

# Easy Voter Guide

Oakland Municipal Election  
November 8, 2016



This Easy Voter Guide lists basic, nonpartisan information about local candidates and measures on the November 8, 2016 ballot. This guide is produced by the League of Women Voters of Oakland as a free educational service. For more copies, call (510) 834-7640. This guide is also available in Spanish and Chinese versions • Esta guía también está disponible en español • 本指南也可在中國

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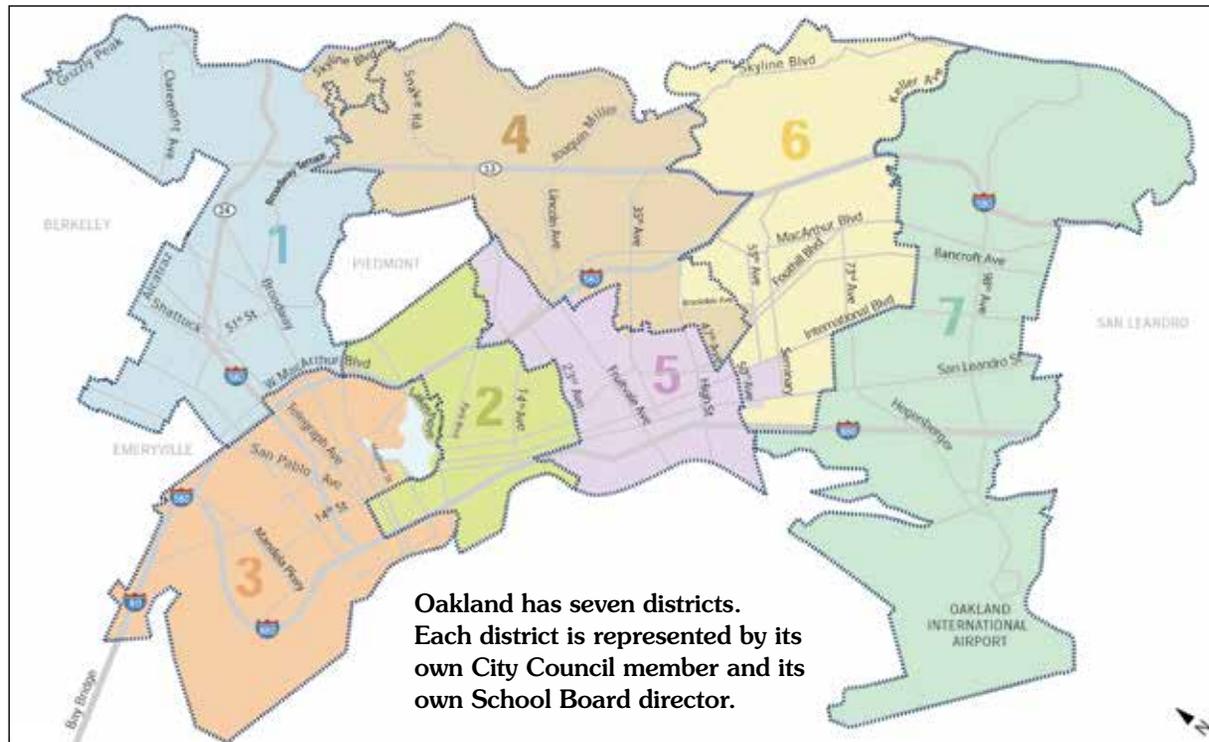
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## ABOUT THIS ELECTION

Election Day is November 8, 2016. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Your last day to register to vote in this election is October 24. For more about registering to vote, call the Alameda County Registrar of Voters at (510) 272-6973 or visit [acgov.org/rov](http://acgov.org/rov).

In this election, all Oakland voters can vote for candidates for City Council At-Large and City Attorney. Oakland voters who live in Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 can vote for candidates for City Council and School Board.



Oakland voters who live in certain neighborhoods can vote for candidates for special districts and other offices. All Oakland voters can vote on nine local ballot measures (three regional ballot measures and six city ballot measures).

This guide covers local elections only. To learn more about what else will be on your individual ballot and to find your polling place, visit [votersedge.org/ca](http://votersedge.org/ca).

## A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

In November 2010, Oakland started using Ranked-Choice Voting in elections for city offices. Ranked-Choice Voting is not used in elections for county, state, or national offices.

Ranked-Choice Voting lets you rank a first-, second-, and third-choice candidate for one office.

With Ranked-Choice Voting, if a candidate receives over 50% of the first-choice votes, then that candidate wins.

However, if no candidate receives over 50% of the first-choice votes, then the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated. For voters who ranked the eliminated candidate first, their votes then transfer to their second-choice candidate.

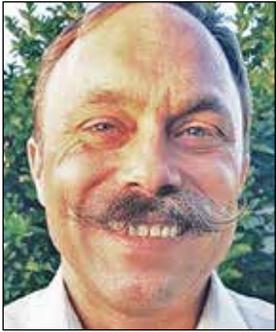
After this transfer, if there is still no candidate with over 50% of the votes, then the next candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated. Votes for the eliminated candidate are transferred in the same way as before. The process repeats until one candidate receives over 50% of the votes.

Voters are not required to rank three choices for each office. Voters should not rank the same candidate more than once, because that does not help the candidate. If a voter ranks one candidate as the voter’s first, second, and third choice, it is the same as if the voter leaves the second and third choice blank.

Visit [acgov.org/rov/documents/rcv\\_brochure\\_en.pdf](http://acgov.org/rov/documents/rcv_brochure_en.pdf) to learn more about Ranked-Choice Voting.

## CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

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Hummel**



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## QUALIFICATIONS

As Chair of Oakland's Cannabis Commission, I've been working tirelessly to dismantle the drug war. If elected, my advisors will be community leaders, not insiders. I'm asking, with your vote, to expand my scope, to build a more just Oakland.

As a Councilmember I've fought to protect and strengthen our community. I led efforts to protect renters from displacement, expand affordable housing, support community oversight of our police department, protect our community from coal, and crack down on illegal guns.

For 25 years, I have built coalitions across Oakland to promote social and economic justice. I have led African-American and LGBTQ organizations, served as Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf's Senior Advisor, and California Political Director for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

If elected as an at-large councilmember, I am committed to building consensus among our diverse constituencies. I have worked in a number of areas throughout my career, including: small business, labor, immigration, civil and human rights, international and nonprofit law.

Longtime resident and community advocate. I educate neighbors/residents to become involved. The people, beauty, diversity and what is lacking keeps me active. I educate to bring about the positive to Oakland which is controlled by machine politics and self-serving governance.

## TOP PRIORITIES

**Restorative Justice/Community Policing:**  
Move from policing model to life enrichment model.

**Municipal Bank:**  
Public dollars for public use!

**House campers/10k affordable housing plan:**  
A just future must include all of us!

**Police Reform:** Greater community oversight of police and improve hiring practices.

**Addressing Our Affordability Crisis:**  
Continue to increase renter protections and affordable housing.

**Safer Communities:**  
Continue my work like banning coal and passing gun legislation.

I will work collaboratively with all stakeholders to make Oakland city government more engaged, responsive, and effective. I will prioritize affordability and rent control, community investment and jobs, and rebuilding trust in public safety.

I will prioritize solving the three largest problems facing Oakland; housing shortage and displacement of low-income families; public safety and the need for criminal justice reform; and improving educational opportunities for our youth.

**Public Safety – Community Policing.**

**Economic Development –**  
Attract businesses to build our sales tax base and jobs.

Give residents a voice in government by improving access and accountability.

## CITY ATTORNEY

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

**Barbara Parker**

**Kevin Corbett**

**Dan Kalb**

**Lynette Gibson McElhaney**

**Noni Session**



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## QUALIFICATIONS

I am running on my 5-year record as City Attorney. I reorganized to focus more resources on public safety; am a watchdog for transparency and honest government; provided top notch impartial legal counsel; protected and advanced the rights of all Oaklanders.

For the past 30 years I have volunteered in my community, raised my family and worked as a probate attorney in private practice. If elected, I pledge to timely respond to your inquiries and advocate on your behalf.

First-term Councilmember; chair of Finance Committee; 30+ years public policy, problem-solving, budget analysis, community service experience in government reform, environmental/clean energy advocacy, housing, and conflict resolution. Worked for Union of Concerned Scientists; former member, 'Kids First' task force.

Named a "2015 Most Influential Woman in Bay Area Business" with 20+ years leadership in affordable housing, I've led the Council to enact progressive policies that improved police performance/accountability, increased housing supply, and strengthened protections for renters and artists.

My education, doctoral research on Bureaucratic Organizations, and my work with the United Nations Development Programme are technical preparation. Moreover, it is my commitment and connection to my community that has best qualified me to principally serve as City Councilmember.

## TOP PRIORITIES

- Provide top notch legal services.
- Expand focus on affirmative litigation to protect rights of all Oaklanders and secure revenue for the City.
- Improve public safety.

1. Solve Oakland's long-standing crime problem;
2. Make City government efficient;
3. Make City government responsive to residents.

These three priorities are interrelated and are achievable with the leadership I will provide, if elected.

**Safe/Affordable Neighborhoods:** more OPD investigators, investments in anti-recidivism services, pedestrian safety enhancements, lower/moderate income housing.  
**Government Reform:** Improve transparency, trust, customer service.  
**Environmental Stewardship/ Justice:** Clean Energy job creation, upgrade of Energy/Climate Action Plan, protect parks.

I remain focused on my current progressive platform to:

- Protect Oakland's diversity in arts, business, and housing
- Increase affordable housing and reduce homelessness
- Establish a Department of Violence Prevention to significantly reduce gun-related violent crimes

Re-define affordable housing to align with resident incomes; create permanently affordable housing.

Remove barriers to economic opportunities; Push co-op model.

Advance Peaceful Communities - promote real community policing and reduce intercommunal violence through investment in people.

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

**Noel Gallo**



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**Viola Gonzales**



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## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

**Marcie Hodge**



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**Nehanda Imara**



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**Larry Reid**



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I have served on the City Council and the Board of Education, as an employee of the City government and School administration. I have the experience and knowledge to get things done. My accomplishments are a demonstration of success.

Fifteen years experience as a nonprofit executive, served on Oakland School Board, Planning Commission, Oakland Fund for Children & Youth, and Assistant to Mayor Elihu Harris for Economic Development & Employment. 35 years living in Glenview District.

Life long resident of Oakland, receiving all my collegiate education in the Bay Area, including a doctorate in Organizational Development. Served 8-years as Peralta Community College Trustee, appointed to the Oakland Budget Advisory Committee, serving 1 year.

I'm a mother, educator, and community advocate who has passionately worked to improve the lives of those in need. I have seen the creative power that access to resources has on residents and will bring this change to District 7.

As your councilmember, I'm proud of our work together for a more affordable, safer and healthier East Oakland. We've built hundreds of affordable homes, created thousands of good jobs, and made our district healthier by bringing two full-service grocery stores.

### A CLEAN-SAFE OAKLAND:

**Public Safety:** increase police officers and firefighters; a Citizens' Police Commission

**Better Schools:** Rebuild and Improve Schools

**Housing & Economic Development:** Attract investment for jobs and new housing; Reinvest in neighborhoods

Grow the local economy with middle-income jobs.

Address the distrust between our residents and its public safety employees.

Instill a culture of excellence in serving residents.

1. Creating more jobs/supporting the growth of local businesses who hire Oakland residents.
2. Establishing safe and vibrant communities where families thrive.
3. Ensuring affordable housing and access to high quality education.

Develop permanently affordable housing

Increase employment opportunities for District 7 residents

Create clean, healthy, safe neighborhoods

**Economic Development/Jobs:** Continue to attract businesses to District 7.

**Public Safety:** Support re-entry services, youth programs, improving civilian oversight of OPD, and upholding constitutional policing.

**Housing Affordability:** Build more affordable and workforce housing in District 7.

## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

**Jody  
London**



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**Donald  
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## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3

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Hinton Hodge**



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**Benjamin  
Lang**



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Administrator  
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**Lucky  
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## QUALIFICATIONS

I've served on the School Board since 2009. My children attend OUSD schools. Under my leadership, OUSD has regained financial health, focused on community schools, and started groundbreaking work with underserved students. I'm a leader who gets things done.

For decades I have volunteered in the public schools and worked with many local political groups and business associations. To prepare for this office I have had a large series of public engagements having previously run twice for local office.

I've raised four children in West Oakland, founded the Parent Leadership and Engagement Academy. As Director, I've championed Restorative Justice programs, establishment of the Department of African American Male Achievement and the Office of Equity, to help our students thrive.

BA Political Science, MA Political Theory, MS Educational Technologies, CA Teaching and Administrative Credentials  
10+ years as a public school teacher, 10+ years as a public school administrator  
40+ year resident of Oakland's District Three

Commitment public service - (1) school teacher for almost 3 years in the U.S. Peace Corps and (2) Soldier/lawyer in the U.S. Army. As a new parent, this commitment to public service shifted to local education.

## TOP PRIORITIES

1. Making sure the changes underway in Oakland Unified are realized.
2. Support schools as they re-design themselves.
3. Identify how Oakland Unified can realize revenue from unused property to pay off the State loan.

Getting the majority of eligible students to actually finish high school; restoring a sense of unity, trust, and optimism among teachers, parents, and students; and recreating "Whole," "Healthy," and "Neighborhood" schools for all Oakland students.

**Enrichment:** Providing all students access to well rounded education that includes arts and languages.

**Achievement:** Providing additional early kindergarten, enrichment activities; reducing absenteeism.

**Addressing Whole Needs:** Meeting students' essential social, emotional and academic needs.

Rebuild community confidence in Oakland Public Schools.

Establish clear expectations for transparency and accountability for District and Charter Schools.

Return the focus of Oakland Public Schools to the classroom - students and teachers matter.

- More counselors: Currently 600 to 1.
- Improved School Oversight: Especially charter school - to ensure academic success.
- Increase graduation rates: smaller classroom sizes with 20/1 student teacher ratio.

## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5

**Kharyshi Wiginton**



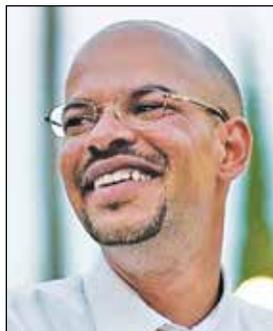
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**Michael Hassid**



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**Michael Hutchinson**



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**Roseann Torres**



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**Huber Trenado**



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My entire adult career has been grounded in service. My employment and my community organizing with Black Lives Matter Bay Area ensures that individuals have voice in the decisions that impact their lives, particularly in education, the great equalizer.

I have extensive experience in improving public education including roles as CFO at StudentsFirst, CFO of EnCorps STEM Teachers Program, and Controller at NewSchools Ventures Fund. If elected, I'd be the only board member with deep finance and operations experience.

I was born, raised, and educated in Oakland. I have worked in schools and with Oakland's youth for 25 years. I have a clear understanding of OUSD's history and its current issues. Join our campaign for quality, public, neighborhood schools.

I am currently serving on the OUSD Board for District 5 and have passed policies such as an Ethnic Studies requirement for UC eligibility, restorative justice funding, teacher salary increase, and have much more work to do to bring about equitable funding for all students.

My lived experience, as both a student and teacher in Oakland schools, will bring a unique insight to the board. I will lead with a community-driven approach that amplifies the voices of our kids and families.

- Creating Excellent Community Public Schools for ALL Children
- Neighborhood Assemblies: Space for Parent & Teacher Empowerment Training
- Critical Pedagogy: Anti-Racist Education Policies & Culturally Relevant Curriculum

**Fiscal transparency and accountability:** ensure that audits are done properly and include a full accounting of all OUSD real-estate holdings;

**Recruitment and retention:** streamline hiring process to ensure we're getting all qualified candidates.

Reprioritize the budget by cutting central administration and limiting the use of consultants.

Moratorium on charter schools and ending the privatization of public education because charter schools are not public schools.

Create authentic community engagement.

Increase a teacher pipeline that is from our community of diverse citizens with focus on bilingual skills to meet our students needs;

Increase the ability to provide teacher raises and funding for resources annually;

Reduce class sizes to better the conditions of our schools.

My top priority will be attracting and retaining teachers in Oakland. The second priority would be ensuring that all students are prepared for college. My third priority is getting district and charter schools to share best practices.

## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 7

**James Harris**



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School Board President  
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**Chris Jackson**



**Occupation:**  
Social Worker  
**Age:** 33  
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## QUALIFICATIONS

As your School Board President I've led efforts to reduce dropout rates, improve student achievement, expand career preparation and college readiness programs, and retain experienced teachers in our schools.

I served 2 terms as an elected member of the community college board, chairing our budget committee and helping manage our \$252 million budget. I ensured we maintained our Career and Technical programs, GED and English as a Second Language classes, and our Student Support services.

## TOP PRIORITIES

I'll continue to fight for East Oakland schools, making sure that we receive our fair share of funding and resources. And I'll keep working to reduce dropout rates and prepare students for college and career.

Free Universal Preschool for every 3- and 4-year-old child in Oakland.

Vocational and Creative Arts Class back to our classrooms.

Bring more of our funding into our classrooms, not our central administration.

## CANDIDATES FOR OTHER OFFICES

Depending on where you live, some of these candidates for other offices will be on your ballot. Voter's Edge California ([votersedge.org/ca](http://votersedge.org/ca)) can show you which ones, and help you learn about them.

### U.S. President

- Hillary Clinton
- Gary Johnson
- Gloria La Riva
- Jill Stein
- Donald Trump

### U.S. Senate

- Kamala Harris
- Loretta Sanchez

### U.S. House of Representatives

Candidates for District 13

- Sue Caro
- Barbara Lee

### California Senate

Candidates for District 9

- Nancy Skinner
- Sandré Swanson

### California Assembly

Candidates for District 15

- Claire Chiara
- Tony Thurmond

Candidates for District 18

- Rob Bonta
- Roseann Slonsky-Breault

### Alameda County Superior Court

Candidates for Judge, Office 1

- Scott Jackson
- Barbara Thomas

### Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)

Candidates for Director, At-Large

- Dollene C. Jones
- Chris Peebles

Candidates for Director, Ward 2

- Greg Harper
- Russ Tilleman

### San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)

Candidates for Director, District 3

- Ken Chew
- Worth Freeman
- Varun Paul
- Rebecca Saltzman

Candidates for Director, District 7

- Roland Emerson
- Zakhary Mallett
- Will Roscoe
- Lateefah Simon

### East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

Candidate for Director, Ward 5

- Doug Linney

Candidate for Director, Ward 6

- William Patterson

### East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)

Candidates for Director, Ward 2

- Kent Fickett
- Audree Jones-Taylor
- John Roberts
- Dee Rosario

Candidates for Director, Ward 4

- Daniel Chesmore
- Ellen Corbett
- Otis Lee Sanders

### Peralta Community College District

Candidates for Trustee, Area 6

- Nick Resnick
- Karen Weinstein

## VOTER'S EDGE CALIFORNIA

Voter's Edge California ([votersedge.org/ca](http://votersedge.org/ca)) is an online election guide covering federal, state, and local races in California.

With Voter's Edge California, voters can:

- See their full, personalized ballot;
- Get detailed information on candidates and ballot measures;
- Check where, when, and how to vote, including information on their polling locations;
- Record their choices to make voting easier; and
- Share information about the election with friends and family.

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## COUNTY OF ALAMEDA MEASURE A1

**Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond**  
(requires 66.6667% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

In recent years, the cost of housing in Alameda County has become higher than many people can afford.

### What Measure A1 would do

Measure A1 would allow Alameda County to sell up to \$580 million in bonds. By selling bonds, Alameda County would get up to \$580 million to spend on:

- Construction of 8,500 units of affordable rental housing
- Housing and services for homeless people
- Home-buying assistance for low-income and middle-income households

Measure A1 funds would be audited every year. A citizens’ oversight committee would make sure the money is used correctly.

### Financial effects:

To repay the bonds, Alameda County would increase property taxes. In 2017, property taxes would go up by a rate of \$12.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. This means that if the county assessor says a property is worth \$300,000, the property owner will pay \$37.50 in additional tax for Measure A1.

Property taxes would continue to go up in future years, but they should not go higher than \$13.90 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The property tax increase would expire in 2040.

### People for Measure A1 say:

- Measure A1 will provide affordable housing to vulnerable groups like seniors, veterans, low-income families with children, and people with disabilities.
- Measure A1 will help get homeless people off the street.

### People against Measure A1 say:

- *No arguments against Measure A1 have been put forward.*

## BART MEASURE RR

**BART Safety, Reliability and Traffic Relief**  
(requires 66.6667% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

The BART system is 44 years old. BART officials say that many parts of the system have worn out, and need to be repaired or replaced. These improvements would cost a lot of money.

### What Measure RR would do:

Measure RR would allow BART to sell up to \$3.5 billion in bonds. By selling bonds, BART would get up to \$3.5 billion to spend on improving its system.

Most of this money (90%) would pay for improvements to tracks, tunnels, stations, power systems, train control systems, and repair facilities. The remaining 10% would pay for ways to reduce crowding, and for helping seniors and people with disabilities use BART.

Measure RR funds would be audited every year. A citizens’ oversight committee would make sure the money is used correctly.

### Financial effects:

To repay the bonds, BART would increase property taxes. In 2017, property taxes would go up by a rate of \$2.02 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. This means that if the county assessor says a property is worth \$300,000, the property owner will pay \$6.06 in additional tax for Measure RR.

Property taxes would continue to go up in future years, but they should not go higher than \$17.49 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The property tax increase would expire in 2065.

### People for Measure RR say:

- Measure RR has detailed plans for how funds will be spent.
- Audits and the citizens’ oversight committee will make sure that Measure RR funds are spent according to plan.

### People against Measure RR say:

- BART should have been saving money to repair its system, but it decided to overpay its employees instead.
- Measure RR will raise taxes and increase BART’s debt.

## AC TRANSIT MEASURE C1

**AC Transit Parcel Tax Extension**  
(requires 66.6667% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

In 2002, voters passed a measure that established a parcel tax of \$24 per year to help pay for AC Transit bus service. In 2004, voters passed a measure that increased the parcel tax to \$48 per year. In 2008, voters passed a measure that increased the parcel tax to \$96 per year. The parcel tax is scheduled to expire in 2019.

### WHAT IS A PARCEL?

A parcel is a piece of land, usually with something built on it, like a house. A parcel tax requires parcel owners to pay the same amount of tax for each parcel, instead of different amounts based on the value of individual parcels.

### What Measure C1 would do:

Measure C1 would extend the \$96 parcel tax until 2039.

Parcel tax funds would continue to be audited every year. A citizens’ oversight committee would continue to make sure the money is used correctly.

### Financial effects:

Property owners would pay \$96 per parcel for every year from 2019 to 2039. AC Transit would get about \$30 million per year.

### People for Measure C1 say:

- AC Transit needs this funding to provide reliable service.
- AC Transit needs this funding to continue providing reduced fares and transportation options for youth, seniors, and people with disabilities.

### People against Measure C1 say:

- *No arguments against Measure C1 have been put forward.*

## CITY OF OAKLAND MEASURE HH

**Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Distribution Tax Ordinance**  
(requires over 50% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

Drinking sugar-sweetened beverages has been linked to many health problems, including diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. Treating these health problems costs a lot of money.

### What Measure HH would do:

Measure HH would put a tax on the distribution of sugar-sweetened beverages, including soda, sports drinks, sweetened teas, and energy drinks. Milk products, 100% juice, baby formula, diet drinks, or drinks taken for medical reasons would not be taxed.

The tax would be 1 cent for every ounce. For example, a 12-ounce can of soda would be taxed 12 cents.

The tax would be paid by grocery distributors. (Sometimes called “wholesalers,” these distribution companies buy food in large quantities from manufacturers and sell it to local stores in smaller quantities.)

The Mayor and City Council would choose nine Oakland residents to be on a Community Advisory Board. This board would make recommendations about how to reduce the health problems linked to drinking sugar-sweetened beverages.

### Financial effects:

The tax is expected to raise over \$6 million per year. This money would go into the city’s general fund.

### People for Measure HH say:

- Sugar-sweetened beverages are a threat to public health.
- Beverage distributors will pay this tax, not grocery stores or consumers.

### People against Measure HH say:

- There is no guarantee that the tax revenue will be spent on reducing the health problems linked to drinking sugar-sweetened beverages.
- A new tax on beverages will hurt low-income and working families.

## CITY OF OAKLAND MEASURE II

**City-Owned Real Property Maximum Lease**  
(requires over 50% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

The Oakland City Council has the authority to lease City-owned land. The term of these leases can last up to 66 years.

### What Measure II would do:

Measure II would allow the City Council to lease City-owned land for up to 99 years.

### Financial effects:

Measure II is not expected to have an effect on City revenue or spending.

### People for Measure II say:

- Housing developers prefer longer leases, so Measure II should help increase construction of affordable housing.

### People against Measure II say:

- *No arguments against Measure II have been put forward.*

## STATE PROPOSITIONS

There are 17 state propositions in this election.

Proposition 51: Bonds for School Facilities

Proposition 52: Private Hospital Fees for Medi-Cal

Proposition 53: Public Vote on Revenue Bonds

Proposition 54: Changes to the Legislative Process

Proposition 55: Extend Tax on High Income

Proposition 56: Tobacco Tax

Proposition 57: Parole, Sentencing and Court Procedures

Proposition 58: English Language Education

Proposition 59: Political Spending Advisory Question

Proposition 60: Condoms in Adult Films

Proposition 61: Prescription Drug Costs

Proposition 62: Repealing the Death Penalty

Proposition 63: Gun and Ammunition Sales

Proposition 64: Making Recreational Marijuana Legal

Proposition 65: Money from Carry-Out Bags

Proposition 66: Death Penalty Court Procedures

Proposition 67: Plastic Bag Ban

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## CITY OF OAKLAND MEASURE JJ

**Just Cause for Eviction and Rent Adjustment**  
(requires over 50% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

In 2002, Oakland voters passed a measure that said landlords can only evict tenants for certain “just cause” reasons. This measure only covers housing built before October 14, 1980.

Landlords can raise rents above the standard cost of living. If tenants want to contest these rent increases, they must petition the City’s Rent Board.

### What Measure JJ would do:

Measure JJ would extend “just cause” eviction protections to housing built before December 31, 1995.

Measure JJ would also require landlords to petition the City’s Rent Board before they raise rents above the standard cost of living.

Measure JJ would also require that the City Council get regular reports from City staff about rental issues.

### Financial effects:

Measure JJ is not expected to have an effect on City revenue or spending.

### People for Measure JJ say:

- More renters in Oakland should get “just cause” eviction protections.
- It should be more difficult for landlords to raise rents above the standard cost of living.

### People against Measure JJ say:

- The current system for raising rents is fair.
- Extending “just cause” eviction protections may make owners less willing to rent their property.

## CITY OF OAKLAND MEASURE KK

**Infrastructure Bond**  
(requires 66.6667% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

The City of Oakland needs more money to pay for streets, city buildings, parks, and affordable housing. The total amount of money the city could use for this is estimated at over \$2.5 billion.

### What Measure KK would do:

Measure KK would allow the City of Oakland to sell up to \$600 million in bonds. By selling bonds, the city would get up to \$600 million to spend on infrastructure.

### Measure KK would raise:

- \$350 million for roadway projects, including street paving, bikeways, sidewalks, paths, stairs, curb ramps, and traffic-calming improvements
- \$40 million for fire-fighting facilities
- \$40 million for police facilities
- \$15 million for libraries
- \$35 million for parks, recreation, and senior facilities
- \$20 million for water systems, energy systems, and earthquake protection
- \$100 million for affordable housing

Measure KK funds would be audited every year. A citizens’ oversight committee would make sure the money is used correctly.

### Financial effects:

To repay the bonds, the City of Oakland would increase property taxes. In 2017, property taxes would go up by a rate of \$23.55 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. This means that if the county assessor says a property is worth \$300,000, the property owner will pay \$70.65 in additional tax for Measure KK.

Property taxes would continue to go up in future years, but they should not go higher than \$79.12 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The property tax increase would last until the bonds were repaid, which could be as late as 2063.

### People for Measure KK say:

- Oakland’s bad street conditions cause flat tires and other expensive damage to vehicles.
- Less federal and state funding is available for infrastructure projects, so the City of Oakland must make up the difference.

### People against Measure KK say:

- The City of Oakland has done a bad job managing revenue from previous tax measures.
- Oakland residents can’t afford higher property taxes.

## CITY OF OAKLAND MEASURE LL

**Oakland Police Commission**  
(requires over 50% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

The City of Oakland has a Citizens’ Police Review Board that reviews complaints against police officers. The board can recommend that the City Administrator take disciplinary action against police officers. (The City Administrator is a person appointed by the Mayor to manage the day-to-day operations of City agencies and departments.)

### What Measure LL would do:

Measure LL would replace the Citizens’ Police Review Board with an Oakland Police Commission. This commission would have more authority, including reviewing police department policies, and having a role in the hiring and firing of the Chief of Police. The commission would also get more staff members to support its work.

### Financial effects:

There would be increased costs due to increased staff size. Increased police accountability could lead to fewer police misconduct lawsuits, which would save the City money.

### People for Measure LL say:

- The Oakland Police Department needs stronger oversight to ensure accountability.
- Police commissions with more authority, resources, and political support are better at addressing police misconduct.

### People against Measure LL say:

- Most police commissions that have been formed in communities across the country have made no difference.
- Measure LL gives too much power to the Mayor, who would appoint three of the seven commissioners.

## OUSD MEASURE G1

**Teacher Retention and Middle School Improvement Act**  
(requires 66.6667% “yes” votes to pass)

### The way it is now:

In 1996, Oakland voters approved a parcel tax to help fund schools. Voters renewed the parcel tax in 2001 and 2004. In 2008, voters approved making the parcel tax permanent. The parcel tax is \$195 per year.

In 2014, Oakland voters approved a second parcel tax to pay for programs for Oakland high schools, with an emphasis on dropout prevention and college/career preparation. The second parcel tax is \$120 per year. It will expire in 2025.

### What Measure G1 would do:

Measure G1 would establish another parcel tax. It would be \$120 per year, and it would expire in 2029. Low-income property owners and seniors would not need to pay the tax.

### Measure G1 funds would be spent on:

- Attracting and retaining teachers and other educators who work at schools
- Increasing access to courses in arts, music, and world languages in grades 6, 7, and 8
- Improving student retention during the transition from elementary to middle school
- Creating a more positive and safe middle school learning environment

Roughly 65% of the tax revenue would go to providing raises for all teachers and other educators who work at schools. Roughly 35% would go to expanding courses for grades 6, 7, and 8. Roughly 1% of the funds would go to administrative costs.

### Financial effects:

Measure G1 is expected to raise \$12.4 million per year. All teachers and other educators who work at schools would receive salary raises of roughly 2%.

### People for Measure G1 say:

- Oakland teachers are among the lowest paid in the Bay Area. Better salaries will help Oakland hire and keep well-qualified teachers.
- Middle school is when students begin dropping out. Providing more educational enrichment activities at middle schools will help solve this problem.

### People against Measure G1 say:

- School district money should not go to charter schools, because they are privately run and receive additional funds from wealthy supporters.

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