


Office of the City Manager

January 7, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager   
Subject: 2013 City Council Redistricting Process

In accordance with the process and schedule presented to the Mayor and City Council at the November 27, 2012 meeting of the City Council, the 2013 redistricting process commences today, January 7, with the availability of the Redistricting Packet. The Packet contains all the information and forms necessary for the public to complete and submit a redistricting plan. Attached you will find the press release on the availability of the packet and how it may be obtained.

In addition, I have attached the invitation to the first of two community meetings on redistricting that City staff will be co-hosting with the League of Women Voters. This meeting will be held at the South Berkeley Senior Center on January 24 at 6:00 p.m. Both the press release and the meeting invitation will be sent to over 150 community organizations in Berkeley.

Complete information on redistricting is available at the official City redistricting web page - <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/redistricting/>.

#### Attachments

cc: William Rogers, Deputy City Manager  
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor  
Zach Cowan, City Attorney  
Mark Numainville, Acting City Clerk

**CITY OF BERKELEY REDISTRICTING PACKET NOW AVAILABLE**  
*Members of the public are invited to submit their own plans to balance the districts  
or to participate in the redistricting public hearings.*

**Berkeley, California (Monday, January 7, 2013)** - Residents who wish to submit a plan for new Berkeley City Council district boundaries may now pick up or download the official redistricting packet. The packet, CD and maps are available in the City Clerk Department, 2180 Milvia Street, First Floor, Berkeley, California during regular business hours, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The redistricting packets contain everything necessary to submit a plan to balance the City's eight Council districts, including maps, Census population data by block, a list of legal requirements and considerations, the Submittal Form and Submittal Map. Packets will be available until the submission deadline, March 15.

Every 10 years, the City of Berkeley reviews its Council district boundaries to account for shifts and changes in the population. The redistricting process is based on the population figures provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. According to the 2010 Census, Berkeley's population is 112,580, an increase of almost 10,000 people ([visit About Berkeley for a summary of Census data](#)). The population shifts within each district are significant enough to require new district boundaries.

Members of the public are invited to submit their own redistricting plans or participate in the redistricting public hearings. By using the Proposal Submission Form, the Tract/Block Worksheet and the Proposal Map included in the Redistricting Packet, anyone can propose new district boundaries. Residents are also invited to the public hearings to see plan maps and participate in the discussion.

Individuals and organizations can obtain the packets in a variety of ways.

**Paper Format (complete packet, including maps and CD): \$35**

- Explanation of redistricting process, requirements and local and state law;
- Reference Map (34 inches by 44 inches color map contains current districts, current Councilmember residences, and population data for every City block);
- Spreadsheet with Population Data (79 pages, includes demographic data for every City block);
- Timeline for submissions and public hearing schedule;
- Submission Form (required for plan submittal);
- Track-Block worksheet (required for plan submittal);
- Submission Map (22 inches by 34 inches, required for plan submittal).

**Maps Only (Both Reference and Submission Maps included): \$20**

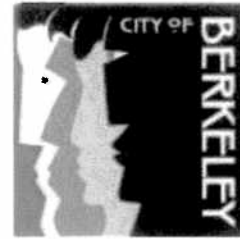
**CD-ROM Only: \$5**

Contains digital version of entire packet.

**Website download: No Charge**

Download the entire packet or individual elements.

For more information or to download the packet, visit [www.CityofBerkeley.info/redistricting](http://www.CityofBerkeley.info/redistricting).



## **Invitation to Community Meeting About Berkeley City Council Redistricting**

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany & Emeryville invites the public to a community meeting to learn about the City's upcoming redistricting process.

Redistricting is the redrawing of City Council district boundaries every ten years to ensure that districts are balanced with the same number of residents. This process applies only to City Council districts and is not part of the state redistricting process for congressional and state legislative districts.

According to the 2010 Census, Berkeley's population is 112,580, an increase of almost 10,000 people from the 2000 Census. The population shifts within each Council district require revisions to City Council district boundaries to ensure equal representation of residents.

The public is a critical part of the redistricting process. The League of Women Voters will be moderating this meeting to introduce the community to the purpose of redistricting, the City Charter's criteria for Council districts, and the timeline and process.

**WHAT:** Community Meeting on City Redistricting in Berkeley

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 24, 2013  
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** South Berkeley Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room  
2339 Ellis Street, Berkeley

**WHO:** League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany & Emeryville  
City staff from the City Clerk's Office, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office and Department of Information Technology

For more information about this process, visit [www.CityofBerkeley.info/redistricting](http://www.CityofBerkeley.info/redistricting).

**About the League:** The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, grass roots organization, that acts on selected governmental issues. It promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. Membership is open to men and women, 18 years old and over. For further information, visit [www.lwvbae.org](http://www.lwvbae.org)