



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

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.