
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

2024-25 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES

\$36,000,000*
City of Berkeley
(Alameda County, California)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bid proposals (see "TERMS OF SALE --- Electronic Bids" below) for the purchase of the captioned notes (the "Notes") will be received by the City Berkeley, California (the "City"), through BiDCOMP™/Parity® ("Parity") on:

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. California Time.

Further information may be obtained from the municipal advisor to the City, NHA Advisors, 4040 Civic Center Drive, Suite 200, San Rafael, California 94903, Attn: Rob Schmidt, telephone: (415) 785-2025 ext. 2006, email: rob@NHAadvisors.com.

POSTPONEMENT: The City reserves the right to postpone or change the time or sale date upon notice delivered via Bloomberg News Service or Thomson Municipal Market Monitor (www.tm3.com).

ISSUE AND DENOMINATION; BOOK ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM; CUSIP NUMBER: The Notes consist of fully registered notes, without coupons. The Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$5,000. The Notes will be issued in a book entry only system with no physical distribution of the Notes made to the public. The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), will act as depository for the Notes, which will be immobilized in its custody. The Notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, on behalf of the participants in the DTC system and the subsequent beneficial owners of the Notes. Pursuant to MSRB Rule G-34, the City's Municipal Advisor will apply for CUSIP number assignment prior to the award of the issue, but the cost shall be payable by the underwriter.

DATE AND MATURITY: The Notes will be dated the date of delivery (expected to be July 30, 2024), and will mature on July 29, 2025 (the "Maturity Date").

INTEREST RATE: The maximum interest rate bid for the Notes may not exceed eight percent (8.0%) per annum, payable upon maturity of the Notes. Bidders must specify the rate of interest which the Notes shall bear, provided that: (i) bids must be for all Notes; and (ii) the Notes shall bear interest from its date to its stated maturity at the interest rate specified in the bid.

REDEMPTION: The Notes are not subject to call and redemption prior to maturity.

* Preliminary, subject to change

PAYMENT: Both principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable on the Maturity Date, in lawful money of the United States of America, to DTC which will immediately credit the account of the successful bidder or bidders as participants in the DTC system.

PURPOSE OF ISSUE: The Notes are to be issued by the City and are authorized pursuant to the provisions of Article 7.6 (commencing with Section 53850) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code and the provisions of resolutions of the City for any purpose for which the City is authorized to expend moneys.

SECURITY: The Notes are an obligation of the City and are secured by a pledge of and first lien and charge against the first “unrestricted moneys,” as hereinafter defined, to be received by the City, (a) in an amount equal to 50% of the principal amount of the Notes to be received by the City in January 2025, (b) in an amount equal to 50% of the principal amount of the Notes to be received by the City in May 2025, and (c) in an amount equal to all interest due on the Notes at maturity to be received by the City in June 2025. The term “unrestricted moneys” mean taxes, income, revenue and other moneys intended as receipts for the general fund of the City and which are generally available for the payment of current expenses and other obligations of the City.

Said pledged moneys shall be deposited by the City in a special fund established, created and maintained by the City. Moneys shall be withdrawn from said fund for the sole purpose of paying the principal of and the interest on the Notes at their maturity.

By statute, the Notes are declared to be general obligations of the City, and to the extent not paid from said pledged moneys shall be paid, with the interest thereon, from any other moneys of the City lawfully available therefor. Under provisions of the California Constitution, the City is generally prohibited from incurring any indebtedness or liability exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for such year, without the assent of two-thirds of its qualified electors voting at an election called for such purpose.

RATING: S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, has given the Notes a rating of “SP-1+”.

TERMS OF SALE

BEST BID: *Bids must be for all of the Notes.* The Notes will be awarded on the basis of the lowest true interest cost including premium offered in the proposals. No bid for less than par will be entertained. In the event two or more bids setting forth identical interest rates and premium per dollar principal amount, if any, and aggregating a principal amount in excess of the principal amount of unawarded Notes are received, the City's Finance Director, pursuant to delegation by the Council, reserves the right to exercise his discretion and judgment in making the award and may award the Notes on a pro rata basis in such denominations as he shall determine.

ELECTRONIC BIDS: Solely as an accommodation to bidders, the City will accept bids in electronic form solely from Ipreo, a KKR portfolio company, through its BiDCOMP Competitive Bid Calculation System and Parity Electronic Bid Submission System ("Ipreo"). For information about Ipreo, bidders may contact Ipreo at 395 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014, telephone (212) 849-5023. If any provision of this Notice of Sale conflicts with information provided by Ipreo, this Notice of Sale shall control. Each bidder submitting an electronic bid understands and agrees by doing so that it is solely responsible for all arrangements with Ipreo, that the City does not encourage the use of Ipreo, and that Ipreo is not acting as an agent of the City. Instructions for submitting electronic bids must be obtained from Ipreo, and the City does not assume any responsibility for ensuring or verifying bidder compliance with Ipreo procedures. Ipreo has advised the City that bidders must subscribe to Ipreo if such bidders intend to use Ipreo to submit bids. The City shall be entitled to assume that any bid received via Ipreo has been made by a duly authorized agent of the bidder.

Neither the City, the Municipal Advisor nor Bond Counsel has any responsibility for proper functioning of the Ipreo system, for any error contained in any bid submitted electronically, or for failure of any bid to be transmitted, received or opened at the official time for receipt of bids. The official time for receipt of bids will be determined by the City at the place of bid opening, and the City will not be required to accept the time kept by Parity as the official time. The City assumes no responsibility for informing any bidder prior to the deadline for receiving bids that its bid is incomplete, or not received.

PROMPT AWARD: The City Representative, pursuant to delegation by the City, will take action awarding the sale of the Notes or reject all bids not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the expiration of time herein prescribed for the receipt of bids and until such expiration of time all bids received shall be irrevocable. Unless such time of award is waived by the successful bidder, the award may be made after the expiration of the specified time if the bidder shall not have given to the City representative notice in writing of the withdrawal of such proposal. Notice of the award will be given promptly to the successful bidder.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE: (a) The winning bidder shall assist the City in establishing the issue price of the Notes and shall execute and deliver to the City at closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public of the Notes, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the City and Bond Counsel. All actions to be taken by the City under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Notes may be taken on behalf of the City by the City's municipal advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the City may be provided to the City's municipal advisor.

(b) The City intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Notes) will apply to the initial sale of the Notes (the “competitive sale requirements”) because:

(1) the City shall disseminate this Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;

(2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;

(3) the City may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and

(4) the City anticipates awarding the sale of the Notes to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Notes at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Notes, as specified in the bid. **By submitting a bid for the Notes, each bidder certifies that it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.** The City will not accept bids from firms without an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

(c) In the event the City receives less than three bids that conform to the parameters contained herein such that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the City intends to treat the initial offering price of the Notes set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder (the “initial offering price”) as the issue price of the Notes (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”). Consequently, each bidder should assume for purposes of making its bid that the City will treat the initial offering price of the Notes as of the date that the Notes are awarded by the City to the successful bidder (“sale date”) as the issue price of the Notes. The City will advise the winning bidder within one hour of receipt of bids if the hold-the-offering-price rule will apply. In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied and issue price is established pursuant to the hold-the-offering-price rule, the issue price certificate shall be modified as necessary in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel and the City.

(d) By submitting a bid, the successful bidder shall, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Notes, (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Notes to the public on or before the sale date at the initial offering price set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder, and (ii) agree that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell the Notes to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price for the Notes during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

(1) the close of the fifth business day after the sale date; or

(2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of the Notes to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price for the Notes.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the City when the underwriters have sold 10% of the Notes to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date.

(e) The City acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth above, the successful bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing

wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Notes to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Notes to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The City further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Notes.

(f) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that:

(1) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to

(A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the Notes until it is notified by the successful bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Notes or all Notes have been sold to the public and

(B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder and in the related pricing wires, and

(2) any agreement among underwriters relating to the sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Notes to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to

(A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Notes allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder or such underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Notes or all the Notes have been sold to the public and

(B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Notes to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Official Notice of Sale.

(g) For purposes of this Official Notice of Sale:

(1) "public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an underwriter or a related party,

(2) "underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the City (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the public),

(3) a purchaser of any of the Notes is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and

In addition, the City reserves the right to cancel the public sale of the Notes if the City receives fewer than three bids that conform to the parameters contained herein such that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied.

NO GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT: The City is not requiring the successful bidder to submit a good faith deposit.

DELIVERY AND PAYMENT: It is estimated that the delivery of the Notes will be made to DTC for the account of the successful bidders on or about July 30, 2024. Payment of the purchase price must be made in funds immediately available to the City by wire transfer or other means acceptable to the City.

RIGHT OF REJECTION: The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all bids for the Notes and to waive any irregularity or informality in any bid.

CHANGE IN TAX EXEMPT STATUS: At any time before the Notes are tendered for delivery, any successful bidder may disaffirm and withdraw its proposal if the interest received by private holders from notes of the same type and character shall be declared to be taxable income under present federal income tax laws, either by ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or by a decision of any federal court, or shall be declared taxable or be required to be taken into account in computing any federal income taxes by the terms of any federal income tax law enacted subsequent to the date of this notice.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: In order to assist bidders in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the City will undertake, pursuant to separate Continuing Disclosure Certificates, to provide notices of the occurrence of certain events, if material. A description of these undertakings is set forth in the preliminary official statement relating to the Notes (the "POS") and will also be set forth in a final official statement relating to the Notes (the "OS").

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NO FIDUCIARY DUTY: At closing, the City will execute a certificate to the effect that it acknowledges and agrees that (i) the purchase and sale of the Notes by the winning bidder (the "Purchaser") is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the City and the Purchaser, (ii) in connection with such transaction, the Purchaser is acting solely as a principal and not as an advisor, (including, without limitation, a Municipal Advisor (as such term is defined in Section 975(e) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and

Consumer Protection Act)), agent or a fiduciary of the City, (iii) the Purchaser has not assumed (individually or collectively) a fiduciary responsibility in favor of the City with respect to the offering of the Notes or the process leading thereto (whether or not the Purchaser, or any affiliate of an Purchaser, has advised or is currently advising the City on other matters) or any other obligation to the City except the obligation to purchase the Notes, (iv) the Purchaser has financial and other interests that differ from those of the City and (v) the City has consulted with its own legal and municipal advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate in connection with the offering of the Notes.

CLOSING PAPERS; LEGAL OPINION: Each proposal will be conditioned upon the City furnishing to each successful bidder, without charge, concurrently with payment for and delivery of the Notes, the following closing papers, each dated the date of such delivery:

(a) The opinion of Bond Counsel, approving the validity of the Notes and stating that, subject to certain qualifications, under existing law, the interest on the Notes is (i) excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, although interest on the Notes may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax, and (ii) exempt from State of California personal income taxes. A copy of Bond Counsel's opinion will be delivered with the Notes without cost to the purchaser.

(b) A certificate of the Finance Director (b) other appropriate official of the City that on the basis of the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue, it is not expected that the proceeds of the Notes will be used in a manner that would cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of the Code;

(c) A certificate on behalf of the City that there is no litigation threatened or pending affecting the validity of the Notes;

(d) A certificate of the Finance Director or other appropriate official of the City, acting on behalf of the City solely in his or her official and not in his or her personal capacity, that at the time of the sale of the Notes and at all times subsequent thereto up to and including the time of the delivery of the Notes to the initial purchasers thereof, the OS did not, and does not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary which would make the statements misleading in the light of the circumstances under which they were made;

(e) The signature certificate of the officials of the City, showing that they have signed the Notes and impressed the seal of the City thereon, and that they were respectively duly authorized to execute the same; and

(f) The receipt of the City showing that the purchase price of the Notes has been received.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: The City has approved a preliminary Official Statement relating to the Notes. Copies of such preliminary Official Statement will be distributed to any bidder, upon request, prior to the sale in a form "deemed final" by the City for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). Within seven business days from the sale date, the City will deliver to the purchaser copies of the final Official Statement, executed by an authorized representative of the City and dated the date of delivery thereof to the purchaser, in sufficient number to allow the purchaser to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and to satisfy the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") Rule G-32 or any other applicable rules adopted by the MSRB, which shall include information permitted to be omitted by paragraph (b)(1) of the Rule and such other amendments or supplements as shall have been approved by the City (the "Final Official Statement"). The purchaser agrees that it

will not confirm the sale of any Notes unless the confirmation of sale is accompanied or preceded by the delivery of a copy of the Final Official Statement. The City will furnish to the successful bidder, at no charge, an electronic copy of the Official Statement for use in connection with any resale of the Notes, and up to 10 printed copies upon request.

A letter of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, as disclosure counsel, will be addressed to the City and to the successful bidder, stating that, without passing upon or assuming any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness of fairness of the statements contained in the final Official Statement and making no representations that they have independently verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of an such statements, based upon the information made available to them in the course of their participation in the preparation of the final Official Statement, nothing has come to such counsel's attention which would lead them to believe that the final Official Statement, including the cover page and all appendices thereto (but excluding therefrom financial statements and statistical data, and information regarding The Depository Trust Company, and its book entry system, as to which no opinion need be expressed) contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading

GIVEN pursuant to a resolution of the City adopted June 25, 2024.

Dated: July 16, 2024

EXHIBIT 1
Issue Price Certificate

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CITY OF BERKELEY
2024-25 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] (“Underwriter”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the “Notes”).

1. ***Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.***

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Notes to the Public by Underwriter are the prices listed in Schedule A (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Notes used by the Underwriter in formulating its bid to purchase the Notes. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by Underwriter to purchase the Notes.

(b) Underwriter was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by Underwriter constituted a firm offer to purchase the Notes.

2. ***Defined Terms.***

(a) *Issuer* means the City of Berkeley.

(a) Reserved.

(b) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(c) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of the Notes. The Sale Date of the Notes is July 18, 2024.

(d) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents Underwriter's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Certificate of Arbitrage and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Notes, and by Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Notes.

[UNDERWRITER]

By: _____

Name: _____

Dated: [ISSUE DATE]

SCHEDULE A

EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u> \$	<u>Interest Rate</u> %	<u>Reoffering Price</u> *
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Stated as a percentage of par.

SCHEDULE B
COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID
(attached)