

San Lorenzo 2026 Local Voter Key

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Large-Print Plain-Language Local Guide

Extracted from the October 21, 2026 Alameda County Master Key

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.

San Lorenzo 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.

San Lorenzo Unified measure

Measure J - San Lorenzo Unified School District education parcel tax

Where it applies: San Lorenzo Unified School District

In plain English: The district would renew its expiring \$99 parcel tax for 12 years without increasing the current \$99 rate.

What would change

- Money is intended for reading, writing, math, arts, science, technology, and attracting and retaining teachers and staff.
- The measure includes senior exemptions, citizen oversight, and a restriction against using the money for district administrators.

Oversight, audits, and decisions made later

Who oversees it: San Lorenzo Unified has used an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee made up of local residents for its existing Measure J parcel tax. The 2026 renewal again requires an independent oversight committee, annual audits, and public disclosure of spending.

What the oversight can and cannot do: The committee monitors and reviews parcel-tax expenditures to check that the money is used for the voter-approved purposes and for local students. The annual audit is a separate financial check. The committee does not adopt the district's operating budget, hire staff, or decide the exact annual mix of reading, math, arts, science, technology, and staffing expenditures.

What is decided later, and by whom: The School Board and district administration make the annual budget and program-allocation decisions within the purposes voters authorize. The district can also update the committee's membership and operating procedures for the renewed tax. The public materials reviewed for this guide do not spell out every future committee appointment or bylaw detail.

If you vote YES: The \$99 parcel tax would continue for another 12 years.

If you vote NO: The expiring parcel tax would end on its present schedule.

Money and practical effects: Estimated revenue: about \$1.8 million per year.

Approval threshold: Two-thirds. The county's online measure list currently displays N/A, but this is a school district special parcel tax and is subject to the two-thirds voter-approval rule.

What is not settled or needs context: The ballot wording identifies program purposes, but yearly allocations among those purposes can change with district budgets.

San Lorenzo local races and districts

Depending on address, voters can see San Lorenzo Unified School District, Oro Loma Sanitary District, Eden Township Healthcare District, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, AC Transit, and other regional districts.

- Measure J applies to San Lorenzo Unified School District voters.
- Oro Loma Sanitary District races are listed in the special-district section.
- San Lorenzo Unified now uses trustee areas. Areas 1 and 4 are in the 2026 election cycle; Areas 2, 3, and 5 were in the 2024 cycle. The adopted map divides Ashland between Trustee Areas 1 and 3, while Cherryland is kept whole. Because Area 3 is not up again until 2028, two Ashland neighbors can legitimately have different school-board content in 2026. The current county on-ballot candidate list does not show a San Lorenzo Unified contest under Area 1 or Area 4, so use the exact ballot for the address 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>

Additional local source: <https://www.slzUSD.org/>