

# **NOVEMBER 2022**

# CREATER BAY AREA VOTER GUIDE



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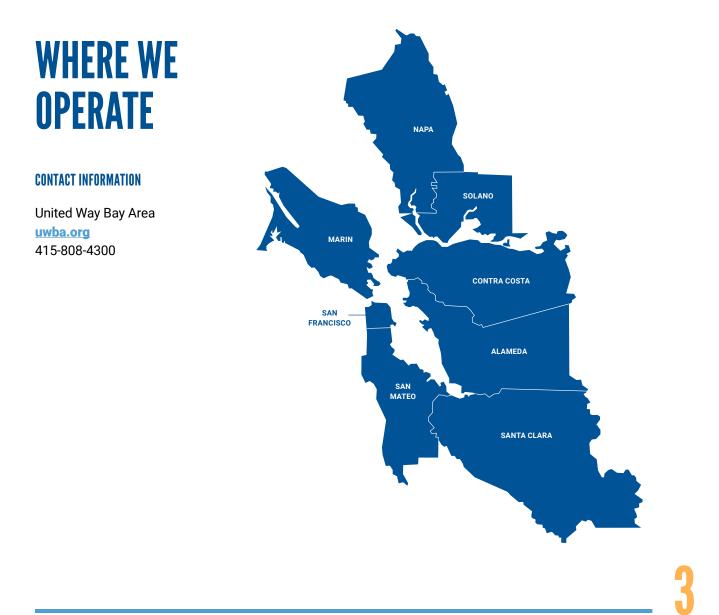
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# MISSION Statement

UWBA mobilizes the Bay Area to dismantle the root causes of poverty and build equitable pathways to prosperity. Through initiatives and policy change, we provide immediate and long-term support for employment, housing, financial stability, and meeting basic needs.



# LETTER FROM UWBA CEO

Hello UWBA Advocates and Supporters,

For 100 years, the United Way Bay Area (UWBA) has been at the forefront of creating strategies to help improve the quality of life for all in the Bay Area. We work tirelessly to disrupt the cycle of poverty for people in need throughout our region through our programs and partners.

Even with our spectacular programs, at UWBA we understand we cannot program our way out of poverty. Past legislation and policies have been detrimental to creating an equitable system for families to become more financially stable. Today, UWBA fights for policies that benefit working families, empowering them to gain a stronger economic foothold as they work to get ahead.

This voter guide takes a comprehensive look at proposed ballot measures and their impacts on our programming and policy efforts. It is a way for the community to become more involved and understand how they too can help move forward anti-poverty efforts in their cities and towns. We have evaluated all ballot measures within the Bay Area based on the following criteria:

**FIT:** How does the measure align with UWBA's Policy Agenda, program work, and core goals?

**IMPACT:** How will the measure help UWBA achieve its goals? Are critical populations served by the measure?

BENEFITS VS. RISKS: Are there benefits to UWBA? Are there high risks?

We encourage you to share this voter guide with your close circles and start conversations regarding civic engagement and our role's towards building a more equitable Bay Area.

UNITED in the fight to end poverty,

Kevin Zwick Chief Executive Officer United Way Bay Area

# **HOW TO USE GUIDE**

This voter guide was created to give Bay Area residents a brief summary of the measures placed on the November 2022 ballot and their impacts on UWBA's mission and programming. To make it easier for the reader, we have placed our recommendations upfront and provided more detailed information on specific measures in the appendices. This information includes a brief analysis of the measure and its alignment with our work. Each measure will receive one of the following recommendations:

# SUPPORT

Measure is fully aligned with UWBA Public Policy agenda and will further help programming efforts

# NEUTRAL

Measure does not fully align with UWBA Public Policy and will not have an impact on future policies or programming

# OPPOSE

Measure would have a detrimental impact on programming and tremendously set back progress of UWBA Public Policy

For more information on our policy efforts and impacts, visit: uwba.org/advocate

# **UWBA RECOMMENDATIONS**

To further help the reader understand our analyses of the measures, we have provided an appendix with more information. For the majority of ballot measures that do not have a bearing on our Public Policy agenda or future policies or programming, UWBA does not take a position and therefore does not address in our analyses. Our analyses begin on page 20.

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROP 1 Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom SUPPORT

PROP 26 Legalizes in-person sports betting NEUTRAL

PROP 27 Allows online sports betting NEUTRAL

PROP 28 Funding for arts and music education NEUTRAL

PROP 29 Adds new restrictions for kidney dialysis clinics NEUTRAL

# **PROP 30**

Increases the tax on personal incomes above \$2 million and dedicates revenue to zero-emissions vehicle projects and wildfire prevention programs **NEUTRAL** 

PROP 31 Bans flavored tobacco products NEUTRAL

# ALAMEDA COUNTY

MEASURE D (Alameda County) Amends existing measure to allow for more land use for covered equestrian riding arenas in Large Parcel Agriculture and Resource Management Areas NEUTRAL

# MEASURE E (City of Alameda)

Allows City Council to increase salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor NEUTRAL

MEASURE F (City of Alameda) Increases hotel tax by 4% NEUTRAL

MEASURE G (Livermore Joint Valley USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE H (Oakland USD) Parcel Tax to support student success and teacher retention SUPPORT

MEASURE I (Pleasanton USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE J (Sunol Glen USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

#### MEASURE K (City of Albany)

Repeals two existing emergency services taxes and adds a new Emergency Medical Services, Advanced Life Support and Fire Protection special tax NEUTRAL

# MEASURE L (City of Berkeley) \$650 million affordable housing bond SUPPORT

#### MEASURE M (City of Berkeley)

Taxes property owners who keep residential units vacant more than 182 days per year **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE N (City of Berkeley)

Allows any public entity to develop, construct or acquire an additional 3,000 units of low-rent housing **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE O (City of Emeryville)

Increases real property transfer tax to fund general city services

# MEASURE P (City of Livermore)

Amends the South Livermore Urban Growth Boundary **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE Q (City of Oakland)

Authorizes City of Oakland to develop, construct, acquire, or assist in the development of up to 13,000 low rent residential units **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE R (City of Oakland)

Amends the City Charter to replace gender-specific language with gender neutral language **SUPPORT** 

#### MEASURE S (City of Oakland)

Amends the City Charter to allow noncitizen residents, who are parents of Oakland USD students, to vote in Oakland USD elections NEUTRAL

#### MEASURE T (City of Oakland)

Amends business license tax to create a progressive rate structure NEUTRAL

# MEASURE U (City of Oakland)

\$85 million affordable housing bond SUPPORT

#### MEASURE W (City of Oakland)

Establishes resident public financing for campaigns, increases transparency in City elections and restricts former City officials from acting as lobbyists **NEUTRAL** 

#### MEASURE X (City of Oakland)

Establishes City Council term limits and other good government proposals

# MEASURE Y (City of Oakland) Establishes a parcel tax for the Oakland Zoo NEUTRAL

MEASURE Z (City of Union City) Extends existing sales tax rate, without an increase, to fund essential City services NEUTRAL

#### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MEASURE G (Livermore Joint Valley USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE I (Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District) Sets the District's appropriations limits through 2027 NEUTRAL

MEASURE J (Walnut Creek SD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE K (Martinez USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

# MEASURE L (Crockett Community Services District)

Allows District to enact a new special tax to fund maintenance of public outdoor spaces and amenities **NEUTRAL** 

MEASURE M (City of Pleasant Hill) Makes City Treasurer an appointed position NEUTRAL

MEASURE N (City of Hercules) Renews the 8% utility users' tax to maintain the City's fiscal stability NEUTRAL

MEASURE 0 (City of Walnut Creek) Creates a half-cent sales tax to fund general City services NEUTRAL

# MEASURE P (City of Richmond)

Changes the City of Richmond's Rent Ordinance to set the maximum allowable rent increase on rentcontrolled units **SUPPORT**  MEASURE Q (City of Brentwood) Creates a new open space area NEUTRAL

MEASURE R (Knightsen Town Community Services District) Repeals a special tax for flood control improvements NEUTRAL

# MARIN COUNTY

MEASURE B (Marin County Free Library) Increases Marin County's current library tax to \$98 annually SUPPORT

#### **MEASURE C** (Ross Elementary SD)

Parcel Tax to support student success and teacher retention
SUPPORT

#### **MEASURE D** (City of Belvedere)

Establishes the City as a Charter City and enacts a real estate property transfer tax to fund City services **NEUTRAL** 

#### MEASURE E (Town of Corte Madera)

Renews the Town's special tax to maintain 911 rapid emergency response times and preserve the number of on-duty paramedics

#### **MEASURE F** (Town of Fairfax)

Renews the Town's special tax to maintain 911 rapid emergency response times and preserve the number of on-duty paramedics

#### NEUTRAL

# MEASURE G (City of Larkspur)

Creates a half cent sales tax to maintain City services **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE H (Town of San Anselmo)

Continues the \$70 parcel tax to fund San Anselmo libraries

SUPPORT

# MEASURE J (Town of San Anselmo) Continues the Town's sales tax to help fund general Town services

#### MEASURE K (City of Sausalito)

Allows the sale of cannabis and requires cannabis operators to pay a special tax within the City limits **NEUTRAL** 

#### MEASURE L (City of Sausalito)

Increases the sales tax to 1% to maintain the City's long-term financial stability and general City services **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE M (Tiburon Peninsula Open Space District)

Allows the District to issue \$23 million in bonds and levy a special tax to repay the bonds and ensure vegetation management **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE N (Ross Valley Paramedic Authority)

Allows the Authority to issue a special tax to maintain 911 emergency response in certain areas of unincorporated Marin County

#### MEASURE O (Inverness Public Utility District)

Allows the District to levy a parcel tax on structured and unstructured properties to fund fire improvements and protections

# NEUTRAL

MEASURE P (Inverness Public Utility District) Sets the District's appropriations limits through 2026 NEUTRAL

MEASURE Q (Stinson Beach County Water District) Sets the District's appropriations limits through 2026 NEUTRAL

# NAPA COUNTY

MEASURE A1 (Napa Valley USD-Napa) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE A2 (Napa Valley USD -American Canyon) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE B (Calistoga Joint USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE J (City of American Canyon) Allows City to add 157 acres owned by the Green Island Property, LLC to the City limits NEUTRAL

MEASURE S (Fairfield-Suisun USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

# SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

MEASURE A (City & County of San Francisco) Eliminates the full funding requirement of certain benefits of City & County retirees who retired before November 6, 1996 NEUTRAL

#### MEASURE B (City & County of San Francisco)

Eliminates the Department of Sanitation and Streets and transfers its responsibilities to the Department of Public Works

#### NEUIRAL

# MEASURE C (City & County of San Francisco)

Creates the Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing NEUTRAL

#### MEASURE D (City & County of San Francisco)

Affordable housing now citizen's initiative **SUPPORT** 

MEASURE E (City & County of San Francisco) Provides accelerated review and approval of affordable housing projects and educator housing NEUTRAL

MEASURE F (City & County of San Francisco) Extends the Library Preservation Fund SUPPORT

# MEASURE G (City & County of San Francisco)

Creates the Student Success Fund and provides grants to the San Francisco Unified School District to increase student achievement and participation **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE H (City & County of San Francisco)

Changes the election for the offices of Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer to evennumbered years

NEUTRAL

# MEASURE I (City & County of San Francisco)

Re-opens streets within Golden Gate Park to vehicular traffic except for holidays and weekends and fully reopens access to all parts of the Great Highway **NEUTRAL** 

#### MEASURE J (City & County of San Francisco)

Continues the permanent closures of certain streets within Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway **NEUTRAL** 

#### MEASURE K (City & County of San Francisco)

Increases the City of San Francisco's gross receipts tax rates to provide additional funding for guaranteed income programs and small business assistance OPPOSE MEASURE L (City & County of San Francisco) Approves the Transportation Expenditure Plan for the County Transportation Authority NEUTRAL

#### MEASURE M (City & County of San Francisco)

Taxes property owners who keep residential units vacant more than 182 days per year **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE N (City & County of San Francisco)

Allows the City to use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the Golden Gate Park Concourse Underground Parking Facility **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE 0 (City & County of San Francisco)

Increases parcel tax to establish a new Community Success Fund SUPPORT

# SAN MATEO COUNTY

# **MEASURE K** (City of Belmont)

Increases hotel tax by 14% to fund general City services

#### MEASURE L (City of East Palo Alto)

Raises the business tax by 1% for owners of residential rental units and prohibits passing the expense on to tenants

# SUPPORT

# MEASURE M (Bayshore Elementary SD)

Parcel Tax to support student success and teacher retention **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE N (City of Millbrae)

Increases hotel tax by 2% to fund general City services **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE O (City of Brisbane)

Establishes a \$2.50 business license tax on rented hotel rooms, per room and per day to fund general City services

#### NEO INAL

# **MEASURE P (City of Redwood City)** Shortens term of Mayor to one year to allow more Councilmembers to serve in role

**NEUTRAL** 

# **MEASURE Q** (City of Pacifica)

Amends the municipal code to prohibit the ignition, use, discharge or sale of fireworks

# MEASURE R (La Honda-Pescadero USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

# MEASURE S (Redwood City SD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

# MEASURE T (South San Francisco Unified School District) Bond to repair schools and other facilities and construct workforce housing SUPPORT

# MEASURE U (City of Brisbane) Imposes a ½ cent sales tax to fund general City services

**NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE V (City of Menlo Park)

Prevents Menlo Park City Council from re-zoning or re-designating certain properties that were designated for single family detached homes as of April 15, 2022 **OPPOSE** 

# MEASURE W (Sequoia Union High SD)

Bond to repair schools and other facilities **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE X (City of Burlingame)

Increases business license tax, with highest rate on larger businesses, to fund general City services **NEUTRAL** 

# **MEASURE Y** (City of Pacifica)

Adopts a ½ cent sales tax to fund general City services **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE Z (City of Redwood City)

Amends City Charter to change City elections and creates Councilmember elections by districts **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE AA (City of South San Francisco)

Authorizes the City of South San Francisco to develop, construct, and/or acquire affordable low-income rental housing without increasing local taxes **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE BB (City of San Bruno)

Creates term limits of 12 years for both the Mayor and Councilmembers NEUTRAL

# MEASURE CC (City of San Mateo)

Increases property transfer tax to 1.5% for sale of properties valued at \$10 million or more to fund general City services

#### MEASURE DD (City of South San Francisco)

Imposes an annual parcel tax on certain commercial office parcels to fund early care and education for children ages 2.5 – 5 years old whose families live or work within the SSFUSD boundaries. SUPPORT

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY

#### MEASURE A (City of Morgan Hill)

Changes zoning regulations to prohibit new storage and distribution uses **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE B (City of Morgan Hill)

Amends the City's general plan to require voter approval of any future Monterey Lane reductions NEUTRAL

# MEASURE C (City of Saratoga)

Establishes term limits for Councilmembers **NEUTRAL** 

#### MEASURE D (City of Gilroy)

Provides updates to the City's Construction Procurement and Public Notice in the municipal code NEUTRAL

MEASURE E (Patterson Joint USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

# **MEASURE F** (City of Milpitas)

Shortens term limits for Mayor and Councilmembers to 10 years

#### MEASURE G (City of Santa Clara)

Reaffirms existing City Charter to continue the annual budget transfer from City utilities to general fund **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE H (City of Santa Clara)

Increases the business license tax to fund general City services NEUTRAL

# MEASURE I (City of San Jose)

Removes gender-specific language from City Charter, requires City Council to adopt equity values, standards, and assessments into decision-making and other ethics changes to City Charter SUPPORT

# MEASURE J (City of Los Gatos)

Amends current business license tax to increase flat rates by 30% adjusted annually for inflation **NEUTRAL** 

# MEASURE K (City of Palo Alto)

Levies a business tax to fund public safety, affordable housing, rail crossing safety, homeless services, and general city services. SUPPORT

#### MEASURE L (City of Palo Alto)

Affirms annual transfer of no more than 15% from the City's natural gas utility to the general fund to support general City services **NEUTRAL** 

#### MEASURE M (Loma Prieta Joint USD)

Parcel tax to support student success and teacher retention

# MEASURE N (East Side Union High SD)

Bond to repair schools and other facilities **SUPPORT** 

# MEASURE O (Campbell Union High SD)

Parcel tax to support student success and teacher retention
SUPPORT

# MEASURE P (Oak Grove SD)

Bond to repair schools and other facilities **SUPPORT** 

MEASURE R (Union SD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE S (Alum Rock USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE T (Campbell Union SD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

# SOLANO COUNTY

# MEASURE D (City of Dixon)

Enacts a sales tax to maintain essential services, including fire prevention, rapid emergency response, disaster preparedness and other general government uses SUPPORT

# **MEASURE E** (Solano County)

Enacts a sales tax to maintain essential services, including fire prevention, rapid emergency response, disaster preparedness and other general government uses **SUPPORT** 

#### MEASURE K (City of Benicia)

Continues the current Urban Growth Boundary to preserve agricultural land and open space through December 2043

MEASURE M (Travis USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

# MEASURE P (City of Vallejo)

Enacts a sales tax to maintain essential services, including fire prevention, rapid emergency response, disaster preparedness and other general government uses **SUPPORT** 

MEASURE Q (Vacaville USD) Bond to repair schools and other facilities SUPPORT

MEASURE R (City of Benicia) Enacts a ¾ cent sales tax increase to fund local roads and infrastructure projects NEUTRAL

# MEASURE S (Fairfield-Suisun USD)

Bond to repair schools and other facilities **SUPPORT** 

# **PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA**

United Way Bay Area inspires and connects people to break the cycle of poverty in the Bay Area by supporting both the short-term needs and long-term systems change. Our policy agenda aligns to provide greater support to our impact areas including meeting basic needs, financial stability, workforce development, and housing justice. Valuing the aspects of our diverse communities, we also work to ensure policies provide an equitable framework to lift communities of color upwards.

# HOUSING JUSTICE

UWBA will fight for housing stability and affordability to provide a stable economic foundation for families by:

- Supporting policies to create pathways to affordable housing for lower income Bay Area residents, including communities of color and transitional age youth
- Preserving and protecting the current supply of affordable housing
- Increasing opportunities for affordable housing along transportation corridors and in formerly exclusionary zoned areas
- Creating more inclusive communities for residents of diverse backgrounds by using equitable data and addressing the racial wealth gap
- Advocating for more funding for affordable housing, rental assistance and eviction protection, and homelessness services

# **SAFETY NET SERVICES**

UWBA will lead efforts to create and support stronger policies that work to lift Bay Area residents out of poverty, including:

- Creating permanent or more long-term funding for safety net services for Bay Area residents
- Working with local and state officials to give more incentives for entrepreneurs providing healthier food options in low-income communities
- Developing quality and affordable early childhood education and childcare programs for working and low-income families
- Establishing and maintaining partnerships with community college systems to develop basic needs centers for students

# **ECONOMIC SUCCESS**

UWBA will work to lead and support efforts to create a more sustainable economic environment for all Bay Area residents by:

- Making permanent the extension of federal and state Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF)/CalWORKS for working families and individuals
- Improving access to safe financial products and stop predatory lending practices, especially in communities of color and amongst local students
- Educating policymakers on the importance of ensuring Bay Area residents have a guaranteed basic income and jobs with livable wages
- Advocating for local ordinances which reduce fee and fines for low-income Bay Area residents

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

UWBA will support efforts to promote workforce development and job training by:

- Supporting local programs that provide mentorship, apprenticeship, professional development, and education/training for youth, particularly youth of color
- Reducing barriers to access to careers for the formerly incarcerated, immigrant populations, and those facing financial hardships
- Increasing investments in community colleges to create pipelines to stable careers

# **COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

UWBA will work as a central hub for the broader nonprofit community including:

- Ensuring stronger and more equitable COVID-19 recovery response for low-income and communities of color
- Strengthening the capacity of public-nonprofit partnerships to support the collective work of bringing Bay Area residents out of poverty

# **REAL COST MEASURE**

Excerpt from United Ways of California Report, Struggling to Move Up: The Real Cost Measure in California 2021 by Peter Manzo, Henry Gascon, Betsy Baum Block, and Dan Beeby

In assessing the need for and potential effectiveness of proposed ballot measures, the United Way Bay Area uses a metric called the Real Cost Measure (RCM). RCM uses data collected by the United Ways of California that provides a more nuanced and robust understanding of the challenges that low-income families and individuals face. This section provides a brief overview of this metric for the Bay Area. Subsequent sections will provide county by county metrics as a basis for the positions this Voter Guide takes on the local ballot measures.

The federal government's official poverty measure vastly understates poverty. Established during President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty," the federal poverty level (FPL) has two primary flaws:

- Its formula is primarily based on the cost of food, and in the decades since it was created, the costs of housing, transportation, child care, health care, and other family necessities have risen far more rapidly than food costs; and
- It neglects regional variations in the cost of living, and these costs in many communities, especially in California, are significantly higher than national averages.

As a result, the true extent of families contending with deprivation is hidden. Many of these hidden poor find they earn too much to qualify for most public services, yet still struggle to meet their most basic needs, especially as the costs of housing, health care, and other necessities continue to rise faster than wages. To help struggling families gain agency, dignity, and mobility - to move up - we need a poverty measure that points the way to a decent standard of living and provides insight into the different challenges faced by families of different compositions and stages of life. That is why we use the Real Cost Measure, a basic needs budget approach.

The Real Cost Measure has two primary components:

# Household dignity budgets

Estimates of the costs of meeting basic needs for different households in a given area, based on data that account for variation in local costs of living; and

# Neighborhood-level demographic analysis

An estimate based on Census data of how many households have income below those local budgets

According to the RCM, the San Francisco Bay Area has the 2nd highest number of residents living below the RCM in California. The next few pages will further breakdown the RCM by county.

For more information including interactive maps, an interactive dashboard on household budgets, county profiles, and a downloadable public data set, please visit <u>unitedwaysca.org/realcost</u>

# **REAL COST MEASURE BREAKDOWN BY COUNTY**



# \$**101,626**

Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 25%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 129,901 households

# \$1,797

median gross rent

# 176,394

households pay 30% or more on housing; 96,579 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

# \$**3,428**

average rent debt per household

# 6,294

households that are unsheltered (2nd highest in region)

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

\$99,516 Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 25%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 82,544 households

# \$**1,819**

median gross rent

# 117,176

households pay 30% or more on housing; 63,787 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

# \$**3,424** average rent debt per household

**1,404** households that are unsheltered

# M A R I N C O U N T Y

# <sup>\$</sup>125,751

Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 25%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 22,296 households

# \$2,069

median gross rent

# 33,456

households pay 30% or more on housing; 19,441 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

# \$4,010

average rent debt per household

# **708**

households that are unsheltered



\$93,130

Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 24%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 9,472 households

# \$**1,700**

median gross rent

# 13,662

households pay 30% or more on housing; 7,956 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

# \$**3,356**

average rent debt per household

# 303

households that are unsheltered

# SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

# <sup>\$</sup>127,332

Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 25%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 76,737 households

# \$**1,895**

median gross rent

# 86,245

households pay 30% or more on housing; 56,828 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

\$2,900 average rent debt per household

**5,180** households that are unsheltered

# SAN MATEO COUNTY

# \$**124,811**

Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 24%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 54,921 households

# <sup>\$</sup>2,316

median gross rent

# 75,550

households pay 30% or more on housing; 44,938 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

# \$4,432 average rent debt per household

**901** households that are unsheltered



# \$**120,028**

Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 25%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 138,781 households

# <sup>\$2,268</sup>

median gross rent

# 180,243

households pay 30% or more on housing; 101,205 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

# <sup>\$</sup>4,173

average rent debt per household

# 7,922

households that are unsheltered (Highest in region)

# S O L A N O C O U N T Y

# \$80,456

Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

# 23%

of households fall below the real cost measure, or 28,740 households

# \$1,592

median gross rent

# 39,869

households pay 30% or more on housing; 24,148 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

# \$3,031

average rent debt per household

# 932

households that are unsheltered



# STATE OF CALEBORALS MEASURES ANALYSES



# PROPOSITION 1: CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

**MEASURE TYPE:** Legislative Constitutional Amendment | **APPROVAL NEEDED:** Majority

Proposition 1 would amend the California Constitution to establish an explicit right to reproductive freedom, which is defined to include a right to an abortion and to choose or refuse contraceptives. The amendment states, "The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives."

# UNITED WAY NETWORK: SUPPORT UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Given United Ways' commitment and continued advocacy to advancing health equity and equal access to healthcare, our voice in the healthcare space is more likely to have a considerable impact for California and California voters. A number of United Way organizations both in California and across the country have released public statements advocating for the protection and expansion of reproductive access following the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June of 2022. This includes United Ways of California, United Way Bay Area, and United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut. Although there was a recognition that more conservative voters in areas of the state such as in Northern California, San Luis Obispo, and rural counties may oppose measures which support abortion access, a consensus was reached that taking a "Support" position on Proposition 1 would be beneficial for the statewide network to take.

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# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# **REGISTRATION/ELECTION INFORMATION**

REGISTER TO VOTE tinyurl.com/CalVoterRegistration

# VOTE BY MAIL

TO LOCATE BALLOT DROP BOXES tinyurl.com/AlamedaDropBoxes

VOTE BY MAIL FAQS tinyurl.com/AlamedaVBMFAQ

# **BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS**

- · Send back in sealed return envelope.
- Ballot envelope must be postmarked no later than Election Day (November 8, 2022) and received within 7 days after the election to be processed for counting.
- Need to sign envelope and ensure signature matches voter registration or processing will be delayed.
- Ballots can also be delivered to any ballot drop off locations or Vote Center.
- Drop boxes and Voter Centers close at exactly 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

# VOTE IN PERSON

VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS AND TIMES tinyurl.com/AlamedaVoteCenters

# **ELECTIONS CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2022** First day to mail Voter Information Pamphlets

**OCTOBER 10, 2022** First day of mailing Vote by mail Ballots and Early Voting

**OCTOBER 24, 2022** Close of Registration Period

OCTOBER 25, 2022 Opening and Processing of Vote by Mail Ballots

**NOVEMBER 01, 2022** Last day to request a Vote by mail Ballot

**NOVEMBER 08, 2022** Election Day

# MEASURE L (CITY OF BERKELEY)

#### MEASURE TYPE: Bond | APPROVAL NEEDED: 2/3 Vote

Provides \$650 million in bonds to create affordable housing; repair streets and sidewalks; underground utilities; and enhance buildings, infrastructure, and safety in Berkeley.

# MEASURE U (CITY OF OAKLAND)

# MEASURE TYPE: Bond | APPROVAL NEEDED: 2/3 Vote

Provides \$85 million annually in bonds to fund improvements to public safety, create affordable housing and increase housing for homeless Oaklanders, repaying streets to remove potholes, improving traffic/pedestrian safety, and updating fire stations and other public facilities.

# UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

As part of our legislative agenda, housing justice and equity have become a top priority. With more Berkeley and Oakland residents being housing insecure, there is great need for the cities to take action to build more affordable housing. Not only do these measures create affordable homes and continue rehousing the homeless, they also provide funding for critical infrastructure improvements. This ensures that as new units come on line, residents will have access to upgraded streets, sidewalks, and plumbing.

# MEASURE M (CITY OF BERKELEY)

# MEASURE TYPE: Vacancy Tax | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Taxes property owners who keep residential units vacant more than 182 days per year.

#### UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

While the City is building new housing, some rental property owners have kept units and even entire apartment buildings off the market during an extreme housing shortage. Long-term vacancies artificially restrict the supply, raise rents on the units that are available and create blight in neighborhoods that have a large share of vacant units. Rising rents fuel displacement of long-term residents, push people into overcrowded living conditions and increase homelessness. Implementing a new tax on property owners who choose to take units off the market for extended periods of time is consistent with the approach other communities like Oakland and Washington, DC, have taken to address the supply challenges associated with rental property speculation.

# MEASURE N (CITY OF BERKELEY)

#### **MEASURE TYPE:** Voter Initiative | **APPROVAL NEEDED:** Majority

Allows any public entity to develop, construct or acquire an additional 3,000 units of low-rent housing.

# MEASURE Q (CITY OF OAKLAND)

#### MEASURE TYPE: Charter Amendment | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Authorizes the City of Oakland to develop, construct, or acquire, or assist the development of up to 13,000 low rent residential units in social housing projects for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing.

#### UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Unfortunately, under state law cities have to obtain voter approval in order to build low-income housing. This forces cities to delay their efforts to truly impact the housing crisis in the region, especially as the number of unhoused continues to grow. UWBA supports both measures as they try to address their Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA) for low-income housing (Oakland: 10,261/ Berkeley: 3,854). For more information on the RHNA throughout the Bay Area, visit: <u>tinyurl.com/BayAreaRHNA</u>

# MEASURE R (CITY OF OAKLAND)

#### MEASURE TYPE: Charter Amendment | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority Approval

Amends the City Charter to replace gender-specific language with gender neutral language and using genderneutral pronouns in referring to City officers and staff. Amendment also recognizes that women and nonbinary persons, as well as, men are qualified for and hold such positions, and to avoid gender stereotyping and discrimination, and promote inclusivity.

# UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

UWBA has made it a priority to ensure that our work is fair and equitable to all we serve. We have invested in diversity and inclusion policies internally and support external efforts to do the same. We support the City of Oakland for moving forward and trying to ensure all citizens regardless of race, color, sexuality or gender idenity feel heard and represented.

# MEASURE MEASURE V (CITY OF OAKLAND)

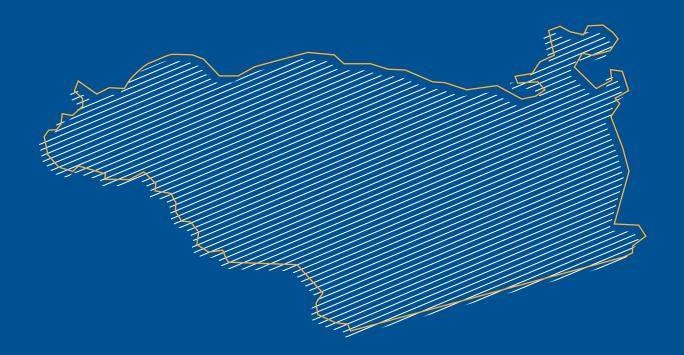
# MEASURE TYPE: Ordinance | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Amends the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance to prohibit no-fault evictions of families with school-aged children and educators during the school year; extends eviction protections to tenants in recreational vehicles (RVs), tiny homes on wheels, and newly constructed units; and removes the failure to sign a new lease as grounds for evictions.

# UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

As UWBA works to combat housing injustices throughout the region, we want to ensure that working families are able to become more financially stable. While we recognize that landlords face financial burdens from unpaid rent, evictions should not uproot a family while a child or educator is in the middle of the school year. We applaud the City of Oakland's efforts to ensure children are educators are able to finish their academic year without the fear of losing their home. The passage of this measure provides time for UWBA and our partner organizations to help those affected families and educators find resources to either keep their current home or find a new residence before the next school year.

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# MEASURE L (CITY RICHMOND)

# MEASURE TYPE: Rent Ordinance | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Changes the City of Richmond's Rent Ordinance to set the maximum allowable rent increase on rent-controlled units is adjusted to 60% of CPI or 3%, whichever is lower.

# UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

A core element of UWBA's public policy agenda is to fight for equitable and fair affordable housing. Our housing justice policies work to ensure Bay Area residents are able to find and maintain affordable housing. With Richmond residents expected to receive increases in their rents over the next few years, UWBA supports the City's decision to add a ballot measure to help place caps on these increases. We believe this cap will help families avoid rental dramatically burdensome increases and be able to continue to stay housed.

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# MEASURE B (MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY)

# MEASURE TYPE: Parcel Tax | APPROVAL NEEDED: 2/3 Vote

Increases Marin County's current library tax to \$98 annually to maintain library hours and 24/7 online library access; enhance programs for all residents; increase book/digital collections; provide free internet access and computers; and upgrade facilities.

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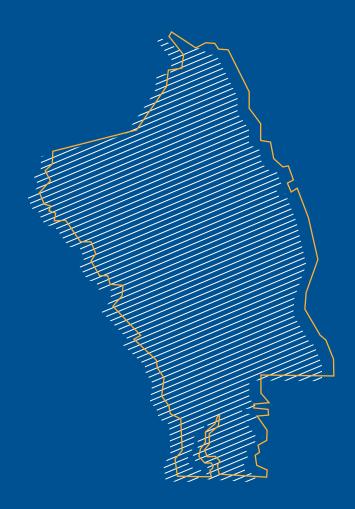
# MEASURE TYPE: Parcel Tax | APPROVAL NEEDED: 2/3 Vote

Continues the \$70 per parcel tax to fund San Anselmo Library. Funds would be used to maintain library operating hours; increase book/ eBook collections; maintain programs for children, families, seniors/ people with disabilities; and maintain free internet access, computers/technology.

# UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

UWBA continues to support educational opportunities for all residents of the Bay Area. This includes ensuring libraries are able to remain open and accessible to all residents. Libraries are more than places to house books. They serve as community meeting spaces, provide employment and housing assistance, and support the well-being and education of children. We support these two measures as they continue to provide wraparound services for all in need.

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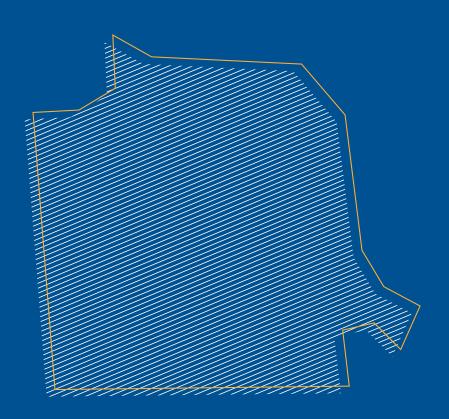
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# SAN FRANCISCO CONTRACTOR ANALYSES





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# MEASURES D AND E (CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

MEASURE TYPE (D): Voter Initiative | MEASURE TYPE (E): Charter Amendment | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Provides accelerated review and approval of eligible affordable housing projects, educator housing projects, and market-rate projects that provide significant increased affordability.

# UWBA POSITION MEASURE D: SUPPORT

# UWBA POSITION MEASURE E: NEUTRAL

These two ballot measures showcase the need to create legislation to expedite the building of affordable housing in San Francisco. However, of the two measures UWBA believes Measure D is the stronger of the two. This legislative session, we supported the passage of AB 2011 which has many similarities to Measure D. Many of San Francisco's newer housing projects are built on underutilized commercial sites which aligns with the intent of AB 2011. Measure D would provide even more housing ability by accelerating affordable housing on all types of housing. While we support the efforts of the authors of Measure E, UWBA believes it will become difficult to enforce as AB 2011 becomes state law.

# MEASURE F (CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

# **MEASURE TYPE:** Charter Amendment | **APPROVAL NEEDED:** Majority

Amends the San Francisco City and County Charter to extend the Library Preservation Fund through June 2048.

# UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Part of UWBA's legislative agenda is to support the growth and preservation of basic needs centers throughout the Bay Area. Libraries serve as a critical lifeline for many residents of San Francisco and have become defacto basic needs centers. They provide essential services just as access to WiFi for low-income residents, job development resources for those seeking a career, educational opportunities for students and many other necessary wraparound services. Measure F will ensure the continuation of these services for another generation.

## MEASURE G (CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

## MEASURE TYPE: Charter Amendment | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Establishes a Student Success Fund that provides grants to eligible schools in the SFUSD to support academics and social emotional wellness. This may include school nurses, in-class tutors, literacy and math specialists, social workers, and school psychologists.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

As part of UWBA past legislative efforts, we have worked to ensure students are provided with the basic needs in order to succeed in and out of school. During the 2022 State Legislative Session, UWBA supported the \$1.1 billion increase to the California Community Schools Service Fund. UWBA sees the SF Student Success Fund as a similar initiative to ensure students and families are receiving the basic needs and services needed for them to sustain themselves. The city's investment into this fund will also provide schools the technical assistance needed to handle the increased need of their students.

## MEASURE K (CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

## MEASURE TYPE: Ordinance | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Increases the City's gross receipts tax rates to provide additional funding for guaranteed income programs and small business assistance.

## UWBA POSITION: OPPOSE

While this policy would normally fall within UWBA's legislative policy to support, the measure is poorly written and would have unintended consequences to those who are struggling under the Real Cost Measure. This measure would be the first in the nation to provide permanent funding from a local entity for guaranteed income programs, while also raising families out of poverty. We applaud the author's original intent of trying to find a source of funding for these programs, but the current measure would unintentionally raise prices on all goods sold in the City. This increase would be passed on to everyone, mostly impacting already struggling families. The authors have pulled their support of this measure to ensure an effective measure can truly be crafted and sent to voters.

## MEASURE M (CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

## MEASURE TYPE: Ordinance | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Imposes a tax on residential units in buildings with 3 or more units that have been kept vacant for more than 182 days a year. Establishes a Housing Activation Fund that will provide rental subsidies and fund the acquisition, rehabilitation, and operation of multi-unit affordable housing buildings.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

While the City is building new housing, some have kept units and even entire apartment buildings empty during an extreme housing shortage. Long-term vacancies artificially restrict the supply and create blight in neighborhoods. Rising rents fuel displacement of long-term residents, push people into overcrowded living conditions and increase homelessness. While UWBA understands qualms of some about implementing a new tax on businesses, in reality, similar measures have been implemented throughout the region and nation, including in Oakland and Washington, DC. This measure would provide San Francisco another tool to try to get more people housed.

## MEASURE O (SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

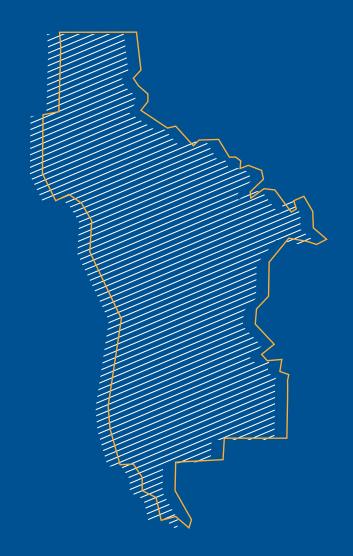
## MEASURE TYPE: Ordinance | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Increases the parcel tax of the San Francisco Community College District to establish a new Community Success Fund.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Similar to our support of Measure G, UWBA views Measure O as aligning with our support of other basic needs and student success measures. It must also be noted that UWBA is in the process of opening one of our SparkPoint centers on the campus of City College and funds from this measure could further support those students who will use our center. Measure O provides the needed funding to continue to keep college affordable for all San Francisco residents.

# SAN MATEO COUNTRY MEASURES ANALYSES





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## MEASURE L (CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO)

## MEASURE TYPE: Rental Property Busines | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority Vote

Raises the business tax by 1% for owners of residential rental units and prohibits passing the expense on to tenants. This tax will generate approximately \$1,480,000 annually for programs that increase affordable housing, tenant rental support, and protect residents from homelessness.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

As UWBA continues to find new ways to create housing equity and reduce homelessness, East Palo Alto showcases the need for cities to have more tools to combat poverty. As residents have seen their rents increased dramatically and displacement of former residents due to gentrification, Measure L gives the City of Palo Alto the ability to protect residents from homelessness. Measure L provide funds for the City to help prevent evictions by creating an emergency rental fund; help some homeowners avoid foreclosures; support efforts to build more affordable housing; and assist in preventing homelessness.

## MEASURE T (SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT)

## **MEASURE TYPE:** Bond | **APPROVAL NEEDED:** 55%

Provides \$436 million in bonds to South San Francisco area schools. The district's plans include: modernize school facilities; make health and safety improvements; upgrade technology; and construct local affordable rental housing for SSFUSD teachers and staff.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

While UWBA supports any improvements to educational opportunities for area students, we understand that more must be done to hire and maintain highly qualified teachers. This bond provides the necessary funds for South San Francisco to keep their educators within the city where they teach and helps to increase the overall quality of a child's education. While UWBA is supporting other school district bonds, we are providing more analysis due to the measure's inclusion of workforce housing.

## MEASURE V (CITY OF MENLO PARK)

## MEASURE TYPE: Initiative | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Prevents Menlo Park City Council from re-zoning or re-designating certain properties that were designated for single family detached homes as of April 15, 2022.

## UWBA POSITION: OPPOSE

As the Bay Area continues to struggle with a housing crisis, cities will need every legal tool possible to develop more properties for housing, especially affordable housing. This proposed ballot initiative will make it more difficult for the Menlo Park City Council to enact recently enacted Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 meant to create more multi-family housing in areas where it has not been allowed before. UWBA cannot support this effort by some to subvert state law and create more inequities in housing.

## MEASURE AA (CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO)

## MEASURE TYPE: Housing Ordinance | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

The measure will authorize the City of South San Francisco to develop, construct, and/or acquire affordable low-income rental housing without increasing local taxes, up to 1% of the total number of existing housing units. Unused units would roll over each year for a total of eight years.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

The United Way Bay Area believes that more affordable housing is needed to place a dent in not just the current housing crisis, but poverty in region. The ordinance will allow South San Francisco residents to stay in the city, especially since many workers from SFO and Silicon Valley call the city home. We believe once implemented, this ordinance could serve as an example of how cities around the Bay Area can truly work to alleviate the housing crisis.

## MEASURE DD (CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO)

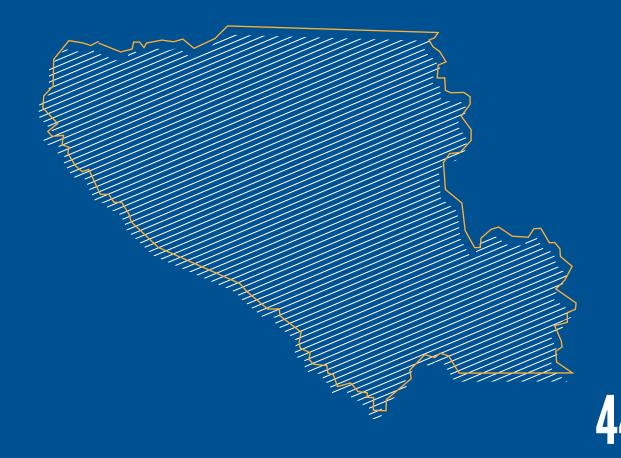
## **MEASURE TYPE:** Parcel Tax | **APPROVAL NEEDED:** Majority

Imposes an annual parcel tax on commercial office parcels, 25,000 square feet or larger, at \$2.50 per square foot generating approximately \$55.9 million annually to fund early care and education for children ages 2.5 – 5 years old whose families live or work within the SSFUSD boundaries.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

As part of our legislative agenda, UWBA supports efforts to increase opportunities for students starting with affordable childcare and access to early childhood education. Throughout the Bay Area, not only are the costs of housing and essential purchases such as groceries constantly increasing, so is the cost of providing quality early childcare and education. With more than 54,000 households living at or below the poverty line in San Mateo County, the ordinance will provide some relief to the families living within the South San Francisco Unified boundaries. We know investments in ECE provide students with a strong foundation to become productive and contributing members of society. This also helps to lower the poverty rate in the Bay Area region and increase the amount of skilled workers.

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## MEASURE I (CITY OF SAN JOSE)

## MEASURE TYPE: Charter Amendment | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Adds the City's ethics and election commission (Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices) to the Charter; removes requirements that the members of the Planning, Civil Service, and Salary Setting Commissions be electors and/or citizens; removes gender-specific language; and requires City Council to adopt equity values, standards, and assessments into decision-making.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

UWBA has made it a priority to ensure that our work is fair and equitable to all we serve. We have invested in diversity and inclusion policies internally and support external efforts to do the same. We support the City of San Jose for moving forward and trying to ensure all citizens regardless of race, color, sexuality or gender identity feel heard and represented.

## MEASURE K (CITY OF PALO ALTO)

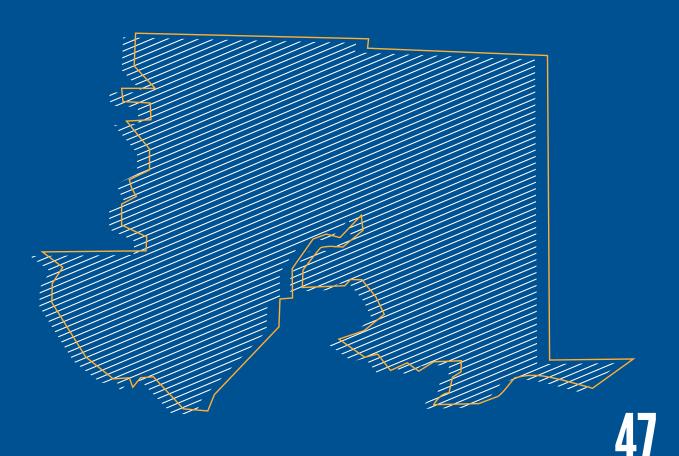
## MEASURE TYPE: Local Business Tax | APPROVAL NEEDED: Majority

Levies a business tax at a rate of 7.5 cents per square foot occupied by a business, up to \$500,000 per business, with annual adjustments for inflation and exemptions for grocery stores and businesses under 10,000 square feet, generating approximately \$9.6 million annually to fund public safety, affordable housing, rail crossing safety, homeless services, and general city services.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Unlike most communities in California, Palo Alto does not currently require local businesses to contribute to city services through a local business tax. After lengthy discussions and outreach, the City Council decided to seek voter approval to tax mid-sized and large businesses operating in the City to raise funds for general city services, including public safety, affordable housing, transportation and train crossing safety, and homeless services. Once passed, UWBA hopes to work with the City to ensure the funds from this measure are truly aligned with our legislative efforts to build more affordable housing and prevent homelessness.

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## MEASURES D (CITY OF DIXON) | E (SOLANO COUNTY)

## P (CITY OF VALLEJO)

## MEASURE TYPE: Sales Tax | APPROVAL NEEDED: 2/3 Vote

Enacts a sales tax to maintain essential services, including fire prevention, rapid emergency response, disaster preparedness and other general government uses.

## UWBA POSITION: SUPPORT

As the administrator of the federally fund Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) and 211 Bay Area, UWBA supports the three measures in Solano County which seeks to provide more funding for emergency services and disaster preparedness. Climate change has truly provided more strain on all resources, including EFSP and 211. UWBA applauds these entities for working to create preventive measures but also providing funding for rapid responses when tragedy does strike.

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