

Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure A

SAVE ALAMEDA PARKS! Protect our Waterfront and Open Space.

NO on Measure A - NO Regional Homeless Facility

YES on Measure B - YES Safe Coastline Parks

City Council supports SPECIAL INTERESTS taking of Federal public land for a private Regional Homeless Facility and Regional Drop-In Center, (proposed 88,150 sq. ft.) almost the size of Alameda Hospital.

WHY ARE SPECIAL INTERESTS INVESTING? Because long-term, Kaiser Permanente, Anthem Blue Cross, Sutter Health, etc., will make millions by transferring the BAY AREA's indigent patients here.

"Caring Alameda Act" is a misrepresentation. It will serve the BAY AREA's Regional Homeless and have "Caring Alamedans" pay for it.

FACT: "Assisted Living" targets homeless, NOT Alameda's seniors and veterans.

COST: Increased traffic, trash and unfunded Fire and Police services paid by Alamedans.

Alameda City Council (including Mayor Ashcraft and Member Daysog) adopted the 2014 Crab Cove Open Space Expansion Initiative findings, "The expansion of Crown Beach for open space is the highest and best use of the surplus federal property at Crab Cove." Mayor Ashcraft has NOW flipped her vote, joining City Council Members Oddie, Vella and Knox White, disregarding that prior decision.

Council's rush to push SPECIAL INTERESTS ignored California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The buildings, soil and water table are TOXIC (arsenic, asbestos, benzene, lead-based paint, mold, PCBs, etc.).

It's immoral to serve SPECIAL INTERESTS by "transferring regional homeless" to these existing TOXIC buildings. Everyone deserves dignity, respect and a SAFE space.

This Regional Homeless Facility and Regional Drop-In Center should be appropriately located to better serve the Region's homeless.

NO on Measure A - STOP SPECIAL INTERESTS!

YES on Measure B - SAVE ALAMEDA PARKS!

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