Rural East Alameda County 2026 Local Voter Key

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Large-Print Plain-Language Local Guide

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This guide is for information only. It does not tell you how to vote. It is a smaller extract of the Alameda County master key, made for easier reading, printing, and sharing.

Rural East Alameda County is in unincorporated Alameda County, so there is no city mayor or city council for this community. Local school and special-district boundaries can still vary by exact address.

Statewide propositions are covered in the separate California statewide voter guide.

Important special-district note: Transit, BART, water, park, sanitary, health-care, recreation, and community-college boundaries often cross city lines. Use the separate Special Districts and Community Colleges key for any such races printed on your official ballot. Your own official sample ballot is the final authority for which races apply to you.

Regional measure

Measure RTM - Regional Transit Measure

Where it applies: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties

In plain English: A 14-year regional sales tax would raise money mainly to keep major Bay Area transit systems operating, with some money for targeted road work and accountability requirements.

What would change

- Sales tax would increase by 0.5 percentage point in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties.
- Sales tax would increase by 1 percentage point in San Francisco.
- The measure names BART, AC Transit, Muni, Caltrain, VTA, SamTrans, ferries, and other transit as intended beneficiaries and also allows specified road and pothole work.
- Financial transparency, oversight, and accountability requirements would apply.

Oversight, audits, and decisions made later

Who oversees it: The measure creates an independent regional oversight committee. Each participating county Board of Supervisors appoints its county representative or representatives. Separate SB 63 accountability systems also include an independent financial-efficiency review process and

a process for counties to challenge certain funding or service-compliance decisions.

What the oversight can and cannot do: The regional committee can review whether money is distributed and spent consistently with the measure and can request records from the regional district. It does not operate BART, AC Transit, Muni, Caltrain, or the other transit agencies. Under a separate SB 63 dispute process, an ad hoc county committee can make a binding determination and, in specified circumstances, withhold up to 7 percent of an affected transit agency's measure funding. MTC also administers maintenance-of-effort rules intended to keep existing local transit support from simply being replaced by the new tax.

What is decided later, and by whom: County Boards of Supervisors make the oversight appointments after passage. Transit operators still adopt their own budgets and service plans, and annual distributions can change under the measure's formulas and actual tax collections. MTC and the regional district administer the regional requirements; the oversight committee checks compliance rather than choosing individual bus routes or train schedules.

If you vote YES: The regional tax and spending program would take effect for 14 years.

If you vote NO: The new regional sales tax would not take effect.

Money and practical effects: The ballot estimate is about $980 million per year regionwide. The tax is collected in five counties, not just Alameda County. The official regional impartial analysis gives one Alameda County example: 64.70%

of revenue generated in Alameda County would be allocated to BART for transit operating expenses. Other Alameda County shares go to AC Transit, smaller operators, the ferry, county transportation purposes, fare and accessibility programs, mapping and wayfinding, administration, and other uses specified in the measure.

Approval threshold: A majority of the votes cast on RTM throughout the entire five-county Public Transit Revenue Measure District. This is one regionwide total, not a separate county-by-county approval test. Alameda County's summary page currently displays N/A, but the official regional impartial analysis resolves the threshold.

What is not settled or needs context: Exact annual dollar amounts can vary with actual tax collections and the measure's formulas. Revenue generated in each county is divided among specified recipients and purposes, and the mix differs by county.

Rural East Alameda County local races and districts

Some addresses in the far eastern county can fall into irrigation, school, fire, or other districts whose boundaries cross county lines. Candidate filing can therefore occur in another county even when Alameda voters participate.

- For any cross-county district not clearly listed here, use the race printed on the official Alameda County sample ballot as controlling.

Sources and checking

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters is the controlling source in this extract for the local measure list and current candidate roster. The October 21 master also cross-checks responsible cities, school districts, regional agencies, and local reporting where useful. If your official ballot differs from this extract, use your official ballot.

Alameda County election information:
https://acvote.alamedacountyca.gov/election-information/elections?id=260

Alameda County local measures:
https://www.alamedacountyca.gov/rov_app/measures/election/260

Alameda County candidate list:
https://alamedacountyca.gov/rov_app/candidatelist?electionid=260

Regional Transit Measure district materials:
https://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/authorities/public-transit-revenue-measure-district