



City of Alameda – Measure Z
51% Required to Pass

Vote with the League: YES on City of Alameda Measure Z

In 1973, Alamedans passed Measure A and added Article 26 to the City Charter (Multiple Dwelling Units) to prohibit the construction of multi-family housing. In 1991, voters amended Article 26 and the General Plan, to limit the maximum density of any residential development to one housing unit per 2,000 square feet of land. The City Council adopted Article 26's requirements into the City's zoning ordinances.

If approved by voters, a new provision would be added to the City of Alameda's General Plan to repeal the maximum requirement for residential developments to one housing unit per 2,000 square feet of land. It would also repeal the restriction on the construction of multi-family housing units.

The LWV of Alameda supports the repeal of Article 26 because we support a simplified city charter that provides the City with flexibility to adapt to changing needs. The development limits prescribed in the City Charter present barriers to address Alameda's housing shortages. The planned update to the Alameda City's General Plan is the rightful place for discussions about community needs for more housing, especially the requirement for funding from private and public sources for affordable units, and concerns about the implications of further development. We also support the repeal because it is inconsistent with state law and risks legal challenges.

The League supports measures providing simplicity and transparency in the City Charter through clarification of meaning and elimination of obsolete or inapplicable provisions. The League also supports action at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians.

Measure Z deserves a YES vote on 3 November 2020.