PARTITIONING THE POLICE—Above is a map of Berkeley divided into the three large police wards as outlined in the “community control of police” Charter amendment, Proposition 1 on the April 6 city elections ballot. Each of the three “community police departments” is in turn divided into two subdivisions, except for Police Department No. 2, which includes the south campus area, the Shattuck-University downtown area, and the immediate north campus. Police Department No. 3, the so-called “white area,” is actually split three ways—the Claremont district of southeast Berkeley is, under the proposal, a part of “Division A” of the “white area.” The Berkeley Marina area falls under Division A of Police Department No. 1.

—Gazette map by Robert Chew
FIRST IN A SERIES

The Remaking of a Police Dept.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What some have called the most drastic Charter amendment proposal in Berkeley history—the "community control of police" or police partition amendment—is on the ballot next Tuesday. The Gazette today begins a three-part look at the amendment. Tomorrow, Dr. Paul Takagi of the University of California department of criminology argues for the amendment. Wednesday, attorney John Allen Jr., argues against it. Additionally, Editor Mike Culbertt begins a five-part critique of the proposal—see editorial page. Wednesday, the National Committees to Combat Fascism will explain its support of the amendment in a "Cityside" article.)

(First of three articles on Amendment Proposal No. 1)

The police partition Charter amendment which faces Berkeley voters next week was circulated as the "community control of police" petition.

Its primary points are these:

1. Setting up three autonomous police departments: "for the three existing communities in Berkeley."

2. Creating elected neighborhood councils which will "control the police departments on instructions from the people. All officials will be subject to recall at any time."

3. Requiring that all police live in the communities—the three communities as described by the petition—where they work.

THE BERKELEY National Committee to Combat Fascism, an organizing and political arm of the Black Panther Party, was the primary circulator of the petition.

The Citizens Committee for Community Control later played a key role in propagandizing in favor of the amendment.

It has additionally been endorsed by Rep. Ronald V. Dellums and 17 of the 33 candidates for city council, including the four-man slate of the unified radical slate and the mayoral and city council candidates of the Socialist Workers Party. (SWP).

A Democratic-Republican coalition called One Berkeley Community, and Concerned Berkeley Citizens, a moderate political action group, came out against the amendment as did the Berkeley Democratic Caucus.

THE EXACT wording of the amendment is:

Petition for Submission to Electors of Proposed Amendment to the City Charter of Berkeley:

To the City Council of the City of Berkeley:

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified electors of the State of California, residents of the City of Berkeley, pursuant to Section 8 of Article XI of the Constitution of this State, present to the City Council of the City this petition and request that the following proposed amendment to the charter of the City be submitted to the registered and qualified electors of the City for their adoption or rejection at an election on a date to be determined by the City Council.

The proposed charter amendment reads as follows:

Section 1, in section 49: Repeal subsections 5 and 6 and substitute for section 5 the following language:

To organize and maintain fire departments, erect the necessary buildings and own all implements and apparatus required therefor, and to provide funds for three police departments. All control exercised by the City Council, the Mayor, and the City Manager over the composition, powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Police is hereby terminated, except as may be hereinafter provided.

Section 2, in section 20: Delete "the Chief of Police" and substitute "A Police Commissioner."

Section 3, in section 20: Delete "Chief of Police" and substitute "Chief of Police." For the purpose of providing police services to the people of the City of Berkeley, there are established three police departments, one for each of the three Districts into which the City is divided as hereinafter set forth and described.

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Police Departments: Each Department of Police shall be directed by a Commission (or Commissioner) as hereinbefore provided. Each Commissioner shall be selected by a Division Council as hereinafter provided. The Commissioners will fix the policies of the police within their Department, shall annex police officers for violations of said policies and for violations of the law, shall determine qualifications of members of the police department, and shall fix compensation of all employees of said Department.

They may enter into agreements with other police departments and other government agencies and generally conduct the affairs of the police department. Each Commissioner shall bring before the full Commission any matter or proposal which his Council directs him to bring before the Commission, and shall serve as his Council directs him. The Police Commission shall hold regular public meetings at a time then the residents of the Department District are most able to attend.

The Police Commissioners shall serve on a full-time basis and shall be compensated therefor. Compensation shall be set by the respective Division Council. The Departments may enter into agreements with each other for the operation, maintenance, and staffing of certain facilities in which there is a common interest, including, but not limited to laboratories, vehicle repair and communications. The Departments may operate together in the requisitioning of equipment, including vehicles and weapons.

Funds for the Departments shall be appropriated annually by the City of Berkeley by the City Council and shall be distributed to each Department on the basis of the number of people residing in each Department District on the last preceding election.

2. Neighborhood Divisions: Each Police Department has a Neighborhood Division (a) described below:

3. Police Council: Each Neighborhood Division shall be divided into fifteen Police Council Precincts, by the City Clerk, the population of each such Precinct not to exceed that of any other Precinct by more than 10 percent of the population of the entire Division divided by fifteen. The registered voters in each Precinct shall elect a Police Commissioner who will serve in that capacity for a term of two years, unless recalled. The Commissioner shall serve on a part-time basis and will be compensated for the time spent in the performance of their duties.

4. Qualifications of Commission: Any person who has resided in the Precinct for six months next preceding the election in which he is voting and at the time of election is qualified to serve as a Commissioner. There shall be no other qualifications established for the office.

5. Duties of Council: The Neighborhood Council shall, within ten days of its own election, select a Commissioner. In addition to selection of Commissioners, the Council shall review the policies of the Police Department and will recommend changes or modifications of such policies when such policies no longer reflect the needs or will of the populace of the Neighborhood represented by the Council. The Commissioners of each Neighborhood shall have the power, exercised by a vote of the majority of that Council, to remove and replace their Commissioner when he is no longer responsive to the Council. Each Council shall establish procedures necessary to hear and process complaints made against individual members of the Police Department by persons residing within the district or complaining police practices within the district, and shall have the power to discipline members of the Department for violation of law or policy occurring within that district.

6. Meetings: The Neighborhood Council will meet regularly at a time convenient to the Council and at a time when interested persons may attend. Special meetings may be called when requested in writing by 20 percent of the Council.

7. Recall of Councilman: The people of a precinct may recall their Councilman by a petition bearing the signatures of residents equaling 20 percent of the number of people living in the precinct in the last preceding general election. Upon certification of the requisite number of signatures an election shall be held not later than 30 days thereafter. Notice of intention to recall a Councilman must be given not more than 30 days prior to seeking certification of the requisite number of signatures by the City Clerk.

8. Recall of Commissioners: Commissioners may be recalled by a petition bearing the signatures of 20 percent of the number of people voting in the precinct comprising the neighborhood to which the Commission is responsible.

9. Annexation: Whenever 30 percent of the adult residents of a precinct within one Department, which is contiguous to another Department, petition for annexation into said other Department, an election shall be held within 30 days of certification of the requisite number of signatures by the City Clerk. Such precinct shall be annexed if the majority of the people voting in the election so indicates, unless a majority of the Councilmen of said other Department District reject such annexation within 30 days of said election. A notice of intention shall be given not more than 60 days prior to filing for certification of the petition. Where such annexation has taken place, appropriate adjustments shall be made between the affected Departments in regard to funding, warrior practices.

10. Disposition of Current Assets: All lands, files, records, property, supplies, and other assets currently possessed by the Berkeley Police Department shall be divided among the Police Departments herein created in proportion to the population of each Police Department District; provided that police files and other records shall be distributed so that each area serves all precincts within its geographic confines, or to organizations operating therein.

11. Residence: All Police officers shall reside in the area covered by the Department they work for.

12. Ordinances: Any ordinance hereafter enacted, prior to the effective date of the new amendment, which is contradictory to any of the provisions hereof, is repealed.

13. Department Districts Defined: Three separate police departments shall be established. Each shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the following defined areas:

A. Police Department 1: Starting at the intersection of the western boundary of Berkeley and the projected center line of Gilman Street, along the projected center line of Gilman Street, along Gilman Street to San Pablo Avenue, along San Pablo Avenue to University Avenue, along University Avenue to Grove Street, along Grove Street to Shattuck Avenue, along Shattuck Avenue to the Oakland-Berkeley boundary, along the Oakland-Berkeley boundary west into the Berkeley-Emeryville boundary, along the Berkeley-
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Emeryville boundary to the intersection of the western Berkeley boundary and projected center line to Gilman Street.

B. Police Department 2: Starting at the intersection of Virginia Street and Grove Street, along Grove Street to Dwight Way, along Dwight Way to Shattuck Avenue, along Shattuck Avenue to the Oakland-Berkeley boundary, along the Oakland-Berkeley boundary to College Avenue, along College Avenue to Ashby Avenue, along Ashby Avenue to Piedmont Avenue, along Piedmont Avenue to the border of the University of California campus, along the border of UC campus east to the Berkeley-Oakland boundary, along the Berkeley-Oakland boundary north to the border of UC campus, along the border of UC campus west to Virginia Street, along Virginia Street to Grove Street.

C. Police Department 3; 1. Starting at the intersection of western boundary of Berkeley and the projected center line of Gilman Street, north along the western Berkeley boundary into the Albany-Berkeley boundary, along the Albany-Berkeley boundary into the Berkeley-Kensington boundary, along the Berkeley-Kensington boundary into the eastern boundary of Berkeley, along the eastern boundary of Berkeley to the UC campus border, west along the UC campus border to Virginia Street, along Virginia Street to Grove Street, south along Grove Street to University Avenue, west along University Avenue to San Pablo Avenue, north along San Pablo Avenue to Gilman Street, west along the projected center line of Gilman Street to the western boundary of Berkeley.

2. Starting at the intersection of College Avenue and Ashby Avenue, along Ashby Avenue to Piedmont Avenue, along Piedmont Avenue to the UC campus border, along the UC campus border east to the Berkeley-Oakland boundary, along the Berkeley-Oakland boundary to College Avenue, along College Avenue to Ashby Avenue.

14. Neighborhood Divisions Defined: Police Department 1: The dividing line between Neighborhood Division A and Neighborhood Division B shall be Dwight Way and its projected center line. Neighborhood A shall be north of said line; Neighborhood Division B shall be south of said line. Police Department 2 shall have only one Neighborhood Division. Police Department 3: The dividing line between Neighborhood Division A and Neighborhood Division B shall be as follows: Starting at the intersection of Albina Avenue and the Berkeley-Albany boundary, along Albina Avenue to Hopkins Street, along Hopkins Street to the Alameda, along the Alameda into Grove Street, along Grove Street to Rose Street, along Rose Street to Shattuck Avenue, along Shattuck Avenue to Virginia Street. Neighborhood Division A shall be the area northeast of said dividing line, including area 2 of Department 3. Neighborhood Division B is south and west of said line.

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Huge Crowd Hears Dellums Debate Sweeney Over the Police Partition

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