholden to you, not special interests. I have proudly accepted public campaign financing, fought to register lobbyists, opened the budget to scrutiny, and addressed over 400 constituent issues just this year. Please join the Sierra Club, SEIU 1021, Berkeley Progressive Alliance, Mayor Arreguin, former Mayor Newport, State Senator Kevin de Leon, Richmond City Councilmember Jovanka Beckles, Councilmembers Hahn, Davila and Bartlett, former Councilmember Gordon Wozniak, and members of the Rent Stabilization Board, School Board and Peralta Community Colleges Board in supporting my campaign to make Berkeley a place we can all call home. Thank you for your vote.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley
 - Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Council, District 3
 - Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Council, District 5
 - Cheryl Davila, Vice Mayor/Councilmember District 2
 - Ty Alper, Berkeley School Board Director
 - John T Selawsky, Chair, Berkeley Rent Board
 - Gordon Wozniak, former City Councilmember
 - Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
 - Nicky Gonzalez Yuen, Trustee, Peralta Colleges Board
 - Karen Weinstein, Trustee, Peralta Colleges District
 - George Perezvelez, Commissioner, Berkeley Police Review Commission
 - Wendy Bloom, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair of Berkeley's Commission on Labor
 - Mansour Id-Deen, President of Berkeley NAACP
 - Elliot Halpern, Board Member ACLU/North East Bay
 - Rob Wrenn, Planning Commissioner
 - Anna de León, Former Pres. School Board
 - Tom Dalzell, Business Manager, IBEW Local 1245
 - Dyana Delfin-Polk, Vice Chair, Community Environmental Advisory commission (fmr)
 - Kelly Hammargren, Sustainable Berkeley Coalition
 - Soli Alpert, Executive Vice President, Progressive Student Association

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s/KATE HARRISON

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **GREGORY MAGOFNA**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Gregory Magofna
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is City Council, District 4
 3. That my residence is 1931 Dwight Way, Apt 4, Berkeley
 4. The place of my birth is Portsmouth, Virginia
 5. My present occupation is Elder Nutrition Manager
 6. I have held the following public offices: Community Environmental Advisory Commission Vice Chair, Housing Advisory Commissioner
 7. Record of community service: Berkeley MLK Breakfast Committee Member, Berkeley Community Media Board Member, BCF Young Professional Advisory Group, Sierra Club, League of Women Voters
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I'm running for city council to give back to the city that exposed me to new ideas, cultures, food, and the experiences that have shaped me. Right now, rising rents are displacing too many of our neighbors and excluding too many of the people who are most in need of housing and opportunities in Berkeley. My priorities are equity, diversity, and tackling the two biggest challenges we face today: housing affordability and climate change. I've dedicated my life to working with and for people as a teacher, an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, manager of an elder meals on wheels program, and a senior aide in the Berkeley Mayor's Office. In my professional life, I've worked to increase arts funding, promote the downtown startup cluster, revitalize Telegraph Avenue, create a gigabit-fiber internet infrastructure plan, bring bike sharing and point-to-point car sharing to Berkeley, and curb the abuse of short-term rentals. In my volunteer life, I serve on the Berkeley MLK Breakfast Committee, served on the Housing Advisory Commission's subcommittees allocating Housing Trust Fund and Community Development Block Grant funding, and founded a housing-advocacy nonprofit. I ask you to work with me in building a Berkeley for all. UCB Political Science '07 | gregmagofna.com
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Loni Hancock, Former State Senator, Assemblywoman, Mayor
 - Tom Bates, Former Berkeley Mayor and Assemblymember
 - Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Darryl Moore, Former Berkeley City Councilmember, District #2
 - Michael Caplan, City of Berkeley Economic Development Manager (Retired)
 - Jonathan Morris, President, Graduate Assembly, University of California, Berkeley
 - Kathleen Crandall, Berkeley Loan Administration Board Chair, Landmarks Preservation Commissioner
 - Elisa Batista, Vice Chair, Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission
 - Darrell Owens, Housing Advisory Commissioner
 - Ben Gould, Former Chair, Community Environmental Advisory Commission
 - Melissa Male, President of the Board of Directors, the Center for Independent Living (The CIL)
 - Niels Teunis, Chaplain
 - Angela Jernigan, Minister
 - Taralyn Kawata, Senior Services Manager
 - Juli-An Julian, Shelter Plus Care Recipient
 - Jim Oki, Retired Small Business Owner
 - Chris Oki, Retired – Community Volunteer
 - Libby Lee-Egan, Neighborhood Organizer
 - Chris Lee-Egan, Neighborhood Organizer

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s/GREGORY MAGOFNA

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **BEN GOULD**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Ben Gould
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is City Council, District 4
 3. That my residence is 2110 Kittredge St. #212, Berkeley, CA
 4. The place of my birth is Berkeley, CA
 5. My present occupation is Sustainability Policy Analyst for the City & County of San Francisco
 6. I have held the following public offices: Chair, Community Environmental Advisory Commission; Member, Police Review Commission; Member, Housing Advisory Commission; Member, Zoning Adjustments Board
 7. Record of community service: Berkeley Democratic Club; Sierra Club; East Bay Young Democrats; East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club; REAL Berkeley; UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly; The Green Initiative Fund
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I'm running for City Council because I love this city and believe in the future of our diverse community. I was born at Alta Bates, attended Berkeley High, and ultimately earned my master's degrees from UC Berkeley, where I studied public policy and environmental engineering. I've spent the last four years serving our community, from campus to City Hall. As a UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly Delegate, I secured LGBT-inclusive healthcare for all students; as Chair of the Community Environmental Advisory Commission, I fought for our children against lead poisoning; and as a legislative aide in City Hall, I wrote policies to tackle the housing and homelessness crises. As your representative on City Council, I will continue to fight for our future and be a champion for families and young people. I will work with our first responders to improve public safety and address the increase in violent crime in our Downtown. I'll support the creation of green and affordable homes for all. I will use smart and effective policymaking to deploy collaborative regional approaches to ending homelessness. And I'll leverage my environmental expertise to lead the fight against climate change, expand transit and bicycle infrastructure, and create a truly welcoming and green Downtown. It takes progress to be progressive. Join me: www.bengould.org
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 8
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Laurie Capitelli, Former Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Darryl Moore, Former Berkeley City Councilmember and Former Chair, National Black Justice Coalition
 - Jonathan Morris, President, Graduate Assembly, University of California, Berkeley
 - Amma Sarkodee-Adoo, Senator, Associated Students of the University of California
 - Elisa Batista, Vice Chair of the Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission, former Ecology Center Board Member
 - Jenny Wenk, Personnel Board, Chair
 - Alfred Twu, Vice Chair, Zero Waste Commission
 - Rashi Kesarwani, Housing Advisory Commissioner & Community Health Commissioner
 - Gregory Magofna, Former Vice Chair Community Environmental Advisory Commission
 - Pamela Gray, Former Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission and Former Chair, Children, Youth and Recreation Commission
 - Bob Dixon, Member & Past Chair, Personnel Board
 - Darrell Ben-Lee Owens, Housing Advisory Commissioner
 - Dorothy Walker, Community Leader and Activist for an Inclusive and Diverse Berkeley
 - Dmitri Belser, Executive Director, Center for Accessible Technology
 - Stephanie Allan, BUSD Career Technical Education Advisor
 - Barry Fike, BUSD Teacher and Former President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers
 - James Reagan, Homeless Shelter Provider
 - Jeff Vincent, Planning Commissioner and Deputy Director, Center for Cities + Schools

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s/BEN GOULD

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 7

I, **CECILIA “CES” ROSALES**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Cecilia “Ces” Rosales
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council, District 7
 3. That my residence is 2315 Russell Street, Berkeley 94705
 4. The place of my birth is Philippines
 5. My present occupation is Graphics and Web Designer
 6. I have held the following public offices: Commissioner, Berkeley Community Health Commission
 7. Record of community service: Co-chair, LeConte Mural Project, Founder and Organizer Russell & Ellsworth Streets National Night Out; Board Member of several East Bay organizations.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. Berkeley is a great city and it can be greater if we have the courage to make change happen. As your Councilmember I would be a leader with you in that change. I bring: Experience: I have been a co-housing community resident of District 7 for 18 years, a 20-year+ small business entrepreneur, and I have a lifetime of activism for social justice. Commitment: As your Councilmember, I will build alliances to advance smart economic development to improve quality of life services without further burdening homeowners, tenants and students. I will seek, fight for and implement solutions to our community’s housing needs. Now is the time to take charge and steer our way towards solutions that improve our community, including Telegraph Avenue; and support small businesses and neighborhood infrastructure needs. Integrity: I will champion public safety and I will provide an independent, diverse and courageous voice for District 7. A vote for me means a vote for safer neighborhoods, a thriving small business environment and a better quality of life for both our students and long-time residents. Endorsements include: Berkeley Councilmembers Linda Maio, Susan Wengraf and Lori Droste; former Councilmember Darryl Moore; BUSD Trustee, Judy Appel; Peralta Trustees Karen Weinstein and Nicky Yuen.
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Linda Maio, Councilmember Berkeley
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Judy Appel, BUSD Board of Education Trustee
 - Karen Weinstein, Trustee, Peralta Community College District
 - Nicky Gonzalez Yuen, Trustee, Peralta Community College Board
 - Darryl Moore, Former Berkeley City Councilmember, Dist. #2
 - George D Perezvelez, Commissioner, Berkeley Police Review Commission
 - Stephen Murphy, Associate Director Alameda County Family Justice Center
 - Yelda Bartlett, Former Chair, Commission on the Status of Women
 - Angela Gallegos-Castillo, Latinos Unidos, BSEP member, Longfellow School Governance Council member
 - Jack Kurzweil, Prof (emeritus) of Electrical Engineering, SJSU

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s/CECILIA “CES” ROSALES

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 7

I, **RIGEL ROBINSON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Rigel Robinson
2. The office for which I am a candidate is City Council, District 7
3. That my residence is 2442 Piedmont Ave, #15
4. The place of my birth is Mesa, Arizona
5. My present occupation is University Affairs Chair, UC Student Association
6. I have held the following public offices: None.
7. Record of community service: External affairs vice president, Associated Students of the University of California. University affairs chair, UC Student Association. Senator, Associated Students of the University of California.
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. During my four years at the University of California, Berkeley, I've been fighting to elevate student narratives at every level of government — and today, I'm running for Berkeley City Council because it's time for students to have a seat at the table. UC Berkeley was my dream school, and it has been the privilege of a lifetime to earn my degree here. But beneath the blue and gold, students are struggling every day to make ends meet. Housing, food, and safety are basic needs. While students make up almost a third of this city's population, we are often missing in the conversations that affect us most. Four years ago, students led an effort to redistrict District 7 into the nation's first student supermajority district — with the hope that, someday, students would elect one of their own to be their voice in City Hall. Now, it's time. I'm here out of love for my friends, my neighbors, and the City of Berkeley. I've been doing the work, but I'm not done yet. I hope to have your support this November. Learn more about our campaign at rigelrobinson.com.

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of Berkeley
Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Council District 7
Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 8
Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Council District 3
James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Christina Murphy, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Paola Laverde, Vice Chair Rent Board Commissioner
Igor Tregub, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner; Chair, Housing Advisory Commission and Zoning Adjustments Board
Varsha Sarveshwar, President, Cal Berkeley Democrats
Nuha Khalfay, ASUC External Affairs Vice President
Sarah Abdeshahian, ASUC EAVP Campus Organizing Director, Cal Berkeley Democrats VP of Finance
Neil McClintick, Labor Commissioner
Dominick Williams, UC Student Association Campaigns Chair
Tyler Jacobson, Thorsen House Docent
Nicholas Araujo, ASUC Senator, District 7 Resident
Jonathan Morris, President, Graduate Assembly, University of California, Berkeley

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s/RIGEL ROBINSON

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 7

I, **AIDAN HILL**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Aidan Hill
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council District #7
3. That my residence is 2420 Dwight Way Apt #1 Berkeley CA, 94704
4. The place of my birth is Fountain Valley, California
5. My present occupation is Dog Walker & Freelance Photographer
6. I have held the following public offices: None
7. Record of community service: Environmental Activist: Food Security, Social Justice: Planned Parenthood, CALPIRG, Freelance Photographer.
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. Aidan Hill (they/them) is an environmentalist and political activist dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community. Convinced that a public education at a public university should be free for all, Aidan is determined to establish a social safety net for the Berkeley Community. Running to be the United States first openly gender Non-Binary public office holder, Aidan hopes to continue the tradition of UC Berkeley bringing light to the world and take gender equity seriously. Aidan speaks truth to power and calls for a New Free Speech Movement at Berkeley to protect historical sites and highlight the struggles of marginalized students. A strong advocate for grassroots democracy, environmental wisdom, nonviolence, and social justice Aidan looks forward to continue empowering our community as your elected representative for Berkeley City Council District #7.

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

Andrea Mallis, Citizen
Michael DeLacour, Member
Ilianna Delgado, Student
Itzhel Ramirez, Student
Rajelin Eszeldo, Human Person
Voulette HaHar, Student

s/AIDAN HILL

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 8

I, **MARY KAY LACEY**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Mary Kay Lacey
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council, District 8
 3. That my residence is 3047 Benvenue Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94705
 4. The place of my birth is Monongahela, Pennsylvania
 5. My present occupation is Attorney
 6. I have held the following public offices: Planning Commissioner, Personnel Board Commissioner, Alternate Commissioner for Zoning Adjustment Board and Police Review Commission.
 7. Record of community service: Mayor's Task Force to Save Alta Bates; Contributing Supporter, Sierra Club, ACLU, NCLR; Southern Poverty Law Center; Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, pro bono attorney.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. As the first person in my family to go to college, I was fortunate to attend Cal when my working-class family could afford tuition and housing. Since then, I have remained committed to giving back to my community. I am running for City Council now, after raising two BHS graduates, to be a leader in District 8 and address the tough challenges we face. I will use my expertise in law, policy and management to be your tireless advocate at City Hall, and my door will always be open. A key member of the Mayor's Task Force to Save Alta Bates, working on strategy and community engagement, I am committed to keeping a full service, acute care hospital in Berkeley. As a Planning Commissioner, I know that Berkeley can grow without sacrificing equity, diversity, or our neighborhoods. I will champion true affordable housing, the right to a living wage, and will work to alleviate homelessness through transitional housing and services. I am endorsed by leaders from the Bateman, Claremont Elmwood and Dwight/Hillside Neighborhood Associations, Save Our Claremont, and numerous Councilmembers and Commissioners, as well as Berkeley Progressive Alliance and Berkeley Citizens Action. I would be honored to have your vote. www.lacey2018.com
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Council, District 5
 - Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Council member, District 4
 - Ying Lee, Former Leg. Director for Rep. Barbara Lee & Berkeley City Council member
 - John T Selawsky, Chair, Berkeley Rent Board
 - Paola Laverde, Vice-Chair, Berkeley Rent Board
 - Leah Simon-Weisberg, Commissioner, Berkeley Rent Board
 - Rob Wrenn, Vice Chair, Planning Commission
 - Patrick Sheahan, Commissioner, Zoning Adjustment Board
 - Libby Sayre, Chair, Commission on Labor
 - Wendy Bloom, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair Commission on Labor
 - Steven Finacom, Chair, Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission
 - Andrew Johnson, President, Bateman Neighborhood Association
 - Fumi Knox, Treasurer, Bateman Neighborhood Association
 - Joshua Sperry, Secretary, Bateman Neighborhood Association
 - Ron Choy, Board Member, Bateman Neighborhood Association
 - Jacquelyn McCormick, Board Member and Past President, Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Assn (CENA)
 - Phil Bokovoy, Board Member, Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association
 - Joan V. Barnett, Chair, Dwight/Hillside Neighborhood Association
 - Ellen McKaskle, Steering Committee Member, Save Our Claremont
 - Elliot Halpern, Board Member ACLU Northeast Bay Chapter

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s/MARY KAY LACEY

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 8

I, **LORI DROSTE**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Lori Droste
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council, District 8
 3. That my residence is 2951 Pine Ave. Berkeley
 4. The place of my birth is Circleville, OH
 5. My present occupation is City Councilmember/Professor
 6. I have held the following public offices: Berkeley Vice-Mayor; Berkeley City Councilmember, District 8; Association of Bay Area Governments delegate; 3X3 Committee of the Berkeley City Council and Berkeley Housing Authority delegate; City/UC/Student Relations Committee delegate; Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Small Business delegate; Open Government Subcommittee delegate; Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Community Benefits delegate; Housing Advisory Commissioner, Commission on the Status of Women Chair, Labor Commissioner, and Alameda County Human Relations Commissioner Vice-Chair.
 7. Record of community service: School tour leader, Emerson Elementary; boardmember, Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association; boardmember, Stonewall Democratic Club; boardmember, National Women's Political Caucus; Field Organizer, No on Prop 8
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I'm proud to have lived in District 8 for over twenty years; now my wife and I are raising our family here. As your councilmember, I have spent my time listening to and working with neighbors to make sure the city provides needed services to all. In the past four years collaborating with every councilmember, I have delivered over \$300,000 in crosswalk funding for our neighborhood, supported over \$10 million in affordable housing and helped people stay in their homes, facilitated the opening of new businesses, and co-authored the \$15 minimum wage. As the only candidate endorsed by Berkeley's first responders, I'm proud of my work on crime prevention, disaster preparedness, and organizing the fight to keep Alta Bates Hospital open in Berkeley. I'm running for re-election to continue to advocate for you. As your councilmember, I will continue to fight to make Berkeley affordable for all, address Berkeley's homeless crisis, prioritize safety in our community, and support small businesses in our neighborhood. Together we can make Berkeley a place where everyone can live, work, and thrive. I am honored by the endorsement of State Senator Nancy Skinner, Councilmembers Linda Maio, Susan Wengraf, Ben Bartlett, and the past three District 8 councilmembers. I hope to earn your vote. loridroste2018.com
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Nancy Skinner, State Senator
 - Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Linda Maio, Berkeley City Councilmember
 - Gordon Wozniak, District 8 councilmember (ret.)/Parkside neighbor
 - Linda Schacht, Retired UC Berkeley Journalism/Willard neighbor
 - Mark Humbert, Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association boardmember/Transportation Commissioner
 - Lucy Smallsreed, Hillegass neighbor
 - Janice Thomas, Panoramic Hill Association, Vice President
 - Marion Abbott, Co-owner, Mrs. Dalloway's Bookstore
 - Elizabeth McKoy, Berkeley Playhouse founder/Lewiston neighbor
 - Ginger Ogle, Founder of the Berkeley Parents Network
 - Judy Appel, Berkeley School Board Vice President
 - Alex Wilfert, Associated Students of UC, President
 - David Rose, PTA President, Emerson Elementary/Eton Ave neighbor
 - Ty Alper, Berkeley School Board Director
 - Loni Hancock, Former State Senator
 - Susan Medak, Managing Director, Berkeley Repertory Theatre
 - Karen Chapple, UCB Professor of City and Regional Planning, Co-Founder of the Urban Displacement Project
 - Markos Moulitsas, Publisher, Daily Kos

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s/LORI DROSTE

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 8

I, **ALFRED TWU**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Alfred Twu
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council District 8
3. That my residence is 14 Hillside Court, Berkeley, California 94704
4. The place of my birth is Oakland, California
5. My present occupation is Designer / Artist
6. I have held the following public offices: Zero Waste Commission Chair and Vice Chair, City of Berkeley Alternate Commissioner
7. Record of community service: Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter Zero Waste Committee Chair, Berkeley Student Cooperative Alumni Association, East Bay Young Democrats VP of Programming
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. Quirky, romantic, progressive – and pragmatic. I'm an artist, designer and community leader. I've designed homes, businesses, and public infrastructure for the last dozen years. Secure and sustainable communities are my first priority. Through design we can be a city where children are safe from cars, where young adults can afford a home, where families know their neighbors, and where our elders can age in place. We get there with stronger tenant protections, apartments near transit, corner stores, and backyard duplexes. We can grow our tax base to patch the potholes, build homes, save Alta Bates Hospital, and fund public services. As a leader in the Zero Waste movement, I know sustainability takes both long range vision and daily quality operations. As a Cooperative Movement Leader, I understand the importance of the Rochdale Principles of Cooperation and consensus. My name is Alfred Twu and I want to be your Councilmember because I'm ready to solve our challenges of traffic, safety, and affordability through innovation, artistic designs, and community empowerment. Together, we will take back our streets from traffic and recreate traditional human-scaled town squares. Together, we will keep our city beautiful, equitable, and financially stable. www.Alfred2018.com

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Alejandro Soto-Vigil, Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner
Helen Veazey, Chair of the ASUC Housing Commission
Soli Alpert, Executive Vice President, Progressive Student Associa
Sailing Tang, Finance Manager – Lothlorien Co-op
Evan Yoshimoto, Workshift Coordinator Lothlorien Co-op
Emery Martinez, Berkeley Student Cooperative Vice President of Experience & Training
Zach Gamlieli, Former Berkeley Student Cooperative President
Christina Oatfield, Attorney
Amy Halpern-Laff
Antoinette "Toni" Stein, PhD
Kacey Carpenter, Author and Organizer
Kalie McGuirl, Waitress-bookseller
Martin Adams, Student – Lab Assistant – Clinic Volunteer
Elliot Lack, Oscar Wilde House House President
JJ Lamas, House Manager of Oscar Wilde co-op
Olivia Hanson, social manager – Lothlorian Co-op
Mira Wasserman, Anthropology Student, UC Berkeley
Bryan Urrutia, UC Berkeley Graduate: Literatur
Rocky Kamen-Rubio, Student

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s/ALFRED TWU

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 8

I, **RUSS TILLEMAN**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Russ Tilleman
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is City Council District 8
 3. That my residence is 2670 Parker Street, Berkeley, California
 4. The place of my birth is Alameda, California
 5. My present occupation is Green Transportation Designer
 6. I have held the following public offices: None
 7. Record of community service: Helped defeat greenwashed legislation. Got stop sign moved after child killed in crosswalk. Notifying residents about dangerous Berkeley radon levels. Working to stop police misconduct.
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. We don't have to accept unresponsive government in Berkeley, we can create the kind of future we want. I'm not a machine politician and I'm not taking campaign money from special interest groups. I got my engineering degree from Cal and used it to make the world a better place. For ten years I've fought for our district, our city and our global environment, improving pedestrian and bicycle safety and exposing greenwashing, conflicts of interest and environmental fraud. If elected to the City Council, I will work to house Berkeley's homeless, assure full health coverage for every Berkeley resident, add new stories to existing houses as I did to my home at 2670 Parker Street to address Berkeley's affordability crisis, provide Neighborhood Electric Vehicles at BART stations for cost-effective, convenient and renewable door-to-door public transit, prevent People's Park crime from moving to Willard Park, and improve Berkeley's police department, while ensuring basic city services like street and sidewalk maintenance are done without raising taxes or fees. If you want these things and responsive government, elect me to work on your behalf. We'll make Berkeley a shining beacon of hope for a better future everywhere! RussTilleman.org 510-485-6044
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Nigel Guest, BCA Steering Committee, former President of PNA
 - Gene Bernardi, Sociology M.A. UCB, Veterans For Peace Ch. 162 Representative on Police Militarization, SuperBOLD (Berkeleyans Organizing for Liberty Defense)
 - Karen Gillard, Health Care Provider
 - Peter Tierney, Engineer
 - Keefe Stevernu, Teacher
 - Suriani Abdul Rani
 - Conrad Lagasca, Senior Vice President

s/RUSS TILLEMAN

Candidate for CITY AUDITOR

I, **VLADISLAV S. DAVIDZON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Vladislav S. Davidzon
2. The office for which I am a candidate is City Auditor
3. That my residence is 1929 Hopkins St., Berkeley CA 94707
4. The place of my birth is Odessa, Ukraine
5. My present occupation is Chief Executive Officer
6. I have held the following public offices: None
7. Record of community service: I have done extensive human rights work internationally, and previously helped organized protests in New York City against the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars.
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.

9. If city officials aren't terrified of the auditor, the auditor is simply not doing the job. With twenty years in business management, I know how to balance budgets, hire and fire people, and I am certainly not afraid to upset people in order to achieve results. The auditor signs every city check and contract. My promise is simple: unless I am 100% satisfied that taxpayers are getting the absolute maximum benefit for every dollar spent, or unless required to sign by law, that check or contract will not get signed. It's time to end the despicable waste and abuse, and demand meaningful results for every penny. Priorities: build a lot more housing, provide vouchers for housing outside the city for our homeless, rebuild infrastructure, enforce strict performance metrics and online reviews for each city employee, and aggressively pursue holistic sustainability - parks, bikes, scooters, high-density housing and carbon reduction. I am the only 100% independent candidate for auditor - I do not accept endorsements, nor outside funding. The city unions will have zero influence over me, and neither will the developers, nor the political machinery that is driving this city off the proverbial cliff. Only results matter. www.vladislav-auditor.com

10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

None

s/VLADISLAV S. DAVIDZON

Candidate for CITY AUDITOR

I, **JENNY WONG**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Jenny Wong
 2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Auditor
 3. That my residence is 2026 Ninth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
 4. The place of my birth is Chung-Li, Taiwan
 5. My present occupation is Auditor
 6. I have held the following public offices: City of Berkeley Commission on Labor; City of Berkeley Budget Review Commission
 7. Record of community service: Education Chair, San Francisco Association of Government Auditors; Instructor, Association of Local Government Auditors; Founder, Diversity Auditing Recruiting Day, Public Policy and International Affairs Program; Chair, Youth Committee, Kehilla Community Synagogue; Room parent for 6 years at Rosa Parks Elementary; Volunteer Team Manager for 5 years at Noll-Soll Little League
 8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. As City Auditor, I will work to ensure services are being delivered equitably and efficiently, and make audit findings and results more accessible to Berkeley residents. I have been an auditor for the independent federal Government Accountability Office for the last 18 years and I will bring that experience, my independent perspective, and progressive values to the auditor's office. I will use technology and consistent community outreach to share audit results, encourage feedback from Berkeley residents, and maintain the office's independence. I have worked on a variety of audits, from exposing the extent to which corporations didn't pay taxes to clarifying confusing IRS guidance for retirees, small businesses and taxpayers. Audits I worked on resulted in over \$3 billion dollars in savings. As Executive Director of 5 audit forums, I managed trainings for thousands of auditors across the United States. I am an immigrant, first generation college graduate, parent of twins at Berkeley High, and 24 year Berkeley resident. I am endorsed by current Auditor Ann-Marie Hogan, former Auditor Anna Rabkin, every Berkeley City Council Member, and former mayors Eugene "Gus" Newport, Loni Hancock and Tom Bates. Learn more and share your views with me via a community survey at www.JennyForAuditor.com
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:
- Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley Mayor
 - Laurie Capitelli, Former City Council Member
 - Darryl Moore, Former City Council Member
 - Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
 - Juana Alicia, Muralist and Educator, Berkeley City College
 - Varsha Sarveshwar, President, Cal Berkeley Democrats
 - Nuha Khalfay, Associated Students of the University of California External Affairs Vice President
 - Karen Weinstein, Trustee, Peralta Community College District
 - Judith L. Bloom, CPA
 - Paul W. Hammond, CPA
 - Brittni Milam, Government Auditor
 - James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
 - Wendy Bloom, Registered Nurse and Vice Chair, Berkeley's Commission on Labor
 - Ty Alper, Berkeley School Board Director
 - Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Executive Director, BAHIA Inc. Berkeley School Board Director
 - Ramon Ariza, Realtor
 - Tracy Hollander, Small Business Owner
 - Dan Chatman, Professor, UC Berkeley, City and Regional Planning
 - Rabbi David J. Cooper
 - Armael Malinis, Social Worker

s/JENNY WONG

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **KEN HOUSTON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Ken Houston
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Project Manager
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** I am running for Mayor of Oakland because as a community advocate, I'm "on the ground" and "in the rooms," so I understand the challenges that face our city. As a project manager, I can make difficult decisions that will effectively bring about change for Oakland residents. I've engaged with children in all neighborhoods. I've served on committees and the Budget Commission. I've created Best Practices for combatting illegal dumping and graffiti vandalism. I've engaged with unsheltered residents to understand their many needs. For jobs, I was instrumental in passing the 50% local participation policy in the City and OUSD. From serving on commissions to reform city departments, to training and creating jobs, exposing our youth to life changing experiences, living with the homeless, undertaking city responsibilities through community advocacy, I possess the leadership skills to change Oakland and ensure that everyone enjoys the quality of life which they deserve.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Carol H. Williams
Oscar C. Wright
Robert Jeffrey, Sr
Mary E. Maultsby-Jeffrey
Reginald Tolan
Barbara Ciu

Bryant Johnson
Heather M. Ehmke
Carol Wyatt
Ken Houston
Cedric A. Troupe
Gene Hazzard

s/KEN HOUSTON

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **CEDRIC A. TROUPE**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Cedric A. Troupe
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor of Oakland
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Swim Coach/Electronics Integrator
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** My name is Cedric Anthony Troupe. I was raised in East Oakland California. From Arroyo Nursery School, to Castlemont High Class of 1980. Oakland is my Home. Lately, Oakland has changed a lot for the worse, Homeless Crisis, Housing Affordability, Failing Public School System, Gentrification, Dumping, Resources for the least of us vanishing on and on. It is difficult for me as a lifelong resident to sit back and not do anything about it especially when it comes to Children and Elders. We can do better. I have been an Electronics Integrator the last 25 years and know how to get complex things done. I came back into OUSD to develop a Swim Program. I saw the dysfunction, which lead me to see the dysfunction at City Hall the last 8 years. I am running for Mayor of Oakland to be in the position for effective positive change.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Blanche Brown
James Pierce
Joseph Villa
George Jackson Jr
Ameenda Abduh
Ken Houston

Nikka Williams
Mel Hill
Heather Ehmke
Robert Duckett
Angela Willbourn
Cynthia Phey

s/CEDRIC A. TROUPE

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **JESSE A.J. SMITH**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Jesse A.J. Smith
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor of Oakland
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Writer
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** In ranked-choice voting, you can vote your heart without sacrificing more practical choices. I am a single issue candidate. My main issue is radical police reform. I propose emergency measures for the short term, and a 100% civilian administration for a long-term solution. No one person is qualified to lead Oakland. Therefore, if elected, I will donate the mayor's salary (over \$200K) to hiring a staff of specialists, to best serve Oakland.
6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Assata Olugbala
Michelle Snider
Alycia Granieri
Robert Griffin
Jeffrey Cash
Tom Dooner
Conny Gonez
David Silva
Joshua Smith
Shannon Hubbell

s/JESSE A.J. SMITH

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **CAT BROOKS**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Cat Brooks
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor of the City of Oakland
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Communications Consultant, Executive Director, Director of Communications, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Radio Host, Actress
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** In these times, it's rational to demand radical change, to expect that everyone is housed, that teachers can afford to live where they teach, that police departments are transparent and accountable, that we have clean air and water, and Oakland works for everyone. I have been both an executive director and co-founder of a thriving organization. I've repaired fractured environments and revived the fiscal health of organizations on the brink of closure. As mayor, I'll reduce unauthorized police overtime, freeing millions for proven programs that actually prevent violence; invest in truly affordable housing; and ensure developers pay their fair share. On day one, we'll act on the City's declared state of housing emergency and use all available resources, including alternative housing options with dignity, to immediately get people off the streets. I am a mother, advocate, executive director, artist, KPFA radio host, wife, proud Oakland resident. catbrooksforoakland.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Rebecca Kaplan
Joyce Gordon
Harold R. Mayberry
Gregory Hodge
Pamela Drake
Dan Siegel
Michael Victor Kaufman

James Vann
Helen Duffy
Carroll Fife
Leon Sykes II
Ayodele Nzinga
Maureen Benson
William Chorneau

s/CAT BROOKS

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **SAIED KARAMOOZ**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Saied Karamooz
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Chief Operating Officer at Blue Beautifly LLC
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** My dear Oaklanders, this campaign is squarely anchored on my belief in social solidarity that entails not only feeling the pain, struggle, and suffering of our marginalized residents, but also celebrating their joy, prosperity, and triumphs. We're at a critical juncture of local politics with a unique opportunity to change forever its trajectory. But first, we must begin with elimination of the corrosive power of big money. To that end, I have refused donations from corporations, non-Oaklanders, or in excess of \$45. Secondly, we need sensible and practical solutions. I have published a detailed platform (www.EveryonesMayor.org) with a promise to elevate Oakland as one of the safest cities in America not by adding more police officers, but by strengthening our schools, creating well-paying jobs, and expanding availability of low-cost housing. With your vote, I commit to being the mayor for EVERYONE, not just the wealthy few. -Inshallah

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Rashidah Grinage
Jose A. Dorado
Gwen Hardy
Laura Wells
Jan Arnold
Elise Bernstein
Susan Harman
Susan Shawl
Mary Vail

Tina Kimmel
Shauna McQueen
Chris Specker
Michael Rubin
Don Macleay
Bill Balderston
Pam Spevack
Greg Jan
Ken Pratt

s/SAIED KARAMOOZ

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **NANCY SIDEBOTHAM**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Nancy Sidebotham
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Tax Preparer
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** For over 50 years I have been committed to Oakland, both personally and professionally - as a resident and a business owner. My other commitment has been building our community by serving as chair of the Beat 29X NCPC and NW Steering Committee. My commitment is to serve, fight and prevail for Oakland residents and business owners as we correct mistakes of the past and create the future. Bad garbage contracts, a dysfunctional school district, unpaved roads and the sale of public land has seriously impacted Oakland's image. We can and should do better than this. That's why I am running for mayor: to make the changes that Oakland desperately needs. My commitment to serve, my love for Oakland, my knowledge and proven leadership skills are why I should be the next Oakland Mayor. Let's make it happen. I respectfully ask for your vote. Nancy Sidebotham for Mayor nancysidebotham.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Bruce Quan, Jr.
Josephine Lee
Geraldine M. Wong
Melanie Wallace
Barbara Bond
Ralph Kanz
Donald J. Mitchell
Madeline T. Hovland
F. Matt Hummel
Hallie Williams

Stephen Lowe
Barry Lee Donehower
Patrick Lucey
Joan Jenkins
Hazel Jones
David Raymond Kidd
Kenneth W. Pratt
Gregg Novak
Carlos A. Grunwaldt
Dorista R. Reed

s/NANCY SIDEBOTHAM

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **PETER YUAN LIU**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Peter Yuan Liu
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Retired Military
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:**

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Yong Hui Liu
Ye Wa Lei Liu
Xiu Ming Li
Xiu Lan Yu
Chun Li
Guan Li

Guo Jian Li
Sheng Saechao
May Saetern
Charles Green
Juan Bueno
Mesun Hoppe

s/PETER YUAN LIU

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **PAMELA PRICE**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Pamela Price
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Attorney
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** I'm running for Oakland Mayor because our City is broken. It's time for real solutions and strong leadership to fix it. As Mayor, I'll use my tenacity and commitment to bringing people together to find solutions to the chronic problems that politicians have failed to fix. I'll use strong leadership to fix Oakland's exploding homeless crisis, provide affordable housing, deliver good paying jobs, support small businesses and guarantee that "bad cops" are held accountable. As a survivor of the juvenile justice and foster care systems, I rose from the streets to graduate from Yale and UC Berkeley by the grace of God. As a civil rights lawyer, I fought for justice and results for students, women and working families. And I've delivered for 30 years. It's time that we fixed our broken city. Oakland cannot just work for the wealthy. I would be honored to have your vote. pamelaprice4mayor.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Fania Davis
Leslie Levy
Dorothy King Jernegan
John Jernegan
Dennis Middleton
Eloise Middleton
Kevin E. Best
LaNiece Jones
Melody Davis

Nancy Harvey
Rabia Keeble
John Sholes
Art Douglas Blacksher
Anita Jalo
Royl Roberts
Numa G. Aubry
Tiffany Kang
Willie Ray Lockett, Jr

s/PAMELA PRICE

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **LIBBY SCHAAF**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Libby Schaaf
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor of Oakland
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Oakland elected official (Mayor of Oakland and Oakland City Councilmember)
4. I have held the following public office: Mayor of Oakland, Oakland City Councilmember

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** Born and raised in Oakland, I'm a Skyline High School grad and proud mother of two Oakland public school students. I've dedicated my life to serving and celebrating our incredible city. I'll continue fighting racism, protecting immigrants and championing Oakland values -- Trump's threats haven't stopped me! I've secured millions from state government and charities to address homelessness and education. I launched the Oakland Promise -- sending over 1,000 Oakland kids to college and giving savings accounts to hundreds more. I passed Measure KK to start fixing our roads. I've reduced crime, strengthened renter protections, built innovative Tuff Shed Shelters for our homeless and launched the 17k/17k plan to protect Oaklanders from displacement. I'll make Oakland a more equitable city -- with access to preschool, college and trade school for all Oakland youth; safe, trash-free streets; innovative homelessness prevention; Oakland-grown businesses and arts; and more affordable housing. Thank you for your consideration.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Janet Napolitano
Larry Reid
Abel Guillen
Dan Kalb
Rebecca Saltzman
Elsa Ortiz
Aimee Eng
Al Attles
Angela Glover Blackwell
Andreas Cluver

Danny Wan
Barbara Leslie
Orson Aguilar
Arabella Martinez
John Protopoulos
Sherry Hirota
Tom Limon
Arnold Perkins
George Holland
LaNiece Jones

s/LIBBY SCHAAF

Candidate for MAYOR

I, **MARCHON TATMON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Marchon Tatmon
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Mayor of Oakland
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Life Insurance Specialist/ Housing Specialist-Navigator/ Doctoral Candidate
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** Making Oakland Safe and Prosperous for all. Throughout the decade of my career in the finance sector, I've been in over 1,000 citizens homes, hundreds of those have been Oakland residents; I'm highly regarded for my ability to work with all walks of life, tactfulness, business savvy, innovation and motivation and my ability to think outside the box; I've been tasked with budget, decision-making power, marketing, planning, and have management experience. I sat on the advisory board for Frick Impact Academy and Castlemont High, and I'm a former canvasser for Clean Water Action. Currently at Building Futures, I worked with different programs, such as, Welcome Home San Leandro and Oakland Family Front Door, and been a part of housing over 100 homeless families. I hold a BA in Political Science, a Masters in Public Administration (Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society) and currently completing my doctorate in Public Administration and Policy.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Michael Tatmon Jr
Nina Harris
Gregory Johnson
Viridiana Garcia
Alasha Brown
Ibeshe Carmichael
Erin Reese

Isaac Wilson
Archieial Jeffrey
Joseph Henderson
Simily Hill
Carens Hernandez
Beverly A. Smith

s/MARCHON TATMON

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

I, **NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Nikki Fortunato Bas
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Council, District 2
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Executive Director
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** I am a deeply rooted, 20 year resident of District 2. My career began in Chinatown organizing garment workers for fair wages. I created living wage jobs at the Army Base development, reduced diesel pollution at the Port, and won a raise in the minimum wage and paid sick leave for tens of thousands of Oaklanders. As a mom, I teach my daughter the values my parents taught me - equity, justice, and accountability. With two decades as a nonprofit executive, I know how to balance budgets, craft policy, and effectively lead. As councilmember, I will champion housing for all, establish a community approach to public safety that protects residents, tackle illegal dumping and other threats to quality of life, promote a values based budget and thriving economy, preserve cultural heritage, and protect our environment. I ask for your vote to represent District 2 and create an Oakland for All of Us.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Dana King
Pamela A. Drake
Arthur Chen
Carroll Fife
Mari Rose Taruc
Daniel A. Buford
Julina Bonilla
Dan Siegel
Elena Serrano

Gary F. Jimenez
Nilofer Ahsan
Eliza Hersh
Dionisio "Dee" A. Rosario, Jr.
Peggy K. Saika
Francis Calpotura
Miya Saika Chen
Jessamyn Sabbag

s/NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

I, **KENZIE DONTE SMITH**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Kenzie Donte Smith
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Council Dist 2
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Business Owner/Publisher
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** Good Morning! Please accept this letter as the submittal for my candidacy for Oakland, City Council Member of District 2. I would like to run for a seat on our local City Council for the upcoming election November 5th, 2018. My intentions are to be a positive Lawmaker that is inclusive and creates Unity in our Community. For the past 15+ years, I have been engaging with all backgrounds of life in Oakland from mentoring the Youth in North, West and East Oakland, holding seminars to educate residents on how-to's (Home buying, Credit Repair, attaining business licenses, etc.), to holding forums to discuss current events in our community. With all my years being spent in Oakland, California, I have a true understanding of what we stand for, where we have been and where we are going. I realize that we need local positive lawmakers who have positive influences on all walks of life.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Nailiah Williams
Michelle Snider
Amir Saadiq
Scott Hawkins
Harvey Oastu

Marcus Williams
Yahya I. Shabazz
Serina Tom Sun
Kevin Andrews
Alexandra Cecha

s/KENZIE DONTE SMITH

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

I, **ABEL GUILLÉN**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Abel Guillén
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Councilmember, District 2
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: District 2 Councilmember, Financial Advisor
4. I have held the following public office: Oakland District 2 Councilmember, Peralta Colleges Trustee

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** The challenges we face as a community are great – but with your support, I will continue the fight for clean, safe neighborhoods and the results you expect. Working with you, I have hauled tons of illegally dumped garbage and worked by your side in neighborhood cleanups; poured 4,000,000 pounds of asphalt to fix our streets/potholes and made streets safer for people; repaired park bathrooms; installed hundreds of street lights and trees around San Antonio Park and Lake Merritt; improved our recreation centers; expanded library hours; secured funding for model “tiny homes;” and created nearly 2,000 new apartments (focusing on affordable housing) with union/local hire jobs. I ask for your vote to continue my campaign to scrub all neighborhoods of illegal dumping, blight and graffiti; improve safety and fair treatment for all Oaklanders; and pursue economic vitality while protecting our diversity and most vulnerable residents. For assistance: info@voteguillen.com. Join me: VoteAbelGuillen.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Rebecca Saltzman
Karen Monroe
Kenneth Katz
Jennie Gerard
Katharine Teng-Dwyer
Amanda Brown-Stevens
Jennie Ong
Jonathan Bair
Jayson Landeza
James Chanin

Patricia Kernighan
Aimee Eng
Andreas Ferreira-Cluver
Sherry Hirota
Jeffrey Fearn
David Stein
James Head
Bruce Vuong
Kent Lewandowski

s/ABEL GUILLÉN

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **CHARLIE MICHELSON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Charlie Michelson
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Council – D4
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Self employed, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Wrist Ship Supply
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** My story's an Oakland story, which is why Mayor Libby Schaaf and Vice Mayor Annie Campbell Washington endorse me. I'm a third-generation Oaklander. My parents met as Oakland Tribune reporters. I attended local public schools, and after college, worked at a Port of Oakland ship supply company, eventually taking over the business, leading it through tough economic times, and providing quality healthcare and a profit-sharing system for employees, creating hundreds of local jobs over 25 years. Now I give back, having served Oakland through children's organizations for a decade, improving trauma counseling for kids who have gone through the toughest circumstances, increasing recreational opportunities for underserved youth, and providing scholarships to disadvantaged students. I'll bring a progressive entrepreneurial spirit to City Hall, working with non-profits, businesses, and community groups to create jobs and affordable housing, tackle homelessness, and fight for an Oakland that's diverse, inclusive, and delivers reliable services. www.charlie.vote

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Libby Schaaf
Annie Campbell Washington
Rue Mapp
David Stein
CJ Hirschfield
Patricia Kernighan
Tom Limon
Daniel Swafford
Jeffrey Diamond

Adam Simons
Jonathan Bair
Bella Wong
Jennifer Anderson
Elizabeth Spander
Eugene Zahas
Scott Law
Mike Petouhoff
Greg Mayeda

s/CHARLIE MICHELSON

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **JOSEPH E. SIMMONS**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Joseph E. Simmons
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Council District 4
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Senior Pastor, Greater St. Paul Church
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** Oakland needs fresh ideas and experienced leadership to strengthen neighborhood safety, protect taxpayer money and maintain our streets and parks. Joseph Simmons is an educated Senior Pastor and Community Activist who is committed to bringing diverse groups of people together to get things done in Oakland's neighborhoods. Joseph has pastored the Greater St. Paul Church in Oakland for the last 23 years. He previously worked for the Xerox Corporation while serving in ministry and community organizing. He is an advocate for helping at-risk youth. As your Councilmember, Joseph will fight to: Prioritize funding for police and fire protection to ensure emergency response times; Cut red tape and bureaucracy at City Hall to make Oakland more appealing to new businesses; Expand after-school programs that keep kids safe; Stop cuts to funding for basic city services, such as pothole repair, tree trimming, and graffiti removal; Create stable funding mechanisms for Senior Clubs and activities. "On the Council, I'll never stop fighting to protect and improve our quality of life. I would be honored by your vote on November 6, 2018 so we can move Oakland forward." Call Joseph directly at 510-901-0120 or visit www.josephsimmons4oakland.com.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Robert Jackson
Kiran Kinard
H. Geoffrey Watson
Kevin Jenkins
Kimberly Mayfield
Janet Lee Patterson
LaNiece Jones
Saundra G. Andrews
Donald Frazier

Marlon L. McWilson
George J. Smith
Geoffrey Pete
Cathy Adams
L.J. Jennings
Carl Hackney
Mark W. Miles
Dwayne Jones

s/JOSEPH E. SIMMONS

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **SHENG THAO**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Sheng Thao
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Council District 4
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Oakland City Council Policy Director & Chief of Staff
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** I have the experience and commitment to be an effective representative from day one. I've worked as Chief of Staff on the Oakland City Council for many years and know how to bring resources to District 4. As your Council member I will use my knowledge of City Hall and community to build consensus, cut red tape, and fund neighborhood improvements. As the mother of a Joaquin Miller student, I will invest in our children and make education a priority. I have clear plans for strengthening public safety, addressing homelessness, cleaning streets, reducing fire danger, and filling potholes. I'm on the Boards of OACC, Redwood Heights Association, and more. I'm dedicated to serving the community, and making city hall accountable. Please join Assemblymember Bonta, Oakland Firefighters, small business owners, and community leaders in supporting my candidacy. I will work for you. I ask for your #1 vote. www.shengforoakland.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Dan Robertson
Daniel Swafford
Preston Turner
Allen Buford
Aimee Sueko Eng
Robert Raich
Richard Cowan
Floyd Huen
Rebecca Kaplan

Christina Peebles
Noel Gallo
Rick Da Silva
Debra Avery
Jessamyn Sebbag
Laurie Earp
Gregg Brown
Andres Cluver
Stephen Tobias

s/SHENG THAO

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **PAM HARRIS**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Pamela Harris
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Council, District 4
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Nonprofit Finance Professional & Documentary Filmmaker
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** Oakland is a beacon of progressive values, but we have a lot of work to do to make that a reality for everyone. Earlier this year I came across the body of a man who died cold and unsheltered on our streets. I was shaken to my core and searched for a way to redouble my efforts at service and activism. I'm running for City Council because I'm committed to dignity, equity, and compassion for all Oaklanders. As your councilmember, I'll use my decades of nonprofit fiscal management experience to tackle our financial problems and ensure that our city budget reflects our shared values. I'm not a City Hall insider or beholden to any faction, I'll never forget who I work for: YOU. Together, let's build an Oakland that's accountable to the people and works for everyone. I'd be honored to have your 1st, 2nd or 3rd ranked vote. www.pamharris4oakland.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Carolina De Robertis
Janet L. Holmgren
Brendalynn R. Goodall
Nick Resnick
Luan M. Strauss
Isela Gonzaleiz Santana
Richard Santana

Jeffrey Perlstein
Jenna Stauffer
Sean Dugar
Carter Lavin
Frances Reid
Deborah Hoffman
Su Jin Lee

s/PAM HARRIS

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **JOSEPH TANIOS**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Joseph Tanios
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Council District 4
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Construction Inspection Supervisor II
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** I'm running for office to serve the Oakland community – the community that has provided so much to me and my family. I value the last 23 years of being a resident in District 4 – the district where I have raised my family and where my children have attended school. I have the experience to bring local community members and business leaders together; and together we will drive change that will move District 4 and the City of Oakland toward a safer and cleaner community. I will strongly resist ineffective policies that deplete limited and valuable taxpayer resources. Together, we need to implement change to efficiently use all available resources – to improve our neighborhoods, our community, our businesses and our wonderful city. I am a promoter of strategic planning followed up by accountability. I am also proud of my record of advocating for all Oaklanders of every social and economic background.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Phillip Tagami
Viola Gonzales
Roseann Torres
Ignacio De La Fuente
Kimbery Barbadian
F. Matt Hummel
Marchon Tatmon
Said Karamooz
David Wickraad

Leslie Wickraad
Brendan McLoughlin
Lucie Karen Fougner
Ron Thompson
Elizabeth Easton
Carol D. Moss
Steve Welch
Jordan Welch

s/JOSEPH TANIOS

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **NAYELI MAXSON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Nayeli Maxson
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Council District 4
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Executive Director, Policy Analyst and Community Liaison, Coro Fellow
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** As a mother of two, homeowner, public interest attorney, and the only candidate who's worked in the District 4 council office, I am deeply committed to our community. Endorsed by current and former Oakland City Councilmembers, District 4 community leaders, and local small business owners, I bring an innovative, solutions-oriented approach to governance. Whether tackling fire prevention, our housing shortage and homelessness, infrastructure investment, public safety, or utility undergrounding, I have a clear vision for progress, strengthened by long standing community partnerships. As Executive Director for the Alliance for Community Development, I manage a multimillion dollar organization supporting local innovators and entrepreneurs. As your Councilmember, I'll use my management expertise and legal training to negotiate on your behalf, grow our business districts, and make our neighborhoods safe, walkable, and vibrant. I'm a proven problem solver and I would be honored to work for you. Learn more at www.nayeliforoakland.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Jane Brunner
Dan Kalb
Michael Tigges
Susan Piper
Edward Gerber
Carolyn Burgess
Andrew Germond
James Hurd Nixon

Joseph Dashiell
Jennifer Joey Smith
Melanie Nuni
Toni Gomez
Alison Grady
Rick Richard
Michael Akanji
John Minot

s/NAYELI MAXSON

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

I, **MATT HUMMEL**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Francis Matthew Hummel
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Council District 4
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Carpenter
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** As Chairperson of the Oakland Cannabis Regulatory Commission I have seen how things work at City Hall. I am running to represent you because Oakland must do better. Housing insecurity is rampant. Many are afraid to call the police. We are not addressing climate change nor ready for the next big quake. Meanwhile, the Alameda County Grand Jury concluded our debt will increase by \$40 million each year. It will take bold steps to address our problems. Enacting a public bank for Oakland is a step we can take now. It could provide funds to build affordable housing and help residences refinance their loans. The bank could also pay down our debt and fix our crumbling infrastructure. Another step we must take is to demilitarize our police department and realign its priorities towards serving all of us. Let's build a sustainable future together. I humbly ask for your vote.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Deborah Taylor
Anne Kelson
Nancy Sidebotham
Alyson Torsone
Michael Matel
Kenneth Max Mellenthin
Heather Hart

Allison Lopez
Devin Satterfield
Alex Pransky
Gilbert Duran
Stephen Shub
Chang Yi

s/MATT HUMMEL

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

I, **LOREN TAYLOR**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Loren Manuel Taylor
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Council - District 6
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Entrepreneur/ Management Consultant
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** With my deep Oakland roots, experience, and collaborative approach, we'll bring new leadership that makes a difference. That's why residents across District 6, along with Mayor Libby Schaaf, former Mayor Jean Quan, Bishop Bob Jackson, Pastors J. Alfred Smith, Jr. and Javier Ramos, and many others endorse me. I'm a third-generation Oaklander who learned early on the importance of giving back. I've dedicated my life to solving complex challenges to help others, strengthening public schools, raising \$4 million for homeless youth, and helping improve community-police relations in Oakland and across the Bay. I've helped lead business, nonprofit, and government partnerships to increase opportunities for disadvantaged communities: helping low-income women start businesses, and working to reduce diabetes and cancer rates in the Black community. I'll push for job training and neighborhood revitalization, ending the pushing and pricing out of Oaklanders by building/preserving affordable housing, and aggressively fight to end homelessness. www.LorenTaylor.org

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Arnold Perkins
Chris Chatmon
Bob Jackson
Javier Ramos
Libby Schaaf
Shereda Nosakhare
James Moore
Mary Forte
Emily Rosenberg

Barbara Taylor
Art Chu
Betty McGhee
Harold McGhee
Mark Alexander
Derrick Robinson
Wendy Robinson
Erica Taylor

s/LOREN TAYLOR

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

I, **DESLEY BROOKS**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Desley Brooks
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Council Dist. 6
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: City Council Member Dist. 6
4. I have held the following public office: Oakland City Council Member, Dist 6

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** For 16 years, I've been an effective Council Member with one clear goal - improve the lives of District 6 residents with policies, programs, and investments that deliver equity and opportunity to guarantee Oaklanders remain in Oakland. I've strived to be the people's champion, not a tool of outside special interests. I'm the only candidate who will put you first to win big results - living wage jobs, stopping displacement, affordable housing – while improving your quality of life through safety and reducing litter and blight. My endorsements: resident volunteers helping me achieve Walnut Plaza, free food programs, \$13.7 million Rainbow Center renovation and much more; Assemblymembers Rob Bonta and Sandre Swanson; public and private sector unions (Fire Fighters 55, SEIU 1021, IFTPE 21, NUHW, ILWU 10); Black Women Organized For Political Action; ACCE Action; Mistah F.A.B. and D'Wayne Wiggins. Information: Desley4D6.com. I'd be honored to have your vote. Thank you.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Darleen Brooks
Harold R. Mayberry
Joe Smith
Gerald Agee
Dan. Siegel
Geoffrey Pete
Anne Weills
José Luis Pavón
Hazel Jones

Assata Olugbala
Chris Jackson
Samantha Wise
Maureen Dorsey
Charles Chiles
Monita Chiles
Mary Mayberry
Sallye Porter

s/DESLEY BROOKS

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

I, **NATASHA MIDDLETON**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Natasha Middleton
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Council, District 6
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Management/Policy Analyst
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** I'm a proud mom and public safety professional with a focus on public policy. I've worked closely with our Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils, managed multi-million dollar projects to reduce crime and delinquency among at-risk youth, served on the Measure Z Public Safety Commission, and co-organized a program to share healthy, home-prepared food with homeless people. My neighborhood safety plan focuses on removing abandoned vehicles, fighting illegal dumping, addressing blight, and cracking down on human trafficking. I'll fight to revitalize our commercial corridors, add more community centers with after-school and tutoring programs, and actively promote District 6 as an emerging hub for nonprofits, small businesses, and tech and community startups. My District 6 Homeless Action Plan includes hands-on attention to immediate needs, a weekly homeless count, and better coordination with county, city, and community-based organizations. My focus is always on solving problems, not fighting with other politicians. www.NatashaForOakland.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Annie Campbell Washington
Shereda Nosakhare
José Dorado
Bryan Parker
Jody A. Nunez
Rebecca E. Alvarado
Toni Gomez
Paulette S. Bruder

Shelia Cypress
Michael W. Foster
Fletcher Rouse
Lisa Kossiver
Rebecca Lacocque
Denise Hunyh
Monica Starr

s/NATASHA MIDDLETON

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

I, **MARLO RODRIGUEZ**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Marlo Rodriguez
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Council District 6
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Registered Nurse
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** For over 25 years, people have entrusted their lives to me as their Registered Nurse. I have dedicated my life to serving others. I have been a social justice advocate, leader and volunteer in various professional, political and community organizations. I will address the inequities of access to healthcare, grocery stores and healthy foods in our district. I will increase the delivery of city services and resources to our area. We need a leader who will build community and tackle the city's most urgent and chronic problems such as homelessness, housing, fire prevention, public safety and economic development. As a member of the California Nurses Association union, I know that fair wages and job protections are important. As your Councilmember, I will advocate for the health, safety and growth of our district. I ask for your #1 choice to Bring out the Best in Oakland. www.Marlo4Oakland.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Gwendolyn Booze
Emily Rosenberg
Linda Handy
Dionisio A. Rosario, Jr.
Brenda Jackson
Brian Blaisch
Millicent B.Hunter

Karen Anderson
Katherine Webb
Lois Harris
Gia Calvillo
Guadalupe Pena
Chanele Wheeler

s/MARLO RODRIGUEZ

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

I, **MYA WHITAKER**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Mya Whitaker
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: City Council District 6
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Program Director & Regional Coordinator
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** Mya has many years of experience working and volunteering with youth and families in Oakland. She is a Counselor for foster youth in Alameda County, the Program Director of the award-winning Bay Area Debate League, and a former commissioner for Oakland's Police Oversight Commission. She holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from San Francisco State University and is a 2017 graduate of Emerge California, a program to prepare women to run for elected office. Recently, she was chosen by Mayor Schaaf to assist in the process of selecting current Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick. Since 2011, she has facilitated community discussions on community and police relations. Mya understands what it's like being a young person in East Oakland who has overcome challenges of her own. She strives to create spaces where others can heal and grow. Mya is deeply committed to building an East Oakland that is safe, healthy and vibrant for ALL residents.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Daryle Allums
Shauntrice Martin
Christopher Scheer
Dawn Murry
Timothy Daniels
Jontaé Henry
Darrin Norwood
Faye Turner

Lawyer Twillie
Derrick Allen
Karen Dilk
Runzell Banks
Bidiemi Animasheun
Tim Harvey
Hector Contreras-Ramazzini
Mya Whitaker

s/MYA WHITAKER

Candidate for CITY AUDITOR

I, **BRENDA ROBERTS**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Brenda Roberts
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Auditor
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Oakland City Auditor; Auditor Consultant
4. I have held the following public office: Oakland City Auditor

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** When I took office in 2014, I brought two decades of experience in private and government auditing to serve you, the People of Oakland. Since then, I kept my promises to protect you from City waste, fraud, and misconduct by ensuring responsible and transparent financial practices. My office has met or exceeded the number of audits of any Auditors that came before me, publishing hard-hitting audits covering issues in OPD, OFD, Public Works, Housing, Finance, Revenue, and Human Services, resulting in cost savings and better City practices. I modernized the City Auditor's Office, introducing new technologies, bringing it into the 21st century, and received the Knighton Award for excellence in local government auditing for our audit on the City's Rent Program. I am asking for your vote again, so I can continue your fight in City Hall; for an ethical, efficient, and equitable Oakland we can be proud of. RobertsforAuditor2018.com.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

John Bliss
Kim Thompson
Brooke Levin
Katherine Teng Dwyer
Ken Lupoff
Carla Gerardu-Low
Carolyn Burgess
John A. Flores
Henry Chang
Renia Webb

Kenneth Benson
Dinah Benson
Colette McPherson
Thomas Morgan
Stephanie L Casenza
Karen Friedman
Robert Z. Wasserman
Melissa Baksic
Janice Hearn
Anne Marie Gorman

s/BRENDA ROBERTS

Candidate for CITY AUDITOR

I, **COURTNEY RUBY**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Courtney Ruby
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland City Auditor
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Chief Financial Officer, Director of Administration
4. I have held the following public office: Oakland City Auditor

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** We need stronger oversight at City Hall to protect taxpayers from fraud, waste and mismanagement. I served as City Auditor between 2007 and 2014 and made the office a model of accountability, transparency and results. We were honored in 2014 with a national award for our hard-hitting performance audits and investigations. In a January 23, 2018 column titled, "Oakland Desperately Needs a New City Auditor," the East Bay Express wrote about my previous service: "Ruby proved to be a highly competent and courageous city auditor – dedicated to rooting out fraud, waste, and abuse in Oakland city government and protecting whistleblowers who risk their livelihoods in order to expose wrongdoing in City Hall." Together, we can make sure our city government uses every penny wisely to keep our children safe, fix our streets and provide quality city services to our residents. I would be honored by your vote. www.CourtneyRuby.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Arnold Perkins
Ken Berrick
Kathy Neal
David A. Stein
C.J. Hirshfield
Marti Paschal
Gloria Crowell
Barry Pilger
Kenneth L. Katz
Regina Y. Evans

Eugene Zahas
Iris G. Brody Lopez
Harold Lowe
Bruce Nye
Tom Limon
Cestra Butner
Gary Flaxman
Sean Marx
Stepanie L. Casenza

s/COURTNEY RUBY

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 2

I, **AIMEE ENG**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Aimee Eng
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: School Board Director, District 2
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Education Foundation Executive & School Board Director
4. I have held the following public office: Director Oakland Unified School District Board of Trustees

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** As your School Board President since January, I'm committed to cleaning up the District's financial mess while maintaining quality instructional and learning environments for our teachers and students. Oaklanders: please rally to retain local control and experienced teachers --and Save our Schools from state takeover! I'll lead the fight to rebuild trust; institute fiscal checks and balances; and expand public transparency. At the same time, we must continue the momentum of increases in student graduation rates and give our kids a quality education at every Oakland school. With your continued support, I'll: 1) Expand city-school partnerships that support our teachers with a living wage and housing they can afford. 2) Continue to prepare all students for educational and work pathways leading to college and well-paying jobs. 3) Direct funding to the classroom as the top priority. 4) Report to the community and insist on accountability. Join me: Aimee4Schools.com

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Libby Schaaf
Pat Kernighan
Julina Bonilla
Andrew Park
Amanda Brown-Stevens
Ken Katz
Angela Louie Howard
Calvin Williams
Karen Heida

Harold Lowe
Abel Guillen
David Kakishiba
James Harris
C.J. Hirschfield
Katherine Teng Dwyer
Isabel Toscano
Cliff Hong
Olivia Couch

s/AIMEE ENG

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 4

I, **GARY D. YEE**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Gary D. Yee
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Director, Board of Education, District Four
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Superintendent of Schools
4. I have held the following public office: Director, Board of Education, District Four (2002-2013)

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** Graduate of OUSD schools; Doctorate in Education, Stanford University. Oakland families, educators and residents have called me to service again in the fight to retain local control of OUSD and ensure quality education for Oakland's students – I am answering the call! As an OUSD parent, classroom teacher, and principal – and your past School Board Director and OUSD Superintendent—my experience and proven leadership will stabilize OUSD's fiscal crisis. As Superintendent in 2013, I built financial reserves higher than state requirements, and left a \$2,000,000 surplus. I raised millions for OUSD--most recently College & Career success programs in Oakland high schools in fields like skilled trades, technology, business, healthcare, law, engineering, and arts - and high school graduation rates are climbing! Join me in the fight to re-establish fiscal stability and accountability; retain local control; recruit and retain teachers; ensure excellent schools in every neighborhood.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Libby Schaaf
Julina Bonilla
Aimee Eng
Eugene Zahas
Denise Saddler
Carol Pancho-Ash
James Hopkins
Sheilagh Andujar
Darren Avent
Nina Senn

Annie Campbell-Washington
Ken Berrick
Kathleen Maloney
Catherine McLane
Andreas Ferreira-Cluver
Christine Macalino
Greg Cluster
Pedro Morataya
Louise Waters

s/GARY D. YEE

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 4

I, **CLARISSA DOUTHERD**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Clarissa Doutherd
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland Unified School District
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Parent Voices Oakland
4. I have held the following public office: None

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** I am a voice for parents and a leader for change. I hope to earn your vote for School Board because I bring new energy, professional commitment, and a track record of leadership. OUSD is in a critical moment. The Board must regain the trust of families, staff, and our youth. I share your concerns about financial accountability and parent involvement. As Executive Director and former staff accountant, I know managing our resources to ensure accountable transparency is the foundation for students' achievement. I'll target District resources to classrooms, support programs that create positive learning environments and make schools welcome families. I'm honored by support from teachers, parents, and people who want Oakland Schools to moving forward. Visit www.ClarissaForOaklandSchools.com. Our children's futures are at stake. I will bring experience, skills and commitment to new leadership in Oakland Schools so my son, and all our students, can succeed.

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Jennifer Cabán
Amber Ackerman
Faith Ward
Brian Woods
Aregash Bekele
Tonya Ruffin
Sharon Cornu-Toney

Clarissa Doutherd
Ann Swinburn
Keith D. Brown
Ismael Armendariz
Amy Fitzgerald
Kim Miyoshi
Jahmese Myres

s/CLARISSA DOUTHERD

Candidate for SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 6

I, **SHANTHI GONZALES**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:



1. That my name is: Shanthi Gonzales
2. The office for which I am a candidate is: Oakland School Board, District 6
3. My occupation for the past 5 years: Oakland School Board Member, Leadership Coach, Leadership Development Director, Membership Coordinator
4. I have held the following public office: Oakland School Board Director

5. **Statement of General Qualifications:** As Oakland changes, our commitment to schools that serve every community with integrity, accountability and inclusion cannot. Our district cannot risk continued dysfunction and state takeover. Teachers need a board that respects their input and makes decisions that reflect classroom needs. Parents need a board that listens and engages. The community needs a board willing to ask difficult questions and be accountable for every penny. My record is clear: I've consistently demanded fiscal accountability and voted against waste, cultivated parent power to give families a greater voice, and prioritized classrooms, teachers and education above bureaucracy. Working closely with parents, we protected and relaunched five public schools, whose students are now thriving. Making tough choices will keep our district accountable, retain parent and community control, and improve our schools. Join me in fighting for our community. I'd be honored by your vote this November. GonzalesForSchools.nationbuilder.com facebook.com/shanthi.forschools

6. **The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:**

Rebecca Kaplan
Gregory Hodge
Jean Quan
Abel Guillen
Keith D. Brown
Kathryn Sterbenc
Alison L. McDonald
Jose A. Dorado
Sharon Rose

Nancy L. Karigaca
Kim Davis
Chastity Garcia
Ismael Armendariz
Nilofer Ahsan
Kimi Lee
Victoria Barbero
Marlene Klein-Atwood

s/SHANTHI GONZALES

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
MAYOR**

PAULINE RUSSO CUTTER

Occupation: San Leandro Mayor

My education and qualifications are: It would be my honor to continue to serve as your full-time Mayor. Since 2014, my experience, willingness to listen, ability to build consensus among diverse communities, and leadership skills have moved San Leandro forward and made us a city where kindness matters. In many ways our city is stronger today than it's ever been—Our unemployment rate is at a record low, the City is financially secure with diversified funding sources, tech and manufacturing companies are flocking to San Leandro, and we've begun improvements to our infrastructure. I've taken broad steps to move our goals forward. With my election to the US Conference of Mayors Advisory Board, as Chair to its Women's Leadership Alliance, and as Vice-Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission, I am able to raise San Leandro's profile while advocating for the needs and interests of our residents and our city. Under my leadership we have secured grants to install solar, restore the wetlands at the Marina, and to engage neighborhoods—all to make San Leandro a greener, sustainable, more resilient community. Together we're making San Leandro, a city whose safe neighborhoods, strong schools and vibrant quality of life is the best in the Bay Area. I respectfully ask for your vote. www.PaulineCutter.com

BENNY LEE

Occupation: Councilmember / Author / Innovator

Age: 53

My education and qualifications are: We can do better and I will do my part to bring positive changes that will make San Leandrans proud. Together, we have shaped policies that improves the quality of life for children, our aging population and hard-working families. I've been speaking with many of you on shared concerns and hopes for San Leandro's path into the 21st century. Modernizing public safety and our city services to drive efficiency are my top priorities. We will increase our financial sustainability and resilience while giving our residents the top-notch services. We will get shovels into the ground for our delayed Marina Shoreline and many other projects which will create thousands of local jobs and millions in revenue transforming commute time to family time. My financial background and expertise in technology innovation has kept our tax dollars in check while enhancing our city staff work processes to save staffing costs optimally. We will do more innovation to drive more efficiency with new technologies. Please join trailblazing leaders like State Treasurer John Chiang, Board of Equalization Fiona Ma, Assemblymember Kansen Chu, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, Oakland Councilmember Abel Guillen and many residents in electing Benny Lee for San Leandro Mayor. Join us at www.votebenny.com

DAN DILLMAN

Occupation: Arts Culture Innovator

My education and qualifications are: We see the infinite potential that our diverse city possesses, we know that we have the ability to succeed within the era of a global economy. We shouldn't continue to operate from an old paradigm of boxed ideas. We have to dream big and reach for the stars to provide solutions to the rising mountains of unfunded liabilities, safety, privacy, transparency, housing, health, hunger, and bias. We must tap the unlimited resources that lay waiting within our Imagination, IAM reaching out to the entire community this is my call to you for a crowd sourced collective of out of the box ideas, our imagination to be realized within this city of infinite possibilities. We are the Soul of the Bay Area and IAM a leader who is balanced and centered with passion, experience and energy to move mountains. We will hold the line, limiting the rising pension costs, we will pursue creative solutions to pay down and eliminate the debt and grow the general fund. We will address Housing and Health concerns, we will increase Safety, Privacy and Transparency. We will expand Art, Culture, Entertainment, Dining and Night Life. We will protect nature and our Marina. Vote Dan Dillman!

JEROMEY SHAFER

Occupation: Community Organization Manager

Age: 41

My education and qualifications are: Despite its blessings, San Leandro faces real challenges. Our city cannot thrive with the same old routine. Even after tax hikes, our city government is running up massive budget deficits which threaten our vital services. San Leandro needs and deserves a fresh, clean start. We need leadership on housing, the environment, and governance, and must not squander our opportunities. I will put our people first every time. I will not accept campaign donations from corporations or special interest lobbyists. My wife and I are raising our daughter here and I want every child to live in a safe, stable community that embraces San Leandro's diversity. As your full-time Mayor, I will work tirelessly for all the people of San Leandro. I will bring more transparency and accountability to City Hall. Using my management experience, I will work with the council and staff to balance the budget without imposing another sales tax. We need fewer excessive payouts and more financial audits. Rising rents are pushing seniors and families out of their homes and putting elderly people on the streets. We must tackle the housing crisis destabilizing our community. Like other communities, we need rent control to protect our vulnerable residents.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1**

DEBORAH COX

Occupation: Vice Mayor

My education and qualifications are: As a longtime resident, I take great pride in being an active community volunteer. It has been an honor to serve you on the City Council, a continuation of my community efforts. My past work as Founder/President of the San Leandro Education Foundation, President of Estudillo Estates Neighborhood Association, and Chair of the Human Services Commission remind me of our wonderfully diverse community and partnerships that continue. In my four years on the City Council, we worked with the school district to connect all schools to high speed internet, launched the Community Care Initiative to address property maintenance, worked with downtown property owners, greatly increased road repairs, and updated equipment for police/fire. We need experienced leadership to continue our stand for equity and against hate, strengthen sustainability programs that protect our environment, promote innovative and resident serving economic development, and improve our quality of life including a continued commitment to public safety and road improvements. I am humbled by the support of Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, and Supervisor Wilma Chan and will continue to work with them to make a difference for the residents of San Leandro. I hope to earn your support for re-election. www.DeborahforSanLeandro.com

EVA ARCE

Occupation: IT Manager

Age: 41

My education and qualifications are: I am not a professional politician. I am a neighbor like you. I am running for office because San Leandro, with so many possibilities and promise, is instead crippled by a lack of leadership. Our city faces a fiscal crisis due to massive pension liabilities, while skyrocketing rents are driving our seniors and working families out of their homes, impacting over 40% of San Leandro residents. I will fight for rent control to keep our most vulnerable safe in their homes. With technical management, budgeting, and forecasting experience, I will bring sound, ethical, fiscal and management practices to City Hall. We can reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse emissions by installing dedicated bike lanes across San Leandro and expanding the service area of the City's free bus shuttle. In addition to increased daytime neighborhood police patrols and other proactive measure to address crime and vandalism, we must also pursue government transparency. Finally, our children depend on us to represent them, I will dedicate myself to working closely with our schools to help them help our children succeed. Together, we can put San Leandro back on track. Vote for me, Eva, this November 6th, and let's give San Leandro a fresh clean start.

KENNETH PON

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Age: 68

My education and qualifications are: Our City Council needs someone who has the professional experience, community involvement, and demonstrated leadership abilities to lead us out of budget deficits, and into the future. I graduated from UC Berkeley, and I'm a Certified Public Accountant who has audited and reviewed public and private financial statements, served eight years on the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Trustees reviewing school budgets, and located my accounting practice in Downtown San Leandro. In my 37 years in San Leandro, I have served this community in Dads Clubs, Bay-O-Vista Improvement Association, San Leandro Chamber, San Leandro Downtown Association, Wa Sung, Asian Pacific Caucus, and Rotary Club of San Leandro. I have been elected an officer in every organization, served one year as President of the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Trustees, and two years as Chair the San Leandro Planning Commission. As your City Councilmember I will work to eliminate the City's projected 10 year budget deficits, push for building the housing, transit-oriented developments, and pedestrian friendly roads for our millennials, advocate bicycling and mopeding to reduce traffic congestion, and support traffic calming without speed bumps. It takes a person with real professional experience, community involvement, and demonstrated leadership abilities to make this happen. I am that person. www.KennethPon.com.

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3**

VICTOR AGUILAR, JR.

Occupation: Sales

My education and qualifications are: Do you want our political leaders to put the interests of the People of San Leandro first? I do and that is why I am running for City Council. I will listen to you, speak honestly and stay true to my principles. As a San Leandro Unified School District Board Trustee, I know how to balance a budget. I will bring fiscal common sense back to City Hall. I will end the City policy of allowing construction of massive warehouses with few employees served by heavy trucks that pollute our neighborhoods. I will promote new housing next to public transit, and reject developments that violate our zoning code. San Leandro renters are struggling to make ends meet. I will reverse the City ban on rent control and vote for reasonable limits on rent increases. As a proud gay person of Latino heritage, I have experienced the sting of discrimination. I will help make San Leandro a more tolerant, welcoming city for all. Our children are our future. I will create a real city/school partnership to help all children succeed. Our seniors deserve our respect and support. I will protect senior programs including the shuttle service from budget cuts. I respectfully ask for your vote.

LEE THOMAS

Occupation: Community School Manager

My education and qualifications are: In 2014 my commitment to you was to help San Leandro provide the best for all of our families by providing quality jobs; creating programs for our youth; expanding our economic base; and, strengthening the relationship between the city and our school districts. As your Councilmember, I have worked hard to live up to my commitment by creating jobs and enhancing economic development, increasing minimum wage, banning flavored tobacco to protect our youth, creating the Youth Summer Trades Program with the Alameda County Building Trades and the San Leandro School District to create career paths for students, implementing the Tenant Relocation Program to protect renters from exorbitant increases and providing funding to build senior housing. At my referral we implemented the Red Light Abatement Law to peruse enforcement against prostitution in San Leandro. My work on public safety and advocacy for a long term plan to increase police and fire services has earned me the endorsement of the San Leandro Police Officers Association, and the Alameda County Firefighters, Local 55. For more than a decade, on our Human Services Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the City Council, I have worked for you on the issues that matter most to our community, and I respectfully ask for your vote to continue working for you on the City Council. www.leethomasforcitycouncil.com

**Candidate's Statement
CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5**

CORINA N. LOPEZ

Occupation: Councilmember, City of San Leandro; Founding Partner of Pinnacle Vista Technology, LLC; Vice Chair, National League of Cities Information Technology and Communications Federal Advocacy Committee

Age: 47

My education and qualifications are: Beginning as a neighborhood and parks advocate more than 15 years ago and now as your Councilmember, I have dedicated myself to improving the quality of life in San Leandro. My first project on the Council was the beautiful rehabilitated Siempre Verde Park. I want to continue improving San Leandro this way. My priority is completing the capital improvement program I helped initiate. This three year program entails approximately \$75 million in infrastructure improvements including new and enhanced parks and pools, a new branch library, street paving improvements, traffic signals, shoreline flood protection, and improvements to our bicycle lane and pedestrian network. I am a leader in introducing and expanding free public Wi-Fi throughout San Leandro and bringing high speed internet access to the San Leandro Unified School District. Now we need to deploy municipal broadband and free Wi-Fi further to promote jobs, economic activity, and student achievement. I have supported affordable, senior, and market rate housing. My plan now is to champion a workforce housing policy before the City Council to make sure working families can afford to live here. Please join Assemblymember Rob Bonta, the Sierra Club, our police and firefighters, and building trades in re-electing me. I humbly ask for your vote. www.corinalopez.com

MAXINE OLIVER-BENSON

Occupation: Community Activist

My education and qualifications are: Our diverse city needs representatives who put the people of San Leandro first. A spouse and mother of three grown children, I've spent my life as a community organizer representing the community. I've served on fourteen State, County, and City Commissions, including Alameda County Commission on Status of Women, Alameda County Oversight Commission, and am Vice-Chair, Housing and Community Development Advisory Board. I've worked for the environment, partnering with Communities for A Better Environment to reduce emissions. We need representatives who solve today's problems while leading into the future. I'll bring people together on issues like rent control, keeping middle/low income families in homes. I support financial audits, government transparency, and close schools ties. San Leandro deserves a fresh clean start. As one of the Fresh, Clean Slate, committed to moving beyond special interests. I pledge to take no donations from lobbyists or corporations and to limit donations to \$99. We can't thrive without change. We need representatives to lead and put people first. As Councilmember I'm dedicated to you, not big checks. I ask you to vote for the people. I ask you to vote Maxine Oliver-Benson for District 5 Councilmember.

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INFORMATION FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters has made every effort to locate accessible polling places for all elections. The accessibility of your polling place is shown on the back cover of this Voter Information Guide by the words, "YES" and "NO" printed below the disability symbol.



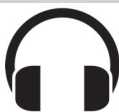
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For the location of your polling place, call our 24-hour number at (510) 267-8683.

TTY (510) 208-4967

Voter Information Guide - Formats



The Registrar of Voters office provides the Measure Information and/or Candidate Statements in an audio MP3 format (on our website) or on CD format (mailed by request). Please call (510) 272-6933 for CD requests.

Early Voting



Beginning 29 days before an election, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office serves as a polling place during regular hours, 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday and from 7:00am – 8:00pm on Election Day. For weekend voting hours (*if applicable*), please contact our office at (510) 272-6973.

Vote by Mail



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Any **voter** may request a vote-by-mail ballot in the following ways:

- Apply online at: acvote.org/vbm
- Complete the application form on the back cover of the Voter Information Guide and mail it to the Registrar of Voters office.
- Send us a letter requesting a vote-by-mail ballot and include your name, home address and the address to which you want the ballot mailed.

Mail: Alameda County Registrar of Voters
1225 Fallon St. Room G-1
Oakland, CA 94612

E-mail: avap@acgov.org
Fax: (510) 338-4675

- Call (510) 272-6973 to request for a ballot to be mailed to you.

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Alternative Accessible Polling Place



A voter who is unable to enter his/her polling place because it is inaccessible, may contact our office for the location of the nearest accessible polling place that is within their district. Please call (510) 272-6933 for more information.

Election Day

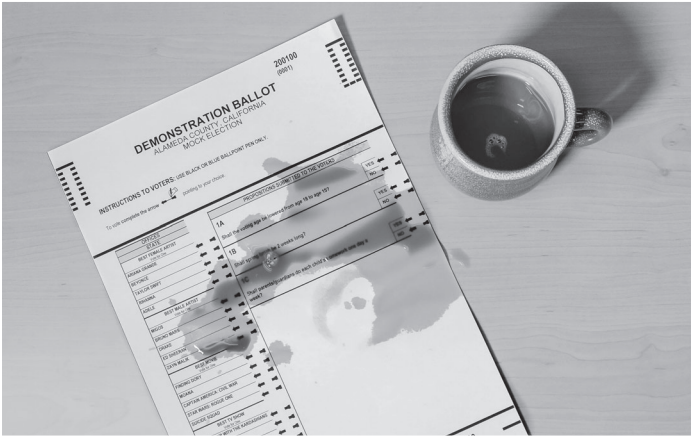


- Magnifying sheets are available to enlarge the print on the ballot.
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- Disability Rights California will operate a statewide Election Day Hotline 7am to 8pm on Election Day, November 6, 2018, also answering calls prior to and following the election: 1-888-569-7955

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If you are unable to enter your polling place because of age or physical disability, you will be allowed to vote either in your vehicle or near the polling place. To make an appointment or arrangements, please contact our office at (510) 272-6933. Appointments are not required but are recommended.



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VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

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**Proposition 9 was removed from the ballot
 by order of the California Supreme Court.**

The following pages may contain:
CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS & MEASURE INFORMATION

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE
 PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.**

Not all candidates submit a statement of qualifications. For a complete list of candidates on the ballot, view your sample ballot, which is included within this guide.

Each candidate's statement of qualifications, if any, is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate, unless otherwise determined by the governing body. Statements have been printed as submitted by the candidates, including any typographical, spelling, or grammatical errors. The statements have not been checked for accuracy by the Registrar of Voters office.

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CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

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