

## Rebuttal to Argument In Favor Of Measure B

If Measure B passes, there won't be a single inch of new open space in Alameda. Instead, buildings currently slated to provide life-improving palliative care to homeless seniors will be fenced off and boarded up. The B in Measure B stands for blight.

The East Bay Regional Parks District, which manages Crab Cove, has made it clear that they don't want these buildings and never wanted these buildings. In a letter to the City Council, they wrote, "It is not suitable for park expansion."

Measure WW never included this parcel. The proponents know this history, but they choose to mislead voters in their ballot statement anyway.

As our community continues to suffer from the housing and homelessness crisis, more and more of our neighbors are at risk of homelessness. Seniors with serious medical conditions are most at risk of losing everything and winding up on our streets. They deserve the dignity of care and a roof overhead. Many are veterans still recovering from the trauma of war.

Measure B means that homeless seniors will continue to live on our streets, costing Alameda taxpayers money in emergency response and uncompensated medical care. By contrast, the Alameda Wellness Center will be fully funded through private and county sources.

If you don't want boarded up buildings and homeless people with failing health on Alameda streets, vote NO on Measure B. Please join leading veterans' advocates, environmentalists, faith leaders, educators, first responders, neighbors of the project and business and labor leaders in voting No on Measure B.

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