



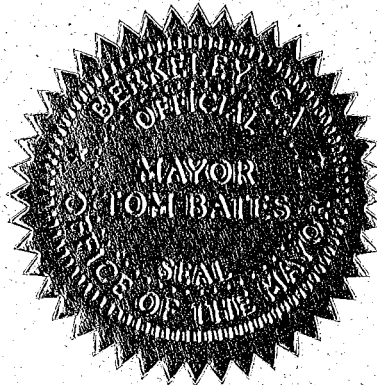
IN RECOGNITION OF MAPLIGHT

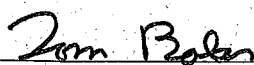
- WHEREAS,** Berkeley-based nonprofit MapLight is celebrating ten years of shining a light on money's influence on politics; and
- WHEREAS,** When MapLight began, proving that special interest donations correlated to votes could take weeks of research for a single bill; MapLight made it possible, for the first time ever, to unearth these connections with the click of a mouse, exposing influence, affecting public debate, and helping to build the movement to fix our country; and
- WHEREAS,** MapLight has reached over 300 million people through over 10,000 news stories in hundreds of media outlets; fielded over a thousand requests for custom money and politics data from journalists, activists, advocacy groups, and everyday citizens; and empowered over a million voters with Voter's Edge, the first nonpartisan online voter guide providing meaningful data to voters in all fifty states; and
- WHEREAS,** MapLight has fueled citizen-led victories and strengthened accountability campaigns on issues including foreclosure reform, payday lending, copyright policy, consumer protections, clean elections, net neutrality, fracking, the student debt crisis, government surveillance, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** MapLight has been recognized with a James Madison Freedom of Information Award, a Knight-Batten Award for Innovations in Journalism, a World Affairs Council NextGen Changemakers: Civic Innovation Award, a UN World Summit Award, a NetSquared Innovation Award, and many more.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Tom Bates, on behalf of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize

Maplight

for ten years of dedicated service to exposing political influence and building the movement to fix our democracy.




Tom Bates
Mayor

March 24, 2015