

**Measure II**  
**Charter Amendment – Redistricting**

<b>CITY OF BERKELEY MEASURE II</b>	
Shall the City of Berkeley Charter be amended to give the City until December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the third year following the decennial census to adopt new council districts that are as nearly equal in population as feasible?	YES
<u>Financial Implications:</u> None.	NO

**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE II**

**AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9 OF THE BERKELEY CITY CHARTER RELATED TO EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING THE REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

Currently, the City is required to adopt revised council district boundaries by the end of the year after each decennial census. In part because of disputes about the validity of the 2000 census, late issuance of revised census data and a referendum, the City was not able to meet this deadline after the 2000 census. Beginning with the 2010 decennial census, this Charter amendment would increase the time available for redistricting by extending the deadline to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the third year following the year in which the census is taken, i.e., December 31, 2013, for the 2010 decennial census. This Charter amendment would not prohibit the City from completing its redistricting sooner, however, if it is able to do so.

Financial Implications  
 None.

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE II**

**Join a unanimous Berkeley City Council in voting YES ON MEASURE II.**

Currently, following each Decennial Federal Census, the Berkeley City Charter requires the City Council to revise council district boundaries to equalize their population by the year's end. After the 2000 census, the City was unable to meet this one-year redistricting deadline due to disputes about the validity of the census, late issuance of revised census data, and a referendum that extended the process.

In order, to allow the City and the public sufficient time to thoroughly vet the 2010 census data before adjusting district boundaries, Measure II proposes to amend the Charter *to simply extend* the deadline to the end of the *third* year following the year in

which the census is taken. This timetable would allow more time for a thorough public redistricting process and completion of the final districts well before the 2014 Council district elections.

Measure II will *not* prohibit the City from completing its redistricting sooner if it is able to do so. However it will allow more time if necessary.

**It's unanimous – Vote Yes on Measure II.**

s/TOM BATES

Mayor, City of Berkeley

s/MAX ANDERSON

Berkeley City Council

s/BETTY OLDS

Berkeley City Council

s/KRISS WORTHINGTON

Berkeley City Council

s/GORDON WOZNIAK

City Councilmember, City of Berkeley

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE II WAS SUBMITTED**

## **FULL TEXT OF MEASURE II**

### **Section 9. Election.**

The Council shall, by ordinance, adjust if necessary the boundaries of the Council districts herein set forth by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the third ~~in the~~ year following the year in which each decennial federal census is taken, commencing with the 2010 ~~1990~~ census, as provided and required in the Constitution and statutes of the State of California and in order that the eight Council districts shall continue to be as nearly equal in population as may be according to said census. Any such redistricting shall preserve, to the extent possible, the Council districts originally established herein and shall become effective as of the next general election of Councilmembers immediately following the effective date of said ordinance.