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Measure E: City of Vallejo Charter Amendment

The **Vallejo City Council** placed Measure E on the Election Ballot for voter consideration during the November 5, 2013 election. Measure E is a proposed Charter Amendment that would amend Sections 302, 319 and 1000 of the City of Vallejo Charter.

The proposed amendments would change the City's general municipal elections from odd-numbered to even-numbered years, beginning in November 2016, to consolidate with the State-wide elections and reduce City of Vallejo's election costs by approximately \$205,000 per election. It would also extend the terms of the existing



City Council Members and Mayor approximately 13-months to facilitate the transition to even-numbered years elections. Lastly, it would change the month elected candidates and the Vice Mayor assume office from December to January.

A "Yes" vote means the voter approves the election changes that this Charter Amendment would make. A "No" vote means the voter does not approve this

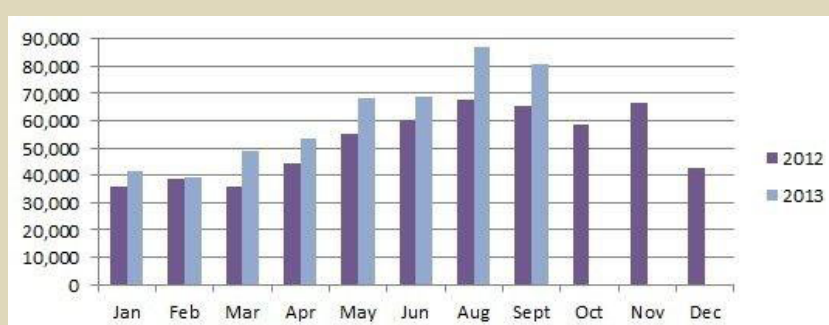
Measure and no changes would be made to the City's Charter. This Charter Amendment would become effective if a majority of those voting on this Measure vote "Yes."

The City's website has a section with additional information about Measure E, [click here](#) to access. If you have further questions, please call the Measure E Hotline at (707) 645-2603 or e-mail: MeasureE@ci.vallejo.ca.us

Increased Ferry Ridership

The **San Francisco Bay Ferry** offers service from Vallejo to San Francisco as a convenient alternative to driving. Since the Water Emergency Transportation Authority assumed operations of the Vallejo Baylink Ferry service, statistics show an increase in ridership over the past 18-months.

Though the summer months often experience an increase in Vallejo, ridership has gone up year-round. Vallejo offers transport service to the SF Ferry Building and Pier 41, with seasonal routes to Angel Island and AT&T Park. Despite the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) strike in July, the numbers have continued to increase through July and August, up approximately 20,000 riders from last year.



If another BART strike occurs, the SF Bay Ferry will implement increased service on most routes beginning Friday, October 11. BART strike schedules will be posted [here](#). If a strike occurs, SF Bay Ferry will have 12 boats in service (as opposed to eight on a regular weekday), adding an additional landing at Golden Gate Ferry San Francisco's Ferry Building to help reduce dock congestion and enable the service to carry more passengers.

If no strike takes place, SF Bay Ferry will operate on its normal schedule.

SF Bay Ferry riders should bear in mind the changes in parking at the Downtown Waterfront Parking area from the City of Vallejo. Riders can now purchase daily or monthly passes in various ways [online](#).

Cancer Awareness within Vallejo

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of cancer, many people often forget to take the steps in prevention, including having a plan to detect the disease in its early stages.

Numerous organizations within the Vallejo community are gearing up to raise cancer awareness. Last Friday, hosted the Guardians of the Ribbon - Pink Heals Solano Pink Fire Truck. Patients, survivors, and loved ones were able to sign the pink truck, and members could sign up for mammograms.

Kaiser also offers Breast Care Clinics in October on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Women's Health Clinic, which includes same-day exam of breast lumps, breast imaging and guidance, support and personalized treatment throughout care.



Sutter's Diagnostic Imaging Center is giving free digital screening mammograms to uninsured women. Top-notch technology and compassionate staff will make the experience as easy and comfortable as possible. On Saturday, October 26, **Sutter Solano** will offer free mammograms by appointment. To make an appointment in Vallejo at 100 Hospital Drive, call (707) 551-3610. To make an appointment in Fairfield at 2700 Low Court, call (707) 432-2500.

Mount Diablo Solano Oncology Group is also getting involved with a live monarch butterfly release on Saturday, October 12 at 11:00 a.m., with the **Wings for Hope** event directly benefiting the Cancer Support Community. The Cancer Support Community provides support, education and hope, free of charge, to anyone affected by cancer in the San Francisco Bay Area. This event will financially underwrite the services for those affected by cancer in Vallejo. Anyone wishing to release a butterfly must RSVP in advance by calling (925) 933-0107 or emailing [Alex Rubin](mailto:Alex.Rubin).

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Mare Island Fall Festival

Businesses from Mare Island will be teaming up to bring Vallejo its first Mare Island Fall Festival this Saturday in various locations on the Island.

The collaborative effort will include activities from Touro University, **Mare Island Golf Club**, Mare Island Historical Park Foundation **Artifacts Museum**, Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve and more. To see a full list of activities and times, [click here](#).

The golf tournament will kick-off the event at 8:30 a.m., followed closely by Touro University's 7th Annual Mare Island 5K Run/Walk (to benefit the Global Center for Success and the Greater Vallejo Recreation District) at 9:00 a.m. The Global Center for Success will have an open house later followed by a Naval Cemetery Tour. The festival will end with a Lost Boats of Mare Island Memorial at 1:30 p.m.

For those who wish to sign up for the golf tournament, please call Mark at (707) 562-4653 x5. The tournament will be a two-person scramble open to anyone and there is no limit to the number of golfers. Proceeds of the event will go back into the Mare Island Fall Festival fund. A portion of the proceeds will be awarded to the tournament winner.

The Touro 5K Walk/Run registration fee is \$35 for adults, \$15 for students and \$70 for a family of three, while children under seven are free. Participants will receive a T-shirt with registration. The run will commence at the lower main Touro parking lot at 1310 Club Drive.

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