



**League of Women Voters of Alameda
YES on Measure B:
Alameda Unified School District Bond Election 2022**

The Alameda Unified School Board is placing Measure B on the June 2022 ballot to continue and complete its work from the 2014 AUSD Facilities Master Plan. Measure I was approved by voters in 2014 to begin work on the Master Plan. Bond funds will be used to upgrade local classrooms, math/science labs, technology, college/career training facilities; improve accessibility, earthquake safety, school security, water quality/ plumbing systems; renovate, acquire, construct, classrooms, sites, including athletic facilities for all middle and high schools.

Measure B bonds will be issued over a 12-year period. It is estimated that Alameda homeowners will pay an average of \$45 per \$100,000 of assessed value annually from 2023 – 2033 or an average of \$670 yearly for 10 years. Measure B bonds would be in addition to the existing Measure B1 (2016) and A (2020) parcel taxes and the gradual retirement of the Measure B1 (2014) facilities bond.

Measure B contains strong accountability provisions, requiring a local citizen’s advisory committee to review expenditures plus an independent auditor to report on revenues and expenditures to the Board of Education and the community.

The League of Women Voters of Alameda urges a qualified YES vote on Measure B. The State is responsible for funding preK-12 education. However recent data indicate that state support covers only 58% of the cost, leaving local districts to fund the balance. Voters throughout the state are faced with continuing parcel taxes and bond measures to support local schools. The League would prefer that the State establish a mechanism for supporting capital projects in local districts. This would return construction funding to the state and establish equity in capital funding for schools statewide. Nonetheless, due to the importance and urgency of completing the Master Plan, we urge a Yes vote on Measure B.

Support for Measure B is based upon the 2021 [League of Women Voters of California Position on Education: Pre-Kindergarten through 12](#) that states that among the fundamental elements that must be present to create a teaching and learning environment that provides access and equitable opportunity for all children includes a safe school environment, clean, healthy facilities in good repair with seating for all children. The position also states that educational programs should have sufficient resources to provide all students with challenging learning opportunities. Despite the fact that debt financing through bonds is an inefficient funding method, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.