

Ballot Argument Against McKay Open Space Initiative

We strongly urge you to vote NO on Measure ___.

A report prepared for the City Council [LINK] concluded:

- Measure ___ will not create a public park. Even with changes in the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan, the Site will remain occupied by vacant buildings and paved parking, fenced off from the public.
- Measure ___ will not change the ownership of the Site and will not cause the land to be transferred to East Bay Regional Park District or the City to create a park.
- Measure ___ will not provide any funds to buy the land or make the improvements needed to build a public park.

Instead:

- The Federal Government is transferring the Site to Alameda Point Collaborative under a mandate to make the land available for homeless services. Nothing in Measure ___ prevents this transfer.
- The Alameda Point Collaborative plan transforms a blighted site by reusing and replacing existing buildings to provide critically needed services for homeless seniors and veterans. This plan deserves a fair chance.

Measure ___ cuts off the debate, locking in a dangerous ordinance that can only be changed by another costly election. It's not a realistic, practical, or compassionate way to address one of our community's most pressing needs.

Let's help our community's most vulnerable residents live with dignity and respect while maintaining the flexibility to enact laws, adapted to our island city's unique circumstances, that serve all Alamedans.

Join us in continuing to ensure balanced and fair treatment for all – in the tradition of Alameda. Please vote NO on Measure ___.