



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAKLAND

RECOMMENDS **Local Measures**

June 5, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON JUNE 5

Measure A Alameda County Childcare and Early Education Measure YES

(Sales Tax - 2/3 vote required)

Measure A enacts a half cent sales tax to raise \$140 million a year to increase access to child care and early education for thousands of low and middle income families. Funds will also be used to improve and maintain the quality of these services throughout Alameda County, and to improve the wages and benefits of child care providers and early educators.

The League recognizes the benefits to children of early education and nurturing care by qualified providers, and strongly supports this measure to help overcome the acute shortage of providers and programs in Alameda County. County plans for the use of Measure A incorporate a number of factors to ensure that services are high quality.

Measure D The 2018 Oakland Public Safety Library Preservation Act YES

(Parcel Tax - 2/3 vote required)

Measure D enacts a new \$75 parcel tax to increase funding for Oakland public libraries. The tax will begin with the 2018-19 fiscal year and be in effect for twenty years, until 2038. This tax is in addition to the Measure Q tax, which will expire in 2024. Proceeds from the tax may be used only to stabilize and enhance library services. A major goal is to increase days and hours that the libraries are open.

City budget cutbacks in recent years have led to the curtailment of some library services, most notably Sunday and Monday opening. At the same time, demands for more of the materials, services, and spaces the libraries provide have increased. The League supports providing Oakland's libraries the resources needed to meet the needs of the community.

Regional Measure 3 Bay Area Traffic Relief Plan YES

(Toll increase – simple majority vote required)

Regional Measure 3 authorizes the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to raise tolls on the seven state-owned Bay Area bridges by \$1 in 2019, 2022, and 2025. BATA must use funds for bus and ferry enhancements and operation of the new Transbay Transit Center, and for projects outlined in the plan. The projects are intended to ease traffic flow throughout the region and increase the use and availability of public transit. Traffic congestion is one of the major complaints of Bay Area residents. Despite some reservations about the details of the plan, the League supports RM3 as providing revenues and a blueprint for responding to the concerns of Bay Area residents.