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**AD HOC COMMITTEE WORKS ON PUBLIC PROCESS  
FOR POTENTIAL LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES,  
BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

BERKELEY, Calif. (April 13, 2007) An Ad Hoc Committee made up of two Berkeley City Council Members and two members of the Berkeley Public Library Board of Library Trustees will hold their first meeting, open to the public and including a public comment period, on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the South Branch Library (1901 Russell Street, Berkeley). "We are looking forward to examining how the process of choosing Trustees for the Berkeley Public Library can be made as open and transparent as possible," said Councilmember Kriss Worthington, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee, which also includes City Councilmember Betty Olds, and Board of Library Trustee Members Susan Kupfer and Ying Lee.

Vice President of the Board of Library Trustees, Terry Powell, explained: "The Ad-Hoc Committee will examine and, perhaps, refine the public process that identifies potential candidates for appointment to the Board of Library Trustees." Trustee Susan Kupfer's first term expires on May 13, 2007, and, because the Ad Hoc Committee has just begun its examination of the process, the Board of Library Trustees, at its April 18, 2007 meeting, will either recommend appointment of Trustee Kupfer to a second term -- Kupfer has indicated a willingness and desire to serve a second term -- or select a new person to recommend to the City Council for this vacancy. The Berkeley City Council is invested with the power to make appointments to the Board of Library Trustees.

The Ad Hoc Committee is taking the first step in re-examining how candidates for appointment to the Board of Library Trustees are identified and reviewed.

The Berkeley Public Library Board of Library Trustees consists of five members. Board members are appointed for terms of four years, serve without compensation, and must be Berkeley residents. The Board holds regular meetings at least once a month on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 p.m. Trustees are required to file state and local mandated Conflict of Interest Statements.

The Board of Library Trustees formulates major policies and long-range plans for the Berkeley Public Library System. The City Charter empowers the Board to manage the library and monitor the library budget.

The City of Berkeley is currently soliciting applicants to fill this upcoming vacancy, on the Board of Library Trustees. Application forms and a supplemental questionnaire may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, 510-981-6900, or downloaded from the City's website at [www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/commissions/general.htm#applications](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/commissions/general.htm#applications). The deadline for submitting completed applications by e-mail to [clerk@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:clerk@ci.berkeley.ca.us) is **2:00 p.m. on April 18, 2007**. The Board of Library Trustees will make an appointment recommendation to the City Council.

All interested applicants must be in attendance on April 18, 2007 at the regular Board of Library Trustees meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the South Branch Library, 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley, CA 94703.

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