

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

X MEASURE X: Shall the Charter of the City of Alameda be amended to eliminate reasons for removal of Historical Advisory Board members and to authorize the City Council to determine when it is appropriate to do so? Such amendment will be accomplished by amending Article XXVIII Sec. 5 of said Charter, as fully set forth in Resolution No. 14251 of the Council of the City of Alameda.	YES
	NO

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

This measure would amend the City of Alameda City Charter by deleting a list of three reasons that a member of the Historical Advisory Board could be removed by Council. The measure would allow Council to determine whether to remove a member of the Historical Advisory Board for any reason that the City Council determines to be appropriate, as is true of members of other City boards and commissions.

The Historical Advisory Board is comprised of five members who serve four-year terms. Members may be reappointed for a second term. The purpose of the board is to preserve and protect structures, sites and areas of historical significance in the City of Alameda.

The Charter now allows the City Council to decide whether it is necessary to remove a member of any board other than the Historical Advisory Board for any reason the Council determines to be appropriate. There is no limited list of reasons for removal. The Charter says that a member of any of the boards may be removed by a vote of Council. The boards include the Public Utilities Board, the Planning Board, Civil Service Board, Social Service Human Relations Board, and Library Board. The Charter now limits removal of a member of the Historical Advisory Board to situations when the member has moved out of Alameda or for malfeasance or moral turpitude, which are legal terms referring to misconduct.

A "yes" vote would approve the proposed amendment to the City of Alameda City Charter and would delete the list of three reasons why the City Council can remove a member of the Historical Advisory Board. The City Council would be able to determine whether a board member should be removed just as it may do so for other boards and commissions of the City.

A "no" vote would disapprove the proposed amendment to the City of Alameda City Charter and would limit the reasons a member of the Historical Advisory Board could be removed. Removal would be allowed only when a member moves out of Alameda or demonstrates malfeasance or moral turpitude.

s/TERESA L. HIGHSMITH
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE X

Every board member and commissioner of the City of Alameda should hold office under equal rules. Appointments are treated the same way for every board and commission. An appointment is made with the approval of City Council. Removal of a sitting board member or commissioner, on the other hand, is not treated the same way for every board and commission. While almost every board member and commissioner may be removed by the City Council, members of the Historical Advisory Board may be removed only when a member moves out of Alameda or commits wrongdoing.

This measure, if approved by Alameda voters, would make the requirements for removal from the Historical Advisory Board the same as every other board and commission. We urge you to vote YES on the Measure so that all members appointed to City boards and commissions are treated equally.

s/Beverly J. Johnson

Mayor

s/Lena 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 X WAS
SUBMITTED.**