

VOTE with the LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

In the JUNE 3, 2008, Primary Election

Statewide Ballot Measures

Vote NO on Proposition 98

Deceptive Measure would Abolish Rent Control and Harm Environmental Protection

Californians deserve protection from eminent domain abuse, but Proposition 98 goes way too far. It contains language that would make it difficult, if not impossible, to protect the environment and regulate development. That is why owners of apartment buildings and mobile home parks have given most of the money to get it on the ballot. Proposition 98 would also eliminate renter protection laws, including rent control.

Vote YES on Proposition 99

Homeowners' Protection Act

This is a real eminent domain reform measure that would protect homeowners, without the hidden agendas and adverse consequences of Proposition 98. Proposition 99 would prohibit the government from using eminent domain to take a home to transfer it to another private party. It is supported by a broad coalition of homeowners, business, labor, cities, counties and environmentalists.

Proposition 99 would not change much because California redevelopment laws now contain strong provisions to protect homeowners from unwarranted taking by their local governments. However, since Proposition 98 would amend the State Constitution and thereby override and replace State redevelopment and other important laws, Proposition 99 must also be an amendment to the State Constitution and must get more votes than Proposition 98 in order to prevail.

Alameda County Ballot Measure

Vote YES on Measure F

Utility User Tax in Unincorporated Areas

This measure would continue an existing tax on residents of unincorporated areas to help pay for essential services they now receive. These include fire protection, law enforcement, library hours and code enforcement, among other services. Measure F would also raise the existing tax from 5.5% to 6.5% and would apply it to video and cable services. If it is not approved, the current tax would expire on June 30, 2009 and the County Board of Supervisors would have to decide where to cut countywide services to pay for such services in unincorporated areas. Measure F would continue the current exemptions for seniors and low income persons.

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