

City of Orinda

DRAFT Charter

Preamble

The City of Orinda was incorporated as a general law city in 1985 by residents seeking the right to manage local affairs. The sole purpose of this charter is to give the Orindans the opportunity to vote on whether to establish a real estate transfer tax, such opportunity open only to charter cities. Accordingly, we, the citizens of Orinda, enact this Charter.

Continuation of Existing Law

Except as expressly provided by this Charter, the City shall have only such powers as allowable under general laws of the State of California. All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the City in effect as of the effective date of this Charter shall continue in effect until repealed or amended, except that any proposed changes to the Charter in the City of Orinda will only be held on General Election dates.

Real Estate Transfer Tax

This charter hereby affirms the city's right under the State Constitution, to vote on whether to establish a real estate transfer tax, such vote to be decided by a simple majority.

Interpretation

If any provision is found by a court to be invalid, the remaining provisions of the Charter shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated: _____