



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

Measure B: Initiative for Expansion of Open Space at Crab Cove No

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) opposes Measure B, the Initiative for Expansion of Open Space at Crab Cove. Measure B neither expands nor protects open space. The Measure also threatens to reduce funding for the development and maintenance of existing city parks.

Measure B, a voter initiative on the special April 9, 2019 ballot, would rezone as open space a 3.65-acre parcel with several unused buildings on McKay Avenue at the southern end of the Webster Street business district. The measure would prohibit the redevelopment of the parcel for any other use, including the homeless housing and services proposed for the site.

The LWVA opposes Measure B for the following reasons:

- The measure provides no funding to acquire the parcel or to build or maintain a park.
- No public agency has expressed an interest in building a park at the site.
- Approval of the measure could potentially result in negative consequences, including:
 - Litigation against the city
 - Reduction of funding for existing parks
 - Delay in redeveloping the site, which could cause blight

The LWVA opposes land use policies, such as those contained in Measure B, that lack concrete goals and objectives and that fail to adequately reflect cost considerations. Such policies could hinder the implementation of existing conservation and open space elements of the General Plan.

Measure B deserves a NO vote on April 9.