

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE S

Oakland had good parks and lighting long before the LLAD was imposed on homeowners and renters without their consent. What Oakland didn't have was:

- A City Hall spending increase from \$393,600,000 to \$520,500,000 in five short years since the tax was imposed - - a whopping 32% increase, much faster than the rate of inflation.
- At least 18% increase in the actual number of city employees. Are we really getting 18% more service from City Hall?
- A 9% drop in the average Oakland real household income.
- Unemployment skyrocketing from 5.9% to 11.1%!

Almost everyone agrees that Oakland's government can be run more efficiently. And City Hall already knows how. Numerous expensive consultants and studies have shown City Hall how to cut bureaucracy and clean up waste. So far, there has been little reason to do so. Measure S gives them a reason - - waste must be cut in order to replace LLAD funds.

The opponents of Measure S (including the study's author) want the city budget to stay big and growing. After all, many of them benefit from the bloated budget. However, the rest of us cannot afford to feed a government that is growing 45% faster than the rate of inflation.

Measure S **shrinks** the budget by a very reasonable 2.8%.

Measure S does **not** "devastate" city services.

Measure S **eliminates** unfair financing of uncontrolled spending growth.

Measure S **will** encourage desperately needed fiscal discipline.

Repeal this unfair, burdensome assessment. Vote YES on Measure S.

s/Emily Sandblade, Director,
Northern Alameda County Citizens
Against Government Waste
s/Miles Fowler, Vice President,
Citizens United on Taxes
s/Louis Stayer, Executive Director
Citizens Committee for Responsive
Oakland Government

s/Donald P. Wang, Chairman,
Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility
s/Frank Davis
Musical Producer and Director

CITY OF OAKLAND MEASURE

T **MEASURE T:** Shall Sections 1100 and 1101 of the Charter of the City of Oakland be amended so that the dates of Municipal Nominating and Municipal General elections can be consolidated by ordinance with the Statewide Primary and Statewide General elections?

YES

NO

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE T

CITY OF OAKLAND PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE T

A MEASURE TO CONSOLIDATE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WITH STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

Article XI of the Charter of the City of Oakland is amended at sections 1100 and 1101 to read:

"Section 1100. **Nominating Election.** Municipal Nominating elections for the nomination of officers and for such other purposes as the Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in each even-numbered year. In order to consolidate Municipal Nominating elections with Statewide Primary elections, the Council may by ordinance provide for a date for a Municipal Nominating election which conforms to the date of a Statewide Primary election."

"Section 1101. **General Municipal Elections.** General Municipal elections for the election of officers and for such other purposes as the Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year. In order to consolidate General Municipal elections with Statewide General elections, the Council may by ordinance provide for a date for a General Municipal election which conforms to the date of a Statewide General election."

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE T

This measure would amend the Oakland City Charter at sections 1100 and 1101 to allow the Oakland City Council to set the dates of Oakland Municipal elections by ordinance in order to consolidate Oakland Municipal elections with statewide elections.

Oakland City Charter section 1100 provides that, "[b]eginning in 1990, Municipal Nominating Elections ... shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in each even-numbered year."

Oakland City Charter section 1101 provides that "[b]eginning in 1990, General Municipal Elections ... shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year."

On June 7, 1988 the voters of the City of Oakland amended Oakland City Charter sections 1100 and 1101 to read as they currently read to conform Oakland's municipal election dates to the dates of the Statewide Primary and Statewide General elections so that Oakland's municipal elections, upon request to the County of Alameda, could be consolidated with the Statewide Primary and Statewide General elections.

On October 5, 1993, Assembly Bill 2196 (Costa) was signed into law moving the 1996 Presidential Primary election, a Statewide Primary Election, from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June to the fourth Tuesday in March for that year only.

If adopted, this charter amendment would allow the Oakland City Council, by ordinance, to set the date of its 1996 Municipal Nominating Election on the same date as the 1996 Presidential Primary election. If adopted, this charter amendment would also eliminate the necessity of future Oakland City Charter election date consolidation amendments should the California State Legislature again change the date of the Statewide Primary election or should it change the date of the Statewide General election. If adopted, this charter amendment would allow the Oakland City Council by ordinance and upon request to the County of Alameda to consolidate Oakland municipal election dates with the Statewide Primary and Statewide General election dates established by the California State Legislature.

s/Jayne Williams
City Attorney

CITY AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE T

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of this measure will not increase the cost of City government.

BACKGROUND

This measure would amend the City Charter so that the City Council may henceforth use the ordinance process to conform the dates of Oakland's Municipal Nominating Election and Municipal General Election with the dates of the Statewide Primary Election and the Statewide General Election.

Specifically, this measure would enable the City Council to move the Municipal Nominating Election in 1996 from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June to the fourth Tuesday in March by ordinance, so as to conform with the date of the 1996 Presidential Primary Election, a Statewide Primary Election, as set by the State Legislature.

Generally, this measure would enable the City Council to use the ordinance process to conform the dates of Oakland's Municipal Nominating Election and the Municipal General Election with any future changes made by the State Legislature in the dates of the Statewide Primary Election or the Statewide General Election.

s/Norma Ng Lau
City Auditor

NO ARGUMENTS SUBMITTED ON MEASURE T.