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Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure R

Berkeley's population is growing, changing, and shifting. **Districts that were fair and representative 26 years ago are decades outdated.** We must fix this problem.

Districts must be as equal in population as possible. The City is required by federal law to complete redistricting every 10 years, and it is crucial that this process is fair and equitable. This change does not allow the Council to "modify district lines anyway they want" as the opposition claims; **Measure R clearly states that the city will be divided into districts that respect geographic boundaries, neighborhoods, and other communities as defined by California law.**

As always, there will continue to be a public process where people can submit their own maps to Council, comment on other maps submitted, and have a voice in the redistricting process.

Adoption of Ballot Measure R is a common sense response to federally-mandated redistricting. **Measure R is supported by good-government organizations, the entire Berkeley City Council, and university students.** It is a fair and inclusive process with **no significant costs to the City.**

Please join a unanimous City Council, good-government groups, and Cal students in supporting Measure R.

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