Ballot Simplification Committee
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Transbay Transit Center *(working title only, subject to change)*

The Way It Is Now: In November 2008, California voters approved a state ballot measure to issue bonds to build a high-speed rail line between San Francisco and Los Angeles. That measure stated that the Transbay Terminal would be the San Francisco station.

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), a local government agency, is replacing the Transbay Terminal with a new Transbay Transit Center at First and Mission streets. The new Transbay Transit Center would be used by AC Transit, Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit, Muni, and SamTrans. The TJPA also plans that the Transbay Transit Center would be the northern end of the high-speed rail line running between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is a state agency overseeing the construction of the high-speed rail line. The CHSRA is considering an alternative to locate the San Francisco station for the high-speed rail line on a site between Beale, Main, Mission, and Harrison streets, not at First and Mission streets.

In November 1999 and November 2003, San Francisco voters approved measures that provided that the City pursue and use sales tax proceeds to pay for an extension of Caltrain to a new or rebuilt Transbay Transit Center at First and Mission streets.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would make it City policy that the Transbay Transit Center, located at First and Mission streets, serve as the northern end of the San Francisco to Los Angeles high-speed rail line.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to make it City policy that the Transbay Transit Center at First and Mission streets be the northern end of the San Francisco to Los Angeles high-speed rail line.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to adopt this City policy.

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