

## **CITY AUDITOR'S IMPARTIAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE DD**

Measure DD amends the City of Oakland (City) Charter to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission. The City Charter, Article II, Section 203, requires that the City perform a redistricting process every 10 years, starting in 1993, in order to maintain seven geographically compact, contiguous Council districts as equal as possible in population. Measure DD will establish a 13-member Independent Redistricting Commission that will be responsible for drawing the boundaries of the seven districts for the election of Councilmembers and Oakland Unified School Board of Directors. Under the Measure, redistricting will occur in 2021 and thereafter in the year following the national census, which is conducted every 10 years.

### Financial Impact

The main cost to the City that will result from Measure DD passing is recruiting costs for the 13-member Independent Redistricting Commission. Recruiting costs, include staff time, materials, and outreach.

Estimated Recruiting Costs	\$45,000 to \$75,000
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The estimated cost to the City is \$45,000 to \$75,000, depending on the City's level of outreach. This estimate is based on the actual costs recently incurred by another jurisdiction when it established its independent citizen's redistricting commission.

One potential cost that cannot, at this time, be quantified is the additional City staff time, if any, required from the Offices of the City Administrator and the City Attorney to support the Independent Redistricting Commission.

The cost for the actual process of redistricting, which includes independent analysis of the district population and soliciting broad public participation, is a cost that the City incurs every 10 years, regardless of whether Measure DD passes. Thus, it is not considered a financial impact of the Measure. Under the Measure, the City will appropriate at least the amount spent in 2013 on redistricting, adjusted for inflation, and allocated on a pro rata basis.

This analysis relied on the best data available at the time; however, actual results may vary from these estimates.

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