



**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.