

From: [Roxanne Clement](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charter Amendment on 7/7/26
Date: Monday, June 29, 2026 9:15:47 AM

Mayor Ashcraft & Council Members ;

This proposal is a dangerous step backward for three critical reasons: **First, it destroys independent oversight.** It appears the City wants to turn these into appointed roles, likely absorbing them under the Finance Director. But the Finance Director answers to the City Manager, who answers to you, the Council. Any suggestion of independence under that structure is a fallacy. We need checks and balances, not financial watchdogs who report to the very people spending the money. **Second, it strips power from the voters.** This amendment permanently deprives Alameda citizens of their democratic right to directly elect the people who safeguard their tax dollars. **Third, it discards vital institutional knowledge which between Auditor Kearney & Treasurer Kennedy, who bring over 60 years of combined experience.** At a time when the Alameda government has seen significant turnover, throwing away this deep institutional knowledge harms city stability. Independent oversight is not administrative red tape—it is the foundation of public trust. I urge the Council to vote NO on placing this measure on the ballot. Let's keep Alameda's government transparent, accountable, and independent.

Roxanne Clement
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Alameda, Ca,

From: [Alice Dockter](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please vote "no" on proposal to change auditor and treasurer jobs to appointed positions
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 6:15:29 PM

After watching two city council members and Rob Bonta pressure an Alameda city manager to hire an under-qualified candidate for fire chief at the bidding of the firefighters' union, I do not trust having the City Auditor and Treasurer appointed rather than elected.

Please vote "no."

Thank you,
Alice Dockter

From: [Edward Sing](#)
To: [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda City Council Meeting on June 30, 2026 - Item 7D
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 2:29:18 PM

Mayor Ashcraft & Council Members:

The proposal in Agenda 7D is a dangerous step backward for three critical reasons:

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Second, it strips power from the voters. This amendment permanently deprives Alameda citizens of their democratic right to directly elect the people who safeguard their tax dollars.

Third, it discards vital institutional knowledge which, between Auditor Kearney & Treasurer Kennedy, bring over 60 years of combined experience. At a time when the Alameda government has seen significant turnover, throwing away this deep institutional knowledge harms city stability.

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I urge the Council to vote NO on placing this measure on the ballot. Let's keep Alameda's government transparent, accountable, and independent.

Respectfully,

Ed Sing
Alameda Resident for 30 years

From: [Karen Miller](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on a ballot measure to eliminate the election of Auditor and Treasurer
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 1:54:50 PM

Dear Mayor and Council members,

The proposal to eliminate the election of the Treasurer and Auditor is a dangerous step backward for three critical reasons: First, it destroys independent oversight. It appears the City wants to turn these into appointed roles, likely absorbing them under the Finance Director. But the Finance Director answers to the City Manager, who answers to you, the Council. Any suggestion of independence under that structure is a fallacy. We need checks and balances, not financial watchdogs who report to the very people spending the money. Second, it strips power from the voters. This amendment permanently deprives Alameda citizens of their democratic right to directly elect the people who safeguard their tax dollars. Third, it discards vital institutional knowledge that ,which between Auditor Kearney & Treasurer Kennedy, bring over 60 years of combined experience. At a time when the Alameda government has seen significant turnover, throwing away this deep institutional knowledge harms city stability. Independent oversight is not administrative red tape—it is the foundation of public trust. I urge the Council to vote NO on placing this measure on the ballot. Let’s keep Alameda’s government transparent, accountable, and independent.

Regards,
Karen Miller
Keith Miller
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From: [Karen Park](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Charter to eliminate the Treasurer and Auditor positions
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 12:26:19 PM

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Yours truly,

Karen Park

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From: [Cathy Leong](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Greg Boller](#)
Cc: [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Response in concern over Proposed Charter Amendment on 7/7 City Council Agenda
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 8:44:05 AM

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Yours truly, Cathy Leong

From: [Pamela Joyce](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep City Auditor & City Treasurer elected positions
Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026 2:57:10 PM

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Alameda Citizen & voter since 1981

Pam Joyce
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