



# City Attorney Barbara J. Parker

# **PRESS STATEMENT**

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OAKLAND, CA – At 8 p.m. this evening, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters announced the results of Oakland's Special Vote by Mail Election.

Results on the Registrar's Web site show Oakland voters rejected Measure H, a ballot measure that would have changed the City Attorney from an elected position to one appointed by the City Council.

With nearly all votes counted, Measure H failed 73.11% to 26.89%, meaning Oakland voters will continue to directly elect the City Attorney.

Statement from City Attorney Parker:

“Today the Oakland voters exercised their power at the ballot box, resoundingly proclaiming that Oakland will maintain an elected City Attorney who is accountable to the people. I respect and honor the voters' decision.

The clear intent of the City Charter in establishing the Office of the City Attorney was to provide an independent voice to play the important role of a watchdog for transparency, accountability and sound leadership at City Hall.

It is extremely important that the elected City Attorney bring competence, integrity and professionalism to the job of providing impartial advice to the City Council and City Administration, representing the Oakland community's interests in court and advocating on behalf of all Oaklanders.

I look forward to continuing to act as an independent advocate for all of the residents, businesses and taxpayers of Oakland.”

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