

MEASURE Q: PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA

<p>Q MEASURE Q: Shall the Charter of the City of Alameda be amended to delete obsolete and unclear language? Said amendments will be accomplished by amending Sections 2-4, 2-6, 2-9, 3-7(A), 3-7(B), 3-7(C), 3-7(F), 3-7(I), 3-15, 9-1(E), 12-3(D), 17-10, 22-4, and 28-6(A), deleting Sections 3-7(E), 3-15.1, 17-11, 23-4, 23-5, Art. XXV, and 28-6(B), and adding Section 2-16 to said Charter, all as more fully set forth in Resolution No. 14246 of the Council of the City of Alameda.</p>	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Q

Certain provisions of the Charter are obsolete because some of the duties stated therein have already been performed or because of changes in state law or practice. This measure would amend numerous provisions of the City of Alameda City Charter to remove these obsolete provisions, to eliminate inconsistencies, and to adopt state law provisions for certain procedural matters.

A “yes” vote would approve the proposed amendments to the City of Alameda City Charter and would delete obsolete provisions and inconsistent language, and adopt state law provisions for certain procedural matters.

A “no” vote would disapprove the proposed amendments to the City of Alameda City Charter and would retain in that Charter the references and language described above.

s/TERESA L. HIGHSMITH
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

The City Charter of the City of Alameda will serve our community better if we update the text by eliminating words or phrases that are obsolete, redundant or inconsistent. Our Charter was adopted in 1937 and no extensive cleanup of Charter language has been done in more than 25 years.

This Measure, if passed by the voters of Alameda, would clarify the meaning of language in the Charter and eliminate inapplicable provisions, making it more reader-friendly and easier to use. The proposed cleanups include removing language that was applicable only in the 1930s, and combining language from separate Charter provisions. The cleanup also edits a provision so that Council may set its meeting schedule for the upcoming year according to the needs of the community. Also, with this cleanup measure, gender references would be changed to include both his and her.

We urge you to vote YES on the Measure so that the language of your City Charter can serve you as an improved and modernized living document.

s/Beverly J. Johnson

Mayor

s/Lena Tam

Vice-Mayor

s/Frank Matarrese

Alameda City Council Member

s/Marie Gilmore

Alameda City Council Member

s/Doug deHaan

Alameda City Council Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q WAS SUBMITTED.