

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ  
MEASURE G**

Shall the City Charter be amended to: expand the Independent Police Auditor's oversight, including review of officer-involved shootings and use of force incidents causing death or great bodily injury, review of department-initiated investigations against officers, and other technical amendments; increase the Planning Commission to 11 members with Council appointing one member from each Council District and one "at-large" member; and allow the Council to establish timelines for redistricting when Census results are late?

**YES  
NO**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF  
MEASURE G**

Measure G was placed on the ballot by the City Council and, if approved by the voters, would amend the City Charter to expand the authority of the Independent Police Auditor ("IPA"), change the Planning Commission's size and composition, and allow the Council to establish different timelines for redistricting if Census results are late.

**Independent Police Auditor**

Currently, the Charter specifies the IPA's duties as follows:

- review complaints from members of the public against police officers to determine if the investigation was complete, thorough, objective and fair;
- make recommendations regarding San José Police Department policies and procedures from its review of investigations; and
- conduct outreach to educate the public on the IPA's role and assist the community on investigation procedures.

Measure G would amend the IPA's duties under the Charter to add the authority to:

- review administrative investigations initiated by the Police Department against police officers;
- permit the IPA to review unredacted police records related to officer-involved shootings and use of force incidents resulting in death or great bodily injury, even without a complaint, and review redacted police records if certain criteria are met, in order to make recommendations to the Police Department on policies and procedures; and
- enter into contracts consistent with the Charter and Council authorization.

Finally, Measure G would allow the City Council to assign other duties to the IPA consistent with the Charter, subject to any requirement to meet and confer with the recognized employee organization for police officers including any impasse procedures.

**Planning Commission**

Under the Charter, the Planning Commission is composed of 7 at-large members appointed by the Council.

Measure G would amend the Charter to increase the Planning Commission to 11 members with one member appointed by the Council from each Council District and one at-large member. To allow for

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staggered terms, the eighth and ninth member would serve for a term ending June 30, 2022 and the tenth and eleventh member would serve for a term ending June 30, 2024.

**Redistricting**

The Charter establishes the redistricting process for Council Districts following the completion of the Census. The Charter requires the Council to appoint an Advisory Commission by February 1 in the year after the Census. The Advisory Commission is to study and make recommendations on District boundaries, hold three public hearings concerning its recommendations, and submit a report to the Council within 120 days of appointment. The Charter requires the Council to consider this report and adopt an ordinance to redistrict District boundaries by October 31 in the year after the Census.

Measure G would amend the Charter to permit the Council, by ordinance, to adjust the timeline to enact the redistricting ordinance if the results of the Census are delivered after April 1, and permit the Council to establish the timeframe for the Advisory Commission to submit its report and recommendations. If the Council does not establish a specific timeframe, however, the Advisory Commission will have to submit its report to the Council within 120 days following appointment.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to amend the Charter.

A "No" vote is a vote to not amend the Charter.

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**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you would like to read the full text of the measure, see [www.sanjoseca.gov/measureG2020](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/measureG2020) or call 408-535-1260 and a copy will be sent at no cost to you.**

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

The reforms of Measure G will make police more accountable, engage more diverse voices in city government, and ensure fair representation for every San José resident.

First, Measure G will expand independent oversight of the San José Police Department, enabling the Independent Police Auditor to hold officers accountable, exposing areas for improvement, and increasing trust between our community and our police by:

- Mandating that the Independent Police Auditor review every officer's use of force that results in serious injury or death—including all officer-involved shootings,
- Providing the Independent Police Auditor broader access to police reports, data, and body-worn camera footage, and
- Enabling the City Council to expand the duties and authority of the Independent Police Auditor to address the changing landscape of police accountability in the future.

Measure G also makes San José government more inclusive and accountable by ensuring that every district in our city has representation on our Planning Commission, which considers applications for new development and permits, hears neighborhood input, and offers recommendations to the Council. It also expands the Planning Commission from 7 members to 11.

Finally, Measure G ensures that every San José resident will be heard and counted. Where federal census returns arrive late—as expected next year—Measure G allows for flexibility in redistricting timelines to ensure fair representation of every resident and neighborhood on the City Council.

That's why a broad, bipartisan coalition of labor unions, businesses, Democrats, Republicans, teachers, nurses and neighbors support Measure G. Yes on Measure G is supported by People Acting in Community Together (PACT), Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), and many other respected community organizations, and was placed on the ballot by a unanimous City Council vote.

**Vote Yes on Measure G to make San José more accountable, inclusive, and equitable.**

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**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G WAS SUBMITTED**