

The People of Alameda voted Article 26 into the City Charter to protect neighborhoods from the threats of unbridled development and overcrowding. This protection helps improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods where everyone can work, learn, and thrive.

To maintain these protections, it is urgent that we KEEP ARTICLE 26.
VOTE NO on _X_!

Article 26 is that special tool that keeps developers in check. An island community with limited ingress and egress must be especially thoughtful about traffic when planning the future of its diverse neighborhoods. Article 26 is needed because our Municipal Code zoning rules are inadequate at forcing developers to compromise and build the amount and type of housing our city really needs.

Here's why keeping Article 26 is imperative:

Article 26 . . .

- . . .Restrains developers from building super high-density (8 to 12 story) million-dollar condos in neighborhoods and near shorelines.
- . . .Protects existing neighborhoods from developers seeking to demolish older single-family homes (including architectural treasures) to build higher-density housing.
- . . . Even with Article 26, we meet our affordable housing obligations: state law requires that we provide an ongoing inventory of parcels available for multi-family affordable housing. The Housing Element of our current General Plan has been certified by the State as being in full compliance with that law.
- . . .Protects Alameda's Victorians, many of which are a vital source of affordable and low income housing in Alameda today. Without Article 26, a simple majority vote of any City Council could wipe out these irreplaceable homes, displacing renters and diminishing their opportunity to flourish in neighborhoods of their choosing. (www.welovealameda.com/letter)

Please join us in protecting neighborhoods and in planning Alameda's future. Keep Article 26 and Vote No on_X_ . (www.welovealameda.com)

s/ BEVERLY J. JOHNSON
Former Mayor, City of Alameda

s/ JEFFREY S. ALLEN

Citizen of Alameda

s/ JAY GARFINKLE
MD, General Surgeon

s/ MARVA LYONS
Former President, Alameda NAACP (Chapter currently inactive)

s/ TONY DAYSOG
Alameda City Councilmember