

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure B

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

Parks do not happen overnight. They especially do not happen when our City Council serves SPECIAL INTERESTS promoting a Regional Homeless Facility. Alameda's most pressing problem is unfunded pension liabilities and deferred maintenance of aging roads, buildings, etc., exceeding half a billion dollars (\$500 million).

Twenty years ago, one Alamedan, Jean Sweeney, circulated an initiative to rezone the Alameda Belt Line Railroad to Open Space. There were no funds, no guaranteed change of ownership, no promise to create a park. "Sweeney Park is the culmination of the work and thought of our entire community." Alamedans have done this before!

Alamedans' should be helping Alameda's 204 homeless first by continuing to support Building Futures, Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Midway Shelter, Warming Shelter, Alameda Point Collaborative, services exclusively for Alameda's homeless.

This Regional Homeless Facility and Regional Drop-In Center will draw more homeless to Alameda, threatening funding of Alameda's existing non-profits for children, families, seniors, veterans and Alameda's homeless.

This Facility could become virtually anything: 24/7 drop-in center and clinic serving Bay Area homeless, needle exchange, tents, etc.

FACT: This Facility offers NO priority to serve Alameda's homeless, seniors nor veterans.

If we lose this McKay Avenue land, it's gone FOREVER. Envision a marine biology lab, community garden, wildlife education, historical and cultural museum. Together let's expand Alameda's Open Space and Parks.

NO on Measure A - STOP SPECIAL INTERESTS!

YES on Measure B - SAVE ALAMEDA PARKS!

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