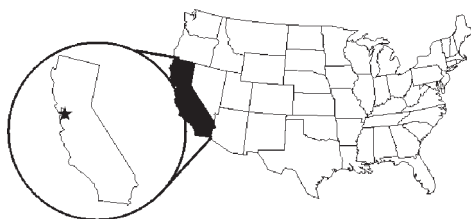


OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



Population Rank: U.S. # 41
California # 7

Proportions: 2:3 (usage)



Adopted: April 1952 (official status uncertain)

DESIGN: Oakland's flag has a canary yellow field, with a green oak tree (including the trunk), wider than it is tall, centered on the middle third of the field. Above the tree, a shallow arch of green block letters proclaims **OAKLAND**. Centered below the tree and its patch of green ground is **1852** in green.

SYMBOLISM: The oak tree likely recalls the city's name. Green probably represents growth while the yellow refers to the riches of the city and region.

HOW SELECTED: Spurred by the city's approaching centennial, the flag was adopted after a design contest called for by Councilman William H. D. Clausen and approved by Mayor Clifford E. Rishell. The top prize of \$200 was awarded by a jury of representatives of the art departments of the University of California, Mills College, and the California College of Arts and Crafts, chaired by Eric Stearns.

DESIGNER: George W. Lasko, Jr., a San Leandro artist and a graduate of Northeastern University in Boston.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: David M. Lee, eleven years old, won the grammar school prize.

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