

Save Knowland Park!



Vote NO on Alameda County Measure A1

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Measure A1 is an *irrevocable 25 year tax* that:

- Could fund \$72 million massive zoo expansion into public park land in Knowland Park (Oakland's largest wildland park)
 - A1 allows Zoo to use taxpayer funds for any future expansions into Knowland Park.
 - Would pave over and destroy ecologically rich wildlife and native plant habitat
 - Would displace a rare plant community used by many species of native wildlife, including threatened Alameda whipsnake.
- Gives millions of dollars in tax revenue to a body that isn't publicly elected.
 - Allows privately selected Zoo Board to tax residents without being required to follow state public open records laws. 25-year tax for privately-run operation, with no true public accountability, is unacceptable.

Vote No! – Zoo already gets public funds from multiple sources – other needs are much higher priority.

- Zoo currently gets millions of dollars in public funding, including Oakland city funds, hotel taxes, East Bay Regional Park District funds, other bonds, and a multimillion-dollar State Parks grant.
- Schools, libraries, and other public programs should take priority.

Measure A1 is Opposed by: East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Friends of Knowland Park, Alameda Creek Alliance, California Native Grasslands Association, Resource Renewal Institute, Ohlone Audubon Society, Oakland Rising, The East Bay Express, and many other individuals and orgs. that care about protecting our precious parklands.