



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA
RECOMMENDS
November 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION**

Measure F Alameda Sales Tax Increase Neutral

Measure F will appear on the November ballot in Alameda. Approval of Measure F will add a one-half percent sales tax to purchases made within the city. Based on current expenses, the city anticipates it will be in a deficit situation without greater revenue. We understand the city's need for increased funds, but, after careful consideration, we have taken a neutral position on this measure. We neither support nor oppose it.

These are some of the reasons for our stance.

- Historically, the League of Women Voters has supported measures to ensure revenues that are both sufficient and flexible to meet changing needs for local government services. The LWV has also supported revenues that are equitable and fairly shared among taxpayers.
- Sales taxes, by their very nature, are regressive and not fairly shared by all citizens.
- Furthermore, Measure F has no sunset provision, which means that it would continue indefinitely and only terminate by another ballot vote.
- Additionally, a statewide ballot measure in 2020, *Schools and Communities First*, will, if approved, revise parts of Proposition 13 (Jarvis Gann) and provide local jurisdictions with increased, progressive revenue.

Because we have determined there is no consensus among our members, the League of Women Voters of Alameda remains neutral or does not have a position either for or against this initiative.

No Recommendation on Measure F.



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Measure K Alameda Rent Charter Amendment No

The League of Women Voters only makes recommendations on ballot measures based on current League program positions. The League has no position on rent control at either the state (LWV California) or local (LWV Alameda) level though we recognize the housing crisis in our area. We do, however, have a position on good governance: *Support measures to secure an orderly and simplified State Constitution; provisions that enable the Legislature to deal with state problems efficiently, flexibly and with responsibility clearly fixed, and constitutional guarantee of equal representation of all citizens in the state legislature.*

The LWVA opposes Measure K for the following reasons:

- Principles of good government require that the City Charter not include provisions which: 1) inhibit flexibility of governmental action to meet changing conditions, and 2) contain highly detailed provisions of administration and procedure.
- Housing policy is complicated and will require frequent adjustments. Under Measure K, all changes would require a costly, time-consuming election, whether to fix minor errors or to remedy major flaws.
- The proposed measure may create conflicts with Proposition 10 (Repeal Costa Hawkins) or other present or future state requirements and require court interpretation or resolution.
- Rent control is a very complex issue; the twenty-five pages of Measure K attest to that fact, and it simply doesn't belong in the City Charter.

Vote No on Measure K.