



**Alameda City – Measure A
51% Required for Passage**

Measure A: Caring Alameda Act

Yes

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) supports Measure A, the Caring Alameda Act. Measure A supports the provision of essential support services for homeless people in Alameda and Alameda County, including health care and a suitable living environment for medically fragile seniors.

Measure A, which was placed on a special April 9, 2019 ballot by the Alameda City Council, would affirm a City Council decision to rezone a 3.65-acre parcel on McKay Avenue to permit the construction and operation of a wellness center that would provide shelter, health care and other services to people who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

Construction of the wellness center would increase the availability of appropriate living space and health care for some of Alameda County's most vulnerable residents by providing assisted living units for medically fragile seniors and respite care for homeless people who are not sick enough to remain in a hospital and may otherwise be turned out into the streets. The center would additionally provide case management and housing placement services for people in the City of Alameda who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, potentially reducing the number of homeless people on city streets.

The McKay Avenue site provides convenient access to transit service, enabling residents to visit relatives and friends and lead more independent lives as they recover. If constructed as planned, the wellness center would reduce the potential for blight by removing and rehabilitating existing buildings on the site.

The LWVA supports policies that meet basic human needs and additionally supports land use policies and general plan revisions that are designed to advance the welfare of Alameda residents in areas including housing and social services.

Measure A deserves a YES vote on April 9.