



Argument in Favor of Measure S

Measure S protects the City's services we rely upon while making our tax system fairer.

Albany's high quality of life, and property values, exist in part because we invest in excellent services. For instance, while some smaller cities in Alameda County contract the County for fire, medical and police response, we choose to have our own departments because we want these services to be more responsive and community-based.

Measure S ensures we continue funding these services by adjusting the transfer tax when properties sell. This approach recognizes that a significant portion of a property's value comes from the services the City provides.

Measure S also makes Albany more equitable. Currently all properties are taxed at the same rate upon sale. Measure S cuts the rate for properties in the lowest quarter by value while raising it for properties that sell for more than the median. It raises the rate the most for properties in the upper tenth.

Your City Councilmembers unanimously ask you to **Vote Yes on Measure S.**

/s/Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

/s/Jennifer Hansen-Romero, Vice Mayor

/s/Robin López, Councilmember

/s/John Miki, Councilmember

/s/Preston Jordan, Councilmember