

**MEASURE W: PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE  
OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA**

**W** **MEASURE W:** Shall the Charter of the City of Alameda be amended to eliminate transportation from the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Board? Such amendment will be accomplished by amending Article 12-1(A) of said Charter, as fully set forth in Resolution No. 14249 of the Council of the City of Alameda.

**YES**

**NO**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF  
MEASURE W**

This measure would amend the City of Alameda City Charter by deleting transportation from the list of city-owned public utilities controlled and managed by the Public Utilities Board. The City of Alameda City Charter presently gives the Public Utilities Board the power to control and manage all public utilities owned by the city generating, distributing or selling electricity or for the purpose of furnishing transportation or communications.

Presently there is no city-owned public transportation utility. The language of the Charter dates back to 1937. If the amendment is approved and in the future the City established or purchased a public transportation utility, the City Council would have the power to manage the transportation utility directly or to delegate management of the transportation utility to the Public Utilities Board.

A "yes" vote would approve the proposed amendment to the City of Alameda City Charter and would delete transportation from the list of city-owned public utilities controlled and managed by the Public Utilities Board.

A "no" vote would disapprove the proposed amendment and would retain transportation as a type of public utility that the Public Utilities Board has the power to control and manage if the City were to purchase or establish a transportation utility in the future.

s/TERESA L. HIGHSMITH  
City Attorney

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE W**

Several decades ago, the City of Alameda Public Utilities Board oversaw bus lines in town. Since the end of that service, the Board has not managed any utility that provides transportation.

This Measure, if approved by voters of Alameda, would remove transportation from the list of utilities governed by the Public Utilities Board.

We urge you to vote YES on the Measure so that the City Charter of the City of Alameda is up to date on the types of utilities managed by the Public Utilities Board.

s/Beverly J. Johnson

Mayor

s/Lena L. Tam

Vice-Mayor

s/Frank Matarrese

Alameda City Council Member

s/Marie Gilmore

Alameda City Council Member

s/Doug deHaan

Council Member

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE W WAS  
SUBMITTED.**