



NOTE: This version of the Voter Information Pamphlet includes information about all contests to be voted on throughout the City and County of San Francisco. Not all voters are eligible to vote on all contests. Your sample ballot includes the contests for which you are eligible to vote.

For more information, refer to your sample ballot, which can be accessed, along with the address of your polling place, at the address below:

<http://gispubweb.sfgov.org/website/pollingplace/>

Also, because this version of the pamphlet is a compilation of the various versions of the printed pamphlets distributed throughout San Francisco, some page numbers are duplicated. The pages are also arranged in a different order from the printed version. For these reasons, we are unable to provide a Table of Contents. To find specific information, please refer to the bookmarks on the left side of this file.



DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS
City and County of San Francisco
www.sfelections.org



JOHN ARNTZ
Director

Dear San Francisco Voter:

September 1, 2010

Ballot Worksheet

In this election, all voters will receive five ballot cards. With so many items on the ballot, I want to draw your attention to the Ballot Worksheet located on pages 191–192, the last two pages of this Voter Information Pamphlet. The Ballot Worksheet lists every contest and measure and provides space for you to note your selections. Completing the Ballot Worksheet prior to marking your multi-card ballot will help you think through the material, and ensure that you vote on both sides of the ballot cards.

Early Voting

Before Election Day you can vote by mail or vote at City Hall, beginning October 4.

Vote-by-Mail:

The back cover of this Pamphlet includes an application to request a vote-by-mail ballot, and you can also apply online using our website: www.sfelections.org.

Voting at City Hall:

Beginning October 4, early voting is available in City Hall to all registered voters on weekdays (except the holiday) from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Election Day, City Hall is open for voting from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Weekend Voting:

Early Voting is available in City Hall during the two weekends before the election—October 23–24 and October 30–31—from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For weekend voting, enter City Hall from Grove Street.

Ranked-Choice Voting

All voters Citywide will use the ranked-choice voting method for the offices of Assessor-Recorder and Public Defender. Also, voters in Supervisorial Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 will elect their Supervisors using ranked-choice voting.

The ranked-choice ballot has three columns, allowing voters to select up to three different candidates—one in each column—by connecting the head and tail of the arrow pointing to their choice. However, voters can still make fewer than three selections if they choose to do so.

Accessible Voting Equipment

Each polling place is required to have voting equipment that is accessible to voters with disabilities, and that allows people to vote independently and privately. To provide accessible voting, the Department will have one accessible voting machine in each polling place. Please note that, in accordance with Secretary of State requirements, the Department will transfer votes from the accessible equipment onto paper ballots and tally votes from these paper ballots at City Hall after Election Day.

Our Website

Our website—www.sfelections.org—is an excellent source of information for all voters. You can locate your polling place, apply for a vote-by-mail ballot, determine whether the Department has mailed or received your vote-by-mail ballot, and use an interactive demonstration for ranked-choice voting. After the polls close on Election Day, you can review election results which we will update approximately every 15 minutes.

Contact Us

To contact us directly, you can call the Department at 554-4375, 554-4367 (Chinese), or 554-4366 (Spanish) or visit our website—www.sfelections.org.

Respectfully,
 John Arntz, Director

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 San Francisco, CA 94102-4634

Vote-by-Mail Fax (415) 554-4372
 TTY (415) 554-4386

Purpose of the Voter Information Pamphlet

Before each election, the Department of Elections prepares the Voter Information Pamphlet, which is mailed to every registered voter as required by law. The pamphlet provides voters with information about local candidates and ballot measures, as well as how, when and where to vote.

In this pamphlet, you will find:

- your sample ballot,
- candidates' statements of their qualifications for local office,
- information about the duties and compensation of the elective offices sought by those candidates,
- information about each local ballot measure, including:
 - o an impartial summary of the measure, prepared by San Francisco's Ballot Simplification Committee,

- o a financial analysis, prepared by San Francisco's Controller,
- o an explanation of how it qualified for the ballot,
- o arguments supporting and opposing the measure, and
- o the legal text of the measure.

You may bring this pamphlet with you to your polling place. In addition, every precinct is supplied with a copy. Please ask a pollworker if you would like to see it.

In addition to the San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet, there is an Official Voter Information Guide, produced by the California Secretary of State, with information on candidates for state and federal office and state ballot measures.

The Ballot Simplification Committee

The Ballot Simplification Committee works in public meetings to prepare an impartial summary of each local ballot measure in simple language. The Committee also writes or reviews other information in this pamphlet, including the glossary of "Words You Need to Know" and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs). The Committee members have backgrounds in journalism, education and written communication, and they volunteer their time to prepare these informational materials for voters.

The Committee members are:

Betty Packard, *Chair*
Nominated by the Northern California Broadcasters Association

June Fraps
Nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

Ann Jorgensen
Nominated by the San Francisco Unified School District

Adele Fasick
Nominated by the League of Women Voters

Christine Unruh
Nominated by the California Media Workers Guild

Mollie Lee, *ex officio*
Deputy City Attorney



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Q: Who can vote?

A: U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who are registered to vote in San Francisco on or before the registration deadline.

Q: What is the deadline to register to vote or to update my registration information?

A: The registration deadline is October 18, fifteen days prior to Election Day.

Q: When and where can I vote on Election Day?

A: You may vote at your polling place or at the Department of Elections on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Your polling place address is shown on the back cover of your Voter Information Pamphlet. You can also find it at www.sfelections.org or call 415-554-4375. The Department of Elections is located in City Hall, Room 48.

Q: Is there any way to vote before Election Day?

A: Yes. You have the following options:

- **Vote by mail.** Fill out and mail the Vote-by-Mail Application printed on the back cover of this pamphlet or complete one online at www.sfelections.org. A vote-by-mail ballot will be sent to you. Your request must be **received** by the Department of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on October 26, or
- **Vote in person** at the Department of Elections in City Hall, Room 48, during early voting hours (see inside back cover for dates and times).

Q: If I don't use an application, can I get a vote-by-mail ballot some other way?

A: Yes. You can send a written request to the Department of Elections. This request **must** include: your printed home address, the address where you want the ballot mailed, your birth date, your printed name and your **signature**. Mail your request to the Department of Elections at the address on the back cover of this pamphlet or fax it to 415-554-4372. Your request must be **received** no later than 5 p.m. on October 26.

Q: My 18th birthday is after the registration deadline but on or before Election Day. Can I vote in this election?

A: Yes. You can register to vote on or before the registration deadline and vote in this election—even though you are not 18 when you register.

Q: If I was convicted of a crime, can I still vote?

A: If you have been convicted of a crime, California law allows you to register and vote if you:

- Have completed your prison term for a felony, including any period of parole or supervised release.
- Are on federal or state probation.
- Are incarcerated in county jail as a condition of felony probation or as a result of a misdemeanor sentence.

Additionally, if you have been convicted of a misdemeanor, you can register and vote even while on probation, supervised release, or incarcerated in county jail.

After completing your prison term for a felony conviction, including any period of parole or supervised release, you

must complete and return a voter registration form to restore your right to vote. No other documentation is required.

Q: I have just become a U.S. citizen. Can I vote in this election?

A: Yes.

- If you became a U.S. citizen on or before the registration deadline (October 18), you can vote in this election, but you must register by the deadline;
- If you became a U.S. citizen *after* the registration deadline but on or before October 26, you may register **and** vote at the Department of Elections by October 26 with proof of citizenship.

Q: I have moved within San Francisco but have not updated my registration prior to the registration deadline. Can I vote in this election?

A: Yes. You have the following options:

- Come to the Department of Elections in City Hall, Room 48, on or before Election Day, complete a new voter registration form **and** vote at the Department of Elections; or
- Go to your new polling place on Election Day and cast a provisional ballot. You can look up the address of your new polling place by entering your new home address on the Department of Elections website (www.sfelections.org), or call 415-554-4375.

Q: I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country. How can I vote?

A: You can register to vote and be sent a vote-by-mail ballot by completing the Federal Post Card Application. The application can be downloaded from www.fvap.gov or obtained from embassies, consulates or military voting assistance officers. Non-military U.S. citizens living abroad indefinitely can vote only in federal elections.

Q: What do I do if my polling place is not open on Election Day?

A: Call the Department of Elections immediately at 415-554-4375 for assistance.

Q: If I don't know what to do when I get to my polling place, is there someone there to help me?

A: Yes. Pollworkers at the polling place will help you, or you may visit www.sfelections.org or call the Department of Elections at 415-554-4375 for assistance on or before Election Day. (See page 9 for information about voting at your polling place.)

Q: Can I take my Sample Ballot or my own list into the voting booth?

A: Yes. Deciding your votes before you get to the polls is helpful. You may use either a Sample Ballot or the Ballot Worksheet in this pamphlet for this purpose.

Q: Do I have to vote on every contest and measure on the ballot?

A: No. The votes you cast will be counted even if you have not voted on every contest and measure.

Early Voting in Person or by Mail

Voting in Person

You can vote on or before Election Day at City Hall, Room 48. Office hours for early voting are as follows:

- October 4–November 1, Monday through Friday (except holidays), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- October 23–24 and 30–31, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (enter on Grove Street); and
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voting by Mail for This Election Only

Any voter may request a vote-by-mail ballot, in the following ways:

- Apply online at www.sfelections.org.
- Complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet, and mail it to the Department of Elections. You may also send a written request to the Department of Elections. Remember to include your home address, the address to which you want the ballot mailed, your birth date, your name and your signature. Mail your request to the address on the back cover of this pamphlet, or fax it to 415-554-4372. **All mailed or faxed requests must include your signature!**

The Department of Elections must receive your request before 5 p.m. on October 26. Your ballot will be mailed as soon as possible after your application has been processed.

When you receive your ballot, carefully read and follow the instructions provided with it. You may mail your voted ballot to the Department of Elections or drop it off at any San Francisco polling place on Election Day; remember to **sign and seal** the envelope. The Department of Elections **must** receive your ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2.



Check the Status of Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot

Vote-by-mail voters can check when their ballot was mailed or received by the Department of Elections. Visit our website, www.sfelections.org, or call the Department of Elections at 415-554-4375.

Voting by Mail for All Elections

Any voter may request to be a permanent vote-by-mail voter. Once you become a permanent vote-by-mail voter, the Department of Elections will mail you a ballot automatically for every election.

To become a permanent vote-by-mail voter, complete the Vote-by-Mail Application on the back cover of this pamphlet, print an application from www.sfelections.org, or call for an application at 415-554-4375. Before you return your completed application, **check the box that says “Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter”** and **sign the application**.



Ballots will be mailed to permanent vote-by-mail voters starting October 4.

To find out if you are registered as a permanent vote-by-mail voter, check the back cover to see if “PERM” is printed on the Vote-by-Mail Application, use the Voter Registration Status Lookup tool on www.sfelections.org, or call the Department of Elections at 415-554-4375. If you have not received your ballot by October 18, please call.

If you do not vote in two consecutive statewide general elections, you will no longer be a permanent vote-by-mail voter. However, you will remain on the voter roll unless the Department of Elections has been informed that you no longer live at the address at which you are registered. To regain your permanent vote-by-mail status, re-apply as described above.



Accessible Voting and Services for Voters with Disabilities

Accessible Formats of the Voter Information Pamphlet:

The Department of Elections offers the Voter Information Pamphlet in audiocassette, audio CD and large-print formats. To request a copy of this pamphlet in an accessible format, contact us through www.sfelections.org or call 415-554-4375.

Audiocassette copies of the Voter Information Pamphlet are also available from the San Francisco Library for the Blind and Print Disabled at 100 Larkin Street, or call 415-557-4253.

Voting by Mail: Prior to each election, vote-by-mail voters are mailed an official ballot with a postage-paid return envelope. Any voter may request to vote by mail in any election. A Vote-by-Mail Application can be found on the back cover of this pamphlet, or completed online at www.sfelections.org. For more information, see page 5.

Early Voting in City Hall: Beginning 29 days prior to each election, any voter may vote at the Department of Elections on the ground floor of City Hall. City Hall is accessible from any of its four entrances. The polling place at City Hall has all of the assistance tools provided at polling places on Election Day. For more information, see page 5.

Access to the Polling Place: A “YES” or “NO” printed below the accessibility symbol on the back cover of this pamphlet indicates whether your polling place is functionally accessible. If your polling place is not accessible and you would like the location of the nearest accessible polling place within your district, please contact us through www.sfelections.org or call 415-554-4375.

Accessible Voting Machine: Voters have the option to use an accessible voting machine, available at every polling place. This machine allows voters with sight or mobility impairments or other specific needs to vote independently and privately. Voters may vote using a touchscreen or audio ballot. The machine will provide visual or audio instructions, including an indication of whether a contest uses ranked-choice voting. For ranked-choice voting contests, the machine presents one list of all candidates, from which voters may select up to three candidates in order of preference. After each selection, there will be a visual or audio confirmation of the candidate’s ranking. In accordance with Secretary of State requirements, votes from the accessible voting machine will be transferred onto paper ballots, which will be tallied at City Hall after Election Day. If you would like to use the accessible voting machine, please tell a pollworker which mode you prefer.

Touchscreen Ballot: Voters may make ballot selections using a touchscreen and review their selections on a paper record before casting their vote. Large-print text is provided on the screen, and voters can further increase text size.

The machine has a feature for voters to connect a personal assistive device such as a sip/puff device. The Department of Elections can also provide multi-user sip/puff switches or headpointers at the polling place in City Hall, or dispatch them to a polling place for Election Day. To request that one of these devices be sent to your polling place, please contact us through www.sfelections.org or call 415-554-4375, preferably 72 hours prior to Election Day to help ensure availability and assist in scheduling.

Audio Ballot and Hand-held Keypad: For audio voting, the accessible voting machine is equipped with headphones and a Braille-embossed hand-held keypad with keys coded by color and shape. The voting machine provides audio instructions to guide you through the ballot. The keypad is used to move through the ballot and make selections.

Other Forms of Assistance at the Polling Place:

Personal Assistance: A voter may bring up to two people, including pollworkers, into the voting booth for assistance in marking his or her ballot.

Curbside Voting: If a voter is unable to enter a polling place, pollworkers can be asked to bring voting materials to the voter outside the polling place.

Reading Tools: Every polling place has large-print instructions on how to mark a ballot and optical sheets to magnify the print on the paper ballot. The accessible voting machine provides large-print text on the screen, and voters can further increase text size.

Seated Voting: Every polling place has at least one voting booth that allows voting while seated.

Voting Tools: Every polling place has two easy-grip pens for signing the roster and marking the ballot.

TTY (Teletypewriter Device): To reach the Department of Elections via TTY, call 415-554-4386.



Always Confirm the Location of Your Polling Place

**Many polling places have changed for the upcoming election!
Check the back cover of this pamphlet for your polling place address.**

On the back cover, you will find:

- **Your polling place address.** Please make a note of it. If you request a vote-by-mail ballot, you may turn in your voted ballot at your polling place on Election Day.
- **Your precinct number.**
- An indication of whether your polling place is **accessible for people with disabilities.**
- A **physical description** of your polling place entryway, such as slope or ramped access.

Your polling place address is also available at the Department of Elections website:
www.sfelections.org.

If your polling place is not functionally accessible, you may call 415-554-4551 prior to Election Day to find the nearest accessible polling place within your district. For accessible polling place information on Election Day, call 415-554-4375.

Some Precincts Do Not Have a Polling Place

Voting precincts with fewer than 250 registered voters are designated "Mail Ballot Precincts." An official ballot and postage-paid return envelope will be mailed automatically to all voters in those precincts approximately four weeks before every election.

For voters in those precincts who would prefer to drop off their ballot at a polling place, the addresses of the two polling places nearest to their precinct are provided with the ballot.

Late Polling Place Changes

If a polling place becomes unavailable after the Voter Information Pamphlet is mailed, the Department of Elections notifies affected voters with:

- **"Change of Polling Place" Notification Cards** mailed to all registered voters in the precinct.
- **"Change of Polling Place" Signs** posted at the previous location. For any voters who are unaware of the polling place change, the Department of Elections posts "Change of Polling Place" signs at the address of the old location on Election Day. Voters may take a copy of the new polling place address from a pad attached to the sign.



**For more election information, visit
www.sfelections.org**

Instructions for Voting at Your Polling Place

Marking Your Ballot

Mark your paper ballot with the pen provided by the pollworkers. Connect the head and tail of the arrow pointing to your choice for each contest, as shown in the picture. The ballot may be printed on both sides of the page—be sure to review both sides.

Beware of the Overvote

The number of candidates you may select for each contest or choice will be printed above the list of candidate names for each contest. If you overvote by marking more than the allowed number of candidates for any contest or choice, or by marking both “YES” and “NO” in a measure contest, your vote for that contest cannot be counted.

Qualified Write-In Candidates

In addition to the candidates listed on the ballot, there may be other people running as qualified write-in candidates. For a list of qualified write-in candidates, please ask a pollworker. The list is posted on the Department of Elections website, www.sfelections.org, within two weeks prior to Election Day. Write-in votes can be counted only if they are for qualified candidates. For more information, see “Words You Need to Know.”

Before casting a write-in vote, make sure:

- the candidate is **not listed on the ballot**.
- the candidate is a **qualified write-in candidate**.
- to write the name in the space provided and **complete the arrow** that points to the space.

If You Make a Mistake

Ask a pollworker for another ballot. Voters may request up to two replacement ballots.

To Record Your Vote

Insert your ballot, one card at a time, into the slot in the front of the “Insight” optical-scan voting machine. The ballot can be inserted into the voting machine in any direction. The voting machine counts the votes electronically as the ballot is inserted and then deposits the ballot in a locked compartment under the machine.

How to mark your choice:

PRESIDENT

Vote for One

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

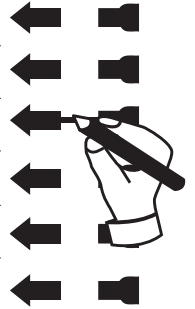
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Write-In



How to vote for a qualified write-in candidate:

PRESIDENT

Vote for One

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

CESAR CHAVEZ

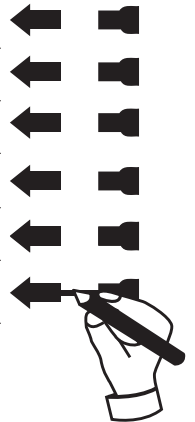
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Write-In

John Hancock



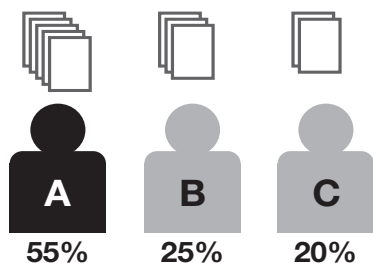


Ranked-Choice Voting

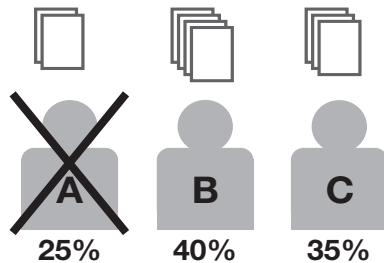
Ranked-choice voting was passed by San Francisco voters as an amendment to the City Charter in March 2002 (Proposition A).

Ranked-choice voting allows San Francisco voters to rank up to three candidates for the same office. San Francisco voters use ranked-choice voting to elect the Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor-Recorder, Public Defender and Members of the Board of Supervisors.

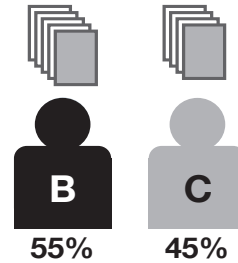
How Ranked-Choice Voting Works:



To start, every first-choice selection is counted. Any candidate who receives a majority (more than 50%) of the first-choice selections is declared the winner.



If no candidate receives more than 50% of the first-choice selections, the candidate who received the fewest number of first-choice selections is eliminated.



Voters who selected the eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their vote transferred to their second choice.

The votes are then recounted. If any remaining candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, he or she is declared the winner.

If no remaining candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes to the next-ranked candidate is repeated until one candidate has a winning majority.



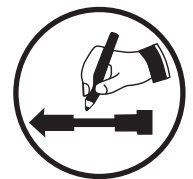
For more information and an interactive demonstration on ranked-choice voting, visit www.sfelections.org/demo

Marking the Ranked-Choice Ballot

With ranked-choice voting, the names of all the candidates are listed in three repeating columns on the ballot. This allows you to rank up to three candidates for the same office.

First Column	Second Column	Third Column
Select your first-choice candidate by completing the arrow pointing to your choice.	To indicate a second choice, select a different candidate in the second column by completing the arrow pointing to your choice.	To indicate a third choice, select a different candidate in the third column by completing the arrow pointing to your choice.
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DISTRICT 0 / 第 0 選區 / DISTRITO 0		
VOTE YOUR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CHOICES / 投選您的第一、第二和第三選擇 / VOTE POR SU PRIMERA, SEGUNDA Y TERCERA SELECCIÓN		
1	2	3
FIRST CHOICE 第一選擇 PRIMERA SELECCIÓN	SECOND CHOICE 第二選擇 SEGUNDA SELECCIÓN	THIRD CHOICE 第三選擇 TERCERA SELECCIÓN
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Complete the arrow as shown here.

Write-In Candidates

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate for any of your three choices, write the person's name in the space provided and complete the arrow that points to that space. For more information, see page 9.

When Marking the Ranked-Choice Ballot, Keep in Mind:

You may—but are not required to—rank three candidates. To rank fewer than three candidates, or if there are fewer than three candidates for the same office, leave any of the remaining columns blank.

Your second choice will be counted only if your first-choice candidate has been eliminated. Your third choice will be counted only if BOTH your first-choice and second-choice candidates have been eliminated.

If you select the same candidate in more than one column, your vote for that candidate will count only once.

Multilingual Voter Services

多種語言選民服務

Servicios Multilingües para los Electores

In compliance with federal law and local ordinance, the Department of Elections provides services to voters and official election materials in Chinese and Spanish, in addition to English. Multilingual voter services include:

- Translated election materials: ballots, voter registration forms, voter notices, vote-by-mail ballot applications and instructions, and Voter Information Pamphlets.
- Telephone assistance in English, Chinese and Spanish, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- English: 415-554-4375
- Chinese: 415-554-4367
- Spanish: 415-554-4366
- Instructional signs in English, Chinese and Spanish at all polling places on Election Day.
- Chinese and Spanish bilingual pollworker assistance at designated polling places on Election Day.
- Voter information in English, Chinese and Spanish on our website: www.sfelections.org.

中文選民服務

依照聯邦法律和地方法令，選務處提供選民中文服務和官方選舉資料。中文服務包括：

- 已翻譯的選舉資料：選票、“選民登記表”、選舉預告、“郵寄投票申請表”和指南以及《選民資料手冊》。
- 於星期一至星期五的上午8時至下午5時及選舉日上午7時正至下午8時正提供的中文電話協助：415-554-4367。
- 於選舉日在每個投票站提供中文的說明標牌。
- 於選舉日在指定的投票站有雙語工作人員提供中文語言協助。
- 在選務處網站(www.sfelections.org)提供中文選舉資料。

中文版的《選民資料手冊》

除了英文版《選民資料手冊》之外，選務處還提供中文版的《選民資料手冊》。如果您想要選務處郵寄給您一本中文版的《選民資料手冊》，請致電：415-554-4367。

Asistencia para los Electores en Español

Conforme a la ley federal y el reglamento municipal, el Departamento de Elecciones proporciona materiales electorales y asistencia a los electores en español. Servicios para los electores en español incluyen:

- Materiales electorales traducidos incluyendo: la boleta electoral, el formulario de inscripción para votar, avisos a los electores, solicitudes e instrucciones para votar por correo y el Folleto de Información para los Electores.
- Asistencia telefónica en español disponible de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. y el Día de las Elecciones de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. llamando al 415-554-4366.
- Rótulos con instrucciones en español en los lugares de votación el Día de las Elecciones.
- Trabajadores electorales bilingües en los lugares de votación designados el Día de las Elecciones.
- Información electoral en nuestro sitio web en español: www.sfelections.org.

El Folleto de Información para los Electores en Español

Además del Folleto de Información para los Electores en inglés, el Departamento de Elecciones provee un Folleto de Información para los Electores en español a los electores que lo soliciten. Si desea recibir un Folleto de Información para los Electores en español, por favor llame al 415-554-4366.

Voter Bill of Rights

1. **You have the right to cast a ballot if you are a valid registered voter.**
A valid registered voter means a United States citizen who is a resident in this state, who is at least 18 years of age and not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and who is registered to vote at his or her current residence address.
2. **You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.**
3. **You have the right to cast a ballot if you are present and in line at the polling place prior to the close of the polls.**
4. **You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.**
5. **You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.**
If, at any time before you finally cast your ballot, you feel you have made a mistake, you have the right to exchange the spoiled ballot for a new ballot. Vote-by-mail voters may also request and receive a new ballot if they return their spoiled ballot to an election official prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.
6. **You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot, if you are unable to vote without assistance.**
7. **You have the right to return a completed vote-by-mail ballot to any precinct in the county.**
8. **You have the right to election materials in another language, if there are sufficient residents in your precinct to warrant production.**
9. **You have the right to ask questions about election procedures and observe the election process.** You have the right to ask questions of the precinct board and election officials regarding election procedures and to receive an answer or be directed to the appropriate official for an answer. However, if persistent questioning disrupts the execution of their duties, the board or election officials may discontinue responding to questions.
10. **You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent activity to a local election official or to the Secretary of State's office.**



If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or you are aware of any election fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free **Voter Hotline** at **1-800-345-VOTE (8683)**.

California Secretary of State **Debra Bowen**

Any voter has the right under California Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13314 to seek a writ of mandate or an injunction, prior to the publication of the Voter Information Pamphlet, requiring any or all of the materials submitted for publication in the Pamphlet to be amended or deleted.

Confidentiality and Voter Records

Permissible Uses of Voter Registration Information

Information on your voter registration form will be used by election officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place and the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the

Secretary of State. Driver's license, state identification and Social Security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration form cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline: 1-800-345-VOTE (8683).

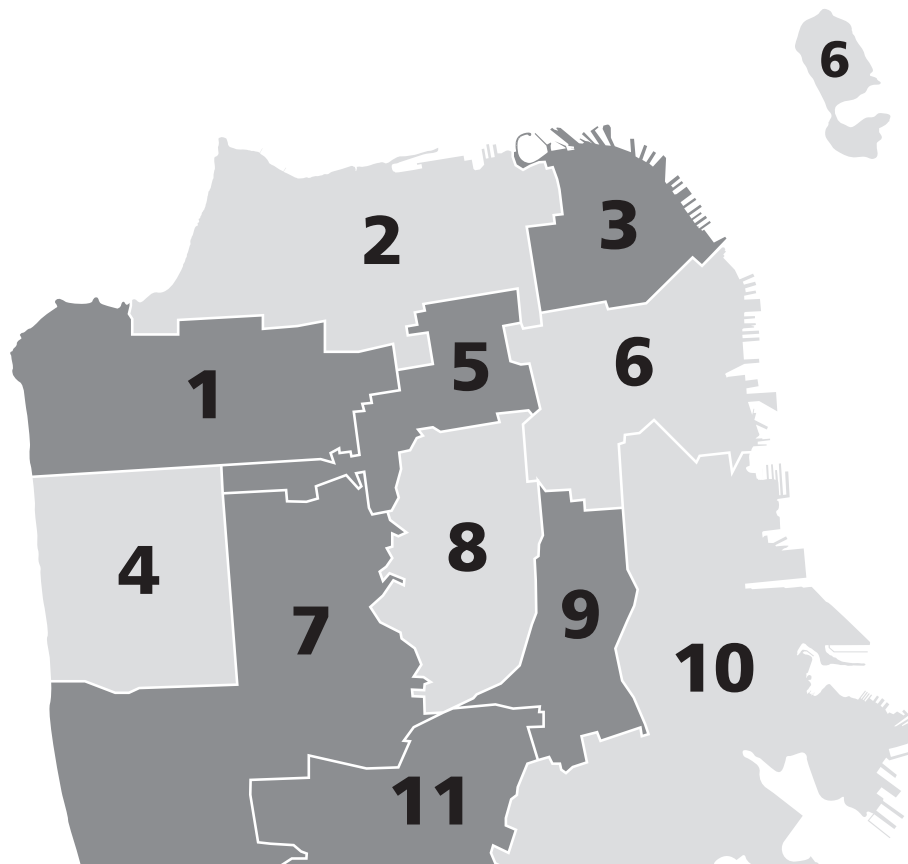
Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, please contact the Secretary of State's Safe At Home program toll-free at 1-877-322-5227, or visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov.



San Francisco's Supervisorial Districts

San Francisco is divided into eleven Supervisorial districts. For the November 2 election, San Francisco voters who live in Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 will elect their member of the Board of Supervisors. To find

your district, please refer to the map below, see this pamphlet's back cover or use the Registration Status Lookup tool on www.sfelections.org.



District 1 covers most of the Richmond neighborhood.

District 2 includes the Presidio, Cow Hollow, Marina and Pacific Heights neighborhoods, as well as part of the Richmond neighborhood.

District 3 includes Chinatown, Nob Hill, Russian Hill, Telegraph Hill and the northern Embarcadero waterfront.

District 4 covers most of the Sunset neighborhood.

District 5 includes the Haight-Ashbury, Panhandle and Western Addition neighborhoods.

District 6 includes the Civic Center and South of Market neighborhoods and Treasure Island.

District 7 includes Park Merced and Twin Peaks.

District 8 includes the Castro, Noe Valley, Glen Park and Upper Market neighborhoods.

District 9 includes the Mission and Bernal Heights neighborhoods and part of the Portola neighborhood.

District 10 includes the Bayview, Hunter's Point and Potrero Hill neighborhoods and part of the Portola neighborhood.

District 11 includes the Ingleside, Excelsior, Ocean View and Merced Heights neighborhoods.

Ballot Worksheet

Fill in your choices – Cut out and take with you to the polls

Not all voters will be eligible to vote on all contests. Your sample ballot includes the contests for which you are eligible to vote. For more information see your sample ballot.

OFFICES

Ballot Card 1/5

Governor (Vote for one) _____

Lieutenant Governor (Vote for one) _____

Secretary of State (Vote for one) _____

Controller (Vote for one) _____

Treasurer (Vote for one) _____

Attorney General (Vote for one) _____

Insurance Commissioner (Vote for one) _____

Member, State Board of Equalization, District 1 (Vote for one) _____

United States Senator (Vote for one) _____

United States Representative (Vote for one) _____

State Senator (Senate District 8 only) (Vote for one) _____

Member, State Assembly (Vote for one) _____

State Superintendent of Public Instruction (Vote for one) _____

Ballot Card 2/5

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Ming W. Chin (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Carlos R. Moreno (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 1, Kathleen M. Banke (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 1, Robert L. Dondero (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 2, James R. Lambden (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 3, Martin J. Jenkins (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 3, Peter J. Siggins (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 4, Timothy A. Reardon (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 5, Terence L. Bruiniers (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 1, Division 5, Henry E. Needham, Jr. (Vote "Yes" or "No") _____

Judge of the Superior Court, Seat #15 (Vote for one) _____

Member, Board of Education (Vote for no more than three) _____

Member, Community College Board (Vote for no more than three) _____

BART Director (BART District 8 only) (Vote for one) _____

Ballot Card 3/5

Assessor-Recorder
(Rank up to three choices)

First choice _____

Second choice _____

Third choice _____

Public Defender
(Rank up to three choices)

First choice _____

Second choice _____

Third choice _____

Member, Board of Supervisors (even districts only)
(Rank up to three choices)

First choice _____

Second choice _____

Third choice _____

(The ballot worksheet continues on the next page)



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PROPOSITIONS

TITLE:	YES	NO
19: Legalizes Marijuana under California but Not Federal Law. Permits Local Governments to Regulate and Tax Commercial Production, Distribution, and Sale of Marijuana. Initiative Statute.		
20: Redistricting of Congressional Districts. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.		
21: Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to Help Fund State Parks and Wildlife Programs. Grants Surcharged Vehicles Free Admission to All State Parks. Initiative Statute.		
22: Prohibits the State from Borrowing or Taking Funds Used for Transportation, Redevelopment, or Local Government Projects and Services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.		
23: Suspends Implementation of Air Pollution Control Law (AB 32) Requiring Major Sources of Emissions to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions That Cause Global Warming, Until Unemployment Drops to 5.5 Percent or Less for Full Year. Initiative Statute.		
24: Repeals Recent Legislation That Would Allow Businesses to Lower Their Tax Liability. Initiative Statute.		
25: Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass Budget and Budget-Related Legislation from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. Retains Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Taxes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.		
26: Requires That Certain State and Local Fees Be Approved by Two-Thirds Vote. Fees Include Those That Address Adverse Impacts on Society or the Environment Caused by the Fee-Payer's Business. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.		
27: Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting. Consolidates Authority for Redistricting with Elected Representatives. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.		
AA: Vehicle Registration Fee		
A: Earthquake Retrofit Bond		
B: City Retirement and Health Plans		
C: Mayoral Appearances at Board Meetings		
D: Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections		
E: Election Day Voter Registration		
F: Health Service Board Elections		
G: Transit Operator Wages		
H: Local Elected Officials on Political Party Committees		
I: Saturday Voting		
J: Hotel Tax Clarification and Temporary Increase		
K: Hotel Tax Clarification and Definitions		
L: Sitting or Lying on Sidewalks		
M: Community Policing and Foot Patrols		
N: Real Property Transfer Tax		

Ballot Card 4/5

Ballot Card 5/5

NOTES:





Candidate Information

Notice about Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Not all candidates submit a statement of qualifications. A complete list of candidates appears on the sample ballot, which begins on page 12 of this pamphlet.

Each candidate's statement of qualifications, if any, is volunteered by the candidate and printed at the expense of the candidate.



Statements are printed as submitted by the candidates, including any typographical, spelling or grammatical errors. The statements are not checked for accuracy by the Director of Elections nor any other City agency, official or employee.

What's New:

Recent law changes affect some candidate statements of qualifications in this pamphlet:

- Candidates running for the United States House of Representatives may now buy space for a statement in county voter information pamphlets.
- Indication of whether local candidates have accepted voluntary expenditure ceilings is no longer required in the Voter Information Pamphlet. The information is available on the San Francisco Ethics Commission website, www.sfethics.org.

Voluntary Spending Limits and State Legislative Candidates' Campaign Statements

In November 2000, California voters approved Proposition 34, which states that if a candidate for State Senate or State Assembly accepts voluntary campaign spending limits specified in Section 85400 of the California Government Code, that candidate may purchase the space to place a candidate statement in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

The legislative candidates who have accepted the voluntary spending limits and are therefore eligible to submit a candidate statement for the November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election are listed below:

State Senator, District 8

Doo Sup Park—Republican Party
Leland Yee—Democratic Party

Member, State Assembly, District 12

Alfonso Faustino, Jr.—Republican Party

Member, State Assembly, District 13

Tom Ammiano—Democratic Party
Laura A. Peter—Republican Party



Tuesday, November 2,
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City and County of San Francisco Offices To Be Voted on this Election

Member of the Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors is the legislative branch of government for the City and County of San Francisco. Its members make laws and establish the annual budget for City departments.

The term of office for members of the Board of Supervisors is four years. Supervisors are currently paid \$96,549 per year.

There are eleven members of the Board of Supervisors. Voters in Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 will vote for their member of the Board of Supervisors this election.

Assessor-Recorder

The Assessor-Recorder decides what property in the City is subject to property tax, and the value of that property for tax purposes.

The term of office for the Assessor-Recorder is four years. The Assessor-Recorder is currently paid \$163,260 per year.

Public Defender

The Public Defender represents some persons who cannot afford to pay their own lawyer. The Public Defender represents: persons accused of crimes, juveniles in legal actions, and persons in mental health hearings.

The term of office for the Public Defender is four years. The Public Defender is currently paid \$196,625 per year.

Member of the Board of Education

The Board of Education is the governing body for the San Francisco Unified School District. It directs kindergarten through grade twelve.

The term of office for members of the Board of Education is four years. They are paid \$6,000 per year.

There are seven members of the Board of Education. Voters will elect three members this election.

Member of the Community College Board

The Community College Board is the governing body for the San Francisco Community College District. It directs City College and other adult learning centers.

The term of office for members of the Community College Board is four years. They are paid \$6,000 per year.

There are seven members of the Community College Board. Voters will elect three members this election.



Candidates for United States Representative, District 8

JOHN DENNIS

My occupation is Independent Businessman.

My qualifications are:

As a San Franciscan, an independent businessman, and a parent, I am most concerned with Washington's abuse of power, the loss of jobs, the burdening debt, and our government's disregard of civil liberties. Our district and the future of our country are heading in the wrong direction.

I'm running for Congress for three reasons:

Washington's spending habits have created exorbitant amounts of debt we can never repay. The Congress responsible for this crisis should be held accountable and fired.

To get America out of Afghanistan. Ending the longest war in our nation's history is one of my top priorities. Under our leadership's failed policies, too many Americans have been killed; too much money has been spent. Nation building is not the job of our military.

To stop the erosion of our individual freedoms. Government, at all levels, has become too intrusive and wields too much control over our personal and economic lives. We need more representatives who believe that freedom flourishes when government authority is restrained.

As your next representative, I will work with you to fight the reckless spending that threatens our future prosperity, to bring American troops home from Afghanistan and Iraq, and pay down the debt to strengthen job growth. I am committed to continuing and expanding the great American experiment in liberty.

John Dennis

NANCY PELOSI

My occupation is Member of Congress.

My qualifications are:

For 23 years, I have been privileged to serve San Francisco in Congress. Job creation is my top priority for San Francisco: working to transfer Treasure Island from the Navy, bringing significant federal investments to clean Hunters Point and transforming the Transbay Transit Center into a modern, multi-modal facility. Throughout my career, my efforts have led to the redevelopment and creation of affordable housing in neighborhoods from Visitacion Valley to North Beach, as well as provided supportive housing for people with HIV/AIDS, veterans and those transitioning from homelessness.

Coming to Congress to fight against HIV/AIDS, my efforts resulted in authorization and increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, expanded access to Medicaid, and other initiatives assisting people living with HIV/AIDS.

Together, we have made progress for all Americans. First among our achievements is historic health care reform, insuring 32 million more Americans and increasing affordability, accessibility and accountability.

Leading a swift response to the failed economic policies of George Bush, Congress passed the Recovery Act, tough Wall Street reform legislation, and comprehensive legislation to create clean energy jobs of the future. We will not go back.

Honoring the ideal of equality that is America's heritage is a great priority; we passed hate crimes legislation and have voted to repeal the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. And we are working to pass ENDA.

Thank you for the privilege of representing you in Congress and the opportunity to serve as Speaker of the House. Today, I ask for your vote.

Nancy Pelosi



Candidate for United States Representative, District 12

JACKIE SPEIER

My occupation is U.S. Representative.

My qualifications are:

I am honored to serve as your congresswoman. In our district, where I have lived my entire life, people work hard and demand action from those they elect.

That's why I have written legislation that immediately improves the lives of Americans, such as bills to:

- Restore Bay Area estuaries and marshlands
- Protect children from toxic metals;
- Protect motorists through use of black box data in vehicles

I pushed for strict investment rules in the historic Walls Street reform law signed by the President this year.

I oppose the war in Afghanistan and support a safe withdrawal of our forces coupled with improved benefits and medical treatment for veterans.

I will protect the Social Security system so it will continue to provide fully funded benefits.

I believe in marriage equality and an end to discrimination in the workplace (ENDA).

I believe we can get more people back to work by fighting the outsourcing of jobs and by investing in business that make products here, not overseas.

I've assembled a stellar constituent services staff to provide real solutions here at home. Recently, we:

- Helped 1500 + job seekers at two Job Hunters Boot Camps;
- Aided homeowners with mortgage and credit counseling;

Additionally, I communicate regularly with constituents at community meetings, open office hours and telephone town halls.

I am honored to serve you in Congress and humbly ask for your vote so that I may continue doing so.

Jackie Speier



Candidate for State Assembly, District 12

ALFONSO FAUSTINO

My occupation is Capital Asset Manager.

My qualifications are:

My family has resided in San Francisco for over 40 years. I grew up in the City, went to its parochial schools, and received my Bachelor's degree from USF. I live in the Twin Peaks neighborhood.

For over twenty years, I worked in the private sector, applying my leadership skills and technical and financial expertise to manage multimillion-dollar budgets for Fortune 500 companies.

I am currently an independent Capital Asset Manager. My extensive experience in the private sector has well prepared me to find common-sense solutions to the challenges facing California.

The Golden State is nearing a tipping point. Our jobless rate is the third highest in the nation (behind Nevada and Michigan), our schools are failing, and the State can no longer sustain the overly generous salaries, pensions and benefits of a bloated bureaucracy.

As your next Assemblyman, I will represent your interests, not those of the special interests – who got us into this mess in the first place. I will work day and night to create jobs in the private sector, reform our educational system, and ensure the State lives within its means.

I am honored to have been endorsed by Chief Tony Ribera, California Republicans for Environmental Protection, Log Cabin Republicans of San Francisco, the San Francisco Young Republicans, and many more.

Please visit my website at AlfonsoFaustino.com for more information, and remember to vote on November 2. It's time for Bold New Leadership.

Alfonso Faustino

Candidate, 12th Assembly District



Candidates for State Assembly, District 13

TOM AMMIANO

My occupation is Member, California State Assembly.

My qualifications are:

It's been an honor to serve in the State Assembly and fight for Californians during the worst economic crisis in decades.

My priority has been to save funding for schools, healthcare, child care and local services. Despite economic hardship, we rejected deep cuts in our social safety net and support for HIV/AIDS patients, domestic violence shelters and in-home care for the elderly and disabled.

As Public Safety Chair, I fought for civilian oversight over BART police and championed sensible drug policy by winning the first public hearing regarding marijuana legalization.

I am proud to receive a 100% score from the Consumer Federation of California and the California League of Conservation Voters.

Next term, I will continue my work for the environment, for consumers and for protecting our schools, health-care and social services from drastic budget cuts.

Please join my supporters:

Sierra Club

United Educators of San Francisco

California Nurses Association

California Teachers Association

San Francisco Firefighters

California Professional Firefighters

San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

State Senator Mark Leno

State Senator Leland Yee

Assemblymember Fiona Ma

Board of Equalization Member Betty Yee

District Attorney Kamala Harris

City Attorney Dennis Herrera

Sheriff Mike Hennessey

Board of Supervisors President David Chiu

Assessor Phil Ting

Treasurer Jose Cisneros

School Board Member Kim-Shree Maufas

Aaron Peskin, President San Francisco Democratic Party

John Burton, Chair CA Democratic Party

Tim Paulson, Executive Director San Francisco Labor Council

Conny Ford, VP Political Activities San Francisco Labor Council

Tom Ammiano

LAURA PETER

My occupation is Business /Technology Attorney.

My qualifications are:

I'm a native Californian and moved to San Francisco in 1997. I currently reside on Russian Hill.

My parents urged me to get the best education I could, and I received my undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from Cornell University, and graduate degrees from the University of Chicago and University of London. I received my Law Degree from the University of Santa Clara.

I've spent most of my professional career as an attorney for a number of technology firms in Silicon Valley, including general counsel of a publicly traded company – specializing in corporate law and intellectual property. I'm currently in private practice in the City.

California is experiencing the worse unemployment rate since the Great Depression, the State is nearly insolvent, and Sacramento wants to raise your taxes. Yet very few legislators have been willing or able to reach across the aisle to find common-sense solutions because they are beholden to the special interests.

My interests are those of the voters of District 13: create more jobs; stop run-away spending; and protect Prop. 13. We've got to get our fiscal house in order.

I'm endorsed by former Congressman Tom Campbell, Ken Derr, Small Property Owners of San Francisco, California Republicans for Environmental Protection, and Log Cabin Republicans of San Francisco, among many other individuals and groups.

Please go to my website at laurapeter.com to learn more about my qualifications, common-sense solutions, and my campaign and please remember to vote for me on November 2, 2010.

Sincerely,

Laura Peter, nominee for the Assembly, 13th District

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Candidate for State Senator, District 8

LELAND YEE

My occupation is State Senator.

My qualifications are:

It has been an honor to stand up for the priorities of San Francisco and San Mateo County during these difficult economic times.

As an educator and parent who put four children through public schools, I stood with working families and voted this year against all cuts to education, health care and local government.

I will continue to fight against balancing the budget on the backs of seniors, students, the poor and the disabled.

My accomplishments as your State Senator include:

COMBATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE by restoring \$16.3 million for 94 domestic violence shelters and centers throughout California.

PROTECTED CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS by strengthening criminal background checks at youth organizations.

CHAMPIONED REFORMS AT UC AND CSU, fighting excessive executive pay, exorbitant fee hikes and increasing governing transparency.

RECOGNIZED FILIPINO-AMERICANS by making California the first to declare October as Filipino American History Month.

ESTABLISHED A DOUBLE FINE ZONE on 19th and Van Ness Avenues to protect pedestrians.

ENCOURAGED RENEWABLE ENERGY production by allowing water and wastewater agencies to sell environmentally-friendly energy.

ADDED SEXUAL ORIENTATION to the list of protections in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

I am proud to have the support of the following organizations:

California Democratic Party
 California Teachers Association
 United Educators of San Francisco
 California Federation of Teachers
 California School Employees Association
 Association of California School Administrators
 California Nurses Association
 Sierra Club
 California Labor Federation
 California Professional Firefighters
 California Association of Highway Patrolmen
 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
 Equality California

Leland Yee

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Candidates for BART Director, District 8

JAMES FANG

My occupation is President, BART Board of Directors.

My qualifications are:

As your elected BART Director, I have always made sure BART connects San Francisco residents to their jobs and families. Now BART is helping lead Bay Area economic revitalization by creating tens of thousands of new jobs, expanding environmentally clean BART service, lowering costs and cutting fares:

- **LEADING JOB CREATION:** 215,000 new local jobs from building clean, seismically safe service, 20% for women and minorities;
- **LOWER FARES:** First proposed BART FARE REDUCTION;
- **ON-TIME EXCELLENCE:** Increased on-time performance to 96%;
- **SAVING JOBS AND MONEY:** Guaranteed no layoffs! Negotiated \$100 million cost savings;
- **REFORM AND SAFETY:** Established first police oversight committee;
- **CONTINUING VISION:** Connecting BART from San Francisco to Silicon Valley;
- **NATION'S GREENEST:** 66% renewable electricity; BART will be nation's first public transit system owning SOLAR FARM;
- **HISTORIC EQUALITY:** First female general manager, first African American woman deputy.

I'm proud to have these endorsements. I would be proud to have your vote for re-election!

US Senator Dianne Feinstein
US House Speaker Pelosi
Mayor Gavin Newsom
Eight of nine BART Directors
CA Senator Mark Leno
DA Kamala Harris
Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
Public Defender Adachi
Assessor Phil Ting
S.F. Building and Trades Council
Sheriff Michael Hennessey

James Fang

BERT HILL

My occupation is Educator.

My qualifications are:

I served 25 years with a global engineering company in cost control and financial management; 35 years as a Westside transit rider. I have served on the MUNI/Metro Transit Effectiveness Project Advisory Committee, and executive boards of nonprofits in credit union, transportation, and housing. I chair the Bicycle Advisory Committee at City Hall, and am active in the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association.

For over 40 years, people in the Western and Northern neighborhoods have paid sales and property taxes to BART but received little in return. The current board continues to extend the system to outlying areas at the expense of basic operations and preventative maintenance. Recently, rather than using an unexpected windfall to restore services or creating a reserve for next year's expected deficit, some directors pushed for a costly temporary fare rollback coincident with this election.

BART is likely to reach passenger capacity within the decade, requiring a huge capital investment and debt burden upgrading stations and trains, especially in San Francisco.

I will advocate for improving the existing system with sound fiscal decisions, access for this district's BART patrons, improved service, and cleaner stations and trains.

Bert for BART.

Endorsed by SF BART Director Tom Radulovich

Bert Hill



Candidates for BART Director, District 8

BRIAN J. LARKIN

My occupation is Engineer.

My qualifications are:

- 35 years of engineering experience including ten years with BART administering construction projects
- Seven years service — four as chairperson - on the Citizens Advisory Committee to the San Francisco Transportation Authority
- Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering – U C Berkeley
- Licensed professional engineer

District 8, which consists mostly of the western part of San Francisco, is overdue its share of expansion funding. District 8 has fewer stations than San Mateo County, a relative newcomer to the BART District. I live in the Richmond District and it takes as long to get downtown on the bus as people coming from Concord or Union City on BART. The Richmond District not only lacks BART service, it is the only part of the City that has no Muni Metro rail service.

The BART Board needs someone with an understanding of delivering large projects in the public sector. BART staffers do a great job, but there have been huge overruns on some ill-conceived projects in recent years. For example, the Advanced Automatic Train Control System has cost tens of millions of dollars and produced nothing but a massive lawsuit. The informed Board oversight that I would bring is the taxpaying public's last line of defense against such losses.

Brian J. Larkin



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 2

KAT ANDERSON

My occupation is Employment Lawyer, Mother.

My qualifications are:

I see a decline in the quality of our leadership at City Hall. Some supervisors are more intent on advocating their personal agendas than delivering solutions that San Francisco so badly needs.

Our City is confronting real challenges. That's why we need someone with the skill, initiative and integrity to provide commonsense solutions. I'm a longtime San Franciscan, Stanford University graduate, lawyer, mother, homeowner. I am deeply involved in neighborhood issues as a Director of the Marina Community Association.

I've excelled at confronting difficult issues and vigorously advocating for my clients. I'll apply the same skill and dedication as supervisor – advocating for you. I'll give voice to the real issues that affect us at home, on our streets, in our businesses and schools.

I will advocate for:

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Reduce the structural budget deficit and cut government waste

Demand audits for more efficient administration

Preserve essential services like public safety, public works and parks

ECONOMIC VITALITY:

Enact policies to attract and support businesses

NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST:

Make constituent service my top priority

Hold town hall meetings

EDUCATION:

Equal funding to improve school quality

Reform assignment policy so students can attend their neighborhood schools

Help me be your citizen-legislator. Thank you.

www.katanderson.net

Kat Anderson

BARBARA BERWICK

My occupation is Business Woman.

My qualifications are:

I have a lifetime of business experience. I have successfully turned a thousand dollars into a thriving enterprise and have navigated my business through many different economic environments. I have a bachelor's degree in mathematics from U.C. Berkeley and work experience in economics and law. I would like to enhance the productivity of the operations of the city that I have lived in since the late 1960's.

I bring to the table intelligence and decision making based on rational thinking. I think outside the box. I have worked with government to promote human rights. I have no obligations to any special interest and no motive to do anything but act in the best interests of my district and the citizens of San Francisco.

Please go to my website

www.BerwickforSupervisor.com to view my original and current policy proposals. Please e-mail your questions to Barbara@Berwickforsupervisor.com

Elect me and I will work to promote the health and economic prosperity of our citizens, distribute the burden of financial support of our government fairly and provide opportunity for all citizens.

Government should exist to serve its citizens.

Vote for Barbara Berwick.

Barbara Berwick



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 2

MARK FARRELL

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

I am running for the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco because I believe San Francisco needs elected officials with not only a passion for our great City, but also the professional background to make a difference.

I am a native San Franciscan – born and raised in District 2. My wife and I have committed to raising our family in District 2 – it always has been, and always will be, home.

I practiced law in Silicon Valley for 3 years, worked as an investment banker in San Francisco for over 5 years, and currently I am a partner in a San Francisco-based venture capital firm. San Francisco's budget deficit is climbing to over \$700 million next year, and we need people with business and finance experience that will translate into results in City Hall. I am the only candidate with these qualifications.

We must elect leaders in San Francisco, not career political candidates – leaders who want to make a difference for San Francisco and District 2.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Selected Endorsements:

Elected Officials:

Mike Hennessey

Organizations:

Building Owners and Managers Association of San Francisco (BOMA)

Plan C

Small Property Owners of San Francisco

Mark Farrell

VILMA B. GUINTO PEORO

My occupation is Business Management Retired.

My qualifications are:

- University of San Francisco – Business Administration

I've lived in America all my adult life and members of my family lives throughout San Francisco / Bay Area. As a candidate for the Board of Supervisors I am committed to bring to the office a diverse experience and viewpoints. For the past 45 years my children, family and community has been the focus of my career. I advocate programs of special concern to our community, particularly children/seniors.

I also, advocate programs to protect neighborhoods and enhance police presence due to the increasing number of transients and homeless people. The waterfront has been a main object of attention in the past many years. Hopefully, it's starting to come into fruition.

As your Supervisor in District 2 I would like to see a more business friendly in the areas of once booming neighborhoods. The Presidio will also be a great community to have our seniors enjoy its beauty and serenity.

My goal for San Francisco is to make dreams come true and achieve to provide the best for our community. I will serve San Francisco to the best of my ability in giving me your trust and humble vote. I thank you for this indulgence.

Vilma B. Guinto Peoro



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 2

JANET REILLY

My occupation is Director, Transportation District.

My qualifications are:

Our City is sliding downhill because our local government is too often fractious, divided and petty. At a time when San Francisco is losing jobs, battling perennial budget shortfalls and fighting to maintain vital services, City Hall is a house divided.

It's time to govern FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY.

My credentials include:

- First Vice President of the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District
- Co-founder of Clinic by the Bay, a free health clinic for the working uninsured
- Former Director of Public Relations for Mervyn's Department Stores
- Wife and Mother of Two Daughters

I want to do my part to create an honest, collaborative government that works.

My top priorities as Supervisor will be encouraging economic and job growth in San Francisco, reining in and rationalizing our city budget, and protecting and enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Please join my supporters:

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Mayor Gavin Newsom
Congresswoman Jackie Speier
CA State Party Chair John Burton
County Party Chair Aaron Peskin
State Senators Mark Leno & Leland Yee
SF District Attorney Kamala Harris
CA Assemblymembers Fiona Ma & Tom Ammiano
SF Board of Supervisors President David Chiu

www.janetreilly.com

Janet Reilly

ABRAHAM SIMMONS

My occupation is Assistant U.S. Attorney.

My qualifications are:

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and previously in private practice, I've pursued cases involving mismanagement, fraud, and discrimination. This experience was invaluable during my two terms on San Francisco's Civil Grand Jury, where I exposed waste and inefficiency in City government, from soaring pension costs to misuse of public property.

Currently, I'm Chairman of the Citizens' Audit Review Board and the General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee, watchdog groups that keep tabs on costs of government projects. What I've uncovered about City government has compelled me to run for Supervisor and use my skills and knowledge to make San Francisco work efficiently.

As your Supervisor, my priorities will be supporting small business, fixing critical services like MUNI, reducing waste in City spending, and demanding accountability for our school budget.

I'm deeply rooted in District 2. My wife and I are homeowners, and she owns a small business. Our kids go to San Francisco public schools, and I take MUNI to work. We share the frustration many voters feel about what's happened to our city.

I want to make San Francisco better, by making it work for YOU.

Endorsed by respected community leaders and small business owners. For a full list, visit www.abrahamsimmons.org.

Abraham Simmons



Candidate for Board of Supervisors, District 4

CARMEN CHU

My occupation is Member, San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

My qualifications are:

I've listened, heard and made it my priority to fight for the issues and investments in San Francisco that will benefit our city today and tomorrow.

I've fought for infrastructure improvements to the Ortega and Parkside libraries, West Sunset Playground, Sunset Rec Center and McCoppin Square to create more welcoming, safer environments and state-of-the-art equipment and resources.

I will continue working to ensure our community feels safe and protected in their neighborhoods, while visiting the grocery store, walking to school and riding Muni.

To help small businesses, I'm working to streamline the city's contracting process, ensure prompt payment for work completed and help merchants increase the vibrancy of merchant corridors to create new jobs.

I introduced successful legislation that provides protections to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, and in response to massage parlors operating as prostitution fronts in our neighborhoods, my successful legislation strengthens regulations, coordinates enforcement, and expands community review of proposed massage establishments.

I am endorsed by:

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Senator Dianne Feinstein
State Senator Leland Yee
Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
Mayor Gavin Newsom
SF Labor Council
SF Firefighters Local 798
SF Police Officers Association
United Educators of SF

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Carmen Chu



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

MATT ASHE

My occupation is Union Stagehand.

My qualifications are:

I've worked for IATSE for 18 years as a worker and steward balancing management's budgetary concerns while simultaneously protecting workers' rights and wages. My accrued experience has allowed me to resolve many labor disputes with equitable outcomes.

As a twenty-year resident of San Francisco I've seen dramatic and devastating changes to the San Francisco community: profligate spending by our municipalities, then budgets slashed, tolerant SF residents pushed to the brink by a deteriorating quality of life, and small businesses plagued by a myriad of permits and escalating fees.

I support:

- A 35% increase in TIC to condominium conversions.
- All gay, lesbian, and transgender civil rights issues.
- Redevelopment Agency's first time homebuyer program.
- The Clean Power SF program.
- Limiting fees on small businesses and reducing time for construction permits.
- All Food Security Task Force programs.
- Public education 100% percent.
- Free parking meter Sundays.
- District 6 sponsoring for-profit health care services.

I oppose:

- Congestion Pricing for downtown SF.
- Sfpark program for meters exceeding \$5 an hour.
- I oppose additional fee pricing for white zone special privilege.
- No Child Left Behind

Education: BA & JD

Matt Ashe

H. BROWN

My occupation is Retired Teacher.

My qualifications are:

I have lived in the district for 30 years and I have known every single candidate for D-6 supervisor. My hobby is writing about local politics online. I have written over 1,500 columns about the Board and in my opinion the best District supes over the last 10 years have been Matt Gonzalez and Tom Ammiano. My blog is SFBULLDOG.COM.

You can see some of the interviews I have done with the other candidates at WWW.POTTALKTV.ORG.

Listen for my picks at forums.

h. brown



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

DEAN CLARK

My occupation is Teacher / Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

Teacher, Business Owner, former United States Marine and advocate for pet adoption.

Dean Clark has been a teacher and small business owner in San Francisco for years. Dean has worked in Public and Private education and is a former Marine in the United States Marine Corps.

Dean Clark has attended San Francisco State University for a special education credential, city college for early childhood education certificates, and University of Wisconsin where he obtained a Bachelors in Business Administration in Marketing, Real Estate, Management Information Systems and a minor in Economics.

As a supervisor, I will improve our quality of life in San Francisco and District 6 by:

Work on making the neighborhoods safe.

Work on affordable housing, and expand home ownership and rentals for all.

Other areas I plan to help with are, health care, taxi industry, excessive spending, taxes, and assistance with matters of interests with constituents of District 6.

Dean Clark

GEORGE DAVIS

My occupation is Writer.

My qualifications are:

I am the author of the books: Cabdrivers Guide to San Francisco, Naked Yoga, and Weapons of Mass Deception. (Books are available at www.fkkfreebodyculture.com.) I have written numerous magazine articles covering topics ranging from San Francisco politics, economics, urban planning, tourism, civil liberties, health and fitness, to theology.

In the 1970's, I worked as a San Francisco cabdriver. In the 1980's and 1990's, I was an independent businessman and owned several different real estate agencies and companies.

I am a long-time member of Amnesty International and the ACLU. I have campaigned for civil liberties, freedom of expression, and freedom from censorship for decades. I have campaigned for these views to the point where I have been arrested and exonerated several times.

I am 64 years old and am fully aware of the deficiencies in medical care delivery to Seniors and the general population; especially dental, vision, and hearing care.

I have also raised three children and have three grandchildren.

I will be blogging this campaign at www.georgedavisdistrictsix.wordpress.com with uncensored photos and commentary. You are welcome to communicate with me through that blog.

George Davis

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Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

MATT DRAKE

My occupation is Technology Attorney.

My qualifications are:

I am running for Supervisor because I love San Francisco and want to make it even better. I have an unusual background for a candidate—I have spent my entire career outside of City Hall in the private sector working at technology companies and law firms. I will bring that experience and a fresh perspective to the Board of Supervisors. I will focus on four areas:

JOBS: San Francisco's biggest immediate problem is our economy. We need to create a business climate that promotes job creation in San Francisco. I will make it easier for companies to grow and get San Francisco working again.

QUALITY OF LIFE: Everyone deserves safe and clean streets. I will work with community groups and law enforcement to make our streets safe for everyone.

FIXING CITY GOVERNMENT: City government should be efficient, effective, responsive and accessible to San Franciscans while spending our tax dollars wisely. I will fight to end government waste.

DEVELOPMENT: I support additional development in the district. San Francisco has a continuing shortage of middle class and family housing. New construction should include these kinds of housing.

My website is www.drakeforsupervisor.com. Thank you for your support.

Matt Drake

GLENDON "ANNA CONDA" HYDE

My occupation is Community Organizer, Activist, and Drag Queen.

My qualifications are:

Throughout my 14 years as a District 6 resident, I've advocated for the rights of low-income families, the homeless, the elderly and the LGBT community. In addition to my career as a hairdresser and nightlife promoter, I've been an activist since 1984.

I've worked closely with several nonprofit organizations including:

- AIDS Housing Alliance
- Community Housing Partnership
- Marriage Equality USA
- Join the Impact

As District 6 Supervisor I'll advocate for:

- Decriminalizing Homelessness
- Creating Safe and Affordable Housing
- Extending Rent Control to Small Businesses and Nightlife
- Keeping Muni Running Effectively

Homeless day centers and drug-user safe-injection sites would dramatically reduce both the number of people on the street and the amount of tax dollars we spend on police, fire and emergency services for these populations.

Quickly being priced out of the City are the residents, families and small businesses that make our neighborhoods culturally vibrant. We can stop this by extending citywide rent control to residents, small businesses and nightlife.

As an advocate for social changes that strengthen our city, I'll ensure that everyone who lives in San Francisco can do so affordably and with dignity.

Glendon "Anna Conda" Hyde
www.AnnaConda2010.com



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

JAMES KEYS

My occupation is Health Program Director.

My qualifications are:

This past decade I have lived and worked in the Tenderloin. As a San Franciscan who is also black, gay, low-income, and living with AIDS/HIV, I have personally felt injustice. The fight against this injustice is what has driven me to roll up my sleeves and work to better the community for all of us.

As Chair of the Mental Health Board, I led the charge for culturally competent mental health services for everyone struggling with this disease.

While at Senior Action Network, I organized seniors to advocate for universal health care, affordable housing, and a budget that prioritizes the most vulnerable among us.

I am the only candidate with hands-on experience in the District 6 Supervisor's office-- uniting progressives in the fight for affordable housing, accessible health care, and living wage jobs.

When elected, I will continue the good work of our current Supervisor on the district's most pressing issues. I will also continue the fight to make sure that people have a say in the decisions that affect our lives. I will not allow us to go back to business as usual, where corporations and their political lobbyist call the shots.

Vote James Keys District 6 Supervisor!

James Keys

JANE KIM

My occupation is President, School Board / Civil Rights Attorney.

My qualifications are:

Bachelor of Arts degree - Stanford University
Juris Doctorate – U.C. Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)

It's time to renew the promise of San Francisco. District 6 is a diverse and vibrant place. We reflect the very best that San Francisco has to offer—from the innovation of our high-tech industry, to the cultural diversity represented by our people. Like all city centers, our district faces challenges. We have struggled to keep our streets safe and clean, and to find compassionate, effective care for the homeless. We can do better. As President of the Board of Education, I have demonstrated leadership in improving the quality of our schools. Today, San Francisco boasts the top-ranked urban school district in California.

On the Board of Supervisors, I will work to:

- Protect tenants and expand affordable housing
- Create more open, green spaces
- Offer compassionate solutions for the homeless
- Fight street crime, making our neighborhoods safer

My supporters include: Community Tenants Association
Assemblywoman Fiona Ma

Assessor Phil Ting

Supervisors: President David Chiu, John Avalos,
Eric Mar

School Board Members: Hydra Mendoza,
Sandra Lee Fewer

BART Board Director Tom Radulovich

Join me in making our community stronger. Our best days are yet to come. www.janekim.org

Jane Kim



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

JIM MEKO

My occupation is Print Shop Owner.

My qualifications are:

I have lived and worked in District 6 since 1977. As a long-time resident and small business owner, I have an intimate knowledge of the quality of life issues that affect all of us. I know what has worked and what has failed.

I am a familiar face at City Hall, not as a gadfly or political crony, but rather as a strong advocate for community-based planning.

People know me as an organizer who listens to everybody. I support the options that do the most good for the most people. As your Supervisor, I would like to hear your ideas and work together on solutions.

My good judgement has been informed by 7 years of experience on the Entertainment Commission and 6 years (and literally hundreds of community meetings) as Chair of the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force. I am not beholden to special interest groups, political machines, or powerful benefactors.

I am a fiscally responsible progressive. I fully support the need to reform our unsustainable public employee pension system in order to save our City's vital services.

Everyone deserves a great neighborhood!

www.MekoUnites.com

Jim Meko

NATE PAYNE

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

My name is Nate Payne and I am running for District 6 Supervisor. I respectfully ask for your vote this November. I have lived, worked and attend schools in San Francisco for 28 years. I started my life here in the Tenderloin Neighborhood at Raphael House with my parents in 1982. I then moved to the Sunset Neighborhood and now back here in District 6 for the last 6 years. I am here to "step up" and run for office in the City I call home. I am not a professional politician and "will represent the people" I work for "that is you" the voter and the businesses. District 6 and San Francisco as a whole faces many challenges and here my top priorities: 1) Safe Neighborhoods 2) Control Spending 3) Quality of life. If you cannot insure safety with proper funding you will not have the quality of life we all work so hard to achieve. If you have any questions, comments or just want to know more about me please reach out and contact me through my campaign web sites: [www.VoteNate2010.com], [www.Facebook.com/NatePayne2010].

Thank you, and please remember to vote your voice will be heard.

Nate Payne



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

THERESA SPARKS

My occupation is Human Rights Director.

My qualifications are:

I care about San Francisco and I'm concerned about its future. I am the only candidate in District 6 with experience as president of the Police Commission, as a small business entrepreneur creating hundreds of sustainable jobs and as an environmental pioneer in Clean Technology. Think about a city where our diversity is not just a slogan but our greatest strength, the engine of our creativity and economic recovery; a city that is family-friendly with neighborhoods that are safe for children, seniors and people of all income levels; and, a City that encourages everyone to engage in civil conversation about the role of City government.

I have been endorsed by a unique coalition of labor, business and community leaders, including SEIU-UHW, San Francisco Association of Realtors and Senator Mark Leno.

This campaign is about giving back to the City that has given me so much, and asked so little in return. It's about jobs, the economy and rebuilding the City without sacrificing the values that make San Francisco world-class. This campaign is about proven leadership and showing the world we can, once again, make history. I ask for your vote to bring common sense, fiscal discipline and civility back to City Hall.

Theresa Sparks

GEORGE VAZHAPPALLY

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

I am a resident and member of the San Francisco community for six years and a small business owner and entrepreneur, serving the community needs. I am an active board member of several non profit community organizations and a volunteer worker.

My experience in various fields such as health and medical, computer and small business entrepreneurship allows me to understand and address the needs of the voters in San Francisco.

As a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I will listen to the concerns of my constituents and I will work hard to solve these major issues:

Provide additional shelters and resources to the homeless and needy people with food, clothing, medical care, education and job training.

Approve programs and help to raise funds for drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Crime is a major issue to be addressed with urgency. I will approve the hiring of more police and fire fighters, increase neighborhood watches and citizen assistance.

Provide incentives for students to remain in school, hire more teachers, and ease restrictions for opening more Charter Schools.

Reduce taxes especially to small businesses to give incentives to hire the unemployed and under privileged youth.

George Vazhappally

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Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

DEBRA WALKER

My occupation is Artist / Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

District 6 is ground zero for San Francisco's toughest challenges. As your Supervisor, I will enact progressive solutions that create jobs, improve public safety, protect tenants, and ensure economic development that works for all.

My experience includes:

- 25 years living and working in District 6
- Past President /Tenant Representative, Building Inspection Commission
- Past President, Harvey Milk LGBT Club
- Bay Guardian "Local Hero"

My leadership includes:

TENANT REPRESENTATIVE. Helped prevent unjust evictions, protect rent control, improve SRO living conditions and strengthen housing inspection.

CITY REFORMER. Reformed corrupt city department, creating new leadership, instituting audit and toughening ethics standards.

SAFETY ADVOCATE. Working to promote community policing and focusing on pedestrian and transit safety. Bringing together neighbors, businesses and police to increase nightclub safety.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. Ensuring that development doesn't destroy neighborhoods, protects local small businesses, provides real community benefits and creates jobs.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER. Track record advocating for LGBT, immigrant and underserved communities and battling for progressive causes.

Endorsed by: Sierra Club, California Nurses Association, United Educators of San Francisco, San Francisco Labor Council, San Francisco Women's Political Committee, State Senator Leland Yee, Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, former State Senator Carole Migden, Supervisor David Campos and more.

www.votedebrawalker.com

Debra Walker

ELAINE ZAMORA

My occupation is Attorney / CBD Manager.

My qualifications are:

I'm 58 years old and married for 22 years. I received my BA from the University of California at Berkeley and my JD from Loyola School of Law Los Angeles. I practiced workers' compensation law since 1982. I was a founding and the managing partner of Zamora & Wynn representing injured workers. In 2005, I was recognized, one of Northern California's Super Lawyers in Workers' Compensation. I am a Certified Workers' Compensation Specialist, semi-retired, since June 2006, after 24 years of practice.

I formed the North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District (CBD). As chair of the formation committee, I brought together a broad-based group of property owners, businesses and residents. Previously, I volunteered in several neighborhood groups, all efforts to clean, beautify, and enhance the quality of life in District 6.

I've been the CBD District Manager, since its inception in 2005. My efforts bring full service sidewalk cleaning, trees, community events, and safety efforts, such as Safe Streets Festival, TNT-The New Tenderloin, a grass-roots safety group, and activities around the arts. I engage people of the Tenderloin, in the improvement of their neighborhood. I work hard and have a proven record of getting things done.

Elaine Zamora



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 8

BILL HEMENGER

My occupation is Businessman.

My qualifications are:

I offer over 25 years in the private sector – growing businesses, employing people, managing budgets, eliminating waste, and brokering compromise among competing interests. These skills, necessary for a city in budgetary crisis, are often absent from officials that are more concerned with political grandstanding than with the hard work of governance. Fiscal responsibility and public accountability are the bases of my campaign. City government needs a balance of viewpoints – including that of the business community. Encouraging responsible business of all sizes means jobs and sustainable growth, both vital to San Francisco's future.

I am not a politician. I have refused endorsements and avoid political allegiances, which inhibit civic progress. I am the only true independent candidate in District 8 and stand apart from San Francisco's political machine. My deliberations will be based solely on what is best for the people of this city. My goal is not furtherance of my political career. I seek only to make San Francisco the best place it can be.

I am a 13-year resident of San Francisco. My partner of nine years and I are property owners in District 8. We are deeply invested in this community. We want to see it thrive.

www.billfordistrict8.com

Bill Hemenger

RAFAEL MANDELMAN

My occupation is Affordable Housing Attorney.

My qualifications are:

When I was growing up and my family couldn't care for me, San Franciscans stepped up, taking me into their homes and giving me the chance to eventually attend Yale, Harvard, and Berkeley Law. I'm running for Supervisor because every child should have the same opportunities to thrive here that I did.

As a lawyer in private practice, I have helped nonprofit housing developers create thousands of affordable housing units and helped cities revitalize declining commercial areas and find revenue to maintain critical public services.

As a Commissioner on the Building Inspection Commission and Board of Appeals I stood up for neighbors, tenants and historic buildings and stood up to developers, big corporations and well-connected insiders seeking special favors.

As a community activist and president of the Noe Valley and Harvey Milk Clubs, I have campaigned for public financing and strong ethics reforms, lobbied for Healthy San Francisco, fought to keep St. Luke's open, and worked for real MUNI reform.

"Rafael will provide progressive leadership to address San Francisco's toughest challenges."

- Assemblymember Tom Ammiano

Also endorsed by the Sierra Club, California Nurses Association, United Educators of San Francisco, San Francisco Labor Council, Tenants Union, and Harvey Milk Club.

www.rafael2010.com

Rafael Mandelman



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 8

REBECCA PROZAN

My occupation is Assistant District Attorney.

My qualifications are:

In these historic economic times, San Francisco must do more with less. We need experience, leadership, skills, and common sense to revitalize our City.

I'm proud of my 14-year record of achievement solving neighborhood problems. As a Prosecutor, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Dufty, Recreation and Park Commissioner, and District 8 & LGBT Liaison for Mayor Willie Brown, I can make government work.

My accomplishments:

- Renovated recreation centers, preserved children's programs: Upper Noe, Eureka Valley Recreation Centers
- Support small businesses through Carrotmob, a method of community organizing to green businesses
- Organized public hearings to streamline MUNI
- Prosecuted burglaries, robberies, assaults and narcotic cases
- Expanded parking in Noe Valley

My approach starts with you. Whether it's the economy, planning, MUNI, public safety, quality of life, or schools, I will be a neighborhood Supervisor who puts YOU first.

Endorsements: Alice B Toklas Club, Phyllis Lyon, Supervisor Bevan Dufty, District Attorney Kamala Harris, Senator Leland Yee, Assemblymember Fiona Ma, School Board Commissioner Rachel Norton, Community College Trustee Steve Ngo, David Perry, Ray and Carlota del Portillo, Justice Harry Low, Steve Adams, Zoanne Nordstrom, Vicki Rosen, Jeff Sheehy, Herb Cohn, Andrea Shorter, Peter Albert, Bernie Melvin, Undersheriff Chris Cunnie.

www.RebeccaProzan.com

Rebecca Prozan

SCOTT WIENER

My occupation is Deputy City Attorney (San Francisco).

My qualifications are:

I'll focus on the basics of city government, not international affairs or ideological warfare:

--Supporting job creation, not creating obstacles.

--Reforming Muni's work rules, reversing service cuts, addressing deteriorating infrastructure. I ride Muni daily and support the Muni reform ballot measure (Prop G).

--Prioritizing neighborhood safety, clean streets, parks. I support Care Not Cash and the Sit/Lie law.

--Ending our boom/bust budget, stabilizing our pension system.

--Making San Francisco family-friendly, improving school assignment, prioritizing afterschool/preschool programs.

--Supporting rent control, homeownership opportunities.

I'm independent – the best candidate to tackle these issues:

--Deputy City Attorney, defending taxpayer dollars against often-frivolous lawsuits

--Co-chair, LGBT Community Center, a leader building the Center

--Co-founder, Castro Community on Patrol (neighborhood safety patrol)

--President of my neighborhood association

--Chair, San Francisco Central Committee; Co-Chair, Alice B. Toklas LGBT Club

--Board Member, Human Rights Campaign

--Graduate, Harvard Law School, Duke University

Endorsements:

Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Senator Mark Leno

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Supervisors Sean Elsbernd, Carmen Chu

Reverend Cecil Williams, Janice Mirikitani

Ambassador James Hormel

Alice B. Toklas LGBT Club

Firefighters Local 798

Police Officers Association

United Healthcare Workers

Building/Construction Trades Council

Janitors/Local 87

Small Property Owners

www.scott2010.com

Scott Wiener

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Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

DR. JAMES M. CALLOWAY

My occupation is Educator.

My qualifications are:

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am running for District 10 Supervisor because I want to make a greater and a positive difference in the district in which I was raised. I have lived or worked in District 10 all of my life. Some members of my immediate family have lived in District 10 for the past 67 years.

I have been an educator in San Francisco and the Bay Area for 39 years.

I was employed by the San Francisco Unified School District for 22 years as a paraprofessional, substitute teacher, teacher, counselor, head counselor, assistant principal and principal. I also had the opportunity to work at every middle school and high school in District 10.

As a school administrator at those schools, I have had the opportunity to work with students, parents, teachers, staff and communities of various ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. Over the years, I gained knowledge on how to work with individuals and communities to get things done.

I will bring those same skills to the Board of Supervisors. I will work hard and diligently with the Mayor and the other 10 Supervisors, city departments, District 10 citizens and San Francisco citizens at large

Dr. James M. Calloway

MALIA COHEN

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

District 10 needs leadership and change. I am a strong African-American woman leader, and I have a vision for our future. District 10 deserves safer streets, jobs, measured responsible growth, and a clean environment. I am a small business and home owner. I have worked in city government. I have the experience and the dedication to make this vision a reality.

I have helped small businesses grow and prosper as well as helped nonprofits shape effective public policy. Last year I helped employ 90 young people from our community in the green jobs industry. I have served our community as an elected delegate to the state party. I earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy.

We stand at a crossroads --- between a bright future with safe streets, jobs, education, a clean environment, and growth or more of the same: crime and a lack of opportunities.

District 10 is our home. We are hard working families who want San Francisco to operate at its maximum potential. My top priorities are curbing crime, stimulating small businesses, protecting families, and providing our children with opportunities. We can achieve this goal. Together, we will keep District 10 working, healthy and safe.

Malia Cohen



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

ED DONALDSON

My occupation is Housing Director.

My qualifications are:

I am asking for your vote as District 10 supervisor to continue the work of leading the respective neighborhoods forward into the 21st century. My commitment to community development, finance and social justice while working at San Francisco Housing Development Corp has provided me a community oriented perspective and skill set needed to address the diverse issues of the district. As your neighborhood reform candidate now is the time to continue to hold the City of San Francisco, developers, and nonprofits accountable to the needs of the respective neighborhoods. Some of my successes in these regards are:

- Support of Quality Neighborhood School.
- Socially Responsible Investment to buy the 1,400 foreclosed S.F. homes.
- Community Development Finance Institution Credit Union on 3rd Street.
- Certificate of Preference Legislation for families displaced from Fillmore and Hunters Point in the 60's and 70's.
- Right to Remain Legislation protecting public housing residents.
- Support of the Local Workforce Hiring Legislation.
- Assisted over 300 families with Affordable Home Purchase
- Support of the Third St Corridor Economic Development Plan.

Endorsements:

Omar Khalif – Candidate for Board of Education
Careem Conley – BVHP Education Advocate

Follow my campaign at:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/edonaldson2>

Ed Donaldson

TERESA DUQUE

My occupation is Community Organizer.

My qualifications are:

Teresa Duque is a community activist who has worked in the Bayview Hunter's Point district for many years. She is concerned about the issues of the neighborhoods including safer streets/ neighborhoods, reviving the economy of the neighborhoods, and the development of a world-class education system for San Francisco. With political and field experience covering two continents, Duque is dedicated to making sure that the basic needs of the district are met. Coming to the United States, Duque has been an active member of the community. Duque has fought to bring jobs to the community, and to create stronger business ties across the Pacific Rim. As a community activist and single mother, Duque has been essential in the active implementation of policies to create safer streets and neighborhoods in the Third Street Corridor of San Francisco, showing both her commitment and dedication to her work. Duque has law enforcement and community experience that spans two continents. Duque worked with City Hall and the San Francisco Police Commission and fought hard to get more police officers on the streets.

Teresa Duque



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

KRISTINE ENEA

My occupation is Lawyer, Businesswoman, Filmmaker.

My qualifications are:

With the most children, diversity, land, sun and waterfront, District 10 is the future of San Francisco – but whose future? D10 growth can work as well for the whole City as for the people who live here now if we invest in safe neighborhoods, strong schools and smart development. My plan includes:

- land use policies that create jobs and amenities
- lively commercial corridors and historic districts
- biking, water transit and active public spaces along the Blue-Greenway
- Shipyard and other development opportunities for small local builders
- paid on-the-job training for youth and ex-offenders
- community-supported neighborhood schools
- equitable City services

I've worked in law, business and community for seventeen years, negotiating complex deals for billion dollar companies, turning visions into reality as a filmmaker and published author, and bringing a voice of reason and consensus to the BVHP PAC and the Shipyard RAB. My experience plus an economics degree and JD/ MBA uniquely qualify me to make the fine print work for everyone.

I've lived in San Francisco since 1989, and invested my life savings into my Hunters Point home. With your support, I will run an effective and responsive office for a prosperous shared future.

www.kristineforsupervisor.com

Kristine Enea

M.J. (MARIE) FRANKLIN

My occupation is Retired. 30 Year Resident.

My qualifications are:

Business Administration
Medical Nurse Practitioner, Hospice
Environmental Technician, III
Emergency 1st. Responder
Community Boards Conflict Resolution
Unitedway Information Referral Specialist
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Organized Four D-10 Incorporations
- Organized STA-USO, NHP Little League Teams
- D-10 Christmas Toys, Food Giveaways
- Led HUD-AIMCO 654 APARTMENTS RENOVATION; PRODUCED 1700 Local Contract Jobs

EDITORIALS: BACK TO BASICS - FOOTPRINTS -
SHOREVIEW NEWS - HPCNN
COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

- E.P.A. Superfund TAG
- Environmental Justice Education
- SF Dept of Environment Indoor Air Purification
- H.U.D. Drug Diversionary
- Mayors Housing Preservation

AFFILIATIONS'

- Shoreview Environmental Justice
- IRIS Center Board Director
- Mayors Advisory Committee
- Mayors Migration Task-Force
- NAACP National Library of Congress-Reader
- OES –RAB –NLIHC-DC

My PLAN restores accountability, cultural dignity, provides 21st Century solutions; Creates an ideal community to live, work, play, raise families with opportunities For the people!

A Civil Rights NAACP Veteran, advocating 17 Environmental Justice Principles & Human Rights.

Article(s) 1,Equality -2,Right of Freedom Without Distinction of Race, Color, Sex Or Religion -15, Nationality or Change Thereof -16,Full Age Marriage -26,Right to Education.

SUPERVISORAL PRIORITY PLANS

1. Endorse Senior-Disabled Services
2. Accelerated Education, Healthy Students, Environmentally Safe Schools
3. Housing: Maximized Construction, w/Purified Air, Virtually Affordable
4. Landmark Preservation
5. Business Sustainability
6. Civic Communiqué

M.J. (Marie) Franklin

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Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

RODNEY HAMPTON, JR.

My occupation is Training and Employment Service Program Manager.

My qualifications are:

I provide mechanism that re-engage community bonding, promote academic and personal achievement for resident of severally economic challenge population through a new innovative customize and neighborhood-base job readiness training course.

I have contributed towards building a safe neighborhood where all youth and community-minded adults can achieve their potential and grow into healthy and responsible citizens.

I know though dramatic redesign of social engagement, development, community inclusion, and human rights in the local government; this will allow a holistic environmental to be fertilized to create a systematic integration of thinking, working together while enhancing the quality of lives in District 10.

Primary Goals: local hiring enforcements, quality schools, community revitalization, public safety, and environmental justice.

Education: Sir Francis Drake Elementary, Herbert Hoover Middle School, J. Eugene McAteer High School, Alabama State University.

Achievements:

- Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
- Human Right Employment Committee (HRC)
- South Western Advisory Committee (SWAC)
- San Francisco Workforce Development Advisory Committee "Appointee" 2004
- Bay Area Collaborative Committee (Bay Bridge and Federal Building)
- Public Utility Commission Employment Collaborative
- UCSF Community Collaborative Workforce Program
- Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee
- Young Community Developers, Inc.

Voting for me is just like voting for you!

electrhj@aol.com

Rodney Hampton, Jr.

CHRIS JACKSON

My occupation is Member, College Board.

My qualifications are:

The strength of our district lies in its diversity. We are proud of our diverse local economy and in the many cultures of our people.

Our challenge is to enrich this diversity by building a stronger foundation for the future.

As an elected Member of the Community College Board, I have worked to improve the quality of education for our residents, and have created jobs training programs for careers in the green industry.

Currently, I serve as Budget Chair of the College Board where I administer a \$191 million budget that employs 800 employees. I am proud that even in these lean economic times, we saved childcare services and did not eliminate any jobs in the district.

On the Board of Supervisors, I will work to:

- Make our neighborhoods more family-friendly
- Expand access to quality, public education
- Improve MUNI performance
- Create living wage jobs in emerging industries
- Make our streets safer

During my tenure working for the San Francisco Labor Council, I worked as an analyst examining the best practices of land use policy for District 10. I will be a strong advocate for working families in City Hall.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.votechrisjackson.com

Chris Jackson



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

ELLSWORTH JENNISON

My occupation is Carpenter.

My qualifications are:

I am a 33 year resident of S.F. The last 27 in Hunters Point. I have been lucky to be employed union carpenter for 33 years. I have a B.A. in History and Political Science from Virginia Tech. I believe I have the ability to listen and work with all people.

Ellsworth Jennison

NYESE JOSHUA

My occupation is Mother.

My qualifications are:

No More Business as Usual No Big Money Campaign Finance

I have lived in Bayview Hunters Point since 1978. I am a single mother, raising a teenage son. The admitted neglect of particular areas of Bayview Hunters Point and District 10 for more than 10 years is unacceptable. This disparity will be addressed. My candidacy answers the desperate need of developing policy that will effectively tackle, for instance: displacement of families and the wiping out of truly affordable housing.

San Francisco politicians and their political stewardship owe the community not corporate greed; the latter is proven disastrous. My candidacy brings the political will and paradigm shift to uproot the current status quo style politics. I believe San Francisco can and must do better.

When election-day closes, in supporting my candidacy you will have voted for a Supervisor who is accountable to you. You will have voted for the Supervisor who is principled to remain committed to you in the midst of pressures to compromise ethics and the existing community's value; you will have voted for a Supervisor who is driven by compassion to stand for you. I truly appreciate you and your vote, nyesej@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Nyese Joshua

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Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

TONY KELLY

My occupation is Art Director.

My qualifications are:

I was born at St. Luke's Hospital and I've lived on Potrero Hill since 1994. Since then I have been volunteering and leading neighborhood efforts for affordable housing, working-class jobs, neighborhood services, open space & transit planning, and environmental justice.

I've been elected President of the Potrero Boosters seven times, and elected to the board of the Potrero Hill Association of Merchants and Businesses eight times. I've served on task forces and advisory panels to the Mayor, the Port of San Francisco, and the Board of Supervisors.

"District 10 and all San Francisco needs Tony Kelly's strong, clear leadership for sustainable development."
– *Ron Miguel and *Christina Olague, San Francisco Planning Commissioners

"Tony Kelly's been an important part of every environmental victory we've had in the past decade. When it comes to cleaning up the dirtiest parts of our City, there's no better candidate."
– *Karen Pierce, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates

Endorsers:

*Matt Gonzalez, former Supervisor
*Tom Radulovich, member, BART Board of Directors
*Marie Harrison, environmental activist
*Keith Goldstein, President, Potrero Hill Association of Merchants and Businesses
*Edward Hatter, Director, Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

*Titles are for identification purposes only.

Please visit tonykelly2010.com for more neighborhood leader endorsements throughout District 10.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Tony Kelly

DEWITT M. LACY

My occupation is Civil Rights Attorney.

My qualifications are:

As a long-term tenant resident with a civil rights law practice, I will fight to bring our fair share of city services and resources to District 10.

For too long, we have been a dumping ground for the failing schools, crime-ridden streets, polluting power plants, poorly maintained parks, and neglected public services that would not be tolerated elsewhere.

I can change that because I have a proven ability to bring people together to solve problems and get things done.

I am an effective advocate for people:

- Fought on the side of the prosecution against violent crimes
- Fought neighborhood polluters in civil court
- Tenant activist
- Civil rights attorney

In our neighborhoods, I:

- Worked to create affordable housing
- Developed job training and employment opportunities
- Organized neighborhood political organizations
- Fought for effective alternatives to prison

I'm committed to:

- Creating jobs and developing economic opportunity
- Improving schools and children's services
- Reducing crime
- Making sure development serves residents

Visit www.DeWittLacyforSupervisor.com for neighborhood leader endorsements representing all of Southeast San Francisco.

I respectfully ask for the opportunity to serve you.

DeWitt M. Lacy



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

GEOFFREA MORRIS

My occupation is Senior Social Worker.

My qualifications are:

Dare to Dream or believe that you can elect your own candidate. I am running for District 10 Supervisor because I am a believer of the residents of D10. I believe they can elect a candidate that is an independent thinker, a person that will advocate for the best interest of the people and not the developer, a native who is rooted in the community. I, Geoffrea (Jah-free-ah) Morris, am devoted to creating an environment that all San Franciscans can be proud of. Possessing a Master Degree in Social Work, I have spent my life in the social support field--from being a program developer and director for the Bayview Hunter's Point YMCA, to being a part of the teaching staff at Luther Burbank Middle School, to my current position with the City & County of San Francisco as a Senior Social Worker. A vote for me says that you want to support community relationship building, public safety, better schools, and mandatory local hiring. I am and always have been committed to helping all San Franciscans reach their full potential in a way that is empowering to all residents. A vote for me is a vote for the people.
www.simpsonmorris4district10.com/
morris4district10sup2010@gmail.com

Geoffrea Morris

STEVE MOSS

My occupation is Founder, Environmental Nonprofit / Educator.

My qualifications are:

I've spent 25 years turning policy into action – in District 10 I've helped create programs that have:

- Saved working families and small businesses hundreds of thousands of dollars on utility bills
- Created green jobs
- Closed the Hunters Point Power Plant, with the Potrero plant to be shuttered this year
- Forced PG&E to fund community projects

As the Potrero View's publisher and founder of a community nonprofit I've learned a great deal about our District's needs.

As Supervisor, I can - and will – deliver for our District.

My support isn't from downtown; it's from down the block. More than 1,000 District residents signed my petition to get me on the ballot. I'm supported by local pastors, neighborhood businesses, parent-teacher advocates, healthcare workers and more.

I'm not using the District as a political stepping stone. I live, work and raise my family here.

When I say I'll work to make our neighborhoods safer, help schoolchildren get the support they need, create jobs, make new developments truly part of our community, and yes – even fix our potholes – you know I'll get the job done for all of our families' future.

Join me: www.MossforDistrict10.com

Steve Moss



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

JACQUELINE NORMAN

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

I am Jacqueline Norman, I have lived and worked in District 10 all of my life. I raised three boys, two girls and several grandchildren in District 10. This means that I can relate very easily to the needs of families. I have always been able to relate to the needs of seniors, but especially now that I am older I can relate to their experiences in life.

I have owned and operated two small businesses while raising my family along with my husband of 34 years. I have employed many residents of District 10 over the years. I also know and understand the struggles of small business owners in District 10. I am a member of SEIU - United Healthcare Worker's West. I have also worked with several unions providing employment to their members. I am a member of the Bayview Merchants Association where my husband, Commissioner Al Norman, has been President for over five years.

I am an advocate for children and families rights, and have helped several families with their children's educational plans. I understand the needs of our distressed neighborhoods and will work with District 10 constituents to open channels of communication to prioritize our agenda.

Jacqueline Norman

ASHLEY HAWLEY RHODES

My occupation is Business Owner Ashley H Rhodes Company.

My qualifications are:

As a young man my parents instilled in me a great desire to maintain a high level of education, I was greatly inspired in 1967, becoming Boy of the Year at the Portola Branch Boys Club. This lead to a four year scholarship at San Francisco State, and eventually received a B.S. in Physical Education California State Hayward, I received a Master's of Arts in Public Services (USF) and later a Doctorial Degree in Theology

Born a San Francisco native, my entire adult life work experience has primarily been throughout district 10. My legacy has and will continue to be an advocate for the under privileged. This goes hand with my commitment involving ABU (Aboriginal Blackman United), this action groups greatest desire is being recognized in the plight for Job Opportunities in Construction, and the City's labor work force. That being said my platform is around Jobs, Jobs, and more Jobs.

My mark in history can be no better acknowledged as my personal achievement to represent the people of District 10 as their Supervisor, representing a strong and uncompromised voice of the people voted by the people to serve the people royally of this great City of San Francisco.

Ashley Hawley Rhodes



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

ERIC SMITH

My occupation is Environmental Justice Nonprofit Director.

My qualifications are:

In my work I've helped bring the green economy to District 10 by converting waste into energy and industrial challenges into jobs. My work has reduced air pollution, which contributes to high rates of asthma, cancer, and heart disease in our communities. I've also helped create a model apprenticeship-to-career program within SFGreasecycle for District 10 residents.

I've worked with truckers, contractors, and developers to clean up sites at the Hunters Point Shipyard and the old PG&E plant, removing hazardous materials, improving the environment, and creating jobs for District 10 residents.

My work as a Literacy for Environmental Justice Board Member and my success in bringing recreation, music, and cultural events to District 10 shows how we can engage youth and empower them with tools for success.

As a Mission Bay Citizens Advisory Committee member and "Community Worker" KPOO radio show co-host I've improved communication and accountability from District 10 to decision makers.

I've proven that I can turn District 10's challenges into opportunities and bridge diverse communities. Together we can achieve better schools, career jobs, balanced housing and development, environmental health, efficient transportation, and accountable services without relying on special interests.

www.ericsmith10.com

Eric Smith

LYNETTE SWEET

My occupation is BART Director.

My qualifications are:

As a lifelong resident of District 10, I have never seen tougher times. I remember when we had more jobs, safer neighborhoods and better services for our children – I'm ready to bring that back.

I have the public service experience and business sense required to ensure our neighborhoods are the vibrant communities we deserve:

- As a community banker, I issued loans to our small businesses, creating thousands of jobs.
- As the Redevelopment Commission President, I ensured development enhanced our community, like the Shipyard.
- As a board member of the Bayview Hunters Point YMCA and Providence Foundation I established programs to bolster our youth and support our seniors.

I'm the right person to lead during challenging economic times. As your elected BART Director I have managed budgets and built consensus, ensuring:

- BART's current \$4.5 million surplus.
- A new citizen oversight board to reform BART Police.
- \$100 million savings for BART riders during contract negotiations - without a layoff or major service cut.

Please join Mayor Gavin Newsom, Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Former Supervisor Willie Kennedy, BART Board President James Fang, Sulu Palega, Small Property Owners of San Francisco and others in supporting me with your vote.

www.sweetforsupervisor.com

Lynette Sweet



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

MARLENE TRAN

My occupation is Retired Teacher / Community Volunteer.

My qualifications are:

Formerly Mayoral appointment to Immigrant Rights Commission.

20 years as a grassroots activist before my retirement from teaching at CCSF and SFUSD, I have addressed:

- Public Safety - Neighborhood safety will be my priority. I'm an SFPD Community Advisory Board member.
- Language Access- Institutionalized language access is important for an integrated community.
- Green jobs /Job Training - I initiated surveys for jobs and job training. Different incentives will promote more businesses. Environmentally-friendly/ green technology developments can distinguish our District's new focus.
- Housing - Affordable housing and home ownership opportunities will be one of my priorities.
- Neighborhood Schools & Expansion of CCSF - I will fight for quality education for our children, youth and residents.
- Fiscal Responsibility & Effective Budgeting - Hard-earned taxpayers' money should be carefully monitored to maximize citizens' benefits.
- Muni - My 5,000 signature petition extended the #8 Express lines to seven-day runs that benefit our communities.
- Health Care For All - As a multicultural, multilingual community activist; I listen to my diverse neighbors' input. Over 1000 supporters signed my petition to help uninsured San Franciscans before President Obama's proposal.

I respectfully request your vote.

Marlene Tran

STEPHEN WEBER

My occupation is Chief Engineer / General Contractor.

My qualifications are:

I am a native and long-time resident of San Francisco with a deep commitment to the city.

I grew up here, attended city schools, and much of my professional career has been spent here. I earned my BS in business management from the University of Phoenix and recently attained my law degree from San Francisco Law School, all while working fulltime. For more than 20 years, I have served as a Chief Engineer in operations and maintenance management, with responsibility for large staffs and multimillion-dollar budgets. This experience has taught me that you cannot create a balanced budget without sound business and accounting practices.

I want to ensure all our families have better schools, safer neighborhoods and a Muni System that works for those that need it most.

I'm committed to:

- To bringing people together to achieve the necessary reforms of city government through consensus, not political grandstanding.
- To bringing independent leadership that listens to you, not special interests;
- To being there after the election in the community, putting neighborhoods first with regular neighborhood meetings.

Endorsed by:

Stationary Engineers, Local 39

Paul Chin, Retired SFFD Firemarshal, Assistant Deputy Chief

Edith Epps

Sulema Ochoa

Jose Ochoa

Miguel Campos

James Long

Stephen Weber



Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

DIANE WESLEY SMITH

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

I am not a career politician. Choices that will shape the future of generations to come must be made with focus on smart planning not politics. Enormous development is planned for District 10. I am someone who has a history of self-less dedication, honesty, decency, integrity and leadership. My alliance is to you, the people. Our District is facing many challenges that career politicians have failed to address, while outsourcing our jobs and economic empowerment. I believe if we're not at the table, we're on the menu!

I, Diane Wesley Smith, recognize the changes necessary to confront these challenges and lead a powerful workforce into a thriving, energy efficient, clean environment. I will create a unique balance to ensure the overall prosperity of our community by infusing the workforce with trainees, youth and adults who are skilled and career-driven, through partnerships with business and unions. This balance will ensure a safe environment for our whole community, from the newest residents to those who are the backbone of a district rich in history. We must "first hire residents of the District and San Francisco". We will respect our elders and show them dignity and respect.

Diane Wesley Smith

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Candidates for Assessor-Recorder

JAMES PAN

My occupation is San Francisco Assessor – Office Real Property Appraiser.

My qualifications are:

22-year professional appraiser including 4 years as Transaction Unit Manager and 18 years as Real Property Appraiser. Extensive appraisal experience with all kinds of real property, real property tax rules and regulations, and advocacy at the Assessment Appeals Board. Uniquely qualified and experienced providing bilingual translation services for non-English speaking property owners seeking tax assessment assistance.

I'm seeking this position to rid the Assessor's office of the politics that have displaced professionalism, and to restore the customer service levels to which San Francisco's homeowners are entitled.

I am committed to the excellence and integrity of the Assessor Recorder's office and firmly believe San Francisco homeowners deserve better than crass politics for the property taxes they pay.

If you agree, I respectfully ask for your vote.

James Pan
panforassessor.com

PHIL TING

My occupation is Assessor-Recorder.

My qualifications are:

I know how to make city government more effective by focusing on proven solutions rather than endless political battles.

When I took over the Assessor-Recorder's office it was one of the worst agencies in the city. By demanding transparency, ending favoritism and putting my management experience to work, we helped clear a five-year backlog and collected over \$245 million in new revenue.

Our office is using new technologies, implementing professional management practices and making customer service our highest priority. Results include:

- Collecting millions of dollars owed by big banks to help protect schools, health programs, parks, libraries, safety and other priorities.
- Launching programs to fight mortgage fraud and protect homeowners from foreclosures.
- Helping more homeowners afford solar installations by launching GoSolarSF, the pioneering program that is making San Francisco a green jobs leader.

San Francisco is a special place because we focus on priorities like better schools, safer communities and quality healthcare. Standing up for these values requires making sure government is streamlined, efficient and working effectively to protect all San Franciscans.

I'm proud to fight for a more efficient and compassionate city government by putting good ideas ahead of old-fashioned politics.

Join us at www.ResetSanFrancisco.org.

Phil Ting



Candidate for Public Defender

JEFF ADACHI

My occupation is Public Defender.

My qualifications are:

I have been honored to serve as your Public Defender for the past eight years. During that time, the office has enforced the U.S. Bill of Rights and helped over 200,000 people who cannot afford a lawyer obtain justice in our courts.

Since being elected in 2002, I have worked to create an office that serves a national model, through strategic management, improved technology, efficient investigative/paralegal support, and holding our dedicated staff to the highest standards of excellence. Our accomplishments include:

- Developing staff caseload/workload requirements and utilizing performance evaluations to ensure the best quality representation possible.
- A full-service juvenile division linking hundreds of children and families to social services.
- The Clean Slate program, which has enabled 20,000 people to reenter the workforce and lead productive lives by eliminating barriers to employment.
- Access to education, substance abuse and mental health treatment for former prisoners resulting in lower crime rates.

Awards include: the American Bar Association's recognition as the nation's top public law office (2006), Managerial Excellence Award (2007), Program of the Year (2006/2009), and the Defender of the Year (2010).

I would greatly appreciate your vote and support.

Thank you.

For information please visit www.adachi2010.com.

Jeff Adachi



Candidates for Judge of the Superior Court, Seat #15

MICHAEL NAVA

My occupation is Judicial Attorney.

My qualifications are:

San Franciscans deserve a superbly qualified judge who shares their values of inclusiveness, community and fairness. That's why I received the highest number of votes in the June primary. I respectfully ask for your votes again.

A third-generation Californian of Mexican descent, first in my family to attend college, I graduated from Stanford Law. I've dedicated my 28-year career to public service, first as a prosecutor and now as a judicial attorney.

As a Supreme Court attorney for Justice Carlos Moreno, I handle complex legal issues in cases of statewide importance in every major area of law.

I've served on a state bar committee, taught at Berkeley Law School, and mentor young lawyers and law students. I also published seven novels on legal themes and co-authored a book about the constitutional rights of gay people.

Working at the Supreme Court has uniquely prepared me to become a judge. I am widely supported by San Francisco's elected officials and community leaders, including:

Senators Mark Leno and Leland Yee
Assemblymembers Fiona Ma and Tom Ammiano
President of the Board of Supervisors David Chiu
Supervisors John Avalos, David Campos and Bevan Dufty
School Board Members Norman Yee and Rachel Norton

www.navaforjudge.com

Michael Nava

RICHARD ULMER

My occupation is Incumbent Superior Court Judge.

My qualifications are:

No one knows how to judge a judge better than other judges. Every single one of the 51 judges on the San Francisco Superior Court supports my candidacy.

It's unanimous. On our incredibly diverse bench, judges from all these proud communities back my reelection: LGBTQ, Asian, African-American, Latino, progressive, liberal, moderate and conservative.

Why? I've worked hard to become a thoughtful, fair-minded judge shaped by 24 years of courtroom experience.

The Bar Association rates me "Well-Qualified."

I spent 10 years working to reform horrendous conditions in youth prisons around the state. A sentence to juvenile hall shouldn't be a sentence to hell. Working on a pro bono basis with the Prison Law Office and Disability Rights Advocates, our cases forced fundamental reform.

I live in and love San Francisco. I grew up the son of school teachers with six siblings. I was an award-winning journalist before attending Stanford Law School to make a difference.

My endorsers include:

Senator Dianne Feinstein
John Burton, Chair, California State Party
Mayor Gavin Newsom
City Attorney Dennis Herrera
Public Defender Jeff Adachi
Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
Sheriff Michael Hennessey
Supervisors Eric Mar, Sean Elsbernd
San Francisco Police Officers Association
San Francisco Chronicle

www.JudgeRichardUlmer2010.com

Richard Ulmer

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Candidates for Board of Education

BILL BARNES

My occupation is Education Policy Aide.

My qualifications are:

I'm running for Board of Education to change San Francisco schools and keep kids from falling through the cracks. Growing up in tough circumstances, I know the importance of caring adults. With a decade of getting results, I want to put my experience to work for students, teachers and parents.

My priorities are: quality neighborhood schools, better teacher pay, environmental initiatives, safe schools for all students, getting our fair share from Sacramento, and closely monitoring bond projects.

RECORD OF RESULTS

Wrote the local and state ban on dangerous chemicals in children's products.

Helped rebuild Bessie Carmichael Elementary School and Victoria Manalo Draves Park in the South of Market.

Helped pass AB 1062 to put solar panels on California's schools.

Protected childcare facilities from displacement through tough new zoning controls

POLICY EXPERIENCE

Chief of Staff, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
HIV/AIDS Policy Advisor, Mayor Willie Brown
Legislative Aide, Board of Supervisors
San Francisco Youth Commissioner

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Community Organizer, Save Our Firehouses Coalition
Board Member, Health Initiatives for Youth*
Board Member, Friends of the Urban Forest*

ENDORSEMENTS

Supervisors Michela Alioto-Pier and Bevan Dufty
College Board Trustee Chris Jackson

Small Business Commissioner Michael O'Connor*
Police Commissioner Jim Hammer*

*for identification only

Bill Barnes

MARGARET BRODKIN

My occupation is Children's Advocate.

My qualifications are:

I've prepared a lifetime for this job. I'll bring everything I know and every skill I've developed to working tirelessly for our public school students.

I've advocated for the city's children for 32 years; I'm known nationally as a leading voice for children.

Experience:

- Director, Coleman Advocates for Children: 1978-2004
- Director, SF Department of Children, Youth and Families: 2004-2009 (department initiated by my work)
- Director, New Day for Learning: 2009-present

Accomplishments:

- Created SF's \$50 million/year Children's Fund
- Administered \$100 million/year city department
- Developed childcare, after-school, health care, job training programs throughout SF

My vision:

- A relevant, rigorous, 21st century education for all students – in literacy, math, history, languages, science and – importantly – the arts.
- Every school will be a full-service community school – providing opportunities for children and families from morning until evening, beginning in preschool.

Priorities:

- Closing the achievement gap
- Increased funding
- Respecting, not punishing, teachers
- Partnerships with community agencies, business, city departments
- Keeping families in SF – making all schools great schools!

Let's make SF a national model of equity and opportunity.

Endorsers include: Senator Leno; Supervisors Dufty, Avalos, Sheriff Hennessey; Rachel Norton, School Board.

Margaret Brodtkin



Candidates for Board of Education

TOMMY CHAN

My occupation is AVP, Systems Architect.

My qualifications are:

Being a Systems Architect, I take a more practical approach to solving the problems at hand. I am dedicated to my work and to providing the best education for my children.

I am running for San Francisco School Board of Education so that I can provide a realistic approach to improving our public schools.

Being a parent of two boys in the San Francisco Unified School District, I am concerned about their education. I would like to see more of the following:

1. Class sizes proportionate to the number of teachers and aids per class.
2. Every student gets a healthy lunch regardless of family income.
3. Adequate books and supplies for students and teachers.
4. Extra curricular activities to engage our kids.

I want to work with parents and teachers throughout the city and encourage other parents to get involved. I would coordinate with parents to provide extra supplies that the teachers are currently paying for out of their own pockets.

Tommy Chan

WINIFRED DAJANI

My occupation is Teacher / Business Manager / Parent.

My qualifications are:

As a California credentialed teacher with experience teaching in public school and community college, I understand the challenge of meeting the needs of our diverse student population.

As a former SFUSD parent, I know parents are passionate about their children receiving a stimulating and challenging education and understand their concerns.

From years of business management experience, I know good ideas can only be realized with solid planning and funding logistics. It's not enough to make ends meet with our budget, SFUSD needs to increase resources by developing partnerships with private and community organizations.

Education:

Bachelor of Fine Arts, SUNY; MA in French and MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, SF State.

Platform:

- Addressing the student achievement gap early on before it widens
- Keeping families and communities engaged in our public schools
- Helping dual language learners acquire the English proficiency necessary for academic and professional competitiveness

Partial list of endorsements:

Michael Farrah, Director of Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

Theresa Sparks, Executive Director of the SF Human Rights' Commission

Dr. Elahe Enssani, SF Immigrant Rights' Commissioner

Dr. May Shih, Professor of TESOL at SF State University

Dr. Jess Ghannam, Professor at UCSF

Winifred Dajani

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Candidates for Board of Education

NATASHA D. HOEHN

My occupation is Nonprofit Education Director.

My qualifications are:

Yale University- B.A.

Coro Center for Civic Leadership- Fellow

In San Francisco, our education system must nurture the unique potential and greatness of every child. Success in college should be the default goal for every student.

For the past 15 years, I have worked professionally in the field of public education to ensure that more students succeed. As an education Non-Profit Executive Director, I've seen what works and what doesn't. Our schools must reflect our values—to provide students access to rigorous, healthy, creative, and exciting learning opportunities, from preschool through graduation.

I am proud to have started my career as a public school teacher. These experiences inform my belief that high standards, great teaching and parental involvement are the keys to success.

Here is the path to improve our schools:

- Support a great teacher in every classroom and a great principal in every school, and neighborhood
- Engage and empower students, families, and community partners
- Ensure fiscal responsibility, long-term accountability, and sound, data-driven decision-making

I respectfully ask for your support.

For a complete endorsement list and more information about my candidacy, please visit:
www.natashaforschoolboard.org.

Natasha D. Hoehn

OMAR KHALIF

My occupation is Field Operation Supervisor US Census.

My qualifications are:

I'm Omar Khalif, I'm a dedicated parent of children in San Francisco's public schools and I want to bring that same level of dedication to our Board of Education.

I've logged thousands of volunteer hours advocating for the rights of children, parents, teachers and principals. I've honed my skills in leadership and governance as chairman of Parent Advisory Council, vice president of Parents of Public Schools and president of the School Site Council at Carver Elementary School. These positions and serving on the boards of Gateway High and Opportunity Impact have prepared me to be an effective commissioner.

My demonstrated commitment to public education in San Francisco has earned me the endorsement of Students First, a parents' organization promoting quality neighborhood schools for all San Franciscans. I will continue to honor the needs of families and students, emphasizing oversight, transparency, accountability and respect for our communities.

Reject the failed policies of social engineering, social promotions and crosstown busing.

Give San Francisco families a better choice in education. Choose Omar Khalif for SF's Board of Education.

****Follow me on Facebook** (<http://www.facebook.com/omariskok>) and on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/mrokhalif>)

Endorsements

Students First
Ed Donaldson

Omar Khalif



Candidates for Board of Education

KIM-SHREE MAUFAS

My occupation is Commissioner on Board of Education.

My qualifications are:
Incumbent

As a member of the Board of Education, I've co-created a Restorative Justice Initiative and fostered its growth so that fairness can be a reality for children & staff, supported a multi-year balanced Budget that makes cuts far away from classrooms, worked to redesign the Student Assignment to restore diversity, and nurtured a comprehensive implementation plan for "A-G" coursework so all our graduates are UC/CSU eligible.

PRIORITIES FOR NEXT 4 YEARS:

- Address Repeating/Remediation through Reading Preparation for all Subjects
- Empower Stronger Schools via a Master Principal Mentoring Initiative
- Focus on Teacher-Student Relationships for Academic Success
- Getting Teacher/Staff Housing Project off the Ground

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Board President (2009) and VP (2008)
- Founding Member, Parent Advisory Council
- 20+ years working with Children & Families in Public Education
- The "ONLY" 2010 School Board Candidate with SF TEACHER'S UNION EARLY ENDORSEMENT!

ENDORSEMENTS:

- Assembly member Tom Ammiano
- SF Supervisors: David Campos, Sophie Maxwell, Bevan Dufty, Ross Mirkarimi, Eric Mar, John Avalos, Chris Daly
- School Board Commissioner Sandra Lee Fewer
- Robert Haaland, Debra Walker, Rafael Mandelman

Kim-Shree Maufas

HYDRA MENDOZA

My occupation is Incumbent / Parent / Education Advisor.

My qualifications are:

As the current Vice President of the School Board, I seek re-election because I see high-quality education as the greatest promise we can give to our children. For the past 12 years, I have worked professionally to improve the quality of public education in San Francisco. I value creating partnerships among various community stakeholders. As a former preschool teacher, Education Advisor, school site council chair, and PTA Vice-President, I have successfully built coalitions around education-related issues.

As founding member and former Executive Director of the national non-profit Parents for Public Schools and as the Mayor's Education Advisor, I have worked to engage parents, increase student enrollment, promote student health and nutrition, and advance language immersion and arts programs. During my first term, we developed a strong strategic plan, improved scores, increased access to college, and continued to be the highest performing urban school district in California.

My supporters include:

Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, Mayor Gavin Newsom, District Attorney Kamala Harris
Supervisors: President David Chiu, Carmen Chu, Bevan Dufty
School Board Commissioners: President Jane Kim, Sandy Fewer, Rachel Norton, and Jill Wynn
Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting, Treasurer Jose Cisneros
United Educators of San Francisco

www.hydramendoza.com

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Hydra Mendoza



Candidates for Board of Education

EMILY MURASE

My occupation is Public School Parent, Executive Director.

My qualifications are:

I graduated from San Francisco public schools when they were well-funded. Today, California is 47th in the nation in per student spending. We need to get creative in promoting new partnerships on issues like developing community schools and reducing truancy. At the Department on the Status of Women, I have leveraged private and public resources and created new collaborations around gender equality.

As a public school mom, I have been a parent volunteer for 8 years in the PTA, School Site Council, Parent Advisory Council, and Parents for Public Schools Advocacy Team. I have worked for more transparency and accountability in school district operations. I am committed to quality public schools in EVERY neighborhood. My Stanford PhD and broad background as a business and government executive give me the tools and experience I need to make this happen.

Endorsements:

State Senators Leland Yee and Mark Leno

Mayor Gavin Newsom

District Attorney Kamala Harris

Assessor Phil Ting

Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Chiu, Chu, Elsbernd, Mar, Mirkarimi

School Board Commissioners Rachel Norton, Jill Wynns

Joan-Marie Shelley, former United Educators of San Francisco President

David Nagle, Teacher

Terri Olle, Grattan Parent

Plus many parents, teachers, and community leaders.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Emily Murase

STARCHILD

My occupation is Erotic Service Provider.

My qualifications are:

I'm running for School Board to empower students, parents, and teachers at the expense of the educational bureaucracy!

Briefly, my ideas for reform are:

- Let all students attend their first-choice schools. Expand popular schools to meet demand, and close unpopular schools. As popular schools reach capacity, reopen failed schools with teachers from successful schools in charge of giving them a fresh start.
- Get resources to the classroom. Divide the district's budget evenly among the schools based on enrollment, and let the teachers at each school decide how funds are spent.
- Turn the educational hierarchy upside down. Teachers have the toughest jobs in education and should be compensated accordingly. Cut administrator pay and make teachers the district's highest-paid employees.
- Give parents and students more say in education. Let non-citizen parents vote in School Board elections. Let students pick their teachers, with enough information to make informed choices. Let parents review lesson plans online.

As a former student, I have years of experience working in government schools! But when it comes to the SFUSD, I'm a political outsider with no vested interests. If you want real reform, make me your first-choice vote for School Board.

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Starchild



Candidates for Board of Education

JAMIE RAFAELA WOLFE

My occupation is Teacher.

My qualifications are:

As an elementary school teacher, tutor, youth group leader, and former public school student myself, I am firmly committed to providing equitable education to every child in San Francisco.

I am a young & experienced educator, who offers fresh and progressive ideas, a vibrant & passionate character to see them through, and the will & purpose to work with all parties to effect change.

My priorities on the Board of Education include:

- Ensuring equitable access to our public schools for every child and participation in the school community for every family.
- The support and expansion of existing gardens and the further establishment of organic gardens in our public schools.
- Strict oversight of nutritional values in foods and beverages sold in our public schools.
- Transparency and community involvement in matters brought before the board.
- Budget stability to revive summer school programs and increase teacher & paraprofessional pay.

I know, working together, we can continue to see the city we love grow through education and engagement in learning.

This is why I am asking for your vote on November 2nd.

www.Wolfe4Education2010.info

Jamie Rafaela Wolfe



Candidates for Community College Board

ANITA GRIER

My occupation is Educator.

My qualifications are:

I have devoted my life to serving San Francisco's youth as a teacher, principal, program director, and administrator at SFUSD.

I am seeking re-election to the Community College Board to further the goals I've pursued for twelve years:

- Build a seamless bridge between the SFUSD and City College to ensure that students take the courses they need to transfer to institutions of higher learning.
- Create, with organized labor, expanded apprenticeship and realistic vocational programs for our students.
- Expand the programs and enrollment of the District by generating matching funds from the public, non-profit, and private sectors, without raising taxes.
- Implement San Francisco's "Sunshine" open government laws to restore public trust.

I will work to make the District more affordable to students with financial needs and to continue to reduce drop-out rates.

I am proud to be endorsed by: Senator Dianne Feinstein, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, State Senator Mark Leno, Mayor Gavin Newsom, District Attorney Kamala Harris, Supervisors Carmen Chu, and Bevan Dufty, Eric Mar, my colleagues Natalie Berg and Lawrence Wong, and Commissioners Robert Varni and Chuck Ayala; Walter Johnson, and Dennis Kelly.

www.anitagrier.org

Anita Grier

JOHN RIZZO

My occupation is Vice President, Community College Board.

My qualifications are:

During my first term, I have accomplished much, including:

- Instituted fiscal reforms, stronger oversight, and public transparency, saving millions of dollars
- Implemented state budget cuts in a manner that is fair to faculty and employees and minimizes impacts to students
- Cut overhead in administration and management
- Created a plan to hire more San Francisco residents
- Pushed technology advances, including free email for all students, advanced tech in classrooms, and an imaging system that will save 700,000 paper sheets annually

As former Sierra Club Bay Area president, protecting our environment has been a priority. At the College Board, I have:

- Initiated new "green jobs" training programs and brought in funding
- Pushed for construction of LEED Gold "green" classroom buildings

I will work to improve the success rate of disadvantaged students, demand administrative accountability, and increase funding from grants and donations.

My supporters include:

Senator Leland Yee
Assemblymembers Tom Ammiano, Fiona Ma, Dave Jones
Supervisors David Chiu, Sean Elsbernd, Ross Mirkarimi, Eric Mar, David Campos, John Avalos
Former Board President Aaron Peskin
Former Mayor Art Agnos
Former Senator Carole Midgen
Assessor Phil Ting
College Board members Milton Marks, Steve Ngo
School Board members Sandra Fewer, Kim-Shree Maufus
Sierra Club

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John Rizzo



Candidates for Community College Board

LAWRENCE WONG

My occupation is S.F. Community College Board Member.

My qualifications are:

Helping San Franciscans fulfill their dreams for a better life through education is a privilege. I have had that privilege as a S.F. Community College Board Member for the last four terms thanks to the voters of San Francisco. I have served as president of the board for four terms thanks to the confidence of my colleagues.

Judge me on my record:

- New Health & Wellness Center
- New Campuses in the Mission, Chinatown & North Beach
- Programs for homeless, welfare students, workforce development
- City College environmental policy
- Programs with the business, labor communities
- Biotech training
- City College of San Francisco rated as an “institution of excellence” by accreditation agency

Education, Civic, Community Supporters (partial list):

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Mayor Gavin Newsom

State Senator Mark Leno

S.F. Treasurer Jose Cisneros

Supervisor Bevan Dufty

College Board Member Natalie Berg

College Board Member Anita Grier

Former Community College Board Member

Rodel Rodis

City College Student Trustee Jeffrey Fang

Former City College Vice Chancellor Frances Lee

Former California Deputy Superintendent of Public

Instruction Henry Der

Chinese American Citizens Alliance (founded in 1895)

Lawrence Wong

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Local Ballot Measure and Argument Information

Digest and Argument Pages, Legal Text

The Ballot Simplification Committee has prepared a digest for each local ballot measure. A statement by the City Controller about the fiscal impact or cost of each measure and a statement of how the measure qualified to be on the ballot are also included. Arguments for and against each measure follow the digest page. The legal text for all local ballot measures begins on page 168.

Proponent's and Opponent's Arguments

For each measure, one argument in favor of the measure ("proponent's argument") and one

argument against the measure ("opponent's argument") are printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet free of charge.

The designations "proponent's argument" and "opponent's argument" indicate only that the arguments were selected in accordance with criteria in Section 540 of the San Francisco Municipal Elections Code and printed free of charge.

Selection of Proponent's and Opponent's Arguments

The proponent's argument and the opponent's argument are selected according to the following priorities:

Proponent's Argument	Opponent's Argument
1. The official proponent of an initiative petition; or the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, or four or more members of the Board, if the measure was submitted by same.	1. In the case of a referendum, the person who files the referendum petition with the Board of Supervisors.
2. The Board of Supervisors, or any member or members designated by the Board.	2. The Board of Supervisors, or any member or members designated by the Board.
3. The Mayor.	3. The Mayor.
4. Any association of citizens, combination of voters and association of citizens, or any individual voter.	4. Any association of citizens, combination of voters and association of citizens, or any individual voter.

Rebuttal Arguments

The author of a proponent's argument or an opponent's argument may also prepare and submit a rebuttal argument, to be printed free of charge. Rebuttal arguments are printed below the corresponding proponent's argument and opponent's argument.

Paid Arguments

In addition to the proponents' arguments, opponents' arguments, and rebuttals, which are printed without charge, any eligible voter, group of voters, or association may submit paid arguments.

Paid arguments are printed in the pages following the proponent's and opponent's arguments and rebuttals. All of the paid arguments in favor of a measure are printed together, followed by the paid arguments opposed to that measure. Paid arguments for each measure are printed in order of submission.



All arguments are strictly the opinions of their authors. Arguments and rebuttals are printed as submitted, including any typographical, spelling or grammatical errors. They are not checked for accuracy by the Director of Elections nor any other City agency, official or employee.

Words You Need to Know

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Affordable Housing (Proposition A): Residential units that persons or households within a certain range of incomes would be able to afford.

Amend (Propositions AA, B, C, D, E, F, G and L): To change.

Bond (Proposition A): A bond is a promise by the City to pay back money borrowed, plus interest, by a specific date. If the City needs to raise a large amount of money to pay for a library, sewer line, school, hospital or other project or program, it may borrow the money by selling bonds. (See also "General Obligation Bond.")

California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) (Proposition B): manages retirement benefits for California public employees. Some San Francisco City employees participate in CalPERS retirement plans.

Charter Amendment (Propositions B, C, D, E, F and G): A change to the City's Charter. The Charter is the City's Constitution. The Charter can only be changed by a majority of the votes cast.

Combined Election (Proposition E): An election that includes a combination of municipal, district, state or federal candidates or measures.

Compensation (Proposition B): Salary and certain other payments to an employee. For the purpose of calculating retirement benefits for City employees, compensation generally excludes overtime pay. For some San Francisco employees hired before November 1976, compensation includes overtime.

Deferred Loans (Proposition A): Loans that postpone principal and/or interest payments for a period of time.

District Election (Proposition E): An election for officers or measures of a district, such as the Community College District, San Francisco Unified School District or BART. Does not refer to Supervisorial district elections.

Exemption (Propositions J and K): Freedom from an obligation or requirement that others must follow.

Expenditure Plan (Proposition AA): A written report describing how funds will be used. The Expenditure Plan for the Vehicle Registration Fee is included with the legal text for the measure.

Federal Election (Proposition E): An election for candidates to federal office, such as President of the United States or members of Congress.

Felony (Proposition D): A major crime or offense that is punishable by a fine and/or a jail sentence of more than a year.

General Fund (Propositions J, K and N): That part of the City's annual budget that can be used for any City purpose. Each year, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors decide how the General Fund will be used. Money for the General Fund comes from property, business, sales, and other taxes and fees. Currently, the General Fund is 46% of the City's budget.

General Obligation Bond (Proposition A): A promise issued by the City to pay back money borrowed, plus interest, by a certain date. When the City wants to raise money to pay for a large public project, it can borrow money by issuing General Obligation Bonds. The City then repays the money plus interest over a period of years with property taxes. General obligation bonds must be approved by the voters.

Initiative (Propositions B, G, I and J): A proposition placed on the ballot by voters. Any voter may place an initiative on the ballot by gathering the required number of signatures on a petition.

Legally Recognized Caregiver (Proposition D): A person who is at least 18 years old, lives with a minor child, and completes a form to enroll the minor in school and consent to school-related medical care on behalf of the minor.

Local Election (Proposition E): See "municipal election."

Municipal Election (Proposition E, I): An election that involves only San Francisco offices and ballot measures. Generally, municipal elections are held in San Francisco on the first Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.

Operator (Proposition G): A person who drives a MUNI vehicle or performs related functions.

Ordinance (Propositions AA, C, D, H, I, J, K, L, M and N): A local law passed by the Board of Supervisors or by the voters.



Oversight (Proposition A): Watchful care or management; supervision.

Parole (Proposition D): Period of supervised release after a prison term.

Pass Through (Proposition A): To recover an increase in property taxes by passing on a portion of the cost to tenants.

Pavement to Parks Program (Proposition L): A City program that installs temporary parks and plazas on portions of City streets.

Payment for a Room and Related Charges (Propositions J and K): Payments subject to the hotel tax, including charges for a guest room, for additional guests, including pets, to occupy the room, or for use of a safe. Related charges include no-show charges; cancellation charges; charges for early or late arrival or departure; hospitality suites; and charges for parking for hotel guests.

Proposition (Propositions AA–N): Any measure that is submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval.

Proposition H (Proposition B): A Charter amendment passed by the voters in November 2002 that increased retirement benefits for City police and firefighters.

Provisional Ballot: A ballot cast at a polling place that will not be counted until the Department of Elections verifies the voter's eligibility to cast that ballot.

Qualified Write-In Candidate (Frequently Asked Questions): A person who has completed the required paperwork and signatures for inclusion as a write-in candidate. Although the name of this person will not appear on the ballot, voters can vote for this person by writing the name of the person in the space on the ballot provided for write-in votes and following the specific ballot instructions. The Department of Elections counts write-in votes only for certified write-in candidates.

Retirement Benefits (Proposition B): Primarily pensions paid in retirement based on employees' age, years of service and final compensation. Benefits, which are administered through the Retirement System, also include disability and survivor benefits. Retirees may also receive health benefits through the Health Service System.

Seismic (Proposition A): Relating to earthquakes.

Single-Room Occupancy (Proposition A): A type of housing with only one room per unit. Also known as SRO.

State Election (Proposition E): An election for California offices or ballot measures, such as the Governor, members of the State Senate or Assembly, or an amendment to the State Constitution.

Term (Proposition F): The period of time for which a public official may hold his or her office.

Transit Employees (Proposition G): Persons who work for the City's Municipal Railway transit system (MUNI). This includes MUNI operators and mechanics.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots (Frequently Asked Questions): Ballots mailed to voters or given to voters in person at the Department of Elections. Vote-by-mail ballots can be mailed to the Department of Elections, turned in at the Department of Elections office in City Hall, or turned in at any San Francisco polling place on Election Day. Also known as absentee ballots. See page 5 for more information.

Read the Fine Print— in Large Print

The Department of Elections
offers the Voter Information
Pamphlet in large print.

Sign up to receive one by
calling 415-554-4375.

The large-print Voter
Information Pamphlet is also
available in Chinese
and Spanish.

vote!



An Overview of San Francisco's Debt

What Is Bond Financing?

Bond financing is a type of long-term borrowing used to raise money for projects. The City receives money by selling bonds to investors. The City must pay back the amount borrowed plus interest to those investors. The money raised from bond sales is used to pay for large capital projects such as fire and police stations, affordable housing programs, schools, libraries, parks, and other city facilities. The City uses bond financing because these buildings will last many years and their large dollar costs are difficult to pay for all at once.

Types of Bonds. There are two major types of bonds – General Obligation and Revenue.

General Obligation Bonds are used to pay for projects that benefit citizens but do not raise revenue (for example, police stations or parks are not set up to pay for themselves). When general obligation bonds are approved and sold, they are repaid by property taxes. General obligation bonds issued by the City must be approved by a two-thirds vote. The San Francisco Earthquake Retrofit Bond on this ballot is a general obligation bond to be issued by the City.

Revenue Bonds are used to pay for projects such as major improvements to an airport, water system, garage or other large facilities which generate revenue. When revenue bonds are approved and sold, they are generally repaid from revenues generated by the bond-financed projects, for example usage fees or parking fees. The City's revenue bonds must be approved by a majority vote. There is no revenue bond on this ballot.

What Does It Cost to Borrow?

The City's cost to borrow money depends on the amount borrowed, the interest rate on the debt and the number of years over which the debt will be repaid. Large debt is usually paid off over a period of 10 to 35 years. Assuming an average interest rate of 6% the cost of paying off debt over 20 years is about \$1.73 for each dollar borrowed — \$1 for the dollar borrowed and 73 cents for the interest. These payments, however, are spread over the 20-year period. Therefore inflation reduces the effective cost of borrowing because the future payments are made with cheaper dollars. Assuming a 4% annual inflation rate, the cost of paying off debt in today's dollars would be about \$1.18 for every \$1 borrowed.

The City's Current Debt Situation

Debt Payments. During fiscal year 2010–2011 property tax payers in the City will pay approximately \$291 million of principal and interest on outstanding bonds of the City and the other issuers of general obligation debt (San Francisco Community College District, San Francisco Unified School District and Bay Area Rapid Transit District). The property tax rate for the year to provide for debt and special funds requirements will be 16.40 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation or \$645 on a home assessed at \$400,000.

Legal Debt Limit. The City Charter imposes a limit on the amount of general obligation bonds the City can have outstanding at any given time. That limit is 3% of the assessed value of taxable property in the City—or currently about \$4.76 billion. Voters give the City *authorization* to issue bonds. Those bonds that have been issued and not yet repaid are considered to be *outstanding*. As of July 31, 2010, there were \$1.39 billion in general obligation bonds issued by the City outstanding, which is equal to 0.875% of the assessed value of taxable property. There were an additional \$1.26 billion in bonds that are *authorized but unissued*. If all of these bonds were issued and outstanding, the total debt burden would be 1.67% of the assessed value of taxable property. Bonds issued by the School District and Community College District and Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) do not increase the City's debt burden for the purposes of the Charter limit, however they are repaid by property taxes (see Prudent Debt Management below). Part of the City's current debt management policy is to issue new general obligation bonds as old ones are retired, keeping the property tax rate from City general obligation bonds approximately the same over time.

Prudent Debt Management. Even though the City is well within its legal debt limit in issuing general obligation bonds, there are other debt comparisons used by bond rating agencies when they view the City's financial health. These agencies look at many types of local and regional debt that are dependent on the City's tax base—our general obligation bonds, lease revenue bonds, certificates of participation, special assessment bonds, and school and community college district bonds. San Francisco's total debt of these types is equal to 1.6% of the assessed value of taxable prop



erty in the City. This “direct debt ratio” is considered to be a “moderate” debt burden relative to the size of San Francisco’s property tax base. **While this ratio is within the comparable norms, the City needs to continue to set priorities for future debt to continue to maintain good credit ratings that, in turn, are a sign of good financial health.**

Citizen Oversight of General Obligation Bonds

Voters must approve the purpose and amount of the money to be borrowed through bonds. Bond money may be spent only for the purposes approved by the voters.

For general obligation bonds issued by the City of San Francisco, the Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee reviews and reports on how bond money is spent. The nine members of the Committee are appointed by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Controller, and Civil Grand Jury. If the Committee finds that bond money has been spent for purposes not approved by the voters, the Committee can require corrective action and prohibit the sale of any authorized but unissued bonds until such action is taken. The Board of Supervisors can reverse the decisions of the committee by a two-thirds vote. The Controller may audit any of the City’s bond expenditures.

Prepared by *Ben Rosenfield*, Controller

AA

Vehicle Registration Fee

Shall the San Francisco County Transportation Authority add \$10 to the annual registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco to fund transportation projects involving street repairs and reconstruction, pedestrian safety, and transit reliability improvements?

YES
NO

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: In 2009, the State adopted a law authorizing local agencies, such as the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), to propose to voters an additional annual fee of up to \$10 on vehicles registered in their counties to pay for transportation projects.

The Proposal: Proposition AA would amend the City’s Business and Tax Regulations Code to add \$10 to the existing annual registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco to fund transportation projects. This increase would apply to vehicle registrations and renewals beginning May 2, 2011.

Under the SFCTA’s Expenditure Plan, proceeds from the fee would be spent on projects in the following categories:

- Street Repairs and Reconstruction (50% of fee revenue) – giving priority to streets with bicycle and public transit routes. It also would include projects such as curb ramps, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian improvements, and other measures to slow or reduce traffic.
- Pedestrian Safety (25% of fee revenue) – including crosswalk improvements, sidewalk repair or upgrade, and pedestrian countdown signals and lighting.
- Transit Reliability Improvements (25% of fee revenue) – including transit stop improvements, consolidation and relocation; transit signal priority; traffic signal upgrades; travel information improvements; and parking management projects.

The SFCTA would determine the specific projects and could use up to 5% of the funds for administrative costs.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to add \$10 to the annual registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco to fund transportation projects involving street repairs and reconstruction, pedestrian safety, and transit reliability improvements.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to add \$10 to the annual registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco to fund transportation projects.

Controller’s Statement on “AA”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition AA:

Should the proposed measure be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would generate additional tax revenue for the City of approximately \$5.0 million annually that can be used for projects related to street repair, pedestrian safety and transit improvements. The proposed measure would place an additional vehicle license fee of \$10 per vehicle registered in San Francisco County.

How “AA” Got on the Ballot

On July 20, 2010, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority voted 8 to 3 to place Proposition AA on the ballot.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell and Mirkarimi.

No: Commissioners Avalos, Chiu and Mar.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 168. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition AA

Vote yes on Proposition AA to help fix our streets, improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, and make transit more reliable.

Proposition AA will provide the first new local funding for transportation in decades. It is critically needed at a time when state and federal transportation funds are being cut.

Proposition AA funds will be used for transportation projects only. The Expenditure Plan identifies projects that can be completed quickly and efficiently, including:

- Street repairs
- Pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements
- Transit reliability improvements

All Proposition AA funds will stay in San Francisco, and cannot be raided for other uses. Proposition AA requires annual reports to guarantee accountability to the public about the use of the funds.

This is why the following Commissioners on the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board voted to place Proposition AA on the ballot:

- Ross Mirkarimi (Chair)
- David Campos (Vice Chair)
- Michela Alioto-Pier
- Carmen Chu
- Chris Daly

- Bevan Dufty
- Sean Elsbernd
- Sophie Maxwell

Business, labor, environmentalists, and neighborhood groups also support Proposition AA.

Vote yes on Proposition AA to improve streets, sidewalks, and transit for everyone.

Ross Mirkarimi
Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board

David Campos (Vice-Chair), Carmen Chu, Chris Daly, Bevan Dufty, Sean Elsbernd*
Commissioners, San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano
Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
*Jake McGoldrick, Former Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority**
Sierra Club
Walk San Francisco
San Francisco Democratic Party

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition AA

STREET REPAIRS ARE (OR SHOULD BE) ONE OF THE BASIC DUTIES OF GOVERNMENT.

Our so-called "*San Francisco City Fathers*" seem to have a lot of problems keeping our local streets in good repair...even though that is one of their most basic duties.

That is what our taxes are supposed to be used for.

Instead, they waste tax funds on unneeded political appointees at City Hall and pressure group-driven spending programs of very doubtful benefit to anyone.

A few years ago, a California Governor was recalled for increasing motor vehicle registration fees. Our "*City Fathers*" are slow learners. They have never met a fee or a tax that they didn't want to increase. The sky is the limit!

Not repairing the streets, it would seem, is an excuse to raise another fee...even the unpopular motor vehicle registration fee.

The supporters of Proposition AA suggest in their arguments that they have suddenly "*discovered*" the issue of repairing our City's streets.

The local governments of Athens, Alexandria, and Rome made similar "*discoveries*" a couple of thousand years ago!

Vote "**NO!**" on Proposition AA!

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.
*County Central Committeeman**

Arlo Hale Smith
*Past BART Board President**

Doo Sup Park
State Senate Nominee

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition AA

JUST WHAT WE "NEED" – ANOTHER FEE INCREASE:

A few years ago, California voters recalled a Governor who increased auto registration fees.

The San Francisco "City Fathers" are slow learners.

Vote **"NO!"** on Proposition AA!

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Past Member of California's Certified Farmers Advisory Board.

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition AA

Proposition AA will improve transportation for pedestrians, transit riders, drivers, and bicyclists.

Funds raised by Proposition AA will only be used for transportation projects that benefit those paying the fee and lessen the impact of driving on the environment.

Proposition AA funds will be locally controlled and cannot be diverted by the State to other uses.

10 dollars per year is a reasonable fee for drivers to pay for smoother streets, safer travel, and more reliable public transportation.

Vote yes on Proposition AA to make getting around San Francisco easier and safer for everyone.

Ross Mirkarimi

Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board

Chris Daly, Bevan Dufty, Sean Elsbernd, Sophie Maxwell

Commissioners, San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano

Sierra Club

Walk San Francisco

San Francisco Democratic Party



Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition AA

Proposition AA provides an ongoing source of funding to help Muni, support pedestrian safety and improve our streets. Vote Yes!

San Francisco Tomorrow

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No Paid Arguments AGAINST Proposition AA Were Submitted

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A

Earthquake Retrofit Bond

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY RETROFIT DEFERRED LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2010. To provide deferred loans and grants to pay the costs for seismic retrofits of certain multi-story wood-frame buildings with vulnerable soft-story construction at significant risk of substantial damage and collapse during a major earthquake and funded by a qualified governmental housing finance agency for permanent or long-term affordability, or single room occupancy buildings owned by private parties, and pay related costs, shall the City issue up to \$46,150,000 of general obligation bonded indebtedness, subject to citizen oversight and regular audits?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: In 2009, the City's Department of Building Inspection commissioned a report (the Report) concluding that many soft-story buildings in San Francisco are vulnerable to collapse or significant damage in an earthquake. Soft-story buildings are multistory wood structures where at least one floor has large outside wall openings, such as garage doors.

The Report identified approximately 2,800 soft-story buildings in San Francisco constructed before 1974. Of these, 125 buildings include affordable housing units funded by government agencies. An additional 31 buildings consist of single-room occupancy units, which are usually rented to low-income tenants. There are 8,247 affordable housing units in these buildings.

The Proposal: Proposition A is a bond measure that would authorize the City to borrow up to \$46,150,000 by issuing general obligation bonds to fund loans and grants to pay for seismic retrofitting of soft-story affordable housing and single-room occupancy buildings.

Projects funded by the bond would include:

- A deferred loan and grant program to pay for seismic retrofitting of soft-story affordable housing buildings funded by government agencies. Up to \$41,330,000 could be used for this program.
- A loan program to pay for seismic retrofitting of soft-story single-room occupancy buildings. Up to \$4,820,000 could be used for this program.

The City agencies responsible for implementing these programs would set the terms and conditions for the loans and grants. But a property owner would be required to repay these loans and grants immediately

if the property owner reduced the number of affordable housing units as part of a sale or transfer of the property.

Proposition A would require the Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to provide independent oversight of the spending of bond funds. One-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the bond funds would pay for the Committee's audit and oversight functions.

Proposition A would allow an increase in the property tax to pay for the bonds. It would permit landlords to pass through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to tenants.

Two-thirds of the voters must approve this measure for it to pass.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to issue \$46,150,000 in general obligation bonds, subject to independent oversight and regular audits, for loans or grants to pay for seismic retrofitting of soft-story affordable housing and single-room occupancy buildings. Landlords would be allowed to pass through 50% of any increase in property taxes to tenants.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want the City to issue these bonds.

This measure requires 66⅔% + 1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow the facing page. The full text begins on page 173. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.

Controller's Statement on "A"

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition A:

Should the proposed \$46,150,000 million in bonds be authorized and sold under current assumptions, the approximate costs will be as follows:

- In fiscal year 2011-2012, following issuance of the first series of bonds, and the year with the lowest tax rate, the estimated annual costs of debt service would be \$1.0 million and result in a property tax rate of \$0.0007 per \$100 (\$0.70 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- In fiscal year 2015-2016, following issuance of the last series of bonds, and the year with the highest tax rate, the estimated annual costs of debt service would be \$4.4 million and result in a property tax rate of \$0.0025 per \$100 (\$2.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- The best estimate of the average tax rate for these bonds from fiscal year 2011-2012 through 2033-2034 is \$0.0016 per \$100 (\$1.60 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual property tax cost for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$400,000 would be approximately \$9.46.
- Landlords would be allowed to pass through 50% of the annual property tax cost of the proposed bond to tenants as permitted in the City Administrative Code. Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual cost for a tenant in a unit with an assessed value of approximately \$156,000 would be \$1.98.

These estimates are based on projections only, which are not binding upon the City. Projections and estimates may vary due to the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual assessed valuation over the term of repayment of the bonds. Hence, the actual tax rate and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those estimated above. The City's current debt management policy is to issue new general obligation bonds only as old ones are retired, keeping the property tax impact from general obligation bonds approximately the same over time.

How "A" Got on the Ballot

On July 20, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition A on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi.

This measure requires 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % +1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 173. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition A

Remember Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans? More than 100,000 people were displaced from their homes, their lives devastated. San Francisco is a city prone to serious earthquakes. Unless we take steps now to retrofit and protect our most vulnerable buildings and people, we could see similar destruction in our City. This bond measure would create a deferred loan fund to pay for seismic retrofits for highly vulnerable "soft story" buildings with affordable units: 156 buildings and 8,247 units throughout the City. The working families and low-income residents living in these buildings deserve protection when the next earthquake hits. In the Loma Prieta Earthquake, we lost 7,700 housing units because of damage to soft story buildings - we must strengthen similar buildings before it's too late.

WHAT IS IT:

A \$46.15 million general obligation bond to fund specific seismic improvements to "soft story" buildings, which are similar to the type of structures that sustained the most damage in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

WHY RETROFIT:

With the retrofits funded by this bond, the chance that a soft story building collapses in an extreme earthquake drops from 35% to 3%, saving lives and preserving San Francisco's housing stock.

WHY NOW:

The U.S. Geological Survey estimates a 63% chance that a 6.7 or greater earthquake will hit us in the next three decades, and that on the Hayward Fault, this would likely cause hundreds of deaths and almost \$100 billion in damage.

INVESTMENT:

For \$2.48 per San Franciscan annually, we can prevent building collapse: saving lives, preventing fires from spreading through neighborhoods, and keeping residents from being displaced and homeless.

Mayor Gavin Newsom

President David Chiu, Board of Supervisors

*Joanne Hayes-White, Fire Chief**

*Edwin Lee, City Administrator**

Gabriel Metcalf, Executive Director, SPUR

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition A

PROPOSITION A BACKERS ARE MISUSING THE CONCEPT OF "EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT" TO GIVE GIFTS AND LOANS TO POLITICALLY-CONNECTED SLUMLORDS TO REPAIR THEIR PRIVATELY-OWNED BUILDINGS WITH CITY TAX MONEY!

Behind the mask of "Earthquake Retrofit" sit a group of very wealthy and greedy multi-millionaires who refuse to repair their highly-profitable slumlord hotels and apartment houses.

What is really needed are building inspectors who will firmly enforce the building codes against these slumlords, many of whom make political campaign donations to the so-called "City Fathers".

Proposition A's proposed \$46,150,000 in giveaways and loans to slumlords is an Outrage. These wealthy individuals, having long exploited the poor of our City with substandard buildings, now want the taxpayers of San Francisco to pay their repair bills.

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

*County Central Committeeman**

Doo Sup Park

State Senate Nominee

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition A

SHOULD SAN FRANCISCO GIVE FINANCIAL AID TO MULTI-MILLIONAIRE SLUMLORDS AND RELATED SUB-STANDARD "FIRE TRAP" HOTELS???:

We all know that these slumlords are very wealthy and make large political campaign donations to our so-called "City Fathers".

These slumlords and substandard hotel owners are dragging their feet and refusing to make basic repairs to their poorly maintained properties. What the City really needs are firm building inspectors who will take these questionable businessmen to court and/or City Prison.

Proposition A's proposal to give these slumlords a financial aid program of some \$46,150,000 in giveaways, grants, and loans is outrageous. Don't reward illegal misconduct.

Proposition A is an insult to the law abiding residents and voters of San Francisco.

These multi-millionaire building owners already have enough money to properly repair their properties.

*Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.
Republican County Central Committeeman*
(12th Assembly District)*

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Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition A

EARTHQUAKES AFFECT ALL OF US

Mother Nature doesn't discriminate – when the next earthquake comes, it will impact ALL PEOPLE who live and work in San Francisco.

PREVENTING BUILDING COLLAPSE IS A CITYWIDE GOAL

Seismically retrofitted buildings are over 10 times more likely to remain standing after a big earthquake. When buildings stay standing, families don't need temporary FEMA trailers and tent camps. Instead, they can remain safe at home. This bond provides retrofits for 8,247 housing units – imagine the consequences for the City economy if all these people became homeless in a matter of moments. That's why seismic retrofits are critical.

FIRE SPREADS FAST

Even if you don't live in a seismically vulnerable affordable housing building, there might be one on your block or in your neighborhood. In the worst-case scenario, a big earthquake may bring a building like

this crumbling to the ground, starting a fire. The frightening thing about fire is that once it starts, it burns just as fast and hot in surrounding buildings that are still standing as it does in collapsed buildings. We MUST retrofit these soft story affordable housing buildings RIGHT AWAY to prevent collapse and fire. This will help keep neighborhoods intact after the next big earthquake and help us get back to our daily lives faster.

VOTE YES ON A.

*Mayor Gavin Newsom
President David Chiu, Board of Supervisors
Joanne Hayes-White, Fire Chief*
Edwin M. Lee, City Administrator*
Gabriel Metcalf, Executive Director, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)*

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition A

Prop A will provide funding to retrofit 156 buildings which house low income tenants. These buildings are some of the most vulnerable to earthquake damage and would be the most difficult to replace. This measure is the first in an on going effort to retrofit all of our vulnerable housing.

Help protect San Francisco's low income residents and their housing. Vote YES on A

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition A

Protect Renters! Support Prop A!

Prop A helps protect low-income renters by providing funding to retrofit affordable housing developments with soft-story conditions. Soft story buildings represent the most dangerous class of buildings in the city. San Francisco's ability to quickly recover from the next major earthquake depends on residents being able to shelter-in-place while their homes are being repaired. This program significantly increases the number of units that will be protected.

Vote yes on A!

*Debra Walker
Building Inspection Commissioner,
Tenant Representative**

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition A

Prop A Protects San Franciscans and Creates Jobs!

San Francisco is at risk of a major earthquake. The U.S. Geological Survey estimates a 63% chance that a 6.7 or greater earthquake will hit us in the next 3 decades. We can't afford to wait any longer to fix our soft-story buildings! Prop A will protect lives while creating jobs.

Vote yes on A!

*Michael Theriault
San Francisco Building and Construction Trades
Council**

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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition A

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition A

Proposition A is a General Obligation Bond that would provide \$46,150,000 in loans and grants to retrofit just 156 buildings, or 6% of the unsafe soft-story buildings in San Francisco that are privately owned. The measure would be paid for by increasing the property taxes of over 130,000 homeowners and increasing the rents of over 200,000 tenants. While retrofitting unsafe buildings is a laudable goal, San Franciscans should not be forced to foot the bill for a select few landlords.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION A

*San Francisco Republican Party
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B

City Retirement and Health Plans

Shall the City increase employee contributions to the Retirement System for retirement benefits; decrease employer contributions to the Health Service System for health benefits for employees, retirees and their dependents; and change rules for arbitration proceedings about City collective bargaining agreements?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City provides retirement benefits to employees and retirees through its Retirement System and health benefits through its Health Service System. Both the City and covered employees contribute to funding those systems.

The Unified School District, Community College District and Superior Court participate in the City's Retirement System and Health Service System, but not all of their employees participate.

The uniformed members of the Sheriff's Department and certain other employees participate in the California Public Employees Retirement System and not in the City's Retirement System.

The Charter sets the contribution rate employees must pay to the Retirement System. For most City employees, that rate is 7.5% of compensation. The City and other participating employers pay the balance needed to fund the system. Under collective bargaining agreements, the City sometimes has agreed to pay the Charter-required employee contribution to the Retirement System.

The City averages the amount paid by California's 10 most populated counties to set the minimum amount that the four employers contribute to the Health Service System. Participating employees and retirees also contribute to the system. Under some collective bargaining agreements, participating employers have agreed to pay additional costs for employee and dependent medical, vision and dental coverage.

The Proposal: Proposition B is a Charter amendment that would increase employee contributions to the Retirement System, decrease employers' contributions to the Health Service System and change rules for arbitration proceedings about City collective bargaining agreements.

Proposition B would increase required employee contributions to the Retirement System, and reduce the employers' share of funding that system, as follows:

- Uniformed members of the police and fire departments (but not of the Sheriff's department) would contribute up to 10% of their compensation to fund retirement benefits. This increase would not exceed the amount needed to pay the added costs of increased police and fire retirement benefits resulting from the 2002 Charter amendment. (Prop H, see "Words You Need to Know")
- Other employees in the Retirement System would contribute 9.0% of their compensation to fund retirement benefits.

- In future collective bargaining agreements, the City, but not the other three employers, would be prohibited from paying any portion of the employee contribution.

Proposition B would decrease the employers' contribution to the Health Service System, and increase the employees' payments, and possibly retirees' payments, to that system, as follows:

- For medical coverage, employers could pay only the 10-county average amount.
- The City, but not the other three employers, would be prohibited from paying any additional costs for employee coverage.
- For employee dependent health care coverage, the City, but not the other three employers, would reduce its contribution to no more than 50% of the cost of the least expensive plan the Health Services System offers for each level of coverage.
- For dental plans, the City, but not the other three employers, would contribute no more than 75% of the cost of employee coverage and 50% of the cost of dependent coverage.

In any arbitration to resolve disputes in the City's collective bargaining, Proposition B would require the arbitrator to make findings about the current and projected costs to the City of retirement and health benefits and take those costs into account in deciding compensation. This would not apply to the other three employers.

Proposition B also states that if an arbitrator awards an increase in benefits for covered employees during a five-year period, the increase shall first be subject to voter approval.

Proposition B would take effect on January 1, 2011. Some provisions would take effect only when current collective bargaining agreements expire.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to:

- increase employee contributions to the Retirement System for retirement benefits,
- decrease employer contributions to the Health Service System for health benefits for employees, retirees and their dependents, and
- change rules for arbitration proceedings about City collective bargaining agreements.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes to the Charter.

This measure requires 50% +1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow the facing page. The full text begins on page 175. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.

Controller's Statement on "B"

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition B:

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, the City will have significantly reduced costs for providing employee retirement benefits and health care benefits, with those costs being shifted from the City government to City employees. Annual savings to the City would total approximately \$121 million by fiscal year 2013-2014, assuming current workforce levels and healthcare utilization. This includes approximately \$73 million in savings to the City's General Fund, and \$48 million in savings to other enterprise funds such as the Airport and Public Utilities Commission funds.

Employee and City Government Medical, Dependent and Dental Care Payments:

The proposed charter amendment increases medical care contributions from all City employees and limits the amount the City would pay. Currently, the monthly amount paid by the City for each employee's medical benefits is determined through a Charter-required survey of the amount paid for this same purpose by the ten most populous counties in California. For FY2010-2011, that amount is \$473 per employee per month. In addition, under most labor agreements, the City pays the full cost of 'single' medical benefits for those employees who have no dependents on their medical plan. For fiscal year 2010-11, the total City cost of both of these medical benefits is approximately \$178 million citywide. The proposed charter amendment would prohibit the City from paying the additional 'single' medical benefit costs as part of any labor agreement, and shift those costs from the City government to City employees.

The proposed charter amendment increases dependent medical care contributions from all City employees and limits the amount the City would pay. Currently, the monthly amount paid by the City for dependent medical care costs is negotiated in labor agreements. Under most labor agreements, for each employee who has dependents the City pays an amount equal to 75% of the lowest plan cost for a family. For FY2010-11, that amount is between \$481 and \$660 per employee per month, with a total City cost of approximately \$125 million citywide. For dental care, under most labor agreements, the City pays 100% of the cost of family coverage. For FY2010-2011, that amount is \$132 per employee per month with a total City cost of approximately \$44 million citywide. Under the proposed charter amendment the City could pay no more than 50% of the cost of dependent health and dental care and 75% of the cost of employee dental care. The balance of health and dental costs are shifted from the City government to City employees.

The Health Service System's actuary estimates annual savings to the City under the health, dependent and dental care provisions of the amendment would be approximately \$83 million annually based on the fiscal year 2010-2011 premium rates. This amount includes approximately \$13 million in savings for 'single' medical care, \$53 million in savings for dependent care, and \$17 million in savings for dental care. Note that these amounts are not reductions to insurance plan rates or to the cost of care, rather a shift of the cost from the City government to City employees.

Employee and City Government Retirement Payments:

The proposed charter amendment increases required contribution rates to fund retirement benefits from all City employees and decreases the amount the City would pay. Currently, most

employees pay 7.5% of salary to fund their retirement benefits. Employee contributions would increase from 7.5% to up to 10% of salary for uniformed Police and Fire employees and from 7.5% to 9% of salary for all other employees. The charter amendment also prohibits the City from paying for any portion of this required employee contribution as a part of a labor agreement.

Because of these increased employee contributions, the proposed charter amendment would decrease the amount the City government must contribute to fund retirement benefits. Each year required retirement contribution rates are set based on actuarial analysis. In fiscal year 2010-2011, the City's required contribution will be 13.6% of payroll or approximately \$325 million. By fiscal year 2013-2014, the City's contribution rate is projected to increase to an estimated 22.8% of payroll or approximately \$576 million. Actuarial analysis of the proposed Charter amendment is that net annual savings to the City would be approximately 1.5% of payroll, or approximately \$38 million by fiscal year 2013-2014. The City's savings attributable to the shift in cost to employees are somewhat reduced by a higher total cost of retirement benefits resulting from increased employee withdrawal rights and total benefits amounts that will be outcomes of the measure.

Additional Costs or Savings:

There may be significant additional costs or savings to the City as a result of the proposed charter amendment. For example, increases in employee medical care costs will likely result in individuals opting for lower cost plans or decreasing the number of dependents enrolled, resulting in additional savings to the City. Increases in employee payments for retirement and medical costs under the proposed charter amendment could be offset by wage increases and related fringe benefit costs negotiated in future labor agreements or awarded in labor arbitrations, resulting in additional costs to the City. There may also be impacts of the proposed charter amendment under the national health care reform provisions.

How "B" Got on the Ballot

On August 2, 2010, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition B to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

44,533 signatures were required to place an initiative Charter Amendment on the ballot. This number is equal to 10% of the registered voters at the time a "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" was published. A review of all signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 6, 2010 submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 175. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



This disclaimer applies to the rebuttal to the proponent's argument on this page and the opponent's argument on the facing page. *The Board of Supervisors authorized the submission of the following argument. As of the date of the publication of this Voter Information Pamphlet, the following Supervisors oppose the measure:* Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar and Mirkarimi; *take no position on the measure:* Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Daly and Maxwell.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition B

San Francisco is going broke.

This year, the City is spending \$829 million to pay pension and health care costs for city employees. At the same time, the City faces a \$483 million deficit. Currently, 1 out of every 8 tax dollars is spent on city employee pension and health costs. According to the City's Controller, these costs will double in the next five years.

Prop B is real pension reform

Currently, nearly one-half of city employees and all elected officials contribute nothing towards their pensions. Prop B will change this by requiring every city employee and elected official to pay 9-10% toward their pensions.

Prop B will save the City \$600 million in the next five years

These funds may be re-directed to save vital services, such as health, education, street repair, parks, senior care and children's services.

Prop B helps protect the city and its pension system from bankruptcy

The current pension system is unsustainable, costing taxpayers \$50-\$100 million more each year. By

requiring all employees to contribute towards their pensions, Prop B relieves the burden from taxpayers.

Prop B better manages health care costs.

Prop B helps reduce the city's \$456 million annual cost for city employee and dependent health care. The employee still receives free full coverage but pays 50% instead of 25% of the cost of dependent health care premiums.

Prop B doesn't change pension or health benefits.

Prop B does not change the employee's pension benefits or access to quality health care for city employees.

By requiring all city employees and officials to contribute towards solving our city's pension crisis, Prop B will ensure that our pension debt is not passed down to our children.

Please join 49,178 San Franciscans who put Proposition B on the ballot by voting YES!

*Public Defender Jeff Adachi**

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition B

Don't be fooled by the Prop B scare tactics and exaggerated numbers.

Doubles children health care costs.

Under Prop B, a single mother with one child will pay up to \$5,600 more annually for health care, regardless of ability to pay. Most San Franciscans couldn't afford a \$5,600 insurance premium increase. Neither can the vast majority of teachers, custodians, gardeners, librarians, firefighters, nurses, police and other public employees hurt by Prop B.

Unintended consequences.

Written in secret, bankrolled by a billionaire, with no public hearing, Prop B is riddled with unintended consequences -- including the loss of \$100 million in federal health care funding over the next four years. In addition, lost coverage will force families to use emergency rooms, costing taxpayers millions.

Exaggerated numbers.

Proponent's drastic exaggerations don't account for major reforms passed in 2008 that will save over a billion dollars. The facts: public employees have taken voluntary pay cuts of \$750 million over the last 9 years and helped pass two far-reaching city retirement and health care reforms.

A wrong, unfair approach.

We are rightly proud of San Francisco health care policies, including Healthy San Francisco, which led the nation to President Obama's health care reforms. Don't take us backwards.

Please vote NO on Prop B.

*Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Sheriff Michael Hennessey
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
San Francisco Firefighters
San Francisco Police Officers Association
United Educators of San Francisco
California Nurses Association*

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition B

DON'T CUT HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. VOTE NO ON B.

Proposition B is a deceptive, poorly-drafted and unfair proposition that significantly raises the cost of health care for thousands of San Francisco families and retirees.

It was placed on the ballot with private financing and without evaluating its costly unintended consequences, without holding a single public hearing or meeting with the thousands of retirees, teachers, nurses, firefighters and other employees it impacts – all of whom voluntarily decreased the cost to the City of their coverage last year.

These are the troubling facts about Proposition B: **INCREASES HEALTH CARE COSTS.** Under Proposition B, a single mother with one dependent will be forced to pay an additional \$5,000 per year for health care. Most employees will see their costs more than double.

DOESN'T DISTINGUISH BETWEEN LOW-WAGE AND HIGHLY-PAID WORKERS. Proposition B increases the cost of health care whether an employee makes \$30,000 or is the top brass. It even cuts health care

benefits for widows and children of police officers or firefighters killed in the line of duty.

COSTS THE CITY MILLIONS. Proposition B makes San Francisco ineligible for \$23 million a year in federal health reform funding for health benefits for employees and retirees. In a city that leads the country in health care reform through Healthy SF and other innovative programs, this proposition takes health care drastically backwards. And, it does nothing to fix the issues that drive increases in health benefit costs.

That's why it's opposed by the San Francisco Democratic Party, State Senator Mark Leno, District Attorney Kamala Harris, and many, many others. Please vote NO on B.

*Mayor Gavin Newsom
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Sheriff Michael Hennessey
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
San Francisco Firefighters
San Francisco Police Officers Association
United Educators of San Francisco
California Nurses Association*

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition B

While the City was **spending \$829 million dollars** this year on City employee pensions and health care.....

Summer school for all 10,000 children was cancelled; the School District didn't have \$4 million to pay for it.

San Francisco slashed its Recreation and Parks budget by \$93 million.

San Francisco needs \$314 million to fix our streets but can only afford \$40 million **while our streets crumble.**

Some parking meters soared to \$18 an hour.

Top retired pensioners receive \$250,000 annually for the rest of their lives – possibly 30 years- equal to \$8 million for each employee.

A private sector employee would have to contribute almost 65% of their annual salary for 30 years for equivalent pension and health benefits of the average City employee.

A City employee with one dependent pays \$8 a month for health care; the City pays \$1,000 a month.

Elected officials and more than 10,000 City employees pay nothing toward their guaranteed pensions. **The City picks up the entire bill.**

THIS IS UNSUSTAINABLE AND MUST CHANGE!

Politicians won't tackle this critical issue because of special interests; **the people of San Francisco must save this City.**

JOIN SAN FRANCISCANS FOR SMART REFORM AND VOTE YES ON PROP B!

*Joe Boss
Darcy Brown
Janet Carpenelli
Tina Cervin
Carol J. Christie
Tom Donald
Kristine Enea
Paul Finochiarro
Penny Finochiarro
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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition B

This amendment is not about politics but about arithmetic. San Francisco could be insolvent in five years or less owing to rising costs including the unfunded burden of public employees' pensions and health care. This moderate measure reduces the risk. It requires only that public employees with rich pension benefits contribute fairly to the cost of those pensions and to their health care insurance, just as private sector employees must do. It is only arithmetic and fairness.

Mary Beth and Bob Starzel
*San Francisco Voters**

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition B

Failure to reform our pension and health systems will cause serious harm to the budgets of our other government services including public health, police and fire protection.

Vote YES on Prop B!

Margaret Ropchan

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition B

SUPPORT PROPOSITION B, CITY PENSION REFORM

Say 'YES to B' saving our City's services from further cuts. Say 'YES to B' thawing out the hiring freezes and giving young San Franciscans some work to do to help keep them out of trouble. Say 'YES to B' asking City workers to contribute to their own pensions and gold plated benefits.

Vote **YES on B** – San Francisco cannot afford any more service cuts or fee increases.

Jamie Whitaker

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition B

San Francisco citizen Civil Grand Juries spent two years investigating our escalating billion dollar pension crisis. (<http://www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/index.aspx?page=212>) Their findings:

- San Francisco pension and healthcare costs will rise to \$1 billion by 2015, one-third of the current general fund.
- 900 City retirees receive pensions between \$100,000-250,000.
- San Francisco paid pension contributions of nearly \$300 million in 2009-10, increasing yearly by some \$57 million.
- Officials failed to enforce a 2002 Charter-mandated cost-sharing agreement with police/firefighters to pay enhanced benefits, creating an unfunded liability of \$276 million.
- "Pension spiking" by police/firefighters cost taxpayers more than \$132 million over ten years.

Healthcare is a large part of the problem. Prop B requires a modest contribution for dependent health benefits to deal with the current \$4 billion unfunded obligation. In 2001, retiree healthcare cost San Francisco taxpayers \$17 million, but by 2011 the cost becomes a \$140 million bite from the General Fund, \$204 million by 2015. This is simply unsustainable. For comparison, most private sector employees, if they receive health benefits at all, must contribute to their own insurance, as do Federal employees and retirees. Even Medicare recipients share the cost. The request that our workers contribute for their dependent health-care is more than justified--particularly in these times of economic peril for San Francisco.

YOU DECIDE! Voters must solve this problem before it bankrupts the City. Elected officials, for fear of voter retribution, have not done so in the past and are unlikely to do so in the future. It is up to us. Doing nothing is simply not an option.

*Former members, SF Civil Grand Jury**
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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition B

Municipal employees enjoy an average annual compensation of \$93,000. When they retire, they receive an annual pension equal to 75-90% of the average of their final two years pay, while contributing a maximum of 7.5% of their annual salary to their pensions. Under Proposition B, they would contribute 9-10% toward their pensions. Municipal employees receive 100% coverage for their health care premiums, and currently pay 25% of the cost of premiums for dependents. Under Proposition B, employees would share the cost of premiums for dependents 50:50 with the City. Many working families with 401K plans and IRAs can only dream of this kind of financial security and health care benefits package, yet they pay the taxes that fund these salaries and benefits.

Proposition B would reduce take home pay, which will be a hardship for some City employees. However, all San Franciscans currently face the growing hardship from cutbacks in public services, such as no summer school and the reduction in parks and recreations programs.

If City employees contribute a little more toward their pensions and dependent health care, the City can continue to provide basic public services. It is our most vulnerable populations that suffer disproportionately when these services are reduced or eliminated. Our streets are disintegrating because we cannot afford to fix them. A broken ankle or hip often results in an otherwise independent senior citizen ending up in a nursing home. Unless the City can afford to fill the many potholes, more of our frail elderly will be at risk of losing their independence. Let's prioritize - **POTHOLES BEFORE PENSIONS!**

Richard Beleson

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition B

PROP B ENSURES THAT ALL SAN FRANCISCANS RECEIVE QUALITY HEALTH CARE

Under Proposition B all City employees and retirees will continue to receive 100% of their healthcare benefits. However, instead of the City paying 75% of dependent health care costs, all City employees will share 50-50 in the cost of healthcare for their dependents.

Currently:

- A City worker with no dependents pays nothing for healthcare; the City pays \$481.70 per month.
- A City worker with one dependent pays \$8.84 per month; the City pays \$953.50 per month.
- A City worker with two or more dependents pays \$228 per month; the City pays \$1,132.54 per month.

Under the Prop B:

- A city worker without dependents would still pay nothing.
- A City worker with one dependent would pay, on average, \$241.76 per month.
- A City worker with two dependents would pay \$439.79 per month.
- **All of these payments into healthcare by City employees are with pre-tax dollars.**

City employees get a benefit package that is unparalleled to private sector employees:

- Only 60% of San Francisco businesses offer health care benefits for employees.
- Private sector employees pay an average monthly cost of \$402 (**compared to City employees who contribute nothing**) and pay \$1,114.58 with dependents.
- And while 100% of City employees receive retiree health benefits, only 29% of private sector employees receive such benefits.

According to the Health Service System, **Proposition B would save the City \$83.3 million** in health care costs, funds that can be used **to preserve health programs for people who do not have health coverage.**

Taxpayers with fewer or no benefits must pay to maintain City employee benefits; **this is unsustainable!**

JOIN ME AND VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION B!

*Darcy Brown
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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition B



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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Proposition B is grossly unfair to San Francisco's lowest paid employees. It increases health costs paid by these employees by over 333%!

For example, I have 57 employees called Cadets who make under \$36,000 per year, before taxes. Currently, a Cadet with one dependent pays \$1450 yearly for Blue Shield coverage. Proposition B will increase her health care costs to over \$6,200 – almost 20% of her paycheck.

Vote NO on Proposition B!

*Sheriff Michael Hennessey**

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

"Proposition B" Is Discriminatory

Proposition B's flawed assumptions and unintended consequences claim \$83.3 million in healthcare savings, but only \$53.3 million is General Fund savings. It doesn't consider losing \$23 million in Federal funds, saving — at best — only \$30 million.

Prop. B is regressive, discriminating against lower-paid City employees, particularly women and minorities.

It increases employee healthcare costs astronomically. A single mom with one dependent in the Kaiser plan faces a \$2,880 annual premium increase; if she has Blue Shield her costs quadruple, **adding \$4,224** to current premiums. **Current retirees** with disabled dependent spouses or parents **are targeted, facing benefits erosion.**

Since 2003, the City increased staff **earning over \$90,000** to 11,981 employees; they represent one-third of the workforce, consume **\$1.5 billion** (56 percent) of annual payroll, and drive up pensions for higher-paid employees because the City hasn't restrained excessive management salaries.

The City claims average salaries are \$93,000, calculated using full-time "equivalents." Calculating correctly including part-time employees, average salaries are

only \$63,401. Worse, the 17,508 employees earning less than \$60,000 before taxes — including full-time employees — average only \$30,061 in base pay, making a \$4,224 increase to current healthcare premiums unaffordable.

Prop. B **disproportionately penalizes** the 17,508 lower-paid employees — half of all City workers — but doesn't reduce bloated management salaries.

Prop. B contains a **"poison pill"** preventing pay raises for five years, ignoring inflation will erode lower-paid workers' take-home pay.

California's constitution permits collective bargaining between employers and recognized bargaining unions, and protects **retirees** already receiving vested family healthcare benefits. **Voters can't set raises or change vested rights.**

Protect "safety" (police, firefighters) **and** "miscellaneous" (laborer, custodial, nursing, clerical, etc.) employees.

Defend healthcare equity for lower-paid City employees and retirees: **Vote "No" on Prop. B!**

Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

RETIREES SAY NO ON PROPOSITION B!

Proposition B is bogus reform – and it will have serious consequences for retirees.

As public employees, we worked a lifetime serving the public, often at pay well below that for similar jobs in private employment.

In exchange, we were promised decent health benefits throughout our long careers and when we finally retired. Whether we were nurses, secretaries, custodians, police officers, clerks, firefighters, gardeners, teachers – or performed another vital public service – that's what we were led to expect.

Retirees — many on fixed incomes – simply can't afford Proposition B. Many were priced out of San

Francisco, and those who remain struggle to afford housing, excessive garbage, water and PG&E rates and other essential everyday costs of living in this expensive city.

Retirees deserve the affordable and accessible health coverage we worked and paid for – and were promised.

VOTE NO on PROPOSITION B.

*Larry Barsetti – Vice-President
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Proposition B is a simplistic solution to a complex issue that disproportionately impacts low-wage City workers and jeopardizes health care for their families.

Vote NO on B!

San Francisco Tomorrow

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Prop B would require city workers to double their family healthcare contributions. The increased costs will price working families out of health and dental care. Pension reform is needed, but Proposition B is a regressive measure, particularly unfair to LGBT employees who already pay more to cover their families under discriminatory IRS laws. B requires that all employees pay as much as \$5,600 a year to cover families – whether they are a department head, a teacher or janitor. NO ON B!

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Nurses Say NO on B

Prop B cuts health care for working families, forces more people to use the emergency room at General Hospital and increases costs for all taxpayers. Prop B is unfair, unwise, and unhealthy.

Please Vote NO on B.

Barbara Savitz, RN
Jonica Brooks, RN*
Naomi Schoerfeld, RN*
Kristie May, RN*
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Religious Leaders Oppose Prop B

At this moment when the economic climate has caused such suffering for so many, to seek to cut the health care benefits of working San Franciscans and their families is unconscionable. We reject the notion that those with little should be treated the same as those with plenty. We stand on the side of equity, compassion and careful consideration in opposing this measure.

Reverend Roy Birchard, San Francisco Fellowship of Reconciliation
Sister Bernie Galvin, Sisters of Divine Providence*
Reverend Donna Wood*
Noa Grayevsky, Progressive Jewish Alliance*
Reverend Ed Dura, St. Patrick's Church**

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Tenant Advocates Say No on B!

Stand up for San Francisco's lowest-paid workers, vote NO on B! Prop B would unfairly force the city's lowest paid workers - many of them tenants - off their health care.

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Public Safety Leaders say “No on B”

Proposition B is an ill-conceived measure that unfairly penalizes working San Franciscans. It will significantly increase health care costs for the families of police, firefighters and deputy sheriffs as well as nurses, custodians and teachers. City employees have already given back \$250 million dollars in wages and taken on more of their health and retirement costs. Most troubling, Proposition B endangers the benefits of surviving spouses and children of safety employees killed in the line of duty. Please join us in voting NO on B.

*Sheriff Michael Hennessey**
*Police Chief George Gascon**
*Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White**

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Don’t overload the Emergency Room, vote NO on B!

Too often, families without health care coverage wait to the last minute, get sick, and then go to the emergency room for care. We know, because we work at San Francisco General Hospital. We also know how expensive that is for taxpayers – and it’s just one of the hidden costs in the poorly-written Prop B. Please don’t double children’s health care costs and overload our emergency rooms. Vote NO on B.

*Kathryn Guta, RN**
*Sue Trupin, RN**
*Theresa Cahill, RN**
*Jo Anne Roy, RN**
*Amalia Fyles, RN**
*Cynthia Cornett, RN**
*Daniel Merer, RN**
*Pete Trachy, RN**
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*Mary Cobbins, RN**
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*Micahel Tong, Institutional Police Officer**
*Charles Sanchez, Porter**
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Chinese Leaders Say Keep Health Care Affordable – Vote NO on B

Most members of our community cannot afford a \$5,300 increase in their yearly health care costs. Proposition B raises the cost of health care for workers and their families and will force many to lose their insurance altogether.

Please Join Us in Voting NO on B

Senator Leland Yee
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
Supervisor Eric Mar
School Board Member Sandra Lee Fewer
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

San Francisco Democrats Oppose Proposition B

Prop B will increase family health care costs for low-wage workers and their children and cost the city more than \$100 million in federal health care funding over the next four years. Keep San Francisco a leader in health care access, vote NO on B!

San Francisco Democratic Party

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

LGBT LEADERS ARE UNITED AGAINST PROPOSITION B

The LGBT community knows what it means to be treated unfairly and unjustly. But we stood together and fought to earn the right to have access to quality care that specializes in AIDS/HIV, transgender services and care for our LGBT seniors. Proposition B is a giant step backwards in that fight. Proposition B strips individuals of their healthcare and puts undue strain on the precious few clinics and programs that serve our community. Proposition B also attacks healthcare for domestic partners and dependent children. This is a short-sighted, Republican approach to health care that San Francisco must reject. Please vote NO on Proposition B.

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
SF Pride at Work
Senator Mark Leno
Fmr. Senator Carole Migden
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Supervisor Bevan Dufty
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FIREFIGHTERS ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON B

Our job as firefighters is to be there when you need us. This November, we're asking for your help and your vote to defeat Proposition B. Prop B doubles the cost of children's health care for every firefighter, regardless of their ability to pay. It also increases health care costs for widows and children of firefighters who fall in the line of duty. It simply goes too far. Please vote NO on B.

*Rhab Boughn – SFFD Headquarters**
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*Adrienne Sims – Station 24, Upper Noe Valley**
*Marcella McCormack – Station 31, Richmond**
*Patrick Hannan – Station 38, Pacific Heights**
*Jay Veach – Station 38, Pacific Heights**
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

San Francisco Police Officers Say No on B

Prop B removes health care from families of Police Officers - including those who are hurt or lose their lives in the line of duty.

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*Ofc. Bret McManigal, Mission Station**
*Ofc. David Frias, Northern Station**
*Ofc. Bayardo Roman, Northern Station**
*Ofc. Raoul Ponce, Northern Station**
*Ofc. Douglas Tennenbaum, Northern Station**
*Ofc. John Gallagher, Northern Station**
*Ofc. Michael Walsh, Northern Station**
*Ofc. Sandon Cheung, Northern Station**
*Ofc. Kevin Horan, Northern Station**
*Ofc. Gary Buckner, Mission Station**
*Ofc. Michael Klaver, Mission Station**
*Ofc. Maria Peregrwa, Mission Station**
*Ofc. Charles Limbert, Mission Station**
*Ofc. Donald Anderson, Mission Station**
*Ofc. Kevin Murray, Mission Station**
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

San Francisco Gardeners say NO on B

As City Gardeners, we know how much San Franciscans love our parks and recreation areas. We love them, too! We are proud of our work, and we took a voluntary pay cut to make it possible to keep parks and recreation areas open and operating for residents. But we are opposed to Prop B because it is a one-sided, unfair measure that will double the cost of our dependent health care. It is simply unfair to treat gardeners the same as the top brass. Please vote NO on B.

*Norman Degelman, Golden Gate Park**
*Jeff Schimmel, Harding Park**
*Michael Alexander, Harding Park**
*Janet Potts, Corona Heights**
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*Davida Kapler, Supervisor – Neighborhood Parks**

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*Douglas Martino, Golden Gate Park**

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*Salvador Carrion, Forrest Hill**

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*Thomas Mudrick, Harding Park**

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

San Francisco Teachers say No on B!

Prop B cuts health care for low-wage workers in our schools who can barely afford those costs already. Balancing the budget on the backs of working families is the wrong way to address state and federal budget cuts to our schools.

Dennis Kelly, President – UESF

Linda Plack, Executive Vice President – UESF

Susan Solomon, Secretary – UESF

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*Rose Curreri, Taylor Elementary**

*Kathleen Cecil, Mission High**

*Katherine Melvin, Lowell High**

*Maria Teresa Rode, Lowell High**

*Ken Tray, Lowell High**

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Library Workers Say No on B

We are proud to serve San Francisco at the Main Library and its 27 different branches. Each year, we help the library serve hundreds of thousands of people. Now, we're asking for your help. In tough budget times, we have helped balance the budget – city employees have taken a voluntary \$250 million pay cut this year alone. Then comes Proposition B, put on the ballot without any public discussion or hearings. It will double the cost of our family health care – up to \$5,000 more per year for a single mother with one dependent. Many of us simply cannot afford it. Let's balance the budget the right way, not on the backs of low-paid workers.

Please vote NO on B!

Andrea Grimes, Librarian*
 Catherine Bremer, Librarian*
 Marilyn Dong, Librarian*
 Nancy Silverrod, Librarian*
 Quindi Berger, Librarian*
 Donna Perschino, Librarian*
 Wendy Kramer, Librarian*
 Tami Suzuki, Librarian*
 Beverly Hayes, Librarian*
 Judy Wedgley, Library Assistant*
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Stephen Lee, Library Technician*
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

Laguna Honda Workers say No on B!

At Laguna Honda, our mission is to provide health care, therapy, rehabilitation and other services to hundreds of patients each year. Now, it's our own health care that's on the line. Proposition B unfairly doubles the cost of health care for our children and spouses. Many of us simply can't afford the up to \$5,000 increase in health care costs. As city employees, we have been willing to take voluntary pay cuts to help balance the budget. But Prop B goes too far.

Please join us in voting NO on B.

Susan Lindsay, Health Worker*
 Jamilah Din, Food Service Worker*
 Randy Ellen Blaustein, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist*
 Bonnie Richardson, DMIT*
 Bryan Uyeno, Environmental Services Worker*
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 Micahel Beglin, Porter*
 Karen Zhang, Porter*
 Jenny Tam, Porter*
 Rose Huang, Porter*
 Chi-Lung Chin, Porter*
 Li Chan Lei, Porter*
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 Tan Poy Chan, Porter*
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition B

First Responders say no on B!

As first responders, we are there when San Franciscans need help. We are ready for any emergency. And when public safety was on the line because of recession-caused budget deficits, we pitched in and took a voluntary pay cut. But now with Prop B, a single politician is trying to force every city employee to pay doubled health care costs for their dependents. It's a shortsighted measure that will cause many families to lose their coverage, resulting in more use of expensive emergency room care at taxpayer expense. Please join us and vote NO on B.

*Dr. Jeff Tabas, MD**

*Amy Petraca, RN**

*Caroline DeBalsio, RN**

*Dave Staconis, RN**

*Tim Sanders, RN**

*Julie Lane, 911 Dispatcher**

*Justin Wong, 911 Dispatcher**

*Margarita Evangelista, 911 Dispatcher**

*Ed Kinchley, Emergency Social Worker**

*Anna Kearney, Emergency Social Worker**

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C

Mayoral Appearances at Board Meetings

Shall the Charter be amended to require the Mayor to appear in person at one regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions with the Board?

YES
NO

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City Charter allows the Mayor to speak about any City matter at any meeting of the Board of Supervisors or its committees. But the Charter does not require the Mayor to do so. The City has a non-binding policy that the Mayor should appear at one regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in discussions.

The Proposal: Proposition C is a Charter Amendment that would require the Mayor to appear in person at one regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions with the Board.

Proposition C would also require the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with the Mayor, to adopt an ordinance providing rules and guidelines about the Mayor’s appearances before the Board.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to change the Charter to require the Mayor to appear in person at one regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions with the Board.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes to the Charter.

Controller’s Statement on “C”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition C:

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would not affect the cost of government.

How “C” Got on the Ballot

On July 20, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted 6 to 5 to place Proposition C on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Mar and Mirkarimi.

No: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Chu, Dufty, Elsbernd and Maxwell.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 177. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition C

YES ON PROP C!

In 2006, over 126,000 voters passed a statement of policy urging the Mayor to appear at one meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions. Even though the Board amended their rules to provide for these discussions, Mayor Newsom did not participate. In 2007, a second measure to compel the Mayor's attendance was defeated by fewer than 5,000 votes.

In his opposition to the measure, Mayor Gavin Newsom suggested that Supervisor Chris Daly sponsored the item for political motives. The cynically named "Let's Really Work Together Coalition" hammered this point with a \$250,000 campaign. While this may have been a winning argument in 2007, it now falls short. Supervisor Daly (and possibly Mayor Newsom) won't be in City Hall when Proposition C is implemented.

ENCOURAGES OPEN PUBLIC POLICY DISCUSSION

Prop C will ensure that the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors have an open and public venue in which

to engage in formal policy discussion. This will contribute to policy development in the City, encouraging the Mayor to formally give input on pending proposals as they go through the legislative process, and would allow the public to hear the various viewpoints among our City representatives on major policy issues.

FOSTERS COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION

In California's other counties, County Executives regularly appear at their Board of Supervisors meetings, and many California mayors serve on their City Council. San Franciscans will benefit from more open communication between our elected officials. Greater public communications between the Mayor and the Board members will improve the general workings of our government, especially in tackling the most pressing issues of our day.

VOTE YES ON PROP C!

Supervisors Campos, Chiu, Daly, Mar, and Mirkarimi

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition C

Vote No on Prop C

Petty Personal Politics is Not San Francisco's Priority

San Francisco voters rejected this proposal in 2007 and should do so again in 2010. San Francisco faces real issues that require the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to work together cooperatively and constructively. Prop C ensures that petty personal attacks and political theatre take precedent over important policy discussion and debate.

Prop C Does Not Encourage Discussion, but Promotes Divisiveness

Prop C will ensure that disagreements between the Mayor and Board of Supervisors become political theatre. It will not contribute to policy development, but lead to personal attacks. The City will be worse off as a result of public airing of the disagreements between the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Prop C Does Not Foster Communication, but Facilitates Conflict

Prop C promotes conflict and confrontation. It will not increase communication between the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, but rather ensures that Supervisor Chris Daly is provided a stage from which to launch personal attacks.

For the good of the City, San Franciscans should reject Prop C.

Please Join Us and Vote No on Prop C

*Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd*

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition C

Chris Daly's At It Again. Vote No on Proposition C!

How many times do we have to tell Supervisor Daly that "No" means "No?"

When Daly put a proposition with the EXACT same wording on the ballot in 2007 it was soundly rejected by San Francisco voters.

Let's reject this idea one more time. Join us in voting No on Proposition C!

San Francisco has already spoken on this issue, yet the proponents of this measure don't seem to understand that we've have had enough of the petty personal attacks and distractions from meaningful debate and discourse.

This measure is supposed to encourage open lines of communication between the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

Every Mayor in recent history has maintained an open door policy, including Mayors Gavin Newsom & Willie Brown.

If the supervisors want to speak with the Mayor, they don't need voter approval, they simply need a telephone.

This measure would result in the political theater that prevents the City from fixing the potholes or making

our communities safe. Proposition C would add to the political infighting San Francisco simply can't afford.

Do we really think more meaningless grandstanding will turn the City around? San Francisco's citizens deserve better than more political shenanigans and bickering. It's beneath the dignity of both the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

Please join us in voting NO on Proposition C. Let's keep San Francisco focused on solving the real problems.

*Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd*

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition C

VOTE YES ON PROP C!

Some politicians have made a career of saying No. Now they are saying No to bringing sunshine to San Francisco's political discourse.

PROMOTE OPEN PUBLIC POLICY DISCUSSION!

While the Mayor may have an "open door policy," this really equates to backroom dealings with his appointees and personal friends on the Board of Supervisors. What we really need is open communications between the Mayor and all the members of the Board with full sunshine and view of the public.

The Charter requires the Mayor to present an annual state of the city and a balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors, but this Mayor has refused to do so in person. While the Charter provides for the Mayor to be heard with respect to any matter at any meeting of the Board of Supervisors, our current mayor has only once attended a Board meeting to present his policy priorities. During that presentation, the Mayor was greeted by Board members with the utmost respect.

Over the last decade, San Franciscan discourse has suffered from the lack of communication between our key officials. Regular dialogue, especially between those who have different opinions and ideas, can go a long way in increasing understanding, and improving cooperation between the different branches of government, especially in tackling San Francisco's most pressing problems.

San Franciscans deserve full transparency in the development of our City's policy.

Vote Yes on Prop C!

Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Mar, and Mirkarimi



No Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition C Were Submitted

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition C

The Charter has always given mayors the right to appear before the Board of Supervisors. But, because of separation of administrative and legislative functions of government, we have never mandated such an appearance.

Don't waste the Mayor's or the Board's time with political theater-Vote NO on Proposition C.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

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D

Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections

Shall the City allow non-citizen residents of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older and have children living in the San Francisco Unified School District to vote for members of the Board of Education?

YES



NO

**Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Unified School District operates 140 public schools in San Francisco for students from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. The San Francisco Board of Education oversees and sets policy for the School District. The Board of Education has seven members who are elected by San Francisco voters. Elections for members of the Board of Education are held in November of even-numbered years.

San Francisco residents who are 18 years of age or older, United States citizens, and not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction are eligible to register to vote in San Francisco elections.

The Proposal: Proposition D is a Charter amendment that would allow any non-citizen resident of San Francisco to vote for members of the Board of Education if the resident:

- is the parent, legal guardian or legally-recognized caregiver for a child living in the School District, and
- is 18 years of age or older and not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction.

Proposition D would apply to the November 2012, 2014, and 2016 elections for members of the Board of Education. The measure would expire after the 2016 election unless the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance allowing it to continue.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to allow non-citizen residents of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older and have children living in the San Francisco Unified School District to vote for members of the Board of Education.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to allow non-citizen residents of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older and have children living in the San Francisco Unified School District to vote for members of the Board of Education.

Controller’s Statement on “D”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition D:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would increase the cost of government, as estimated by the Department of Elections, by approximately \$152,000 per election to print and distribute voting materials, train poll workers and develop procedures. Should the election take place by absentee ballot only, which would require a subsequent ordinance by the Board, costs may be reduced to approximately \$100,000.

The amendment would permit non-citizens 18 years of age or older who have children in the San Francisco public schools to vote in the elections for the School Board. The amendment would sunset on December 31, 2016, but could be extended by ordinance.

How “D” Got on the Ballot

On July 20, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted 9 to 2 to place Proposition D on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Dufty, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi.

No: Supervisors Chu and Elsbernd.

This measure requires 50% + 1 affirmative votes to pass.

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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition D

Proposition D gives all parents a voice.

- It is estimated that at least 1 of out 3 children in San Francisco public schools has an immigrant parent.
- All parents, regardless of citizenship, will have the opportunity to become an integral part of their child's education and future through the electoral process.
- It is essential that we expand parental involvement in our schools since greater parental participation is a key element in improving schools, particularly low-performing schools.

Immigrant voting has a long history in our country.

- For the first 150 years of our nation's history - from 1776 until 1926 - 22 states and territories allowed immigrants to vote and even hold office.
- Over the last three decades, cities and towns in Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts and New York have passed laws allowing immigrants to vote.

Immigrant voting is legal.

- The United States Supreme Court had repeatedly said that citizenship is not required to vote.

- The California Constitution protects the right of citizens to vote, but does not exclude immigrants from voting.
- The California Constitution explicitly authorizes Charter cities such as San Francisco to provide for the manner of electing school board members.

Immigrants seeking citizenship face enormous bureaucratic challenges.

- Government red tape and ICE backlogs can mean a long wait to become a U.S. citizen.
- Waiting times for common immigration petitions have dramatically increased since 9/11.

Please join us in voting YES on Proposition D to give all children a voice in their education!

Board of Supervisors President David Chiu and Supervisors Michela Alioto-Pier, David Campos, Chris Daly, Bevan Dufty, Eric Mar, Sophie Maxwell, and Ross Mirkarimi.

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition D

SHOULD ILLEGAL ALIENS AND THOSE FACING DEPORTATION BE ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF EDUCATION?

What Proposition D backers call "*Immigrant Voting*" does not mean just legal immigrants. Proposition D also proposes that *illegal* aliens and even those in the process of being deported from the United States be allowed to vote for San Francisco's Board of Education. All that is required is that the alien voter be the parent (or the caregiver) of a child enrolled in a public or private school within the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) boundaries and a de facto resident (legal or *illegal*) of the City.

It is an interesting question whether *legal* aliens might be allowed to vote for our boards of education on a national basis, but that should be regulated by future international treaties. Such future treaties, if approved by the President and a two-thirds vote of the United States Senate, should also provide for similar voting rights for American citizens who are legal residents of foreign countries. For example, an American who is

living in Canada or Mexico might be allowed to vote in foreign board of education elections, in exchange for Canadians or Mexicans being given the same rights here.

Proposition D rewards criminal misconduct.

*Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.
County Central Committeeman**

*Arlo Hale Smith
Past BART Board President**

*Doo Sup Park
State Senate Nominee*

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition D

PROPOSITION D WOULD ALLOW ILLEGAL ALIENS AND THOSE ABOUT TO BE DEPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO VOTE FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF EDUCATION:

City Proposition D is a proposed San Francisco City Charter Amendment that would let non-citizens, illegal aliens, and those facing deportation from the United States to vote for the San Francisco Board of Education if they are the parents or caregivers of a child going to a public or private school within the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD).

The only requirement is that the non-citizen or illegal alien is a resident of the SFUSD.

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition D

Here are the facts no Prop D:

Proposition D is legal. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly stated that citizenship is not a requirement to vote. The California State Constitution protects a citizen's right to vote, but does not exclude immigrants from voting. The California State Constitution explicitly authorizes charter cities such as San Francisco to provide a means of electing school board members.

Proposition D encourages civic participation. Any San Francisco resident who is a parent, legal guardian or caregiver of a child in San Francisco public schools will be allowed to vote on San Francisco School Board elections, provided that they have not been convicted of a felony or currently in prison.

One out of three children in the San Francisco Unified School District has an immigrant parent. Allowing parents, regardless of citizenship status, to vote in school board elections is not new. It's allowed in other cities such as Chicago, New York City and Maryland. While most parents are involved in their children's education through parent groups and school site

councils, allowing all parents to fully participate in all aspects of their children's education is a common-sense way to encourage full parental involvement.

Proposition D will increase parental involvement. Children do better in school when their parents are involved in their education. Allowing all parents to participate in the election of school board members means greater parental involvement that ultimately results in more successful schools.

www.votepropd.com

*Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
San Francisco Democratic Party
San Francisco League of Young Voters*



Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition D

Many non-citizens are long-term residents of the City—they pay taxes, provide services, obey laws, and support our local economy. Regardless of status, non citizen residents of San Francisco care about the same issues as every other resident: dignity and respect, safe streets, good quality of life, great schools and equal access to city services

Education is the catalyst for economic growth and a secure future. An estimated one out of every three children in the San Francisco Unified School District is an immigrant or child of an immigrant parent. We believe that this Proposition encourages participation at the very foundation of a young person's life, creating the road map that produces a confident individual who contributes to the future of the community

It is time that San Francisco allow all parents of SFUSD students to become involved and have a voice in shaping the educational futures of their children.

We are committed to improving, enhancing and preserving the quality of life and civic participation of all immigrants in the City and County of San Francisco.

For these reasons and more, we support Proposition D

*Angus McCarthy: Chair SF Immigrant Rights Commission**

*Lorena Melgarejo Vice Chair SF Immigrant Rights Commission**

James M. Byrne: Attorney at Law San Francisco*

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition D

Proposition D allows all parents to fully participate in their child's education. Many LGBT immigrants and their families feel invisible because they do not have a choice in voting for our school representatives. Proposition D increases parental involvement and restores accountability by giving all parents voice.

Vote YES on D.

Senator Mark Leno

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano

Supervisor Bevan Dufty

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition D

A voice for all parents strengthens our schools and our democracy. With one-third of all public school parents unable to vote in the school board elections, Prop D is long overdue!

Vote YES on D!

Coleman Action Fund for Children

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Coleman Action Fund for Children.

Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition D

San Francisco educators agree – parental participation is key to a child's success in school.

Educational studies confirm the strong correlation between parental participation and improvements in local schools.

Proposition D gives parents a voice. One out of three children in the San Francisco Unified School District has an immigrant parent. Many of these students are citizens, whose needs are left behind because their parents lack a voice in their children's education.

Proposition D ensures parent involvement and increases accountability. Parents are our partners in education and educators know that the more involved a parent is in their children's schooling, the more successful the child and the school.

Join us in voting YES on PROP D.

United Educators of San Francisco.

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition D

All parents deserve a say in their children's education. It is fundamental for democracy that every parent of a public school student is given the opportunity to vote for representation on the school board. Allowing all parents to vote will increase involvement in our schools that will benefit our students.

Members of the San Francisco School Board:*

Jane Kim, President

Hydra Mendoza, Vice President

Sandra Lee Fewer

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Rachel Norton

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition D

Chinese for Affirmative Action was founded in 1969 to advance values for a multiracial democracy. Today, CAA continues to promote social change through inclusive policies for civic engagement and community empowerment. With inclusion as a core value, we support Proposition D to increase parent involvement in San Francisco schools.

Research has shown that when schools and parents work together, children do better in school, attend classes regularly, show improved behavior, graduate and go on to post-secondary education. Parent involvement is the key to improved schools, and all parents deserve a role in their children's education.

Chinese for Affirmative Action

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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition D

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition D

Proposition D would allow non-citizens -- including illegal immigrants -- to vote for one of the most important offices in our city. It is a violation of state law, so city funds would be wasted to defend this indefensible legislation against the inevitable legal challenges.

*San Francisco Young Republicans
www.sfyr.org*

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition D

This measure will create yet another unnecessary provision for city spending, to the tune of \$150,000 annually, according to the City Controller. While it may seem reasonable at face value, this measure suggests an inexcusable laissez-faire attitude toward the privilege that is voting in our country. Furthermore, the California Elections Code, Section 2300 (a) says: "All voters, pursuant to the California Constitution and this code, shall be citizens of the United States."

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION D

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E

Election Day Voter Registration

Shall the Charter be amended to establish Election Day voter registration specifically for municipal elections?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: State law requires individuals to register to vote at least 15 days before an election. Those who become U.S. citizens after the 15-day deadline may register to vote at least seven days before an election.

San Francisco holds municipal elections in odd-numbered years. At these elections, voters:

- elect local candidates and
- approve or reject local ballot measures.

San Francisco also conducts combined federal, state, municipal and district elections. These elections usually occur in even-numbered years and may include:

- candidates for federal and state offices,
- state ballot measures,
- local ballot measures and candidates.

The same voter registration deadlines and procedures apply to all elections.

The Proposal: Proposition E would amend the Charter to establish “Election Day Voter Registration” specifically for municipal elections. There would be no advance registration deadline for these elections. San Francisco residents who are eligible to vote could register on Election Day, or anytime before the election, and cast a ballot in that election.

The 15-day registration deadline would continue to apply to all combined federal, state, municipal and district elections.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to establish Election Day voter registration specifically for municipal elections.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make this change.

Controller’s Statement on “E”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition E:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would increase the cost of government, as estimated by the Department of Elections, by approximately \$424,000 per election.

The proposed amendment would allow voters to register and vote in San Francisco’s municipal elections up to and on Election Day. For all other federal, state and district elections the current law which requires registration 15 days in advance of the election would continue to apply. The Department of Elections would need to create new procedures, conduct poll worker training and print and distribute outreach and education materials to facilitate this process.

How “E” Got on the Ballot

On July 20, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted 9 to 2 to place Proposition E on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi.

No: Supervisors Alioto-Pier and Elsbernd.

This measure requires 50% + 1 affirmative votes to pass.

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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition E

Every eligible SAN FRANCISCAN who wants to vote should have the opportunity!

Proposition E would allow San Franciscans who are U.S. citizens and 18 years or older to register to vote on Election Day and cast a ballot for local elections.

Currently, voters have to register at least 15 days before an election. Every year, this unnecessary deadline disenfranchises thousands of potential voters.

No wonder that San Francisco's voter turnout for municipal (odd-year) elections is an embarrassment. The average turnout for the last ten municipal elections was just 37 percent!

Election Day Voter Registration has been a proven success in eight states.

- It increases turnout by three to seven percent.
- In 2008, the five states with the highest turnout all had Election Day Registration.
- More than 1.5 million individuals used Election Day Registration to register and vote in the 2008 presidential election.
- Research shows that allowing young people to register on Election Day will increase youth turnout in presidential elections by as much as 14 percentage points.

How it would work:

Voters who register on Election Day will cast provisional ballots. The Department of Elections will verify a voter's eligibility before counting the ballot. This will ensure a safe and fair election with greater voter participation.

Democracy works best when more people participate. Prop E will increase voter turnout and youth engagement.

Vote yes on Prop E for Election Day Voter Registration.

*Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
Supervisor David Campos
Supervisor Carmen Chu*
Supervisor Chris Daly
Supervisor Bevan Dufty
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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition E

Vote No on Prop E

It is an Experiment We Can Not Afford

Prop E is a costly mistake that will deprive critical funds to valuable programs and open the door to voter fraud. It is an unfunded mandate will undermine the legitimacy of elections in San Francisco.

Prop E Will Cost the City Critical Funds

Prop E will cost the City at least \$500,000 each election. At a time when San Francisco is cutting funds to critical social services and popular programs, Prop E's unfunded mandate will make the budget deficit worse and will not improve our election process or results.

Prop E Will Open the Door for Voter Fraud

Prop E will cost the City more than just tax-payer dollars, it will cost us the legitimacy of our elections.

Prop E kicks open the door for voter fraud. Unlike other proposals that require voters to produce identification and be checked against a statewide voter system, Prop E contains no such protections. The lack of safeguards in Prop E is an egregious oversight that jeopardizes the integrity of our elections.

Prop E is an Experiment that is Doomed to Fail

Please Join Us and Vote No on E

*Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd*

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition E

Vote No on E.

It's an Experiment we Can't Afford.

Proposition E is an experiment we cannot afford. It's costly, redundant and will open the door to widespread voter fraud.

Proposition E contains no protections against voter fraud.

While some proposals require same-day voters to produce identification and be checked against a statewide voter system, Proposition E contains no safeguards. A one-county registration system cannot adequately verify whether someone's already voted or registered in another county.

Proposition E would establish two types of voter registration at the local level, creating chaos and at least \$500,000 in new cost.

Proposition E would only allow same-day registration every other year, in exclusively municipal elections.

The Controller says Proposition E will cost the General Fund an additional \$500,000.

Proposition E adds another unfunded mandate.

Every year, the proponents of this measure push for adequate funding for the public financing program. The Department of Elections continues its efforts to ensure every polling place is accessible for people with disabilities. San Francisco pays for postage on absentee ballots. Ranked choice voting requires added cost for tabulation.

Proposition E is an election mandate without a funding source.

Please join us in sending this bad idea back to the drawing board.

Vote No on E.

It is an experiment we cannot afford.

Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition E

Why are the opponents distorting the facts? Are they afraid of more voters?

This is not an "experiment." Eight states and the District of Columbia already use Election Day registration. The five states with the highest turnout in 2008 all used Election Day registration. Both red and blue states are moving in this direction.

37% - the average turnout for the last 10 municipal-only elections in San Francisco. A troubling trend that we can reverse!

Don't let the opponent's fear-mongering distort facts:

- Proposition E requires the same federally-mandated verification process already used in San Francisco for provisional ballots--the Department of Elections must verify a voter's eligibility before counting the ballot.
- Election Day registration does not create "chaos." The Department of Elections verification process already checks against the Secretary of State's database -- that's standard operating procedure.
- Election Day registration is not more expensive - Every dollar spent on an Election Day registrant will save money not spent on her or his future registration.

- By attacking Prop E, opponents also signal their dislike for efforts that maximize voter registration and access to the polls.

Don't let conservative tactics stifle honest participation in our democratic process.

A cornerstone of American democracy is voter participation.

Please join us in voting YES ON PROPOSITION E for Election Day voter registration.

San Francisco League of Women Voters
San Francisco League of Young Voters
San Francisco Democratic Party
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
Supervisors Dufty, Mar, Campos, Daly, Maxwell, and Mirkarimi



No Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition E Were Submitted

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition E

Proposition E opens the door to massive voter fraud.

There are no safeguards to prevent a person from using a fake ID to register to vote any number of times at different polling places on election day and having his or her fraudulent votes counted.

There is no requirement that an election-day registrant cast a provisional ballot, which would not be counted until the voter's identification had been verified.

Finally, California's Election Code preempts any action by any jurisdiction within the state, including San Francisco, from allowing a voter to register after the deadlines set by the state.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION E

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F

Health Service Board Elections

Shall the number of Health Service Board elections be reduced to two elections every five years instead of four elections?

YES
NO

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City’s Health Service Board oversees the Health Service System, which offers medical and dental benefits to officers, employees and retirees of the City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Community College District and San Francisco Unified School District.

The Health Service Board has seven members:

- Four members are elected by officers, employees, and retirees who are members of the Health Service System;
- Two members are appointed by the Mayor; and
- One member of the Board of Supervisors, who is appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors.

Each elected Health Service Board member serves a five-year term. The terms of the four elected Board members are staggered so that each member is elected at a separate election. The Health Service Board conducts these elections by mail four out of every five years.

The Proposal: Proposition F would amend the Charter to reduce the number of Health Service Board elections by shifting terms so that two members would be elected at the same time. Beginning in 2014, two elections would be held every five years, instead of four elections.

To accomplish this shift, the term that begins in 2011 would be shortened to three years and would expire in 2014. The term that begins in 2013 would be shortened to two years and would expire in 2015. All future terms would remain five years.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to reduce the number of Health Service Board elections to two every five years instead of four.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to reduce the number of Health Service Board elections to two every five years instead of four.

Controller’s Statement on “F”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition F:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it will reduce the cost of government by an estimated \$30,000 annually by consolidating the elections for members of the Health Service Board.

Currently, four of the seven members of the Health Service Board, which oversees the City’s Health Service System’s administration of health benefit plans for employees, are elected to five year terms with staggered expirations. The proposed amendment would shorten the terms of two members on a one-time basis such that terms will expire, and new members can be elected going forward, in pairs. This change will save the Health Service System the cost of two elections over the five year period, approximately \$150,000 in total or \$30,000 on an annual basis.

How “F” Got on the Ballot

On July 20, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted 9 to 2 to place Proposition F on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell and Mirkarimi.

No: Supervisors Daly and Mar.

This measure requires 50% + 1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 179. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition F

Prop F consolidates Health Service Board elections, saving the City money and making the Health Service Board election process more efficient.

Prop F Will Save the City Money

Four out of the seven Health Service Board members are elected for five-year terms by active and retired City employees. Currently, terms are staggered over a five-year period with one Health Service Board member being elected in each election.

Prop F will consolidate the election of Health Service Board members, so that active and retired City employees fill two Health Service Board seats in one election. Prop F will save the City approximately \$150,000 over a five-year period, or \$30,000 each year.

Prop F Will Make the Election Process More Efficient

Prop F will not only save the City money, but it will ensure efficiency in the election process and expertise

on the Board. The Health Service System spends \$75,000 to conduct the election of a single member when they could spend approximately the same amount to elect two members.

The Board of Supervisors, Board of Education and Community College Board each elect multiple members in a single election. The consolidated election schedule saves the City money by reducing the number of elections, while ensuring competency and expertise on the respective boards. The Health Service Board should follow this best practice by electing multiple members in a single election.

Please Join Me and Vote Yes on Prop F

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition F

PROPOSITION F TAMPERS WITH OUR CITY'S CHARTER BUTS FAILS TO CALCULATE REAL COSTS.

Prop F alters our City Charter based on the unfounded theory that it will produce efficiencies and savings in the Health Service System.

PROP F'S FISCAL ARGUMENTS ARE A HOAX.

Prop F's sponsor hasn't even reported the costs of placing Prop F on this complex and overcrowded ballot. This expense, along with others mandated by Prop F offer insignificant **savings that won't even show up until 2016!**

PROP F WILL NOT MAKE THE HEALTH SERVICE ELECTION PROCESS MORE EFFICIENT. INSTEAD, IT WILL POLITICIZE THE HEALTH SERVICE BOARD.

The duties and responsibilities of the Health Service Board are outlined in our City Charter. These elections **must** remain free from political influence and pressure from healthcare and insurance executives, lawyers and lobbyists. There's not ONE word in Proposition F about how these elections would be conducted – or about the added costs of a new election structure.

PROPOSITION F WILL STRIP THE HEALTH SERVICE BOARD OF EXPERIENCE -- NOT INCREASE IT.

The Health Service Board must have knowledge and experience. Moreover, they need political independence and integrity to withstand pressure from health care industry lobbyists, consultants and political appointees.

Join elected Health Service Board members, United Educators of San Francisco, San Francisco Labor Council and the San Francisco Democratic Party by rejecting this scheme designed to weaken member representation on the Health Service Board.

VOTE NO ON PROP F – it's a phony!

Protect Our Benefits Committee

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition F

VOTE NO ON F – It's Foolish!

Proposition F is a cynical attempt to politicize San Francisco's Health Service Board.

Proposition F is uncalled for and ill conceived.

Proposition F masquerades as a simple, money saving measure, but actually is intended to deprive Health Service members of experienced, consistent representation and leadership on an important board mandated by our City Charter.

The members of the Health Service Board have a unique responsibility to Health Service members. In today's complex, rapidly changing health care environment, our public service employees and retirees deserve a board that has their medical care as its only interest.

Proposition F unnecessarily tampers with our City Charter – our City's constitution. Changing the Health Service System Board election process, allegedly to obtain insignificant savings that would not even begin until 2016! It doesn't make sense, especially when it's done by putting yet another costly measure on the ballot.

Proposition F is yet another in a series of attempts to marginalize the department - attempts that have resulted in consistently inadequate staffing and budget. Health service members worked hard to pass Proposition C in 2004 in order to establish a more independent department and a stronger voice for members, rather than for the health insurance industry and its allies.

Proposition F is an attempt to again inject politics into the Health Service System, to undo the reforms of 2004 and to undermine the will of the voters, all in the name of insignificant savings years from now.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION F – it's foolish.

Larry Barsetti
Vice President
Protect Our Benefits Committee

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition F

Vote Yes on Prop F

Prop F is a Common-Sense Cost-Cutting Measure

Prop F is a simple, cost-saving measure. It will not deprive the Health Service Board of experienced members, but rather ensure those experienced members are elected in an efficient and practical manner.

Prop F will consolidate the election of Health Service Board members, so that two Health Service Board seats are filled in a single election. This commonsense consolidation will save the City \$30,000 each year without costing the Health Service Board experience or expertise.

Prop F is for Efficient Elections

The Board of Supervisors, Board of Education and Community College Board each elect multiple members in a single election. Reducing the number of elections through consolidation has not reduced the number of experienced members on those boards. The Health Service Board should follow this best practice and elect multiple members in a single election.

Prop F is a One-Time Change with Long-Term Cost-Savings. It Makes Sense.

Please Join Me and Vote Yes on Prop F

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd



No Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition F Were Submitted

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition F

HEALTH SERVICE BOARD COMMISSIONERS SAY NO TO PROPOSITION F!

As an elected Commissioner of the San Francisco Health Service System from 2005 to 2010, I urge you to vote **NO on F** – and I know the four elected commissioners now in office agree. In fact, they did not support placing Proposition F on the ballot.

As commissioners, **Karen Breslin, Sharon Ferrigno, Willie Lim** and **Claire Zvanski** are dedicated to their primary responsibility for overseeing San Francisco public employees' medical and dental care. In these times of rapidly changing health care, we especially need the experience, knowledge and continuity they bring to the Board.

Proposition F is a cynical attempt to reduce effective member representation on the Board and politicize Health Service elections.

We urge you to vote **NO on F**.

*Former HSS Commissioner Sharon Johnson**

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition F

VOTE NO ON PROP F – IT'S FAKE FISCAL REFORM

Combining elections of the Health Service System has no real savings for beleaguered taxpayers.

Say NO to PROP F and its fake promises of fiscal reform.

It's a fake feel-good measure with minimal savings that won't be realized until 2016!

Furthermore, the Board of Supervisors has negated any savings in the future, just by placing this charter amendment on the ballot – which costs thousands of taxpayer dollars.

Real savings will come from experienced, knowledgeable Board members negotiating with insurance industry profiteers cheating the City out of millions.

Judy Terracina

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition F

RETIRED TEACHERS SAY NO TO PROPOSITION F!

While this charter amendment could result in limited savings **6 years from now**, such savings would result from stripping the Health Service Board of its most valuable asset – experienced commissioners dedicated to safeguarding the health benefits of retirees, teachers and other public employees.

Just six years ago, Health Service members successfully changed the charter so members have a stronger, more independent voice. **Proposition F is the first step backward.**

VOTE NO on F!

Gerry Meister, Chair, UESF-Retired

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition F

TEACHERS SAY NO TO PROPOSITION F!

Whether we're fighting for basic supplies for our students or for fair salaries and benefits, teachers know the importance watching costs.

But teachers also understand the value of experience, and this charter amendment would destroy the continuity and institutional memory that makes the Health Service System so valuable to its members.

United Educators of San Francisco

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G

Transit Operator Wages

Shall the City eliminate the formula for setting minimum MUNI operator wages and instead set MUNI operator wages through collective bargaining and binding arbitration; add rules for arbitration proceedings regarding MTA's transit employees; and make other changes to terms of employment for MTA employees?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) oversees the City's Municipal Railway transit system (MUNI) and other City transportation functions. The MTA employs transit employees such as MUNI operators and mechanics, and non-transit employees such as parking control officers and traffic engineers.

The Charter requires the MTA to pay MUNI operators at least as much as the average salary of transit operators at the two highest paying similar transit systems in the country. When benefits paid to MUNI operators are worth less than the benefits provided to operators at similar transit systems, the difference is placed in a trust fund and paid to MUNI operators.

The Charter also requires the MTA to pay most managers and employees incentive bonuses if MUNI achieves certain service standards.

For most City employees, if the City and employee unions are unable to agree in collective bargaining, disputes are subject to binding arbitration. The MTA's negotiations with MUNI operators are not subject to binding arbitration.

In some instances, the MTA has followed informal agreements about terms of employment even when they have not been approved by the MTA Executive Director or Board or included in any collective bargaining agreement. These informal agreements may be reflected in "side-letters" or past practices.

The Proposal: Proposition G would eliminate the formula for setting minimum MUNI operator wages. Instead, it would allow the MTA to set MUNI operator wages and benefits through collective bargaining and binding arbitration. It would also establish rules for arbitration proceedings regarding MTA's transit employees, and make other changes to terms of employment.

In particular, Proposition G would:

- eliminate the requirement that MUNI operator wages be at least as high as the average for transit operators in the two highest paying similar transit systems;
- eliminate the trust fund that provides additional payments or benefits to MUNI operators;
- require the MTA contribution for MUNI operators' health coverage to be at least equivalent to the City contribution for the majority of other City employees. This requirement applies only to the first collective bargaining agreement approved after adoption of this measure;
- require binding arbitration when the MTA and MUNI operator unions are unable to agree in collective bargaining. It also requires arbitrators considering disputes between the MTA and its transit employees to consider the impact of disputed proposals on MUNI fares and service;
- make incentive bonuses for MTA managers and employees optional instead of required; and
- provide that informal agreements reflected in past practices or "side-letters" be binding only if approved in writing by the MTA Executive Director or Board and included in the affected employees' collective bargaining agreements.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to:

- eliminate the formula for setting minimum MUNI operator wages and instead set MUNI operator wages and benefits through collective bargaining and binding arbitration;
- establish rules for arbitration proceedings regarding MTA's transit employees; and
- make other changes to terms of employment for MTA employees.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow the facing page. The full text begins on page 180. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



Controller's Statement on "G"

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition G:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it could either increase or decrease the cost of government depending on the outcome of collective bargaining and labor arbitration processes.

The amendment provides for changes to the method by which wages are set for Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) transit operators. Currently, these wages are set through a national survey of the hourly wage in comparable transit agencies, averaging the two highest wage levels and setting that amount as a minimum. In addition, if fringe benefits for the comparable agencies surveyed exceed the value of those provided by the City, a payment is made to a transit operators benefit trust fund. Using the survey method, as of July 2010, MTA transit operators' highest wage rate is \$27.92 per hour, and for the last five years the City has been required to make deposits averaging \$5.0 to \$7.0 million annually to the transit operators benefit trust fund. Finally, the amendment makes incentive pay optional that is now mandated for certain MTA employees—as of fiscal year 2009-2010, the amount of such incentive pay that would be made optional is approximately \$3.0 million.

The proposed charter amendment would provide that transit operator wage levels be set through collective bargaining and labor arbitration processes as are used with other City employee unions. The amendment would eliminate the benefits trust fund and provide instead for health benefits at the same levels as are provided for the majority of other City employees.

Overall, collective bargaining and labor arbitration processes could result in either a decrease or an increase to drivers' wage and benefit levels.

How "G" Got on the Ballot

On July 12, 2010, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition G to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

44,382 signatures were required to place an initiative Charter Amendment on the ballot. This number is equal to 10% of the registered voters at the time a "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" was published. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 6, 2010, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition G

MUNI is a critical part of San Francisco's infrastructure. San Franciscans depend on Muni for transportation to work, doctor appointments, school, and recreation.

Unfortunately, route cuts and decreased service have made Muni inefficient and unreliable. Real Muni reform is needed to improve service and increase reliability.

PROP G WILL IMPROVE MUNI SERVICE

Prop G will allow the MTA to allocate limited resources to services for riders rather than automatic, annual raises for drivers.

Currently, the Charter guarantees Muni drivers the second highest salary in the country. This year, Muni drivers received a \$9 million raise while the MTA balanced a \$50 million deficit on the backs of riders. All other city workers offered concessions to help balance the City budget, but Muni drivers refused. The result was reduced services and increased fares for Muni riders.

Prop G will eliminate the salary guarantee, so that drivers' salaries do not automatically increase. Prop G will allow drivers to negotiate salaries through collective bargaining – just like all other city employees.

PROP G WILL MAKE MUNI MORE RELIABLE

Prop G will allow the MTA to negotiate new work rules, so that service is more reliable and more responsive to riders' needs.

Current work rules restrict the ability of the MTA to schedule, deploy, and assign Muni drivers. Proposition G would "press the reset button" on existing work rules, which create inefficient and unreliable service for riders.

For example, Muni operators are allowed to be absent without notice, missing runs and contributing to poor service.

The MTA should operate based on best practices, not past practices.

PROP G IS REAL REFORM

San Francisco is a world class City that deserves a world class transit agency.

Join Me in Voting YES on Prop G.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
www.fixmuninow.com

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition G

If Prop G Wins... Riders Lose!

Prop G doesn't fix MUNI now... or later. Nothing in this ballot proposal will restore service cuts, improve on-time performance, or make MUNI busses cleaner. The issues that matter to MUNI riders are NOT covered by this proposal.

Prop G is confusing, costly and will lead to serious labor problems. Muni has a record of more than a quarter century without a major labor dispute. Unlike most other transit systems, including BART and AC Transit, MUNI has enjoyed labor peace. If Prop G passes, labor issues will regularly be in dispute or arbitration. That means uncertainty and instability -- the last thing we need for a critical service like MUNI.

What does Proposition G accomplish?

Good question -- Prop G's supporters, big business interests and career politicians, have never answered it. What is clear, Prop G seeks to punish MUNI's front-line workers by making wages and other labor issues subject to dispute rather than the current formula that has served MUNI well for 40 years. Prop G also will do nothing to restore the \$62 million in MUNI funds siphoned by other city departments this year on top of \$60 million in state cuts to MUNI in each of the last three years.

Vote NO on G. MUNI is our public transportation system -- what MUNI needs is accountability starting at the top, not attacks on its workforce

Transport Workers Local 250 – A

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition G

PROP G TARGETS WORKERS INSTEAD OF WASTE – VOTE NO ON G

For more than 40 years, Muni driver salaries have been determined by a formula that has made San Francisco one of the only cities in America not to experience a transit strike during that time, and a model for worker-management relations in transit.

Currently, salaries for transit operators are set by a formula approved by voters instead of leaving union contracts up to politicians to cut backroom deals.

The principle of workers and City Hall bargaining across a table to find resolution has worked well for our City for decades. Proposition G destroys that collaboration by changing a structure that has been in the charter for 40 years.

While our Muni system has its problems, Proposition G unfairly targets drivers as the only problem at the multi-million-dollar agency that runs our transit system. Like Muni riders, drivers tolerate a system that has been neglected for decades.

Drivers work hard to improve the system and get San Franciscans where they're going on time, but City Hall has consistently cut funds for transit while raising salaries for Muni executives. As budget deficits forced 10% service cuts this year, the head of the agency took home a paycheck of more than \$300,000.

Proposition G does nothing to address the bloated bureaucracy that has siphoned funding from our bus and rail system for decades, it unfairly targets drivers and changes a voter-approved process that has worked for decades.

Muni drivers share riders' frustration and we are committed to improving the system for all San Franciscans that rely on it to get to school and work every day. Proposition G unfairly targets drivers while neglecting the real challenges facing Muni.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON G

Transport Workers Union Local 250-A

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition G

Muni needs this change.

There are many things that need fixing at Muni, but we can no longer avoid the central issue of workplace culture.

Imagine trying to run a transit agency when you don't know who will show up to work each day.

Imagine trying to provide rush-hour service when you can't hire extra drivers to cover the busiest shifts.

Everyone wants drivers to be paid well, and they will continue to be paid well after this reform.

But we need to change the work rules.

There is no reason that bus drivers, unlike the rest of organized labor, should not bargain for pay, benefits, and working conditions.

This is a modest, common-sense reform that will help improve the workplace culture and management of Muni. It will save tens of millions of dollars each year that can be put back into improved service.

FIX MUNI NOW –VOTE YES ON G

*San Francisco Planning and Urban Research
Association (SPUR)*
www.spur.org



Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

San Francisco's Neighborhoods SUPPORT Prop G

Vote YES on Muni reform!

No more fare increases and service cuts!

Muni needs reform now because:

- Drivers' pay is now guaranteed in our city charter *without negotiation* — even in tough fiscal times like these.
- Labor and management should collectively bargain to set pay, benefit, and work rules just like every other union in the city does.
- The MTA should be able to negotiate work rules that have led to high rates of driver absenteeism, resulting in missed runs and no arrivals.

Riders should not suffer more fare increases and service cuts.

Vote YES on Prop G!

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Established 1973.
44 member neighborhood organizations.

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

Currently MUNI operators are GUARANTEED the 2nd highest salary in the country, without ANY collective bargaining or minimum service levels. They received a 6% raise this year, while SF battled a \$500 million deficit, services were cut and other employees took pay cuts. **All other** City employees must negotiate their contracts; why should MUNI drivers be any different?! Make MUNI accountable!

Vote "Yes" on G!

Plan C San Francisco
www.planconf.org

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

The wages of all city employees are set through collective bargaining and arbitration except MUNI drivers. While service is cut and other MUNI employees had salary freezes and givebacks, MUNI operators took a 5% pay raise.

Your YES vote on Proposition G will open operator wages and work rules to bargaining, end guaranteed

raises and require service impacts to be an important factor in MUNI contract negotiations.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

The character of San Francisco's neighborhoods depends on a reliable and affordable Muni. So does the success of increasing Muni's ridership. Vote yes on Proposition G, Fix Muni Now.

The current Muni negotiation system does not work. TWU-250A should negotiate its wages and work-rules through collective bargaining just like every other city union. Automatic annual wage guarantees should be prohibited. Muni work rules should be renegotiated so that Muni will be better able to serve the neighborhoods. Proposition G will not solve all of Muni's budget and performance issues, but it's a critical first step in turning Muni into the transit system San Francisco needs.

San Francisco's neighborhoods need a reliable and affordable Muni.

West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

MUNI RIDERS SAY YES ON G

Proposition G is about simple math: if Muni's costs keep growing faster than its revenues, we'll be trapped in a downward spiral of service cuts and higher fares. Even if new revenue sources are found for Muni, those will only postpone cuts if Muni's budget grows faster than the money it receives from riders and taxpayers. Most of Muni's operating costs are labor, so Muni can't control costs if the salaries it pays to drivers are set by a formula based on transit systems thousands of miles away. And the operators' union has no incentive to give up antiquated work rules as long as it is guaranteed big pay increases, even in bad economic times.

Proposition G won't solve all of Muni's problems, but after 13 years of working on transit policy and advocating for riders, we're certain Muni's problems can't be solved without it. Please take the first step toward ending Muni's downward spiral by voting yes on G.

Rescue Muni Board of Directors



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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

Your Neighborhood Businesses Support Proposition G-Real Reform For Muni Riders

San Francisco neighborhood businesses depend on Muni to get their employees to work and to bring customers to their businesses.

When routes are cut and fares increased, it hurts our businesses, our employees and our customers.

Proposition G will put the needs of riders first by eliminating the salary formula that guarantees drivers earn the 2nd highest salary in the country and resetting the work rules that contribute to high absenteeism and outrageous overtime costs- the highest of any city agency.

It's time to make the needs of Muni riders the priority.

Please join your neighborhood businesses in voting Yes on Proposition G.

Council of District Merchants

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Council of District Merchants Associations.

Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

Proposition G Will Help Get Cars Off Our Streets

As a long-time advocate for open space, I support Proposition G.

Proposition G is real reform that will reduce our reliance on private automobiles by providing San Franciscans with a more reliable public transportation system.

Most of us count heavily on Muni to get to parks, school, and work. We need to eliminate service cuts, over-crowded buses that don't stop for passengers, and buses that don't show up at all.

Whether you live in the Sunset, the Castro, Excelsior, the Haight, the Mission, Diamond Heights, the Richmond, the Marina, Bayview Hunters Point, North Beach or any other neighborhood, you deserve reliable public transportation.

Join me in Voting YES on Proposition G for real Muni reform!

*Isabel Wade, Founder, Neighborhood Parks Council**

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

As a union supporter for nearly 70 years, a Muni rider for nearly 50 and Muni advocate for over 30, I see Proposition G as one of the necessary tools to help Muni work better.

Proposition G will help Muni provide the service we need – when we need it – without incurring undue amounts of overtime. Even after G passes Muni will need more financial resources, but Proposition G is a critical step in the effort to bring costs under control and improve service for riders.

I urge a YES vote on G.

Howard Strassner

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition G

Support reform for Muni

Prop G is a targeted reform of the labor-management culture at Muni that will set up collective bargaining for pay, benefits, and work rules for drivers. There is one reason to do this: to make changes in the work rules so that Muni can provide better service at reduced cost. This reform will be an important step toward San Francisco getting the transit system it deserves and needs.

For SPUR's complete analysis of this proposition, visit www.spur.org.

San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association

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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition G



Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition G

Wrong target

No G—confined to a space no larger than a airline toilet, no bathroom breaks, no lunch time, and only passengers, some of whom are abusive, to talk to, drivers more than deserve their salaries. The MTA needs to bear the burden of the present Muni shortfall.

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Denise D'Anne.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition G

Prop G unfairly targets Muni drivers while protecting the high-paid MTA executives, whose salaries have increased while they raised our bus fares and cut hours of bus services and even eliminated entire lines. Prop G doesn't deal with the lack of oversight by the SFMTA Board, who were found to be a "rubber stamp" authority for the mayor's office in the most recent audit; nor does it deal with the siphoning of almost \$62 million by other city departments which includes almost \$12 million in charges by the SFPD alone. We need a fair solution to Muni's budget challenges and SFMTA's structural problems, not a measure that scapegoats the workers and protects MTA executives and downtown businesses, who pay nothing for having their customers and workers brought to them.

M.O.R.E. Public Transit

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Transport Workers Union.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition G

We ride the bus every day and we share our riders' frustration with cuts to bus and rail service. We work hard to get people where they are going safely and on time. Proposition G unfairly targets workers without addressing the real problem with Muni service – politicians slashing our budget, and high-paid executives that have not shared the pain during this economic recession.

*Hector Carbajal
Vergence Craig-Clark
Gilbert O'Guinn
Theotis Hill
Sandy Mann
Valder Ison
Nancy Palomo
Steven Ong
Leoung Po
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Donald Jordan
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Amadeo Gonzales
Jacky Le
Gilberto Escobar
Kirkland White
Jimmy Ng
David W.K. Chow
Gerardo Guillen
Kathleen Chow
David Gonzalez
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Rafael Cabrera
Anna M. Cortes
Margine Smith
Michael E Harris
Duke Horton
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition G

Seniors and persons with disabilities who take Muni every day to school, work, and home, rely on our drivers to keep us safe and get us where we're going on time. Prop G targets drivers and doesn't fix the real problem with Muni – politicians who have allowed cuts to service while letting other City departments siphon money from our bus and train system.

Join Muni riders in Saying NO on G

*Bob Planthold
Chair, Transportation Committee, Senior Action
Network**

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition G

San Francisco Labor Council Says NO on G!

Prop G is an attack on workers. This year, Muni drivers offered to give back millions in compensation to the City, which rejected their offer. Instead of working together with drivers to balance Muni's budget, the City chose to scapegoat workers at the ballot.

The San Francisco Labor Council asks you to stand up for working San Franciscans – Vote NO on G.

San Francisco Labor Council

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Transport Workers Union.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition G

Prop G is a political ploy that tries to put the blame of declining public services on the backs of working families. It is an anti-union proposition. Prop G scapegoats MUNI drivers while ignoring the bloated salaries of San Francisco Metropolitan Transit Agency management. Executive mismanagement has allowed the siphoning of almost \$62 million per year by other city departments, including almost \$12 million in charges by the SFPD alone. Prop G does not address the lack of funding coming from real-estate developers and downtown corporations who profit from MUNI bringing workers to work and shoppers to stores. It is part of a larger trend of austerity measures that is targeting the benefits of hard working families in order to make up for the government's subsidizing of corporate profits and the continuous funding of endless wars.

A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition

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H

Local Elected Officials on Political Party Committees

Shall the City prohibit elected City officials from serving on San Francisco political party county central committees?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: San Francisco's city and county government has 18 elective offices: Mayor, Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Treasurer, and 11 seats on the Board of Supervisors.

State political parties often have local chapters that are run by county central committees. These committees may engage in political activities such as registering voters or endorsing candidates and ballot measures. The California Elections Code currently recognizes the following state political parties: the Democratic Party of California, the California Republican Party, the American Independent Party of California, and the Peace and Freedom Party of California.

Currently, an elected City official may also serve on a political party county central committee. Different ethics and campaign finance laws apply to political party county central committee members and elected City officials.

The Proposal: Proposition H would amend the City's Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code to prohibit elected City officials from serving on a political party county central committee. Proposition H defines this term to mean "any county central committee of a political party recognized by the California Elections Code that performs political activities for the benefit of the party and on behalf of the party's candidates."

Persons violating this provision would be subject to civil, criminal, and administrative penalties, including possible suspension and removal from elective office.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to prohibit elected City officials from serving on San Francisco political party county central committees.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you want to continue to permit elected City officials to serve on San Francisco political party county central committees.

Controller's Statement on "H"

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition H:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would not affect the cost of government.

How "H" Got on the Ballot

On June 15, 2010, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by Mayor Newsom.

The City Elections Code allows the Mayor to place an ordinance on the ballot in this manner.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 183. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition H

Preserve the Integrity of City Government

Current law allows elected officials in San Francisco to also serve as elected members of a political party central committee. So it is no surprise that in San Francisco, dual office-holding is common.

The problems?

These offices are governed by different ethics and campaign finance laws. **Therefore, dual office-holders risk the perception or possibility of conflict of interest.** Actions that are illegal for a member of the Board of Supervisors - such as taking unlimited contributions or contributions from entities doing business with the City - are perfectly legal to do as a member of a political party. We must protect the sanctity of the strong ethics laws San Franciscans have imposed on their elected officials.

We need more representation not less. There are only 18 elected offices in San Francisco's government and limited seats on the various central committees: one individual should not take up multiple elected seats, depriving other residents of the opportunity to contribute.

Division of loyalties: which elected office comes first?

Any perceived or actual division of loyalties caused by local elected officials' service on political party county central committees is contrary to good government.

These problems have a simple solution: prohibit dual office-holding.

This prohibition furthers good government by separating duties of elected officials from the political activities of central committees. These duties can collide: a prohibition on dual office-holding is the only way to eliminate this conflict.

This change also closes a big campaign finance loophole: elected members of City government can accept large campaign contributions solely because they serve as political party officials. Otherwise, these types of contributions would be against the rules.

San Franciscans deserve more fairness, integrity, and transparency in government. Prohibiting dual office-holding is a step in the right direction.

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition H

Prop H is about petty politics, not good government.

Proponents throw out a lot of jargon regarding "dual-office holding" and "division of loyalties." But they can't point to a single concrete problem. Why? Because Prop H is about petty politics, not good government.

A "solution" looking for a problem.

In the past two years, candidates for positions on county central committees spent an average of \$4,374. They ran mostly grassroots, word-of-mouth campaigns. Not a single ethics complaint regarding dual office holding or division of loyalties was ever filed.

A hypocritical double standard.

The worst part about Prop H is the hypocritical double standard. Under Prop H, the majority of San Francisco elected officials would still be able to serve on party central committees. It makes no sense to ban some from serving while officials from the School Board, Community College Board, State Assembly, State Senate, Congress, US Senate and statewide offices such as Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General would all be able to serve.

Hurts grassroots democracy.

Local political parties should have the right to elect their own leaders. These parties are the foundation of democratic self-government. They register voters, encourage people to vote, and ensure that local voices are heard in state and federal government. To be effective, they need the experience and guidance of all their elected officials – not just some of them.

Tom Ammiano



Opponent's Argument Against Proposition H

PETTY POLITICS, NOT GOOD GOVERNMENT. VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION H.

Proposition H was put on the ballot for the worst of reasons – petty, partisan politics of personality.

Usually, that would be a good enough reason to oppose Proposition H. But Prop H goes further. It creates a discriminatory double-standard that gives some elected officials greater power than others and hurts local party efforts that are essential to our democracy.

Here's what you need to know about Proposition H before you vote:

PETTY POLITICS, NOT GOOD GOVERNMENT.

Proposition H was placed on the ballot by Mayor Newsom after his hand-picked candidates for the Democratic Central Committee lost their elections. It's about getting even, not about good government.

"H" IS FOR "HYPOCRISY." Although the Mayor's ballot measure would actually outlaw the Mayor, citywide elected officials and Supervisors from serving on their party central committee, the Mayor just fought to get

seated on – you guessed it – the Democratic Party Central Committee.

CREATES A DECEPTIVE DOUBLE-STANDARD. If Proposition H passes, almost every elected official in San Francisco would be able to serve on their party's central committee except the Mayor, citywide elected officials and Supervisors. Elected officials from the School Board, Community College Board, State Assembly, State Senate, Congress, US Senate would all be able to serve.

HURTS LOCAL DEMOCRATIC EFFORTS. Local political parties are the foundation of democratic self-government. They register voters, encourage people to vote, and ensure that local voices are heard in state and federal government. To be effective, they need the experience and guidance of all their elected officials – not just some of them.

I urge San Franciscans to reject petty politics and vote NO on H.

Tom Ammiano

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition H

Prop H = Transparent, Clean Government

Elected City officials and elected members of political party central committees are governed by different ethics and campaign finance laws. Therefore, individuals who are elected to office in both of these arenas risk the perception or possibility of conflict of interest. Prop H removes this conflict.

Prop H = Elected Officials with One Sole Focus

Serving as an elected official is a serious commitment. Voters deserve elected representatives who are solely focused on fulfilling the duties for which they were elected: not trying to do two jobs at once by serving in City Hall and on a political party committee at the same time.

Prop H = More Representation, Not Less

Voters deserve fair representation, not representation from a select view who dominate multiple elected seats.

What does Prop H Do?

Prop H removes these problems by prohibiting an elected City official from ALSO being an elected member of a central committee. In other words: individuals have to choose which local office they most want to hold.

San Francisco Voters Deserve Good Government

I agree that we don't want petty politics to win the day. The people of San Francisco deserve good government and should be able to hold the Mayor, citywide elected officials, and Supervisors accountable for their actions.

I urge all San Franciscans to support good government. Vote YES on H.

Mayor Gavin Newsom



Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition H

Our elected supervisors should be paying 100% of their attention to making the City a better place—not diverting time to run for other elected offices. We pay our supervisors to be “full time”—let’s make sure they act that way.

Vote “Yes” on H.

Plan C San Francisco
www.plancsf.org

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition H

California has always had non-partisan local government, but recently members of the Board of Supervisors have run for election to the local political party county committees.

When people running for local office also run for party offices they are able to avoid local campaign contribution laws and spend unlimited amounts of money on their campaigns. Dual office holding makes a mockery of our non-partisan local government and our local campaign contribution laws. Close the campaign finance loop hole - Vote Yes on Proposition H.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

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No Paid Arguments AGAINST Proposition H Were Submitted

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Saturday Voting

Shall the City open polling places on the Saturday before the November 2011 election if donors contribute enough money to pay for the costs?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City holds municipal elections on Tuesdays. After the November 2010 election, the next regularly scheduled municipal election is Tuesday, November 8, 2011. This election will include contests for Mayor, District Attorney and Sheriff. It may also include local ballot measures.

On Election Day, the City operates hundreds of polling places throughout San Francisco where voters may vote in person or return vote-by-mail (absentee) ballots. Before Election Day, voters may vote early by:

- voting in person at a City Hall polling place that opens 29 days before the election, or
- mailing a vote-by-mail ballot to the Department of Elections.

The Proposal: Proposition I would create a Saturday Voting Fund (the Fund) to pay for operating polling places on the Saturday before the November 8, 2011, election. This is a pilot program that would be funded solely by individuals and organizations. All donations would be listed on the Department of Elections website.

Proposition I would require the City to open all polling places on the Saturday before the November 2011 election if the Fund received enough money to cover its costs, as determined by the Controller. Polling places would be open on both Tuesday and Saturday for the November 2011 election.

After the November 2011 election, the measure would require the Department of Elections to prepare a report about Saturday voting that includes the effect on voter turnout, impact on working families and educational benefits.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to require the City to open polling places on the Saturday before the November 2011 election if donors contribute enough money to pay for the costs.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make this change.

Controller’s Statement on “I”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition I:

Should the proposed measure be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it will affect the cost of government in that the City would accept donations to fund the cost of Saturday voting, and would expend funds for that purpose.

The measure creates a Saturday Voting Fund and requires that the City provide for voting on Saturday November 3, 2011 before the scheduled election on Tuesday November 8, 2011. Saturday voting would occur only if sufficient donations are collected to cover the cost of operating the polls on that day. Based on the current cost of conducting elections, the estimated added cost of operating polling places on a Saturday would be approximately \$1.7 million. The Department of Elections would be required to report on the effects of Saturday voting and the City is urged but not required to provide for Saturday voting in future elections if Saturday voting improves voter turnout and other outcomes.

How “I” Got on the Ballot

On July 6, 2010, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition I to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

7,168 signatures were required to place an initiative ordinance on the ballot. This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who voted for Mayor in 2007. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 6, 2010, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 183. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition I

One hundred and fifty years ago, America chose to hold elections on Tuesdays.

Why?

In 1845, Americans lived in a mostly agrarian society, and people traveled by horse and buggy into main squares to conduct their official business. Tuesday was declared the official voting day to make it easier for farmers to get to a polling place without interfering with their religious practices.

Now, Americans are still voting on Tuesdays even though less than 2% of the population lives on a farm. Countries around the globe hold their elections on the weekend to maximize participation. U.S. voters are at the bottom of the totem poll in turnout of eligible voters, placing 132nd out of 179 developed countries. Voters, meanwhile, cite work, childcare and scheduling conflicts as reasons they don't vote in weekday elections.

We hope to change that.

Proposition I will extend opportunities to vote by providing a full scale, citywide election on the Saturday

before the Tuesday mayoral election in November 2011. This is only adding a day to prove the efficacy of weekend voting, *nothing will be taken away*.

This pilot program will have **no cost to taxpayers**, and all contributions will be publicly disclosed. Our goal is to **increase voter turnout** by bringing Saturday voting to San Francisco and spark a national conversation about voting in America.

If voting were available on a Saturday, we believe more families would participate. This initiative will help give families the opportunity to include their children in the most important of civic duties, voting.

Our current system is antiquated, and if we, as San Franciscans and as Americans, want to increase access to the democratic process and create genuine election reform, we need to change the system.

Vote "YES" on Prop I.

Alex Tourk, Founder

Why Tuesday San Francisco

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition I

THIS SO-CALLED "PILOT PROGRAM" HAS ALREADY BEEN REPLACED BY THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS – WHICH A MAJORITY OF SAN FRANCISCO VOTERS NOW CAST!

In the June 8th Primary Election, the majority of San Francisco voters did not vote in their local precincts: They cast absentee ballots!

Some mailed in their ballots.

Some had their ballots delivered to the precincts by family members.

Some went down to City Hall as much as 30 days before the election to vote.

There is really no need for opening voting precincts on *both* Saturday and Tuesday.

Most San Franciscans have already made their wishes clear. They like to absentee vote!

Proposition I is a "pilot program" that San Francisco residents don't want nor need.

Should the voting precincts be opened on Saturday, there will most likely be one or two voters per hour...a massive waste of resources.

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

*County Central Committeeman**

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State Senate Nominee

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition I

SATURDAY VOTING IS NOT NEEDED:

In the June 8, 2010 Primary Election some 59% of San Francisco voters cast absentee ballots.

Many elections in Oregon are now conducted by mail.

An extra day of precinct voting would be a big economic waste.

Holding elections on Saturday causes problems for a number of major religious minorities.

There is no reason for having election precincts open on both Saturday and Tuesday.

A much better case can be made for converting San Francisco entirely to absentee elections by mail...which seems to be a growing national trend.

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Chairman of Citizens Against Tax Waste

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition I

Join the Democratic Party - Vote Yes on I.

While 59% voted by mail in the June 8 primary, only 34% of registered voters participated in the overall election.

We are not suggesting there be any changes to absentee voting. Our efforts are centered around changing an antiquated system of hosting elections on Tuesday, which is a barrier to increased participation, specifically for working families.

We are asking the public to approve a pilot program adding a Saturday election at **no taxpayer expense** to prove the efficacy of weekend voting.

Countries around the world vote on the weekends and have much higher turnout rates than we do here in the United States.

In addition, we are attempting to inspire people to get more involved in the democratic process and include our children to stress the importance of civic engagement.

While we are connected globally through the internet, many of us still do not know our neighbors. This is an effort to encourage people to come out on a Saturday, include our children in the process and educate them about the importance of having their voices heard, and most importantly, strengthen our community.

This pilot does not take anything away. The Tuesday election will remain, as will absentee ballots, as well as voting at City Hall 29 days before the election.

A chance is all we ask.

Let us prove that San Francisco can lead the way in changing elections in America.

Alex Tourk

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J

Hotel Tax Clarification and Temporary Increase

Shall the City increase the hotel tax rate from 14% to 16% for the next three years, confirm that anyone collecting rent from a hotel guest must also collect tax on room rental and related charges, and define “permanent resident” so that only an individual could qualify for the “permanent resident” exemption?

YES
NO

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City charges a 14% tax on the rental of hotel rooms and related charges, and that money goes to the General Fund. In addition, a fee of 1% to 1½% for improving Moscone Convention Center and promoting San Francisco is assessed.

The hotel tax applies to the amount a guest pays to occupy a room and related charges, and the hotel “operator” must collect the tax when it collects the payment. The hotel tax does not apply to payment from a “permanent resident” who occupies a hotel room for at least 30 consecutive days. The Tax Code defines “operator” and “permanent resident.” (See the legal text of the measure.)

The Proposal: Proposition J would increase the hotel tax rate from 14% to 16%. This increase would be in effect from January 1, 2011, until January 1, 2014. Money collected from the increase would go to the General Fund and the City could use it for any public purpose.

Proposition J would confirm that the hotel tax applies to the amount a guest pays to occupy a room and related charges, and that anyone collecting payment from a hotel guest must collect the tax on that amount and pay it to the City.

Proposition J would define “permanent resident” so that only an individual could qualify for the “permanent resident” exemption.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to:

- increase the hotel tax rate from 14% to 16% for the next three years,
- confirm that anyone collecting rent from a hotel guest must also collect tax on room rental and related charges, and
- define “permanent resident” so that only an individual could qualify for the “permanent resident” exemption.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes to the hotel tax.

Controller’s Statement on “J”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition J:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would generate additional tax revenue for the City of approximately \$38.0 million annually that can be used for any public purpose.

The ordinance would add 2% to the surcharge on the City’s hotel tax rate thereby increasing the overall hotel tax rate from the current 14% to 16%. The increased surcharge would be in effect for a three year period from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2014. After January 2014 the overall tax rate would return to 14%. This change would result in an estimated \$26.0 million in new revenues on an annual basis beginning in 2011.

The ordinance would specify that the City’s hotel tax applies to any entity collecting room rental charges from a hotel guest, specify that only individuals can qualify for the ‘permanent resident’ exemption to the hotel tax, and make other clarifications. These clarifications would result in approximately \$12.0 million annually in new revenues.

How “J” Got on the Ballot

On July 13, 2010, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition J to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

7,168 signatures were required to place an initiative ordinance on the ballot. This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who voted for Mayor in 2007. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 6, 2010, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Propositions J and K concern the same subject matter. If both measures are adopted by the voters, and if there is a conflict between provisions of the two measures, then some or all of the measure approved by fewer votes would not go into effect.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 184. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition J

San Franciscans who ride MUNI, send children to public school, or use city streets and parks have already been hurt by the huge budget deficits caused by our deep recession.

We aren't the only ones. Each year, five million tourists visit San Francisco. These visitors rely on the same services we do: MUNI, police and fire protection, trash collection, even health care.

Proposition J is a fair solution that will help fund these vital services but won't cost San Franciscans a penny. It was placed on the ballot through a community petition drive that collected signatures from 15,000 San Francisco voters.

YES on J creates a temporary 2% surcharge on the cost of hotel rooms that will expire in four years. The average visitor would pay an extra \$3 per night.

YES on J also closes loopholes that certain internet hotel booking companies and large airlines are using to avoid paying their full share of the hotel tax.

Currently, visitors to San Francisco pay the same or lower hotel tax than they do in New York, Los Angeles

and Boston. Our hotel tax has not increased in 14 years while costs have skyrocketed.

The large hotel owners oppose Proposition J. They have placed a "poison pill" on the ballot – Proposition K – which will kill Proposition J.

Don't be fooled! Proposition J is supported by a diverse coalition that includes the San Francisco Democratic Party, teachers, nurses, city employees and health care advocates.

REMEMBER – IT TAKES TWO VOTES TO SAVE VITAL SERVICES: YES on J, NO on K!

*Martha Hawthorne, Public Health Nurse**

Claire Merced, Public School Teacher

Maritza Di Cicco, Coleman Action Fund for Children

Supervisor Eric Mar

California Nurses Association

United Educators of San Francisco

Sierra Club

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition J

We will pay for Proposition J in lost wages, benefits, and jobs.

Fact: The 2 point increase in the hotel tax is projected to eliminate more than 2,000 jobs and \$75 million in wages.

Fact: Supporters of Prop J say we haven't increased our hotel tax in 14 years. But since 2009, hotels have paid an additional \$8 million per year to the City's general fund. Based on a self-assessment paid by all San Francisco hotels, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors, a fee of 1% to 1.5% is added to all hotel room bills. This fee effectively raises our hotel tax to 15% -15.5%. With the **additional** increase from Proposition J, **San Francisco will have the highest hotel tax in the Nation.**

Fact: When New York City increased its hotel tax to a similar amount, convention business plummeted, **costing the city millions of dollars.** New York City was forced to repeal the increase.

We are small business leaders, local merchant associations, neighborhood shopkeepers, and restaurateurs and we join the Mayor in opposing Proposition J because it will hurt our small businesses and cost local jobs.

Please join us and VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION J.

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Joe D'Alessandro, President & CEO, San Francisco

Convention and Visitors Bureau

Small Business Advocates

San Francisco Council of District Merchants

San Francisco Small Business Network



Opponent's Argument Against Proposition J

Proposition J is a job-killing tax that will harm the tourism industry.

Proposition J is a poorly-timed and irresponsible measure that will harm some of San Francisco's most important economic pillars - tourism, conventions, and the visitor services industry.

Unlike Proposition K, Proposition J raises taxes. Tens of thousands of local residents are directly employed by large, mid-sized, and small companies that serve the many visitors our City greets each year. The ripple effect of this economic activity touches every City neighborhood. Proponents argue that the tax only affects out-of-towners but this tax increase would hurt local jobs, local business, and local residents.

Increasing the effective rate of Hotel Tax from 15%-15.5% to **17%-17.5%** will give San Francisco the **highest level of hotel taxes in the country**, discourage casual visitors, inhibit regular business travelers, and scare off large conventions that drive our economy. This increase prices San Francisco out of the regional convention market and sends millions of dollars of business to rival cities up and down the West Coast.

This proposed tax increase would give San Francisco the dubious honor of having the **highest level of hotel taxes in the county** - even higher than New York City! When NYC raised its hotel taxes too high, the impact on the economy was so strong that the tax was repealed less than two years later.

When we balanced the budget this year, we avoided taxes that would hurt our local economy. Now, special interest groups have seized the initiative process and are recklessly threatening local jobs, local tax revenues, and our City's economic future.

Proposition J is the wrong choice in this economy.
Please join us in voting NO on Proposition J.

*Mayor Gavin Newsom
Joe D'Alessandro, President & CEO, San Francisco
Convention and Visitors Bureau*

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition J

Close the loopholes and save vital services by voting Yes on J and No on K.

We all agree on closing loopholes used by hotel internet booking companies and the airline industry. Shouldn't hotels also be required to do their fair share?

Yes on J is hotel fairness.

5 million tourists come to San Francisco every year. We are – and always will be – the most attractive city in America.

Most visitors will tell you: a temporary surcharge of \$3 per night is a bargain if it helps fund a more reliable Muni, ensures that homeless services are available, and keeps city streets clean and safe.

Not a shred of evidence on the economy.

Fourteen years ago was the last time the hotel tax was raised in San Francisco. Afterwards, tourism climbed more than ever. And hotel owners just jacked up their own charges 1.5% without hurting the tourist industry.

Visitors use city services, too.

San Franciscans have endured cuts in schools, Muni, safety and health care. City employees have taken a voluntary \$250 million pay cut.

Shouldn't the 5 million visitors to San Francisco pay their fair share of rising costs? It takes two votes to save vital services.

Please join us and vote Yes on J and No on K.

Martha Hawthorne, Public Health Nurse
Claire Merced, Public School Teacher
Maritza Di Cicco, Coleman Action Fund for Children
Assemblyman Tom Ammiano
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
California Nurses Association
United Educators of San Francisco
Sierra Club*

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If the City can charge visitors \$7 to walk in the Arboretum to raise \$250,000/year, instead we can impose a 2% surcharge averaging \$3/night on visitors in the Hotel Tax for 3 years to raise \$100 million for the general fund. Large enough to truly help out San Franciscans, but way too small to discourage visitors! Vote YES on the Prop. J Hotel Tax and vote No on Prop. K that raises no new revenue and would Kancel Prop. J.

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Don Ayers
Bridget Boylan
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Barbara Chesnut
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It's time to raise new revenues to stop the privatization of our parks and recreation centers and keep them accessible for everyone. While closing two corporate tax loopholes, Prop. J adds a modest 2% surcharge on hotel rooms for 3 years, averaging \$3 a night. Large enough to help the City but too small to discourage visitors! Passage will raise \$100 million over three years for the general fund.

In August, the City required residents to show ID to walk in the Arboretum and imposed a \$7 fee for visitors, a prelude to charging residents. Prop J revenue can keep our parks from being turned into exclusive reserves for those who can pay. The revenue can be used to protect and restore vital services, prevent fur-

ther commercialization of our parks, and recreation centers, and hire more gardeners and recreation directors. Keep the Arboretum Free!

YES on Prop. J.

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STAND UP FOR OUR KIDS: YES ON J

Prop J will help to save services for the 60,000 San Francisco children who rely on city-supported community programs to get a healthy start in life. Our kids need us to stand up and stop budget cuts to summer school, afterschool programs, violence prevention services, and child care centers – especially at a time of national crisis when so many parents are unemployed.

Vote YES on Proposition J.

Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth
Our Family Coalition
CARECEN SF
*Bruce Fisher, Executive Director, Huckleberry Youth Programs**
Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
LYRIC

*Filipino Community Center
South of Market Community Action Network*

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Vote YES on J: Fight for San Francisco Working Families

Prop J was created by and for the working families of San Francisco who are the backbone of our city economy. The nation's economic crisis and city budget cuts have made raising children here harder than ever – but proposals like Prop J will ease the pain and make a real difference in our lives.

Prop J will save jobs and city-supported community services that 60,000 SF kids depend on for their health care, safe shelter, school support and afterschool care while parents are working.

While the hotel industry has millions to spend on its deceptive ad campaign against Prop J, we have the truth on our side: Prop J is a fair solution to our local fiscal and economic crisis, bringing in desperately-needed revenue while avoiding new taxes on city residents and families.

Join working families in voting YES on Prop J!

Coleman Action Fund for Children

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United Community and Worker Voices Say Vote YES on J

San Francisco's working families, immigrants, and students already pay our fair share of taxes. And we've been bearing the burden of city budget cuts for too long. We support Prop J because it calls on tourists and big hotel corporations to finally pay their fair share.

We represent a new grassroots movement of everyday San Franciscans coming together to create a vibrant, truly world-class and just city for all. Our members committed hundreds of volunteer hours to put Prop J on the ballot because it is a fair and forward-thinking approach to sustaining the foundation of any vibrant, global city - its public services.

If you [heart] SF, vote YES on J.

*Causa Justa:: Just Cause (formerly St Peters Housing Committee)
Chinese Progressive Association
Coleman Action Fund for Children
Filipino Community Center
Mujeres Unidas y Activas
Pride at Work
South of Market Community Action Network
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People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Justice
San Francisco Day Labor Program*

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Richmond District Leaders Support Prop J

Vital neighborhood services for seniors, children and families continue to be cut or eliminated undermining the quality of life for everyone. We need a balanced approach to the budget crisis, including new sources of revenue.

Vote YES on Prop J to protect public services at no cost to San Franciscans.

Pat Kaussen, Richmond District Neighborhood Center
Kavoos Ghane Bassiri, Richmond Area Multi-Services*
Sandra Lee Fewer, San Francisco Board of Education*
Eric Mar, District 1 Supervisor
Hene Kelly, Retired Teacher**

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Tenant Advocates Say YES ON J

The basic city services Tenants rely on in San Francisco have been slashed over the past three budget years: bus lines eliminated, health programs cut, and 900 teachers proposed for layoffs. Tenant advocates support a balanced budget solution that includes new rev-



enues. Prop J closes corporate loopholes and imposes a modest, \$3/night surcharge on hotel rooms.

Stop Cuts to Services San Francisco Tenants Rely On – VOTE YES ON J!

*San Francisco Tenants Union
Affordable Housing Alliance*

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SAN FRANCISCO TEACHERS SAY 'YES ON J'

This year San Francisco's school district proposed laying off 900 teachers and growing class sizes dramatically to close its budget deficit. Proposition J closes loopholes abused by big hotel and airline companies and imposes a temporary, \$3/night visitor surcharge for three years. Proposition J raises as much as \$30 million to support our city and help our struggling school system. It's time for a balanced approach to our budget that includes new revenue.

Teachers ask you to support our struggling local school system - Vote YES on J!

*Dennis Kelly, President - UESF
Linda Plack, Executive VP – UESF*
Susan Solomon, Secretary – UESF
Patricia Golumb, A.P. Giannini Middle*
Jay Kozak, George Washington High*
Kathleen Cecil, Mission High*
Lawrence Blake, Hoover Middle*
Ken Tray, Lowell High*
Katherine Melvin, Lowell High*
Maria Teresa Rode, Lowell High*
Larry Nichelson, Gallileo High*
Jessica Hobbs, Hillcrest Elementary*
Alita Blanc, Moscone Elementary*
Maria Lourdes Necedal, Sheridan Elementary*
Eva Lee, Alamo Elementary*
Rose Curreri, Taylor Elementary*
Patricia Mann, School Psychologist*
Carolyn Samoa, Paraprofessional, Paul Revere Elementary*
David Russitano, Paul Revere Elementary*
Susan Kitchell, School Nurse, Burton High*
Anthony Singleton, Paraprofessional, Burton High*
Miranda Doyle, Martin Luther King Middle*
Charles Turner, Tenderloin Elementary (Ret.)*
Derrick Tynan-Connolly, Hilltop School**

Mary Thomas, San Miguel Children Center
Daniel Markarian, CORE Substitute*
Marilyn Cornwell, Substitute Teacher*
David Mahon, Guadalupe Elementary**

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Sierra Club Supports Proposition J

Our parks, public open spaces, Muni, and citywide bike network, all rely on city funds to keep them going. Proposition J is a fair approach to balance the budget deficits that have caused drastic cuts to these services these past years without costing San Franciscans a penny.

Protect our Parks and Transit – Vote YES on J

Sierra Club

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Nurses Say YES on J

Cuts to health programs have hurt San Francisco's groundbreaking effort to offer universal health care, forcing layoffs of health care workers and cutting health clinic hours. We cannot afford to solve the budget challenges with cuts alone. Prop J closes corporate loopholes and raises the Hotel Tax by an average of \$3 a night, providing up to \$30 million to support our health care infrastructure.

Barbara Savitz, RN
Jonica Brooks, RN*
Naomi Schoerfeld, RN*
Albina Guerrero, RN*
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Democrats Support Proposition J

Children's programs cancelled, senior services slashed, Muni lines terminated – San Francisco's budget deficit has hurt the basic services we all rely on. Proposition J helps stop these cuts without costing San Franciscans a penny.

Democrats say close the loopholes and support fair revenue - Vote YES J

San Francisco Democratic Party

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Senior Action Network Says Yes on J!

City budget deficits over the past three years have forced devastating cuts to services for seniors on fixed incomes and persons with disabilities. Drop-in centers have reduced hours, and health and food programs have been cut drastically in order to balance the budget. Proposition J will stop these cuts and protect the services that seniors and persons with disabilities rely on.

It's time for a fair approach to a balanced budget – Please Vote Yes on J!

Senior Action Network

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LGBT LEADERS SAY YES ON J

Over the past few years, record deficits have forced budget cuts with a direct impact on our community: health services for people with HIV, food programs for LGBT homeless youth, and cuts to mental health services at New Leaf.

Prop J will help protect services for the LGBT community by closing loopholes in our tax code that airlines and online hotel booking companies take advantage of, costing the City tens of millions of dollars over the past few years. In addition, Proposition J imposes a temporary visitor surcharge, an average of \$3 per night, to support basic services.

*Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
SF Pride at Work*

Fmr. Senator Carole Migden

Assemblymember Tom Ammiano

Supervisor David Campos

*Debra Walker, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT
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*Rafael Mandelman, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT
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Community Non-Profit Health Agencies Say Yes on J!

San Francisco community nonprofit health and human services agencies have experienced significant cuts in funding over the last two years. Next year projections show that the deficit will be even more devastating to essential services to San Francisco's most vulnerable residents.

We can no longer address our budget issues only through cuts. We must have additional revenue as a part of the solution.

Proposition J is a fair solution that will raise needed revenue to prevent the closure of vital services without costing San Franciscans a penny. This fair and overdue

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adjustment to the hotel tax will provide the resources to help prevent the loss of health and human services for seniors, families, the disabled and homeless San Franciscans.

Join the San Francisco Human Services Network, a coalition of over 100 community nonprofit agencies, and vote YES on Proposition J and NO on K!

San Francisco Human Services Network

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LIBRARY WORKERS SAY YES ON J

San Francisco's public libraries have suffered direct cuts as a result of the economic crisis. Hours at neighborhood branch libraries have been reduced, staff and programs cut. Let's find a better solution to our budget crisis than cuts alone. Voting YES on J will help balance our budget the fair way, by closing tax loopholes and charging visitors a modest and temporary surcharge – an average of \$3 per night.

Librarians and neighborhood branch library workers ask you to Vote YES on J!

*Andrea Grimes, Librarian**
*Catherine Bremer, Librarian**
*Marilyn Dong, Librarian**
*Nancy Silverrod, Librarian**
*Quindi Berger, Librarian**
*Stephen Lee, Library Technician**
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LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL WORKERS SAY YES ON J

Over the past three years we have watched services for San Francisco's senior and disabled community at Laguna Honda Hospital reduced or cut altogether. Beds for senior and disabled care, the Senior Adult Day Health Program, and many other direct patient services have been cut or eliminated as the city has tightened its belt. It's time to find a fair solution to our budget that doesn't cut services for seniors and disabled patients. Prop J closes loopholes and imposes a tem-

porary surcharge on hotel visitors averaging \$3/night, raising funds for patient care services.

Laguna Honda Hospital Workers ask you to support senior and disabled patients by voting YES on J!

*Susan Lindsay, Health Worker**
*Gloria Mayfield, Nursing Assistant**
*Patricia Mackey Williams, Nursing Assistant**
*Rosalinda Concha, Licensed Vocational Nurse**
*Masaki Tsumi, Nursing Assistant**
*Randy Ellen Blaustein, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist**
*Alexander Maestre, Porter**
*Joseph McHugh, Cadet**
*Bonnie Richardson, DMIT**
*Winnie Dunbar, Cadet**
*Micahel Beglin, Porter**
*Karen Zhang, Porter**
*Jenny Tam, Porter**
*Bryan Uyeno, Environmental Services**
*Gregory Rechsteiner, Plant Services**
*Rose Huang, Porter**
*Chi-Lung Chan, Porter**
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FIRST RESPONDERS SAY YES ON J!

When San Franciscans need emergency services and care they rely on us to deliver them. But over the past three years, budget deficits have forced cuts to critical patient care at San Francisco General Hospital's Emergency Room and other first-response services. Proposition J will help stop the cuts by closing tax loopholes abused by airlines and online hotel booking companies and imposing a temporary surcharge on hotel visitors averaging \$3/night. It's time to find a fair solution to our budget that doesn't cut city services.

Join San Francisco First Responders – Vote YES on J

*Kathryn Guta, RN, General Hospital**
*Sue Trupin, RN, General Hospital**

*Theresa Cahill, RN, General Hospital**
*Jo Anne Roy, General Hospital**

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SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL WORKERS SAY YES ON J

We provide health care to everyone that walks through our doors, but we can't continue to do it in the face of deep budget and staff cuts. As workers at San Francisco General Hospital, we have seen first-hand the impact of budget deficits on direct patient care and specialized programs like acute psychiatric services. Proposition J closes loopholes and imposes a temporary surcharge on hotel visitors of averaging \$3/night. It's time for a balanced solution to our budget deficits that preserves services for our patients.

General Hospital workers ask you to support patient services - Vote YES ON J!

*Amalia Fyles, RN**
*Kristina Hung, RN**
*Daniel Merer, RN**
*Pete Trachy, RN**
*Amalia Deck, RN**
*Ana Urrutia, RN**
*Cynthia Cornett, RN**
*Teri Hightower, Porter**
*Linda Cummins, Sr. Clerk**
*Cristina Mendoza, Sr. Clerk**
*Mayfanna Li, Medical Assistant**
*Marietta Morris-Alston, Unit Clerk**
*Michael Tong, Institutional Police Officer**
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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition J

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition J

The small business community stands united against Proposition J. We oppose the 14.3% increase of the Hotel Tax because of the importance the visitor and conventions industry to San Francisco's overall economic vitality and its direct connection to many of our members' monthly bottom lines.

Raising taxes will hurt the small business community by discouraging casual visitors, business travelers, and conventions from coming to San Francisco. This effect harms our community in two ways.

Firstly, a sizable section of our members directly benefit from the tens of millions of dollars spent by out-of-towners on a regular basis. Second, the visitors' services industry is a very large economic driver – creating a ripple effect of positive economic growth. For every paycheck drawn by a banquet server, tour bus driver, waitress, bartender, and hotel janitor job in the City, those wages are reinvested into the City's small businesses in every neighborhood.

All San Franciscans, directly or indirectly, depend on the economic engine that out-of-town dollars fuel. Please join us in opposing a tax that will harm local business and stall our struggling economy's path to recovery.

Proposition J is the wrong choice in this economy.
Please join us in voting NO on Proposition J.

Small Business Network
San Francisco Council of District Merchants Association
Small Business Advocates

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Proposition J is a poorly-timed and irresponsible measure that will harm one of San Francisco's most important economic pillars – tourism, conventions, and the visitor services industry. Raising hotel taxes by 14.3% will discourage all types of visitors and give other cities an advantage.

In the restaurant industry, out-of-town visitors make up a significant portion of San Francisco diners – bringing in valuable dollars for local tax coffers. Thousands of waiters, bartenders, servers, cooks, and restaurant staffers would not be employed if people from other places did not come to San Francisco to stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and spend money in our beautiful City.



According to the San Francisco Controller's Office, Proposition J's tax increase will be passed on to visitors; lowering occupancy, tourism spending, and tourism industry employment. With our City's economic future in question, the last thing we need is higher taxes on key sectors of our economy and disincentives for visitors to spend money in our City. Now is **not** the time to raise taxes.

Please join us in voting NO on Proposition J. Support San Francisco's visitor services industry, hotels, and restaurants. Vote NO on Proposition J.

Golden Gate Restaurant Association

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Prop J will make San Francisco's hotel tax the highest in the nation, making us less competitive for convention business and eliminating over 2,000 jobs every year in hotels, restaurants and related industries. Mayor Newsom balanced this year's budget without new taxes, help support our economic recovery.

Vote NO on J, YES on K.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

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Proposition J will raise taxes on some of San Francisco's most important economic pillars – tourism, conventions, and the visitor services industry. This ballot measure will threaten local jobs, local tax revenues, and our economic future as a City. On paper, the tax increase is on hotel bills. In the real world, this tax hike will ultimately cost you – the tax payer and voter.

Tens of thousands of local residents are directly employed by companies of all sizes that serve the millions of visitors who come to our City each year. From local restaurants to retail stores to transportation services to nightlife venues and more, San Franciscans depend on out-of-town dollars for their livelihood. Raising the hotel tax will discourage conventions from coming to our City with terrible economic consequences that would be felt in every neighborhood of San Francisco.

Proponents will argue that the tax only affects visitors but this vote is about local jobs, local businesses in your neighborhood, and the vitality of our city's #1 industry: tourism. Fewer visitors mean fewer opportunities for you, higher unemployment in the City, and a serious stumbling block to the recovery of our local economy.

Proposition J is wrong for our visitors, and it's wrong for San Franciscans. Don't let San Francisco become the city with the highest hotel tax in the country.

Vote no on **Proposition J**.

Building Owners and Managers Association of San Francisco

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Vote No on Proposition J—Protect Wages and Jobs

San Francisco's convention and visitor industry is essential to the economic health of our City. This tax hike will cost over 2,000 mostly union jobs and result in \$75 million in lost wages.

It will discourage visitors and businesses from coming to San Francisco while putting us at a disadvantage when competing with other cities for conventions and other events.

If Proposition J passes, it will make San Francisco's Hotel Tax the highest in the county, at 17.5%. New York City increased its hotel tax to a similar amount with disastrous results. Convention business plummeted, costing the city millions of dollars. New York City was forced to repeal their increase.

Join us in supporting the convention and visitor industry in San Francisco. Vote **NO** on Proposition J and help us keep out-of-town dollars flowing to the City. The future of our local economy depends on your vote.

Please join us in voting NO on Proposition J.

The Hotel Council of San Francisco

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Hotel Tax Clarification and Definitions

Shall the City keep the hotel tax rate at 14%, confirm that anyone collecting rent from a hotel guest must also collect tax on room rental and related charges, and define “permanent resident” so that only an individual could qualify for the “permanent resident” exemption?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City charges a 14% tax on the rental of hotel rooms and related charges, and that money goes to the General Fund. In addition, a fee of 1% to 1½% for improving Moscone Convention Center and promoting San Francisco is assessed.

The hotel tax applies to the amount a guest pays to occupy a room and related charges, and the hotel “operator” must collect the tax when it collects the payment. The hotel tax does not apply to payment from a “permanent resident” who occupies a hotel room for at least 30 consecutive days. The Tax Code defines “operator” and “permanent resident.” (See the legal text of the measure.)

The Proposal: Proposition K would keep the hotel tax rate at 14%.

Proposition K would confirm that the hotel tax applies to the amount a guest pays to occupy a room and related charges, and that anyone collecting payment from a hotel guest must collect the tax on that amount and pay it to the City.

Proposition K would define “permanent resident” so that only an individual could qualify for the “permanent resident” exemption.

Proposition K would combine different definitions of “operator” in the Tax Code into one definition.

If the voters adopt both Proposition K and Proposition J, the hotel tax rate would be determined by the proposition receiving the most votes.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to:

- keep the hotel tax rate at 14%,
- confirm that anyone collecting rent from a hotel guest must also collect tax on room rental and related charges, and
- define “permanent resident” so that only an individual could qualify for the “permanent resident” exemption.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes to the Tax Code.

Controller’s Statement on “K”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition K:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would generate additional tax revenue for the City of approximately \$12.0 million annually that can be used for any public purpose. The ordinance would specify that the City’s hotel tax applies to any entity collecting room rental charges from a hotel guest, specify that only individuals can qualify for the ‘permanent resident’ exemption to the hotel tax, and make other clarifications.

The proposed ordinance would not change the hotel tax rate, which is currently set at 14%.

How “K” Got on the Ballot

On June 15, 2010, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by Mayor Newsom.

The City Elections Code allows the Mayor to place an ordinance on the ballot in this manner.

Propositions J and K concern the same subject matter. If both measures are adopted by the voters, and if there is a conflict between provisions of the two measures, then some or all of the measure approved by fewer votes would not go into effect.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition K

Hotel Tax Clarification - It's Good Government and Responsible Revenue

Prop K closes the tax loophole for online hotel reservations.

Prop K ensures that the City receives the full amount of tax owed on a hotel room.

Here's how it works: A customer pays \$150 online for a hotel room and pays 14% hotel tax (plus 1%-1.5% assessment) on that \$150 to the online travel company. But the online travel company only paid the hotel \$100 for that room. And while the hotel tax is due on the full \$150, the online travel company is only remitting tax on the \$100 it paid to the hotel. That's not fair. This measure will fix this loophole and give San Franciscans what we are owed.

The City loses approximately \$12 million in annual revenue from this loophole.

Many jurisdictions are pursuing this underpayment in court. It's a matter of fairness: Prop K ensures everyone abides by our laws and pays their fair share.

This measure would NOT increase the Hotel Tax by 2%.

The hotel tax was effectively *already raised* in December 2008. Hotels worked with the Mayor and Board of Supervisor to create a Tourism Improvement District, which imposes a 1%-1.5% assessment on all San Francisco hotel stays. Hotel guests are currently paying 15% to 15.5% already! The assessment allowed the City to stop funding the Convention and Visitors Bureau - returning \$8 million annually to the City. Prop J (another measure on the ballot) violates this agreement and levies a job-killing tax on the City's largest revenue generating industry.

VOTE YES on Prop K. VOTE NO on J.

Mayor Gavin Newsom
José Cisneros, Treasurer*
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
Supervisor Carmen Chu*
Supervisor Bevan Dufty

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition K

Don't swallow the poison pill. Vote NO on K and YES on J.

We all agree on closing loopholes used by hotel internet booking companies and the airline industry. We can do exactly that by voting NO on K and Yes on J.

Yes on J is hotel fairness.

5 million tourists come to San Francisco every year. We are – and always will be – the most attractive city in America.

Most visitors will tell you: a temporary surcharge of \$3 per night is a bargain if it helps fund a more reliable Muni, ensures that homeless services are available, and keeps city streets clean and safe.

Visitors use city services, too.

San Franciscans have endured cuts in schools, Muni, safety and health care. City employees have taken a voluntary \$250 million pay cut.

Shouldn't the 5 million visitors to San Francisco pay their fair share of rising costs?

It takes two votes to save vital services.

Yes on J and No on K is supported by the San Francisco Democratic Party, San Francisco teachers, California nurses, and the Sierra Club. Please join us and vote Yes on J and No on K.

Martha Hawthorne, Public Health Nurse*
Claire Merced, Public School Teacher*
Assemblyman Tom Ammiano
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
California Nurses Association
United Educators of San Francisco
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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition K

PROP K IS A POISON PILL.

There's only one reason hotel corporations put Proposition K on the ballot – to confuse and deceive voters about a community ballot measure called Proposition J.

This is the story. Last spring, San Francisco residents launched a community petition drive to save vital city services. Over 15,000 San Franciscans signed the petition to place Proposition J on the ballot.

Proposition J imposes a temporary 2% surcharge on hotel rooms – an average of \$3 per night. It doesn't cost residents a penny, but will help fund MUNI, police, fire and other services used by both visitors and residents.

Hotel owners could have simply opposed Proposition J. Instead, they are trying to deceive and manipulate voters with Prop K. While seeming innocent enough on the surface, Prop K contains hidden language – known as a poison pill – which, if it passes, will effectively kill Prop J.

The owners behind this deceptive measure will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to confuse the issues. Don't be fooled! These are the facts:

- Proposition K is nothing but a poison pill created by hotel owners aimed at killing Prop J, the temporary hotel surcharge which saves vital city services.
- Proposition K is opposed by the San Francisco Democratic Party, San Francisco teachers, nurses and health care advocates.
- Proposition K will take away the opportunity to fund vital services we use and rely on including MUNI, schools and health care.

This year, say NO to deceptive politics and YES to saving city services.

REMEMBER – IT TAKES TWO VOTES TO SAVE VITAL SERVICES: YES on J, NO on K!

*Martha Hawthorne, Public Health Nurse**
Claire Merced, Public School Teacher
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California Nurses Association
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Sierra Club

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Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition K

Vote Yes on K.

Proposition K is good government and responsible revenue.

Proposition K will clarify the hotel tax and add an additional \$12 million per year to the general fund without raising taxes and costing local jobs.

We put Proposition K on the ballot because internet travel companies are currently refusing to pay the City what we are owed - they claim the law is unclear. We think the law is crystal clear, but Proposition K will definitively clarify our rules.

Proposition K will raise revenue. Proposition K will ensure that online travel companies don't keep our tax money. Proposition K won't cost the City jobs.

YES ON K. NO ON J.

Mayor Gavin Newsom
*Treasurer José Cisneros**
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
Supervisor Carmen Chu
Supervisor Bevan Dufty

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition K

Vote YES on K. Prop K will raise \$12 million annually in additional revenue for the city without raising the hotel tax like Prop J. Vote YES on K, No on J – support San Francisco’s economic recovery.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition K

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition K

Our City cannot be sustained on fees, fines, cuts, lay-offs and privatization. It’s time to help by raising new revenue. Proposition K will cancel the revenue generating Prop. J Hotel Tax if it gets more votes than J. Proposition J closes the same loopholes but J also raises \$100 million through a 2% surcharge on the Hotel Tax over three years. Large enough to help the City but too small to discourage visitors!

Vote NO on Proposition K, and YES on Proposition J, the Hotel Tax.

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Don Ayers
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition K

LGBT LEADERS SAY NO ON K

Proposition K will block critical funding for LGBT services at a time when budget cuts have caused HIV/AIDS health programs, clinics serving the transgender community and transitional housing programs.

It’s time to stand up for our community by saying NO on K

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
SF Pride at Work
Fmr. Senator Carole Migden
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Supervisor David Campos
Debra Walker, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
Rafael Mandelman, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
Michael Goldstein, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition K

Democrats Say ‘Don’t Swallow the Poison Pill – Vote NO on K

The San Francisco Democrats oppose Prop K because it contains a “poison pill” that blocks another measure, Proposition J, from going into effect. Prop K will block much needed revenue to support our schools, our health care infrastructure, and our Muni system.

San Francisco Democratic Party

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Tenant Advocates Say NO ON K

Prop K contains a provision called a “poison pill” that will kill Proposition J and limit funding for the city services Tenants rely on.

TENANTS SAY ‘DON’T SWALLOW THE POISON PILL’ – VOTE NO ON K!

*San Francisco Tenants Union
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TEACHERS SAY NO ON K – DON’T SWALLOW THE POISON PILL!

Classroom teachers know a trick when they see one, and Prop K is just that. Prop K contains a ‘poison pill’ that will block another ballot measure, Proposition J, from taking effect. Proposition J is a reasonable solution to the budget deficits that this year threatened layoffs of 900 teachers.

Support our City and our Schools - Vote NO on K

*Dennis Kelly, President – UESF
Susan Solomon, Secretary – UESF*
Larry Nichelson, Galileo High*
Kathleen Cecil, Mission High*
Katherine Melvin, Lowell High*
Maria Teresa Rode, Lowell High*
Ken Tray, Lowell High*
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Alita Blanc, Moscone Elementary*
Patricia Golumb, A.P. Giannini Middle*
Susan Kitchell, School Nurse, Burton High*
Miranda Doyle, Martin Luther King Middle*
Lawrence Blake, Hoover Middle*
Charles Turner, Tenderloin Elementary (Ret.)*
Rose Curreri, Taylor Elementary*
Jay Kozak, George Washington High*
David Mahon, Guadalupe Elementary*
Eva Lee, Alamo Elementary*
Mary Thomas, San Miguel Children Center*
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition K

Senior Action Network Says NO to the Poison Pill – NO ON K.

Proposition K will stop the city from raising revenue the city needs to protect services for seniors and persons with disabilities. Proposition K was put on the ballot at the request of large hotel corporations who don’t want to pay their fair share. If Prop K passes it will prevent another measure, Proposition J, from going into effect. Proposition J closes tax loopholes and raises much needed revenue to the city.

As the City has slashed services to balance its budget, services for seniors and persons with disabilities have been drastically reduced, or cut altogether. Prop K will cause more cuts to senior services. Vote NO ON K.

Senior Action Network

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition K

United Community and Worker Voices Say Vote NO on K

Proposition K is a deceptive ploy by big hotel owners to kill Prop J. **Vote YES on J, NO on K** to protect vital public services for all residents.

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Chinese Progressive Association
Coleman Action Fund for Children
Filipino Community Center
Mujeres Unidas y Activas
Pride at Work
Young Workers United
JOBS WITH JUSTICE
People Organized to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights
San Francisco Day Labor Program*

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Sierra Club Opposes Proposition K

Proposition K will block Proposition J from taking effect, hurting our budget and causing cuts to funding for parks, open space, and Muni.

Sierra Club Says Vote NO on K and Yes on J

Sierra Club

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Community Non-Profit Health Agencies Say No on K!

San Francisco community nonprofit health and human services agencies have experienced significant funding cuts over the last two years. Next year projections show a deficit that will be even more devastating to essential services for San Francisco's most vulnerable residents.

Proposition K is a deceptive measure that is designed to prevent the passage of Proposition J, the temporary 2% surcharge on hotel rooms. Proposition J is a critically needed revenue measure to assure that essential services to seniors, families, the disabled and homeless San Franciscans can continue.

Proposition K is a poison pill that would kill Proposition J and eliminate a potential source of funding for vital services throughout the City.

Join the San Francisco Human Services Network, a coalition of over 100 nonprofit community agencies, in voting YES on J and NO on K!

San Francisco Human Services Network

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition K

FIRST RESPONDERS SAY NO ON K!

First Responders at San Francisco General Hospital oppose Proposition K because it contains a "poison pill" that would block another measure, Proposition J, from taking effect. Proposition J raises funding for critical patient care at San Francisco General Hospital and other emergency services. If Prop K passes it will cause budget cuts to continue and emergency care at General Hospital will suffer.

San Francisco First Responders ask you to Vote NO on K and YES on J!

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*Sue Trupin, RN**

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LIBRARY WORKERS SAY VOTE NO ON K!

Librarians and library workers oppose Proposition K because it contains a "poison pill" that will prevent another measure, Proposition J, from taking effect. Prop J provides much-needed revenue for our struggling neighborhood branch libraries by closing corporate loopholes abused by airline and online hotel booking companies, and also imposing a temporary visitor surcharge of \$3/night.

Library Workers ask you to support our Libraries – Vote NO on K, and YES on J!

*Beverly Hayes, Librarian**

*Andrea Grimes, Librarian**

*Catherine Bremer, Librarian**

*Marilyn Dong, Librarian**

*Nancy Silverrod, Librarian**

*Quindi Berger, Librarian**

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LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL WORKERS SAY VOTE NO ON K!

Laguna Honda Hospital workers oppose Proposition K because it contains a “poison pill” that would block another measure, Proposition J, from taking effect. Prop J will raise revenue to fund the care we provide to senior and disabled patients at Laguna Honda Hospital. If Prop K passes, budget cuts at Laguna Honda will continue and patients will pay the cost.

Laguna Honda Hospital workers ask you to support senior and disabled patient care – Vote NO on K, and YES on J!

*Susan Lindsay, Health Worker**
*Gloria Mayfield, Nursing Assistant**
*Patricia Mackey Williams, Nursing Assistant**
*Rosalinda Concha, Licensed Vocational Nurse**
*Masaki Tsum, Nursing Assistant**
*Randy Ellen Blaustein, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist**
*Gregory Rechsteiner, Plant Services**
*Jamilah Din, Food Service Worker**
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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition K

SF General Hospital Workers Say NO on K – Don’t Swallow the Poison Pill!

Proposition K contains a special provision, known as a “poison pill,” that will prevent Proposition J from taking effect. Prop J closes corporate loopholes abused by airline and online hotel booking companies, and also imposes a temporary visitor surcharge of \$3/night. San Francisco needs a balanced approach to its budget deficit, and Prop J will help raise much needed revenue.

San Francisco General Hospital Workers ask you to protect health care services - Vote NO on K!

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*Cristina Mendoza, Sr. Clerk**
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L

Sitting or Lying on Sidewalks

Shall the City amend its Police Code to prohibit sitting or lying on a public sidewalk in San Francisco between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., with certain exceptions?

YES
NO

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Police Code includes laws that prohibit certain conduct on public sidewalks. It does not specifically prohibit sitting or lying on sidewalks.

The Proposal: Proposition L would amend the Police Code to prohibit sitting or lying on a public sidewalk in San Francisco between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m.

The measure makes exceptions for:

- medical emergencies;
- people using wheelchairs, walkers or similar devices because of a disability;
- lawful sidewalk businesses;
- authorized parades, protests, festivals or similar events;
- sitting on fixed chairs or benches supplied by a public agency or property owner;
- customers sitting in line unless they block pedestrians;
- children in strollers; and
- Pavement to Parks projects.

Proposition L would require the police to warn offenders before citing them for violating this law. Penalties for violating the law would be:

- For the first offense, a fine of \$50-\$100 and/or community service.
- For a repeat offense within 24 hours of a citation, a fine of \$300-\$500, and/or community service, and/or up to 10 days in jail.
- For a repeat offense within 120 days of a conviction, a fine of \$400-\$500, and/or community service, and/or up to 30 days in jail.

Proposition L would require the Police Department to make written reports to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors about the effect of enforcing this prohibition. It would also require the City to have a neighbor-

hood outreach plan to provide social services to people who chronically sit or lie on public sidewalks.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the City’s Police Code to prohibit sitting or lying on a public sidewalk in San Francisco between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., with certain exceptions.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make this change.

Controller’s Statement on “L”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition L:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would not affect the cost of government.

How “L” Got on the Ballot

On June 15, 2010, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by Mayor Newsom.

The City Elections Code allows the Mayor to place an ordinance on the ballot in this manner.

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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition L

Civil Sidewalks: Yes on Prop L; No on Prop M

San Franciscans have asked their government to return civility to our city sidewalks.

Join us: Vote YES on L; NO on M.

Neighborhood merchants, residents, and disability advocates support Proposition L (Civil Sidewalks) to eliminate unnecessary hostility and confrontations by banning sitting and lying on sidewalks from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors placed Proposition M on the ballot to override Proposition L if it passes. Vote YES on L; NO on M.

Proposition L is a response to confrontational individuals who block sidewalks for hours at a time throughout the city. Currently, someone may lie on the sidewalk and there is no authority to stop it, even in front of homes and businesses. Proposition L eliminates this legal loophole.

Prop L allows community police to issue warnings to people first. If warnings are ignored, penalties may be assessed.

Our community police officers will train for Civil Sidewalks implementation, and will continue to notify

our social service providers to assist those who need mental health or other social services.

Opponents say that existing law provides the authority to ask people to stand or move. That simply is not true. That's why the status quo continues despite unparalleled investments in our social safety net.

Since the Supervisors did not adopt this common-sense law, I have placed it on the ballot at the request of a broad coalition of residents, merchants, and disability activists.

San Francisco is known for compassion and providing services to those in need. This tradition will continue. Vote **Yes on L and No on M** to afford everyone accessibility and civility on our sidewalks.

*Mayor Gavin Newsom
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George Gascón, Chief of Police*
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Supervisor Carmen Chu
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd*

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition L

Vote NO on Prop L. Sit / Lie is an unnecessary infringement upon the right of San Franciscans to enjoy public space.

If an individual blocks passage on the street or entry to your home or business, the police may force his or her removal under current law. Top officials in the San Francisco Police Department confirmed this fact at public hearings on Sit / Lie at the Board of Supervisors.

If Prop L passes, it will be a crime for you to sit in a chair on the sidewalk in front of your house or apartment. San Francisco's streets and sidewalks make up 25% of the city's land area, more space than is found in all the city parks combined. If you sit down on a sidewalk and a police officer asks you to move, you must do so or risk citation and IMPRISONMENT for doing nothing more than sitting down.

Voting in favor of Prop L is volunteering to relinquish our right to enjoy public space without gaining a

benefit. The police already have dozens of tools at their disposal to deal with individuals who are acting inappropriately on our sidewalks.

Don't let the police chief take away our right to enjoy public space especially since he can simply enforce the laws that already exist. Vote NO on Prop L.

Supervisors David Campos, Chris Daly, Bevan Dufty, Eric Mar, David Chiu, Sophie Maxwell, Ross Mirkarimi, Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, San Francisco Democratic Party, San Francisco Green Party, and the San Francisco Labor Council.

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition L

We all want to prevent harassment, assault, and obstruction of entry on our city streets. We must improve accountability measures when people engage in this conduct but Sit / Lie is not the solution.

There are already numerous laws that prohibit obstruction of sidewalks, aggressive pursuit, stalking, harassment, loitering, assault, and aggressive panhandling. These laws seek to address the actual behavior that is unsafe or a nuisance to San Francisco residents. The proponents of Sit / Lie fail to explain why enforcement of these laws is insufficient to address problematic behavior.

Instead Sit / Lie converts the innocent act of sitting or lying down into a crime. It gives broad discretion to city officials to arrest and prosecute anyone who happens to take a rest on a city sidewalk. Sit / Lie would turn everyday activities into a crime when the actor sits down - sitting on a lawn chair during a garage sale, certain forms of protest, or simply enjoying the fresh air. The law would disproportionately affect some of our most vulnerable residents including homeless individuals and day laborers who by necessity need to sit or lie down on our city sidewalks.

We cannot tolerate people abusing one another – we should work to address that behavior whether the person is committing the crime standing up or sitting down. But Sit / Lie is an unnecessary and overbroad law that infringes on our civil right to enjoy public space. Instead we must make greater use of community policing strategies, including foot patrols and community courts, to enforce laws that are designed to specifically address problematic behavior.

Supervisors David Campos, Chris Daly, Bevan Dufty, Eric Mar, David Chiu, Sophie Maxwell, the San Francisco Democratic Party and the San Francisco Green Party.

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition L

WARNING TO VOTERS: Prop M has a Poison Pill that will override Proposition L/Civil Sidewalks. Vote No on M.

What opponents to **Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks** don't tell you is that they placed Prop M on the ballot in a political ploy to OVERRIDE Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks. If Prop M receives more votes, your Yes on L vote is overridden.

That's wrong.

Those against **Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks** want you to believe that this law somehow violates civil rights.

That's untrue.

Similar laws have all passed judicial review. If Prop L works in Los Angeles, Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Seattle and other cities: **why not here?** Courts have ruled that cities have the right to regulate public sidewalks so that people can walk without being subjected to obstruction, harassment, and aggression.

Prop L promotes public space for everyone. It's not about homelessness. We have outreach teams of professionals now who engage people without homes every day, and that work continues. Prop L is about making sidewalks welcoming, accessible and safe for everyone.

Join the coalition of neighborhood merchants, residents, disability advocates, parents, and seniors in voting to return civility to our sidewalks. This grassroots coalition convened because the Board of Supervisors was against adopting this common sense law.

Vote Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks and protect your vote by voting No on M/Poison Pill.

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

Because we believe it will improve the access and safety of the greater Haight Ashbury neighborhood, the Cole Valley Improvement Association supports the Safe Sidewalks ordinance.

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

Civil Sidewalks will make it possible to feel safe while shopping locally. SFPD lacks the tools to be able to keep sidewalks clear of threatening people, and this is hurting our local businesses and the integrity of our neighborhoods. Progressive communities like Santa Cruz, Berkeley and Seattle have made their communities more vibrant by passing such a law. San Francisco should not lose money because people feel safer shopping elsewhere. The families and local businesses that make up HAIA urge you to Vote Yes on L and No on M (which will void L) for safe and healthy neighborhoods.

Haight Ashbury Improvement Association

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

San Francisco's Neighborhoods SUPPORT Prop L

Vote YES on Civil Sidewalks!

Help improve one of San Francisco's most important assets: our neighborhood commercial districts!

Local businesses need our help to keep public sidewalks inviting to patrons.

This measure...

- Gives police the ability to address the problem of people sitting or lying in the public right-of-way.
- Will help local commercial corridors and small business owners.
- Only applies during business hours.

- Only affects public sidewalks – not public parks, beaches, plazas, and other public areas.
- Maintains civil rights protecting free speech.
- Does not criminalize homelessness.

All neighborhoods will benefit from this Citywide measure.

Support the local character, safety, and viability of San Francisco's small businesses and restaurants.

Vote YES on Prop L!

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Established 1973.
44 neighborhood organizations.

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

Vote YES for civility on our sidewalks. Everyone deserves the right to use San Francisco's sidewalks, not just a select few who decide to set up their camp in front of homes and businesses. Please join local leaders from every neighborhood and Vote YES on L, NO on K.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

Proposition L ensures that sidewalks are used for walking, instead of sitting or sleeping. This measure will make our city more attractive and encourage tourism—San Francisco's largest industry.

Proposition M is a poison pill that, if passed, will negate Prop. L. It also potentially endangers our residents by requiring foot patrols when cars, bikes, or horses might be a better solution.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION L
VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION M

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

S.O.S: Save Our Sidewalks

San Francisco residents and merchants are fed up with the lack of civility on our sidewalks. Law-abiding citizens are being harassed by people who obstruct our sidewalks. Join the coalition of thousands of other residents in voting **Yes on L**.

Philip Belber, Merchant and Small Business Owner

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

Public School Parents for Civil Sidewalks Yes on L--- No, No, No on M/Poison Pill

As parents of elementary public school children in the Haight and other neighborhoods, we urge you to vote **Yes on L**.

Please **REJECT** the Poison Pill Foot Patrol--Prop. M, which will override your vote for Prop. L.

Vote Yes on L and No on M.

*Shiela Anastas, Public School Safety Chair**
*Tom Hsieh, Public School Parent**
*Nicole Hsieh, PTA President/Public School Teacher**
Lana Agot, Public School Parent
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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

ASIAN AMERICANS FOR Yes on L and No on M

Our school children are threatened by people who encamp on public sidewalks and use aggressive behavior to intimidate pedestrians. Some of these offenders are drifting from city to city, using our resources and encamping in public spaces. We need Civil Sidewalks, **Yes on L** and **No on M, the poison pill foot patrol**.

Asian Pacific Democratic Club

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

San Francisco's Police Officers Want Civil Sidewalks--Vote Yes on L

Proposition L (Civil Sidewalks) is a common sense measure that has already been passed in 13 other U.S. cities. It simply gives police the legal ability to ask people sitting or lying in the public right of way to stand up.

This city has a problem with confrontational people blocking sidewalks, harassing everyday San Franciscans and driving away business from local shops that share these sidewalks. Do you like to traverse commercial corridors where individuals are sprawled out in virtual encampments on the sidewalk?

Currently, unless someone reports a problem, police do not have the ability to proactively ask people blocking the sidewalk to stand.

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Sidewalks are for everyone. Please vote for Civil Sidewalks, Please vote YES on Measure L.

*Martin Halloran, Treasurer
San Francisco Police Officers Association*

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition L

Bring back civility to our sidewalks! Neighborhood merchants for Yes on L Civil Sidewalks.

Vote **Yes on L** Civil Sidewalks and **No on M**–Poison Pill Foot Patrols! The San Francisco Council of District Merchants represents your neighborhood merchants across The City who are struggling with aggressive drifters who scare off customers and threaten vulnerable pedestrians. Join a broad coalition of residents, small business owners and disabled activists in voting **Yes on L** and **No on M**.

*SF Council of District Merchants Associations
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Mission Merchants Association*

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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition L

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition L

The only thing that Prop L does that existing laws don't do is make it a crime to sit or lie down: obstruction and harassment when sitting or lying down is already a crime. If taken seriously, Prop L would prohibit sitting to play chess on Market Street or dominoes in the Tenderloin, sitting on a lawn chair while holding a garage sale, or children's selling lemonade or cookies on the sidewalk.

Nobody wants to attack public space in this way. But the alternative is that the law would be enforced against some people, and not against others. This violates the Constitution: the law should apply equally to everyone in a democracy.

Sit/lie will treat homeless people, day laborers, and youth of color as criminals. San Francisco used a sit/lie law in 1968 against hippies and gay men; that law was ruled unconstitutional by the courts.

Criminalization makes life crueler for homeless people, and threatens working immigrants with deportation. Despite constantly declining numbers of shelter beds, a series of local and state laws from the '80s and '90s makes it a crime for homeless people ever to sleep outside. Criminalization has never worked to diminish homelessness and does nothing but clog the court system. Police issued a reported 13,000 "quality of life" citations last year. Of the 3,200 of those that received representation, less than 5% were found by the courts to deserve punishment.

The Police Department's representative to the Board of Supervisors admitted that a sit/lie law was not necessary in order to address sidewalk obstruction. We want police to address real crime in San Francisco, rather than waste their valuable time on people who are innocently sitting.

Sidewalks Are for People Coalition

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Sidewalks Are for People Coalition.

The two contributors to the true source recipient committee are Stuart Handelman and Paul Boden.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition L

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. (Proverbs 31:8)

People must use sidewalks to sit or lie down, to rest or sleep. Homeless people and day laborers are members of our community, and laws that criminalize them are morally reprehensible and contrary to the spirit of sanctuary in San Francisco.

Prop L is redundant: Prop L allows police to punish those who have not committed any crime. Existing laws adequately address proponents' concerns, including laws against obstruction of sidewalks and aggressive panhandling.

Prop L will not lead people to services: San Francisco has **one** shelter bed for every **six** homeless people. Unemployment is high and public services have been cut.

Prop L attacks the civil rights of vulnerable groups: Prop L's **true purpose** is to clear city sidewalks of homeless persons and other defenseless community members by giving police broad discretion to define illegal activity. This threat to free speech and public space is shared by **all** community members, including day laborers and low-income youth.

We stand with San Franciscans who love justice in opposing Prop L's attempt to criminalize sitting or lying on public sidewalks.

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Vote NO on Prop L

Religious Witness with Homeless People

Steering Committee

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition L

Sitting Should Not Be A Crime! No On Prop L.

Prop L will make it illegal for every woman, man and child in our City to sit or lie down on any sidewalk, anywhere, even if they are not blocking that sidewalk. It is a badly written law that will **criminalize all of us**.

In 1968 San Francisco outlawed sitting without blocking the sidewalk. Created as a “tool” to harass and intimidate hippies in the Haight Ashbury, that law was ultimately used by police to target and arrest Gay men in the Castro.

Successful Constitutional challenges got the law repealed in 1979. Do we really want to waste City funds repeating the same unconstitutional mistake?

Mayor Newsom has stated that Prop L’s intention is to make the sidewalks more civil by “eliminating unnecessary hostility and confrontations.” Yet he has failed to explain why that goal can’t be achieved through enforcement of the laws that already outlaw both blocking sidewalks and other forms of unacceptable public behavior.

What cannot not be ignored are the negative consequences of this law.

If passed, Prop L will:

- Criminalize day laborers who sit while waiting for work.
- Criminalize residents who sit on a chair in front of their own homes.
- Criminalize our kids when they sit on the sidewalks and play.
- Encourage the police to harass and intimidate poor

and homeless people who use the public space of the sidewalk to sit during the day, even when they are not blocking the sidewalk or harassing anyone.

The upshot is Prop L will make our streets less civil for the vast majority of San Francisco residents and visitors.

Vote No On Prop L. Sitting Should Not Be A Crime!

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition L

Harvey Milk opposed this idea over 30 years ago because such laws are used to target and intimidate people who some view as socially undesirable. Prop L represents the opposite of San Francisco values. It’s unfair, unkind, and unconstitutional. NO ON L.

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

SF Pride at Work

David Waggoner

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition L

Vote No on Proposition L.

When I see people sleeping on the street or sometimes sitting on the sidewalk, it is not a pleasant sight, but it should not be a crime. There are sufficient laws on the books to stop truly anti-social behavior. There are laws against trespassing, blocking sidewalks, entrances to private properties, as well as assaults, battery, and threatening behavior. These are the actions that should be called to the attention to our police and could be stopped with more foot patrols in our neighborhoods. When I was growing up, police officers were “beat cops.” Everyone in the neighborhood knew them, and they knew the people in the neighborhood. This made for safer streets. The costs of arresting people for passive behavior, such as simply sleeping on the streets or lying and sitting on the sidewalk without physically bothering anybody, will turn out to be a very expensive activity for the city to engage in. Court dates, potential jail time, and administrative actions all costs money in a time when our budgets are being cut in social programs, Muni transportation, et cetera.

For that reason, I am voting “no” on Proposition L. Other alternatives, such as having more police on the

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streets, would be better to solve the problems of anti-social behavior in our neighborhoods.

Vote No on Proposition L.

*John Burton, Chair California Democratic Party**

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M

Community Policing and Foot Patrols

Shall the City require the Police Commission to adopt a written community policing policy, require the Chief of Police to establish a comprehensive Foot Beat Patrol Program, and not amend its Police Code to prohibit sitting or lying on sidewalks?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Police Department engages in community policing and foot patrols as determined by Police Department policies and decisions on public safety needs. City law does not require a written policy on community policing or foot patrols.

The Proposal: Proposition M would require the Police Commission to adopt a written community policing policy. This policy would involve police interactions with the community, focusing police resources on high crime areas, and encouraging citizen involvement in combating crime. Proposition M would require the Police Commission to begin work on adopting this policy within six months.

Proposition M would also require the Chief of Police to establish a comprehensive Foot Beat Patrol Program for all police stations. This program would include designated foot patrols, dedicated MUNI patrols, regular reviews of foot patrol routes, regular community input, and guidelines for foot patrol officers. Proposition M would require the Police Department to report on the program to the Board of Supervisors twice each year.

Proposition M suggests that safety and civility in public spaces are better addressed by foot patrols than by a prohibition against sitting and lying on sidewalks. By voting for Proposition M, the voter intends that the Foot Beat Patrol Program override Proposition L, which would prohibit sitting or lying on public sidewalks. If the voters adopt both Propositions M and L, and if Proposition M receives more votes, the prohibition against persons sitting or lying on sidewalks would not take effect. If the voters adopt both Propositions M and L, and if Proposition L receives more votes, both measures would take effect.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to require the Police Commission to adopt a written community policing policy, require the Chief of Police

to establish a comprehensive Foot Beat Patrol Program, and override another measure on this ballot that would prohibit sitting or lying on sidewalks.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes.

Controller’s Statement on “M”

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition M:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, it could, in my opinion, increase the cost of government in order to fund additional police foot beat patrols and patrols on the City’s transit lines. The ultimate cost of the proposal would depend on decisions made through the City’s annual budget process and on decisions made in the San Francisco Police Department and the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA).

The proposed ordinance would require the Police Department to establish foot beats in each district station and a dedicated police presence on MTA lines. The number of officers and level of effort required is not specified. The SFPD’s efforts to comply with the 2007 legislation which required foot beat patrols in each district resulted in an increase of approximately 39,000 officer hours dedicated to foot beats during a six month period. The estimated cost of a comparable effort on an annual basis at current rates is approximately \$4.45 million.

Implementation of the program as specified in the ordinance is likely to require additional General Fund support and as such would mean that new funding must be provided or other services reduced. Note that an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. Under the City Charter, the ultimate cost of this proposal depends on decisions made in the City’s annual budget process.

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow the facing page. The full text begins on page 187. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.

How “M” Got on the Ballot

On July 27, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted 7 to 4 to place Proposition M on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi.

No: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Chu, Dufty and Elsbernd.

Propositions L and M concern the same subject matter. If both measures are adopted by the voters, and if there is a conflict between provisions of the two measures, then some or all of the measure approved by fewer votes would not go into effect.

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Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition M

Police foot beat patrols are a proven crime deterrent. Beat patrols foster community trust.

New York City, Chicago, and Boston treat beat patrols and community policing as a proactive public safety strategy. San Francisco does not.

The SFPD's General Orders barely mention community policing and they do not require foot patrols.

In 2007, the City conducted an 18-month citywide beat patrol *pilot* program. The SFPD increased foot patrols by 120%--without increasing their budget or reducing response time to emergency calls.

The City Controller commissioned an independent study of the foot beat pilot program that determined:

- 79% of SFPD officers believed that foot patrols were a viable strategy.
- 82% of San Franciscans said they felt safer as a result of foot patrols.
- 90% of San Franciscans believed foot patrols were a necessary tool for the SFPD.

The study recommended making the foot patrol pilot program permanent by urging the SFPD to implement "clearly defined goals and objectives, performance measures and accountability controls in place for effective management of foot patrols."

The SFPD still has not acted on a number of the recommendations in the study.

Proposition M empowers both SFPD and the community:

- Provides the Police Chief full discretion on beat patrol deployment.
- Requires a community policing policy be developed by the Police Commission, Chief, and the community.
- Develops officer training for foot patrols.
- Performs bi-annual reviews of foot patrols and their effect on criminal activity.

Vote yes on Proposition M for stronger community and safer streets.

*Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
San Francisco Democratic Party
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Supervisor David Campos
Supervisor Chris Daly
Supervisor Eric Mar
Supervisor Sophie Maxwell
Police Commissioner Petra de Jesus**

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition M

Proposition M is not a serious law - it's a political ploy to OVERRIDE your vote.

The authors of Prop M added a **POISON PILL** to OVERRIDE Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks. If Prop M gets more votes than Prop L/Civil Sidewalks, it will nullify your vote for Prop L. Prop M backers will go to any lengths, including deceiving voters, to defeat Civil Sidewalks. Don't be tricked by city hall politicians: **a No vote on Prop M is a Yes vote for Prop L/civil sidewalks.**

Proposition M language is clear:

*"By voting for Proposition M, the voter intends that the Foot Beat Patrol Program **override** Proposition L, which would prohibit sitting or lying on public sidewalks."*

Let's be more clear: all the work Prop M calls for is ALREADY BEING DONE.

1. Police Chief should have full discretion over foot patrols. **DONE!**

2. Police Commission, Chief, and community should develop a community policing policy. **DONE!**
3. Foot Patrol Officer training. **DONE!**
4. Bi-Annual program reviews. **DONE!**

The Chief is already doing this work. Which brings us back to the real reason for this measure: **as a poison pill for Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks.**

Vote No on M/Poison Pill and Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks to return civility to our sidewalks and to support our public safety professionals - who are keeping violent crime at historic lows and our communities safe.

*Mayor Gavin Newsom
George Gascón, Chief of Police*
Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd*

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition M

Don't Let Supervisors Play Politics with Your Safety. VOTE NO on M!

There is one reason Proposition M is on the ballot: politics.

The Board of Supervisors could legislate a policy on community policing now - it does not need to go on the ballot. Moreover, the Police Chief's community policing strategy already includes foot patrols.

Proposition M would throw out your vote

The Supervisors voted down a proposed law to make sidewalks open for everyone. Mayor Gavin Newsom put the law on the ballot so you can decide. It's called Proposition L. The secret the politicians don't want you to know is that if both measures pass, and Proposition M gets more votes, your vote on Proposition L is thrown out. Proposition M provides no new law for sidewalk safety, and adds more bureaucracy and new costs.

Proposition M proposes a strategy that is ALREADY IN PLACE

We have a new Chief of Police who is taking the department in the right direction: crime is at new lows,

community engagement is at new highs, and the Chief is using technology to deploy officers where they are most needed. This includes the consistent use of foot patrols throughout the City. In short: everything Proposition M calls for is already being done.

Proposition M is a solution in search of a problem

Supervisors already have authority to fund foot patrols through the budget process, and the minimum number of police officers already is set in the City's Charter. If Supervisors let the Police Chief do his job, we can have foot patrols now.

Join us in supporting public safety, and protecting your vote. Vote No on M!

*Mayor Gavin Newsom
George Gascón, Chief of Police*
Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Carmen Chu
Supervisor Bevan Dufty
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd*

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Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition M

San Francisco is not Los Angeles. We are a city of neighborhoods.

Community policing, foot beats--on sidewalks and Muni --will work!

In New York, Chicago, and Boston community policing is not considered a luxury.

In San Francisco, community policing is not institutionalized.

District stations see captains come and go, each with their own community strategy.

Prop M is simple:

It directs the Chief and Police Commission to devise a community policing, foot beat plan, tailored to the 10 police districts. But sometimes simplicity challenges authority.

Opponents fail to disclose:

- Prop M gives the Chief **full** discretion on deployment.
- Prop M will **not** add cost. In the 2007 pilot program, SFPD increased foot patrols 120% **without** increasing the budget or compromising officer response time.
- The SFPD budget is \$445,480,123. Per capita, one of the highest funded departments in the nation; its

officers among the highest paid. In July 2010, the SF Police Officers Association celebrated its 6.5% raise.

- Opponents disingenuously invite the Board to legislate foot beats, rather than submit this to the voters. However, the Mayor **vetoed** the 2006 foot beat pilot program. Only a veto override allowed the pilot program to succeed.

No more rhetoric on community policing – it's time to walk the talk.

Yes on M.

*Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Supervisors Campos, Chiu, Daly, Mar, Maxwell,
Mirkarimi
Police Commissioners Petra deJesus* and
Angela Chan*
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San Francisco Labor Council
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Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council
Lower Haight Merchants and Neighborhood
Association
Harvey Milk Democratic Club*

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition M

Our neighborhoods are united in supporting community policing and foot beat patrols.

We've seen how the SFPD's commitment to foot patrols varies over the years, depending on who is Mayor or Police Chief.

We need beat officers engaged with the community and building long-term relationships.

Prop M makes community policing and foot patrols permanent components of the SFPD's practice.

*Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council
Lower Haight Merchants and Neighbors Association
Paul Osaki, Executive Director Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California*
Joseph Smooke, Bernal Heights advocate
Reverend Henry Davis, Western Addition Minister*

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition M

API leaders support Proposition M for a safer Muni

When a wave of racial violence targeted Asian-Americans at Muni stations in the Bayview and Visitacion Valley, the SFPD responded with increased foot patrols.

If Prop M had been in place, foot patrols on Muni would have ALREADY been a regular presence BEFORE the violence hit.

Votes Yes on Proposition M for a safer Muni.

*Tim Ly, Chinese Progressive Association
Reverend Norman Fong, Chinatown activist*

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition M

Harvey Milk Fought the “Sit-Lie” law in the 1970s when it was used to arrest gay men sitting outside bars in the Castro.

Community policing & foot patrols are a more ethical and more effective solution for making our streets safe.

Vote No on Prop L and Yes on Prop M.

Harvey Milk Democratic Club

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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition M

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

San Francisco's Neighborhoods OPPOSE Prop M

Who do you trust with your public safety? The Board of Supervisors? Or Police Chief George Gascón?

The police chief and district captains should decide police foot patrols—*not* politicians.

Voters have *already defeated* this once before in 2006.

Prop M plays politics with your public safety.

The Board could have passed this legislation. *It's on the ballot simply because it contains a “poison pill” which will kill the popular Prop L.*

Vote NO on Prop M!

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Established 1973.
44 neighborhood organizations.*

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

This measure is a poison pill tactic by progressive Supervisors to kill Mayor Newsom's sit/lie initiative (Measure L), which would be invalidated if Measure M passes. Measure M does **nothing** to assist the police in helping enforce aggressive street behavior, which is badly needed.

Don't be fooled—vote **“No” on M**, and **“Yes” on L**.

*Plan C San Francisco
www.plancsf.org*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Robert C. Gain.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

Community policing efforts are all ready in effect in San Francisco and we have seen dramatic reductions in violent crime throughout the city. But Prop M is not about community policing or foot patrols. Prop M is about the Board of Supervisors trying to micro-manage police officer deployment. And in cynical political move, the Board added language that would overturn Prop L Civil Sidewalks undermining the community policing efforts the Board claims to support.

Don't trust the Board of Supervisors to run the police department, Vote NO on M, Yes on L.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

NO on M: PROTECT YOUR VOTE

Prop. M, Poison Pill--Foot Patrols will override **Yes on L** Civil Sidewalks, and the poison pill is buried deep in the **Prop. M** language.

Join our local Democratic Club and reject this political ploy.

Vote **No on M** and **Yes on L** for Civil Sidewalks.

Asian Pacific Democratic Club

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

VOTER BEWARE: Prop. M is a ploy to OVERRIDE your vote on Prop. L

Prop. M will deny our families and children the opportunity to walk the streets free of harassment. Prop. M was designed by the Board of Supervisors to sabotage your vote for Prop. L, by inserting a "poison pill" which will override your vote for Yes on L Civil Sidewalks. Join neighborhood merchants, residents and disabled activists and vote NO, NO, NO, for Prop.M.

SF Council of District Merchants Associations

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Ron Conway, 2. Diane B. Wilsey, 3. Mike Moritz.

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

Proposition M has a poison pill embedded to kill Proposition L, the Civil Sidewalks measure. Be informed: do not let the Proposition M proponents steal your vote. Vote No on M, keep Civil Sidewalks.

Cole Valley Improvement Association

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

Public School Parents are No on M--Reject the Poison Pill--Foot Patrols.

Politicians are playing politics with the safety of our public school families. Embedded in Prop. M is a "poison pill" which will kill the Yes on L/Civil Sidewalks measure. Vote No on M Poison Pill--Foot Patrols and Yes on L for Civil Sidewalks.

*Sheila Anastas, Public School Safety Chair**

*Nicole Littell Hsieh, PTA President/Public School Teacher**

Tom Hsieh, Public School Parent

Lana Agot, Public School Parent

Paul Chew, Public School Parent

Ellen Le, Public School Parent

Alexandra Wolbach, Public School Parent

Yet Mui, Public School Parent

Nicole Tai, Public School Parent

Heidi Queen, M.D.

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Albert Ko, Public School Parent

Marian Lam, Public School Parent

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San Francisco's Police Officers say VOTE NO on Measure M

This is not good policy; Prop M is politicians playing politics with your public safety. This is legislation that could have been accomplished without going to the voters, it's on the ballot because a vote for Measure M is a vote to kill Civil Sidewalks (Proposition L).

Police Chief George Gascon and the San Francisco Police work hard every day to ensure we have safe streets. As public safety professionals, we ask that you vote No on M. This measure is poisonous San Francisco politics in their purest form.

Join Police Officers in voting No on Proposition M.

Martin Halloran, Treasurer
San Francisco Police Officers Association

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition M

PROP M IS ABOUT POLITICS, NOT POLICY. VOTE NO ON M!

There's a reason Police Chief George Gascon and leaders like U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Mayor Newsom oppose Proposition M; it's a political ploy.

If it passes it will hinder public safety by cancelling your vote for the popular Civil Sidewalks measure. Don't be fooled!

Why would the Board of Supervisors put this measure before voters when they could have passed it themselves?

We already have community policing and foot patrols, this legislation does not need to be voted on by the people.

It's a political trick to try and cancel your vote on Prop L.

Don't play politics with public safety! Vote NO on M!

Kent Uyehara, Merchant Chair
Haight Ashbury Improvement Association

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N

Real Property Transfer Tax

Shall the City increase its real property transfer tax rate to 2.0% for sales and long-term leases of real property valued at \$5 million to \$10 million and to 2.5% for sales and long-term leases of real property valued at \$10 million or more?

YES  
NO  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City imposes a tax on the sale of real estate in San Francisco. The tax rate ranges from 0.5% to 1.5%, depending on the value of the real estate. The 1.5% rate applies to sales of \$5 million or more. The tax also applies to real estate leases with a term of 35 years or more.

Proceeds from the tax go into the City's General Fund.

The Proposal: Proposition N would increase the tax rate for the sale of real estate valued at more than \$5 million. For real estate sales of \$5 million to \$10 million, the rate would increase to 2.0%. For real estate sales of \$10 million or more, the rate would increase to 2.5%. These increases would also apply to real estate leases with a term of 35 years or more.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to increase the tax rate to 2.0% for real estate sales and long-term leases of \$5 million to \$10 million and 2.5% for real estate sales and long-term leases of \$10 million or more.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

the period from fiscal year 2000-2001 through fiscal year 2008-2009, it would have resulted in additional annual revenue ranging from \$6.0 million to \$90.0 million, with an average amount of \$36.0 million annually during that period.

While we estimate that the proposed ordinance would have resulted in average additional revenue of \$36.0 million per year in the recent past, it is important to note that this is the City's most volatile revenue source, and estimates based on prior years' activity may not be predictive of future revenues.

How "N" Got on the Ballot

On July 27, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted 8 to 3 to place Proposition N on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Dufty, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi.

No: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Chu and Elsbernd.

Controller's Statement on "N"

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition N:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it will generate additional tax revenue for the City that can be used for any public purpose. The ordinance would increase the property transfer tax rate on transactions of properties with sale prices between \$5.0 million and \$10.0 million from 1.5% to 2%, and the rate on transactions of properties with sale prices over \$10.0 million from 1.5% to 2.5%.

Based on the actual pattern of transactions and revenues received by the City through the property transfer tax, had the proposed ordinance been in place during

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow this page. The full text begins on page 188. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 61.



This disclaimer applies to the proponent's argument and the rebuttal to the proponent's argument on this page and the opponent's argument and the rebuttal to the opponent's argument on the facing page. *The Board of Supervisors authorized the submission of the following argument. As of the date of the publication of this Voter Information Pamphlet, the following Supervisors endorse the measure: Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Dufty, Mar and Mirkarimi; oppose the measure: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Chu and Elsbernd; take no position on the measure: Supervisors Daly and Maxwell.*

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition N

PROGRESSIVE TAX REFORM THAT WON'T COST THE VAST MAJORITY OF SAN FRANCISCANS A DIME.

San Franciscans voted overwhelmingly in November, 2008 for a progressive real estate transfer tax structure. Proposition N continues this important work of tax reform.

Proposition N will help fund vital city services when the largest downtown office buildings are bought and sold. It will NOT impact homeowners or small property owners.

Here's what Proposition N does:

INCREASES REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX ON BUILDINGS SOLD FOR MORE THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. Proposition N will increase the tax rate by 0.5% for buildings between \$5 million and \$10 million. It will increase the rate by 1% on buildings sold for over \$10 million.

DOES NOT RAISE TAXES FOR HOMEOWNERS OR SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS. Proposition N will not apply to any building or home that is sold for less than \$5 million.

APPLIES ONLY AT THE TIME OF SALE. The real estate transfer tax only applies when a large downtown office building is bought and sold.

San Francisco faces a continuing, structural budget deficit that has already caused severe cuts in MUNI services, the cancellation of summer school, and reductions in health care services.

Proposition N will help save these services in a fair, equitable manner that will not raise taxes for average San Francisco property owners or hurt our economy.

Please join the San Francisco Democratic Party, teachers, nurses, and health care advocates and vote YES on Proposition N.

*Supervisor John Avalos
Chinese Progressive Association
United Educators of San Francisco
Sierra Club*

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition N

Vote No on Prop N

Prop N Will Cost San Francisco Jobs

Proposition N is unwise and unnecessary. By raising taxes on the sale of commercial and residential properties, Proposition N will lead to higher rents for residential units and commercial businesses.

Now is the wrong time to pursue a policy that will create additional barriers to doing business in San Francisco. Stand with small businesses and hard-working San Franciscans and reject this job-killing tax increase.

Prop N Will Harm Our Economy

Vote No on N to protect local jobs and preserve San Francisco's economic recovery. Prop N will lead to higher rents for businesses struggling to survive in a bad economy.

San Franciscans must reject unwise tax increases that will harm our City's economic recovery.

Prop N Will Hurt Hard-Working San Franciscans

Prop N would make San Francisco less competitive and reduce job growth. Prop N will force small businesses to leave the City, killing the jobs they create and the tax revenue they generate.

Proposition N is bad policy in a bad economy.

Please Join Us in Voting No on Proposition N

*Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd*

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Opponent's Argument Against Proposition N

STOP THE SUPERVISORS' JOB KILLING TAX INCREASE! VOTE NO ON N!

Just two years ago, San Franciscans doubled the real estate transfer tax to the highest in California. Even though the economy's worse, supervisors want to raise it again.

The City's chief economist says Proposition N will cost 180 private sector jobs and reduce the City's GDP by \$20 million. The transfer tax hike will:

- Lead to higher office rents for small businesses, forcing jobs out of our City, and
- Reduce San Francisco property values, which will mean lower property taxes.

If it was required to fund vital City services or balance the budget, Proposition N might make sense. Unfortunately, these funds would simply go into the General Fund that supervisors use to fund pet projects. This year, the Budget Committee added \$1 million in overtime and 400 city bureaucrats the Mayor said were not needed. Imagine what they would do with more of your hard earned money.

Voters have a clear choice. We must reject unwise tax increases that will harm our economic recovery. We need MUNI drivers to take the same pay cut as all City workers and cut waste, fraud and abuse through regular audits.

Voting No on N will require supervisors to make the tough choices and confront the same decisions we face in our everyday lives. Join us to protect local jobs and preserve San Francisco's property values.

If you believe the Board of Supervisors is leading San Francisco in the right direction and can be trusted with your money, you should give them this blank check. If not, Vote No on N!

*Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd*

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition N

Support schools, Muni, health care and public safety by voting Yes on N.

This year, summer school programs were canceled. Muni lines were cut. Health care services were terminated. City employees took a voluntary \$250 million payout. The rising cost of services and the recession-driven deficit are taking their toll.

Proposition N will help reduce these cuts while ensuring that millionaire commercial property owners pay their fair share for the services they use.

Large downtown properties use services, too.

Prop N only impacts buildings sold for \$5 million or more. These buildings require millions of dollars of city services including public safety, street cleaning, transit and health care.

Isn't it only fair that commercial property owners, not just residents and employees, pay their share for the cost of city services?

Only impacts buildings sold for over \$5 million

Prop N is narrowly targeted to buildings that use a large share of public services. Only buildings sold for \$5 million or more will be affected.

Does not raise taxes for homeowners.

Proposition N will not apply to any building or home that is sold for less than \$5 million. And, it only applies when a building is bought and sold.

Stand up for San Francisco.

Please join the San Francisco Democratic Party, teachers, nurses, and health care advocates fighting to save vital services and vote YES on Proposition N.

*Supervisor John Avalos
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Supervisor Eric Mar
Chinese Progressive Association
United Educators of San Francisco
Sierra Club*



Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition N

United Community and Worker Voices Say Vote YES on N

In the continuing economic crisis, working families and their communities are struggling to survive. While corporations reap record profits, low-wage workers face growing wage theft, long-term unemployment and economic insecurity. Big real estate investors should pay their fair share to maintain and expand vital public services for all residents.

Causa Justa::Just Cause (formerly St. Peter's Housing Committee)

Chinese Progressive Action

Coleman Action Fund for Children

Mujeres Unidas y Activas

Pride at Work

South of Market Community Action Network

Young Workers United

JOBS WITH JUSTICE

People Organized to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights

San Francisco Day Labor Program

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Senior Action Network Says YES on N!

Proposition N raises the tax on sales of property worth more than \$5 million, helping balance our budget and protect services for seniors on fixed incomes and persons with disabilities.

Proposition N raises the tax on the sale of properties worth more than \$5 million to help support basic city services. Prop N is a fair way to balance our budget that doesn't cost average San Francisco homeowners a penny.

Senior Action Network

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Tenant Advocates Say YES on N

The basic city services Tenants rely on in San Francisco have been slashed over the past three budget years: bus lines eliminated, health programs cut, and 900 teachers proposed for layoffs. Tenant advocates support a balanced budget solution that includes new revenues. Proposition N taxes the sale of properties worth more than \$5 million, impacting large commercial landlords and protecting average homeowners.

Stop Cuts to Services San Francisco Tenants Rely On—VOTE YES ON N!

San Francisco Tenants Union

Affordable Housing Alliance

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SAN FRANCISCO TEACHERS SAY 'YES ON N'

This year San Francisco's school district proposed laying off 900 teachers and growing class sizes dramatically to close its budget deficit. Proposition N taxes the sale of properties worth more than \$5 million, mostly large downtown office buildings and the most expensive residences. Prop N is a fair way to support San Francisco and help our struggling school system. It's time for a balanced approach to our budget that includes new revenue.

San Francisco Teachers ask you to—Vote YES on N!

Dennis Kelly, President – UESF

*Linda Plack, Executive Vice President – UESF**

*Susan Solomon, Secretary – UESF**

*Susan Kitchell, School Nurse, Burton High**

*Kathleen Cecil, Mission High**

*Larry Nichelson, Gallileo High**

*Jay Kozak, George Washington High**

*Maria Teresa Rode, Lowell High**

*Katherine Melvin, Lowell High**

*Patricia Golumb, A.P. Giannini Middle**

*Miranda Doyle, Martin Luther King Middle**

*Lawrence Blake, Hoover Middle**

*Derrick Tynan-Connolly, Hilltop School**

*David Mahon, Guadalupe Elementary**

*Mary Thomas, San Miguel Children Center**

*David Russitano, Paul Revere Elementary**

*Alita Blanc, Moscone Elementary**

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*Jessica Hobbs, Hillcrest Elementary**
*Anthony Singleton, Paraprofessional, Burton High**
*Carolyn Samoa, Paraprofessional, Paul Revere Elementary**
*Patricia Mann, School Psychologist**
*Daniel Markarian, CORE Substitute**
*Marilyn Cornwell, Substitute Teacher**

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition N

Democrats Support Proposition N

Children's programs cancelled, senior services slashed, Muni lines terminated – San Francisco's budget deficit has hurt the basic services we all rely on. Proposition N helps stop these cuts by increasing the tax on sales of large commercial properties worth more than \$5 million while not impacting average homeowners.

San Francisco Democratic Party

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition N

Sierra Club Supports Proposition N

Our parks, public open spaces, Muni, and citywide bike network, all rely on city funds to keep them going. Proposition N is a fair approach to balance the budget deficits that have caused drastic cuts to these services these past years without costing average San Franciscans a penny.

Protect our Parks and Transit—Vote YES on N.

Sierra Club

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition N

LGBT LEADERS SAY YES ON N

Help stop cuts that harm the LGBT community, Vote YES on N for a fair approach to a balanced budget.

Every year, critical services are put on the chopping block as our city deals with massive budget deficits.

Proposition N will help raise millions to protect LGBT services by increasing the tax paid when properties worth more than \$5 million are sold by 0.5%. Prop N does not impact residential homeowners, but focuses on large downtown office buildings.

It's time to help stop the cuts by voting Yes on N

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
SF Pride at Work
Senator Mark Leno
Fmr. Senator Carole Migden
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Supervisor David Campos
Debra Walker, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
Rafael Mandelman, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
Michael Goldstein, Past President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
David Waggoner, Co-President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
Robert "Gabriel" Haaland, SF Pride at Work
Kristina Wertz

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition N

Community Non-Profit Health Agencies Say Yes on N!

San Francisco community non-profit health and human services agencies have experienced significant funding cuts during the current fiscal crisis. Projections show that the deficit next year will be even more devastating to essential services for San Francisco's most vulnerable residents.

We can no longer address our budget deficit only through cuts to vital services. We must have additional revenue as part of a balanced solution.

Proposition N is a progressive tax reform measure that will help fund critical city services without raising taxes on average San Francisco property owners. This mea-

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sure is a fair way to provide resources to prevent the further loss of health and human services for seniors, families, the disabled, and homeless San Franciscans.

Join the San Francisco Human Services Network, a coalition of over 100 community non-profit agencies, and vote YES on Proposition N.

San Francisco Human Services Network

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition N

FIRST RESPONDERS SAY YES ON N!

When San Franciscans need emergency services and care they rely on us to deliver it. But over the past three years, budget deficits have forced the city to cut funding for critical patient care at San Francisco General Hospital's Emergency Room and other first-response services. Proposition N will help stop the cuts by increasing the tax on the sale of properties worth more than \$5 million, mostly large downtown office buildings and the most expensive residences. First responders workers ask you to support emergency services by voting Yes on N. It's time to find a fair solution to our budget that doesn't cut city services.

Join San Francisco First Responders in Voting Yes on N.

*Kathryn Guta, RN, General Hospital**
*Sue Trupin, RN, General Hospital**
*Theresa Cahill, RN, General Hospital**
*Jo Anne Roy, LVN, General Hospital**

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Laguna Honda Hospital Workers Say YES on N!

Over the past three years we have watched services for San Francisco's senior and disabled community at Laguna Honda Hospital reduced or cut altogether. Beds for senior and disabled care, the Senior Adult Day Health Program, and many other direct patient care services have been cut or eliminated as the city has tightened its belt. Proposition N taxes the sale of properties worth more than \$5 million, mostly large downtown office buildings and the most expensive residences. It's time to find a fair solution to our budget that doesn't cut services for seniors and disabled patients.

Laguna Honda Hospital Workers ask you to support senior and disabled patients by voting YES on N!

*Susan Lindsay, Health Worker**
*Gloria Mayfield, Nursing Assistant**
*Patricia Mackey Williams, Nursing Assistant**
*Rosalinda Concha, Licensed Vocational Nurse**
*Masaki Tsumi, Nursing Assistant**
*Randy Ellen Blaustein, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist**
*Bryan Uyeno, Environmental Services**
*Gregory Rechsteiner, Plant Services**
*Jamilah Din, Food Service Worker**
*Alexander Maestre, Porter**
*Joseph McHugh, Cadet**
*Bonnie Richardson, DMIT**
*Winnie Dunbar, Cadet**
*Micahel Beglic, Porter**
*Karen Zhang, Porter**
*Jenny Tam, Porter**
*Rose Huang, Porter**
*Chi-Lung Chan, Porter**
*Li Chan Rey, Porter**
*Philip Chang, Porter**
*Allen Lee, Porter**
*Tan Poy Chan, Porter**
*Mee Mee Tong, Porter**

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Paid Argument IN FAVOR of Proposition N

Library Workers say Yes on N!

San Francisco's public libraries have suffered direct cuts as a result of the economic crisis. Hours at neighborhood branch libraries have been reduced, staff and programs cut. We must find a better solution to our budget crisis than cuts alone. Proposition N taxes the sale of properties worth more than \$5 million, mostly large downtown office buildings and the most expensive residences. Voting YES on N is a fair solution to our budget deficit.

Librarians and neighborhood branch library workers ask you to vote YES on N!

*Andrea Grimes, Librarian**
*Catherine Bremer, Librarian**
*Marilyn Dong, Librarian**
*Nancy Silverrod, Librarian**
*Quindi Berger, Librarian**

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Wendy Kramer, Librarian*

Stephen Lee, Library Technician*

Jennifer Giovanetti, Page*

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San Francisco General Workers SAYYES ON N

We provide health care to everyone that walks through our doors, but we can't continue to do it in the face of deep budget and staff cuts. As workers at San Francisco General Hospital, we have seen first-hand the impact of budget deficits on direct patient care and specialized programs like acute psychiatric services. Proposition N taxes the sale of properties worth more than \$5 million, mostly large downtown office buildings and the most expensive residences. It's time for a balanced solution to our budget deficits that preserves services for our patients.

Support Patient Services at General Hospital—Vote YES ON N!

Amalia Fyles, RN*

Kristina Hung, RN*

Amalia Deck, RN*

Ana Urrutia, RN*

Daniel Merer, RN*

Pete Trachy, RN*

Cristina Mendoza, Sr. Clerk*

Linda Cummins, Sr. Clerk*

Mayjanna Li, Medical Assistant*

Marietta Morris-Alston, Unit Clerk*

Michael Tong, Institutional Police Officer*

Teri Hightower, Porter*

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End of Paid Arguments IN FAVOR of Proposition N

Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition N

As representatives of hundreds of small businesses in San Francisco, we stand opposed to Proposition N—the real estate sales tax. Don't be fooled by the large numbers in the tax. Increasing taxes on the sale and long-term lease of property in San Francisco will filter down to increased costs for renters, small business commercial leases, and other everyday San Franciscans.

Proposition N will raise taxes. Proposition N will lead to higher rents for residential units and commercial businesses. Increased residential rents will increase the threat of evictions for working families. Condominium owners will face even higher HOA fees. On the commercial side, Proposition N will increase prices for local goods and services. The result will be more empty store-fronts as San Francisco small businesses get squeezed.

Without meaningful reform at City Hall, Proposition N stands as just another attempt to enlarge the already bloated City budget without making hard choices. Tell the Board of Supervisors that San Francisco doesn't need any more taxes.

Please join us in voting NO on Proposition N.

Small Business Network

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition N

After doubling the real estate sales tax rate in 2008, the Board of Supervisors is back to raise taxes again with Proposition N. Proposition N will harm our local economy and prolong the economic recession in San Francisco for years to come.

Proposition N will raise taxes on the sale and long-term lease of property in San Francisco. This tax hike will negatively affect property values and City revenue from property taxes. Reduced property values means less City revenue generated when property is sold. Property owners will need to raise rents to cover higher taxes and the devaluation of their property. In the end, rent increases will inhibit job growth in San Francisco. The big picture is that San Francisco's economy is on its way back to recovery but tax hikes will endanger that process.

Many of our members struggled through the last few years. Don't add to the burden by raising taxes. The ripple effect of your vote will negatively impact all of San Francisco's economy—now and in the future.



Please join us in voting NO on Proposition N.

*Golden Gate Restaurant Association
The Hotel Council of San Francisco*

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition N

Wake up City Hall—revenues are down because we are in a deep recession, not because tax rates are too low. Raising taxes, especially on real estate that has declined in value, won't bring in much revenue and won't rebuild our economy.

Increasing taxes by as much as 60% on some property sales will result in higher rents on small businesses, driving investment to other communities with lower tax rates.

The city already balanced this year's budget without new taxes. We don't need the highest property transfer tax in the Bay Area.

Vote NO on Proposition N.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 local businesses.

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition N

Proposition N is a painful and unnecessary burden on both renters and owners in San Francisco. It will harm our local economy and prolong the economic recession in San Francisco for years to come.

The City of San Francisco already has a balanced \$6.5 billion budget. Proposition N will cost the City thousands of jobs, raise costs for small businesses and further delay the City's economic recovery.

By taxing the sale of commercial and residential properties at an even higher rate, Proposition N will lead to higher rents for residential units and businesses. Increased residential rents will increase the threat of evictions for working families.

Proposition N is the wrong choice in this economy.

Please join us in voting **NO on Proposition N.**

*Citizens for a Better San Francisco
Edward Poole, President
Michael Antonini, Secretary*

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition N

Proposition N is a painful and unnecessary burden on all San Franciscans. This measure will harm our local economy, lower property values, and decrease property tax revenue.

Proposition N will raise taxes. By taxing the sale and long-term lease of commercial and residential properties at an even higher rate, Proposition N will lead to higher rents for residential units and commercial businesses.

Increased residential rents will increase the threat of evictions for working families. Condominium owners will face even higher HOA fees. On the commercial side, Proposition N will increase commercial rents so that prices for local goods and services will go up. The end result will be more empty store-fronts as San Francisco businesses get squeezed out.

The City Controller's report on the proposed measure says it "would make San Francisco less competitive and reduce job growth." Despite these internal warnings, tax-and-spend politicians on the Board of Supervisors want to increase the City's bloated payroll and be able to fund pet projects at the expense of creating more jobs for San Franciscans.

In these tough economic times, and without meaningful governmental reform, it is unfair to saddle businesses, residents, and property owners with more taxes. San Francisco's city government needs to live within its means, just like every San Francisco business and resident must do.

Please join us in voting **NO on Proposition N.**

Building Owners and Managers Association of San Francisco

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Paid Argument AGAINST Proposition N

Proposition N Will Cause the City to Lose More than It Gains

Proposition N will increase the tax sellers of certain classes of real property must pay the city when title to the property changes hands. In some cases, the tax will be increased by a whopping 66 percent. And, that



is on top of a 100 percent increase in the same price range only two years ago.

Is this the kind of tax policy that will cause small businesses, on which the local economy depends, to locate here—or will they decide to locate somewhere else?

San Francisco benefits every time title to a property changes hands. When that occurs through a sale, the property is reassessed by the city at the sale price—an amount that usually far exceeds the assessed value of the property before the sale. Since the annual property taxes owners pay the city are based on a property's assessed value, the higher the assessed value, the higher the annual property taxes paid to the city.

If properties can't attract buyers because the Proposition N tax has made them unaffordable, they won't sell. If properties don't sell, they won't be reassessed and the city will lose the annual tax revenues that would result—revenues needed to sustain vital city programs and services.

On Election Day, deliver a message to the politicians behind Proposition N that raising taxes is not the solution, and that it's time to reduce waste and inefficiency in government spending.

Vote NO on N.

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Proposition AA

RESOLUTION APPROVING A VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE EXPENDITURE PLAN (“EXPENDITURE PLAN”), MAKING REQUIRED FINDINGS, SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2010, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS AND TAX REGULATIONS CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE 23 TO (1) ADOPT A \$10 INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, TO FUND CONGESTION AND POLLUTION MITIGATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, (2) AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (“AUTHORITY”) TO EXPEND FEE REVENUE UNDER THE EXPENDITURE PLAN, (3) AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FEE REVENUE, AND (4) AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE EXPENDITURE PLAN AND ALL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE FEE REVENUE; AND APPROPRIATING UP TO \$400,000 IN PROPOSITION K FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS OF PLACING THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT.

WHEREAS, In October 2009, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 83 (Hancock) (“SB83”), which authorizes a countywide transportation planning agency to place a ballot measure before the voters of the county to authorize an annual fee increase of up to \$10 on each motor vehicle registered within that county, to fund transportation-related projects and programs that have a relationship or benefit to the persons paying the fee and that mitigate motor vehicle congestion and pollution in the county; and

WHEREAS, SB83 defines a countywide transportation planning agency to include a congestion management agency (“CMA”); and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (“Authority”) is the CMA for the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Under SB83, to place a vehicle registration fee measure before the voters, the Authority Board of Commissioners (“Board”) must adopt a ballot measure resolution by majority vote, and make specific findings; and

WHEREAS, SB83 requires the Board to adopt an expenditure plan allocating the proceeds from the vehicle registration fee increase, if adopted by the voters, to transportation-related projects and programs that have a relationship or benefit to the persons paying the fee. The projects and programs may include those that (1) provide matching funds for funding made available for transportation projects and programs from state general obligation bonds, (2) create or sustain congestion mitigation projects and programs such as improved transit services through the use of technology and bicycle and pedestrian improvements, local street and road rehabilitation, and improved signal coordination and traveler information systems; and (3) create or sustain pollution mitigation projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, Under SB83, the Authority may not use more than 5 percent of the fee revenues for administrative costs associated with the funded projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, If the voters adopt the vehicle registration fee increase, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) will collect the fee upon the registration or renewal of a motor vehicle registered in San Francisco, except for vehicles that are expressly exempted under the Vehicle Code from paying registration fees. The Authority would pay the DMV’s initial setup and programming costs through a direct contract with the DMV, and could use the fee revenue

to cover those costs. The setup and programming costs would not count against the 5 percent limit on using fee proceeds for administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, If approved by the voters, the fee increase would apply to any original vehicle registration and renewal registration occurring on or after six months following adoption of the measure by the voters; and

WHEREAS, In December 2009, by its Resolution No. 10-27, the Authority Board approved a schedule and process to develop an expenditure plan consistent with the requirements of SB83 for proceeds generated from a maximum \$10 increase in the annual vehicle registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco, in anticipation of submitting a ballot measure adopting up to a maximum \$10 increase in the annual vehicle registration fee to the San Francisco voters in the November 2010 general election; and

WHEREAS, The timeline set by the Board and the relatively small amount of funds anticipated from the fee increase (about \$5 million annually) called for a very focused and streamlined approach to developing the expenditure plan; and

WHEREAS, The Authority’s process included monthly updates to the Board’s Plans and Programs Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) at noticed public meetings, and establishing a stakeholder advisory panel and a sub-committee of the CAC to provide input, as well as regular communications with the Authority’s Technical Working Group; and

WHEREAS, Incorporating input from the Plans and Programs Committee, the CAC and its sub-committee, the stakeholder advisory panel, Technical Working Group, and others, the Authority developed a set of guiding principles to inform development of the expenditure plan, that among other considerations reflected the relatively small revenue generation potential of the fee increase, as well as the intent and requirements of SB83; and

WHEREAS, The guiding principles for preparing the expenditure plan included limiting the expenditure plan to a very small number of programmatic categories, and within those categories focusing on smaller, high-impact projects that will provide tangible benefits in the short-term; stretching limited revenues as far as possible by complementing or enhancing projects that receive Proposition K and other funds; providing a fair geographic distribution that takes into account the various needs of San Francisco’s neighborhoods; and ensuring accountability and transparency in programming and delivery; and

WHEREAS, Based on the guiding principles and input from the various stakeholders, Authority staff developed a “SB83 Additional Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan” (“Expenditure Plan”) that includes three programmatic categories and sets the percentage of fee revenues the Authority would expend on each category, as follows: Street Repair and Reconstruction (50% of fee revenue), Pedestrian Safety (25% of fee revenue), and Transit Reliability and Mobility Improvements (25% of fee revenue). The Expenditure Plan also permits the Authority to use up to 5 percent of the fee revenue to administer projects and programs funded by the fee, and to use fee revenues to reimburse it for costs incurred through a contract with the DMV for setup and programming to collect and distribute the fee. A copy of the Expenditure Plan is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, The Expenditure Plan directs proceeds from the vehicle registration fee increase toward transportation projects and programs that leverage and/or complement the Proposition K program, helping to achieve the leveraging assumptions in the Expenditure Plan; and

WHEREAS, At its June 9, 2010 meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee unanimously approved a motion of support to recommend adoption of the Expenditure Plan; and

WHEREAS, At its July 13, 2010 meeting, the Plans and Programs Committee forwarded the item to the Authority Board without recommendation to allow Commissioners to further consider the SB 83 Vehicle Registration Fee measure in the context of other local revenue measures proposed for the November 2010 ballot; and

WHEREAS, The Authority retained a consultant that analyzed the Expenditure Plan and found that the programs and projects in the Expenditure Plan had a relationship or benefit to the persons paying the fee. For example: Street Repair and Reconstruction - San Francisco's registered vehicle owners benefit directly from better-maintained streets through reduced vehicle maintenance costs and enhanced driving experience; Pedestrian Safety- Vehicle use is a significant cause of pedestrian injuries and fatalities, and projects that improve pedestrian safety mitigate that impact; Transit Reliability and Mobility Improvements - Congestion caused by private vehicle use impedes transit speed and reliability throughout San Francisco, and measures to improve transit reliability and mobility mitigate the impact of that congestion. A copy of the consultant's "SB83 Vehicle Registration Fee Benefit-Relationship Analysis" report, dated June 2, 2010, is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. Based on the consultant's analysis and findings, the Authority has determined and finds that the projects and programs to be funded by the annual \$10 fee increase have a relationship or benefit to the persons who will be paying the fee; and

WHEREAS, The Authority evaluated the projects and programs in the Expenditure Plan and has determined and finds that they are consistent with the regional transportation plan ("RTP") (also known as *Transportation 2035*), most directly supporting RTP objectives as follows: Street Repair and Reconstruction - Saves consumers repair costs due to poor road conditions; Pedestrian Safety - Reduces injuries and fatalities for all modes; and Transit Reliability and Mobility Improvements - Creates new and safer ways to get around within San Francisco communities by fostering walking and biking and connecting communities to transit. The analysis regarding the Expenditure Plan's consistency with the RTP is included in the memorandum prepared by Authority staff that accompanies this Resolution, dated June 11, 2010, and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has also reviewed the proposed projects and programs and has determined and finds that they are consistent with the Countywide Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with adopted Authority policy for the programming of funds for transportation projects, if it adopts the Expenditure Plan, the Board needs to amend the Capital Improvement Program of the Congestion Management Program to incorporate the Expenditure Plan projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, The proposed vehicle registration fee increase and the Expenditure Plan do not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act because they simply create a government funding mechanism that does not involve a commitment to any specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, The costs of placing the measure authorizing imposition of the annual \$10 vehicle registration fee increase on the ballot, including payments to the San Francisco Department of Elections and payments for the printing of the portions of the ballot pamphlet relating to the fee is estimated at an amount not to exceed \$400,000. If the voters approve the vehicle registration fee increase measure, the Authority may pay these costs from the proceeds of the fee. Those costs shall not be counted towards the 5 percent limit on administrative costs, and at its discretion, the Authority may amortize those costs over a period of years; and

WHEREAS, Appropriation of Proposition K funds to pay for the cost of placing the vehicle registration fee increase measure on the ballot requires concurrent amendment of the 2009 Prop K Strategic Plan to increase the amount of Proposition K funds available for the Authority's Prop K planning, programming and project delivery oversight efforts by \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2010/11 (i.e., these funds would come off the top rather than from any specific Expenditure Plan line); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Authority hereby approves and adopts the Expenditure Plan, and directs the Executive Director to submit the Expenditure Plan to the San Francisco Department of Elections to include as part of the legal text for this measure published in the voter information pamphlet; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the election on this measure shall be held and conducted according to the laws governing elections on local ballot measures in the City and County of San Francisco, as set forth in the Charter of the City and the San Francisco Municipal Elections Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Authority hereby finds, as described above and in the consultant's "SB83 Vehicle Registration Fee Benefit-Relationship Analysis" report, dated June 2, 2010, that the projects and programs to be funded by the \$10 vehicle registration fee increase have a relationship or benefit to the persons who will be paying the fee; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Authority hereby finds, as described above and in the memorandum prepared by Authority staff dated June 11, 2010, that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee increase are consistent with the RTP; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Authority finds that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee are consistent with the Countywide Transportation Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Capital Improvement Program of the Congestion Management Program is hereby amended to incorporate the Expenditure Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Authority hereby amends the Prop K Strategic Plan and appropriates \$400,000 in Proposition K sales tax funds to cover the costs of placing the measure authorizing adoption of a \$10 increase in the annual vehicle registration fee on the ballot, including payments to the San Francisco Department of Elections and payments for the printing of the portions of the ballot pamphlet relating to the fee, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Authority may use the proceeds of the vehicle registration fee increase, if adopted by the voters, to pay for the costs incurred in placing the measure on the ballot, and those costs shall not be counted towards the 5 percent limit on administrative costs under the SB83 and the Expenditure Plan. In its discretion, the Authority may amortize these costs over a period of years; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Authority hereby submits an ordinance amending the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by adding Article 23 to adopt a \$10 increase in the annual vehicle registration fee for vehicles registered in the City and County of San Francisco, to the electorate at the general election on November 2, 2010, as follows:

Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman:
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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by adding Article 23, as follows:



SECTION 2301. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as the “Vehicle Registration Fee Ordinance.”

SECTION 2302. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Vehicle Registration Fee Ordinance, the following words shall have the meanings set forth below.

- (a) “Authority.” The San Francisco County Transportation Authority.
- (b) “Board.” The Authority Board of Commissioners.
- (c) “Expenditure Plan.” The “SB83 Additional Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan,” approved by the Board on June 29, 2010, to set the transportation projects and programs funded over the next 30 years with the revenues of the fee increase, as well as other allowable costs on which the Authority may spend the proceeds of the \$10 vehicle registration fee increase authorized by Section 2305. The Expenditure Plan specifies eligibility and other conditions and criteria under which the proceeds of the fee increase are available, and provides for the adoption of future Expenditure Plan updates.

SECTION 2303. PURPOSE.

The City and County of San Francisco has very significant unfunded transportation needs and this \$10 vehicle registration fee increase would provide a stable source of funding to meet some of those needs. The fee is expected to generate approximately \$5 million annually that the Authority would use to fund projects and programs under the Expenditure Plan that mitigate congestion and pollution caused by motor vehicles in San Francisco. These projects and programs could include repairing local streets and roads, improving Muni’s reliability, pedestrian safety improvements, smart traffic signal technology to prioritize transit and manage traffic incidents, and programs that encourage people to use more sustainable forms of transportation, e.g. transit, bicycle, carpool or on foot. All of the projects and programs must have a relationship or benefit to the persons paying the fee. The Expenditure Plan contains guiding principles intended to, among other objectives, focus on funding smaller, high-impact projects that will quickly provide tangible benefits; provide a fair geographic distribution that takes into account the various needs of San Francisco’s neighborhoods; and ensure accountability and transparency in programming and delivery.

SECTION 2304. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Vehicle Registration Fee Ordinance shall be effective at the close of the polls in the City and County of San Francisco on the day of the election scheduled for November 2, 2010.

SECTION 2305. INCREASE OF \$10 IN THE ANNUAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE. Beginning six months after the Effective Date, the motor vehicle registration fee for all motor vehicles registered in the City and County of San Francisco is increased by \$10 each year, for each original vehicle registration and each vehicle registration renewal.

SECTION 2306. RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

The Authority shall have all of the powers set forth in California Government Code Section 65089.20, all of the powers set forth in the Expenditure Plan, and all powers incidental or necessary to imposing and collecting the fee increase authorized under Section 2305, administering the fee proceeds, the Expenditure Plan, and the projects and programs under that Expenditure Plan, and delivering the transportation improvements in the Expenditure Plan.

SECTION 2307. CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Consistent with California Vehicle Code Section 9250.4, the Authority shall request and contract with the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect and distribute to the Authority the fee imposed under Section 2305, upon the

original registration or renewal of registration of all motor vehicles registered in the City and County of San Francisco.

SECTION 2308. USE OF PROCEEDS.

(a) The Authority shall use the proceeds of the fees under Section 2305 solely for the projects, programs and purposes set forth in the Expenditure Plan. Pursuant to California Government Code section 65089.20 and as specified in the Expenditure Plan, the Authority shall use not more than five percent of the fee proceeds for administrative costs associated with the programs and projects, including amending the Expenditure Plan.

SECTION 2309. SEVERABILITY.

If any of the provisions of this ordinance or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of those sections or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Attachment: SB83 Additional Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan

The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 20th day of July 2010, by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioners Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell and Mirkarimi (8)

Nays: Commissioners Avalos, Chiu and Mar (3)

SB 83 Additional Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan (July 15, 2010)

1. INTRODUCTION

A. SUMMARY

In late October, the Governor signed into law SB 83 (Hancock), which authorizes congestion management agencies (CMAs) to impose an annual vehicle registration fee increase of up to \$10 on motor vehicles registered within their respective counties. The funds would have to be used for programs and projects having a relationship to or benefiting the people paying the fee, and they would have to be consistent with the regional transportation plan.

This Expenditure Plan identifies transportation improvements to be funded from a new \$10 increase in the vehicle registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco. The projects and programs included in the Expenditure Plan are designed to be implemented over the next 30 years. This Expenditure Plan includes provisions for future updates to the Expenditure Plan beyond the initial 30-year period. The Expenditure Plan includes investments in three categories:

- Street Repair and Reconstruction
- Pedestrian Safety
- Transit Reliability and Mobility Improvements

B. DEVELOPMENT OF EXPENDITURE PLAN

This Expenditure Plan was developed through a multi-faceted stakeholder outreach process by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (“Authority”) that included monthly discussions at the Authority’s Plans and Programs Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee (“CAC”) and reports to the Authority Board of Commissioners (“Board”). A subcommittee of the CAC and a stakeholder advisory panel provided more detailed input into the development of the Expenditure Plan, as did the Authority’s staff-level Technical Working Group and other stakeholders through direct contact with Authority staff. The roster of CAC and stakeholder advisory panel members is included in Attachment 1. The Board approved the Expenditure Plan on July 20, 2010.

The Expenditure Plan is a list of transportation projects and programs that will be given priority for vehicle registration fee funding. As such, the Expenditure Plan shall be amended into the Capital Improvement Program of the Congestion Management Program, developed pursuant to section 65089 of the California Government Code. These projects and programs are intended to help implement the long-range vision for the development and improvement of San Francisco's transportation system, as articulated in the San Francisco Long Range Countywide Transportation Plan.

The Countywide Transportation Plan is the City's blueprint to guide the development of transportation funding priorities and policy. The major objectives of the Countywide Transportation Plan are to enhance mobility and access throughout the City, improve safety for all transportation system users, support the City's economic development and the vitality of our neighborhoods, sustain environmental quality, and promote equity and efficiency in transportation investments. The Countywide Transportation Plan is a living document, updated on a regular basis to identify and address changing needs and regional trends, and align them with available funding.

C. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following principles were used to help guide development of the Expenditure Plan:

- All programs and projects must provide a documentable benefit or relationship to those paying the fee.
- Don't spread the limited revenues too thin or too thick: limit the Expenditure Plan to a very small number of programmatic categories, and within the categories focus on smaller, high-impact projects that will provide tangible benefits in the short-term.
- Stretch limited revenues as far as possible by complementing or enhancing projects that receive Prop K and other funds (e.g. support leveraging of revenues)
- Fill gaps in fund eligibility by supporting projects that are ineligible, have very limited eligibility, or compete poorly to receive Prop K or other discretionary funds.
- Provide a fair geographic distribution that takes into account the various needs of San Francisco's neighborhoods.
- Ensure accountability and transparency in programming and delivery.

D. STRUCTURE

The Expenditure Plan is organized into seven sections. Section 1: Introduction provides background on the Expenditure Plan's purpose and how it was developed. Section 2: General Provisions provides further context on the Expenditure Plans' policies and administration. Section 3: Plan Summary contains detailed descriptions of the three programmatic categories included in the Expenditure Plan, and the types of items that are eligible for funding under each of them. Section 4: Benefit-Relationship Finding addresses the requirement in SB83 that there be a finding of benefit or relationship between the projects and programs in the Expenditure Plan and those persons paying the fee. Section 5: Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan addressed the requirement in SB83 that the projects and programs in the Expenditure Plan are consistent with the regional transportation plan. Section 6: Implementation Provisions describes the process for prioritizing and allocating funds following adoption of the Expenditure Plan. Section 7: Update Process describes the mechanisms for developing updates to the Expenditure Plan beyond the initial 30-year period.

2.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Vehicle Registration Fee Revenues

The Expenditure Plan is fiscally constrained to the total funding expected to be available if the voters approve the \$10 vehicle registration fee increase.

Total revenues are estimated over the next 30-year period at approximately \$150.0 million (escalated dollars or year of expenditure (YOE) dollars), or approximately \$5.0 million annually.

B. Administration by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority

The Authority, which currently serves as the Congestion Management Agency for the City and County of San Francisco, shall allocate, administer and oversee the expenditure of the vehicle registration fee revenues.

C. Annual Report

The Authority shall draft a public annual report that summarizes revenues collected; expenditures by programmatic category, including distribution of funds within each program and costs related to bonding, if applicable; administrative costs; and accomplishments and benefits realized by the program.

D. Use of Proceeds

The Authority shall use the proceeds of the fee solely for the projects and programs and purposes set forth in the Expenditure Plan. The Authority shall not provide funds in advance, but shall reimburse a sponsor for eligible expenditures incurred on approved projects and programs. Pursuant to California Government Code section 65089.20, not more than five percent of the fee proceeds shall be used for administrative costs associated with the programs and projects, including the amendment of the Expenditure Plan.

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 9250.4, the Authority may pay the initial setup and programming costs identified by the California Department of Motor Vehicles to collect the fee from the fee proceeds. Any direct contract payment from the Authority to the Department of Motor Vehicles shall be repaid, with no restriction on the funds, to the Authority as part of the initial fee revenue available for distribution. These setup and programming costs shall not be counted against the five percent administrative cost limit specified in California Government Code section 65089.20(d) and this Expenditure Plan.

The costs of placing the measure authorizing the vehicle registration fee increase on the ballot, including payments to the San Francisco Department of Elections and payments for the printing of the portions of the ballot pamphlet relating to the fee increase measure, up to a maximum of \$400,000 advanced by the Authority, shall be paid from the proceeds of this fee, and shall not be counted towards the 5% limit on administrative costs. In its discretion, the Authority may amortize these costs over a period of years.

E. Restriction of Funds

Vehicle registration fee revenues shall be spent on capital projects rather than to fund operations and maintenance of existing transportation services, unless otherwise explicitly specified in the Expenditure Plan. Vehicle registration fee revenues generated pursuant to this plan shall be subject to the following restrictions:

i. No Substitution

Vehicle registration fee revenues shall be used to supplement and under no circumstance replace existing revenues used for transportation purposes. Proceeds



from the sale or liquidation of capital assets funded with vehicle registration fee revenues shall be returned to the Authority (in proportion to the contribution of vehicle registration fee revenues to the total original cost of the asset), for re-allocation to eligible expenses within the categories from which funds were expended for the original investment.

- ii. No Expenditures Outside San Francisco
No vehicle registration fee revenues shall be spent outside the limits of the City and County of San Francisco, except for projects that demonstrate there will be a quantifiable benefit to the City and County's transportation program from the expenditure of funds beyond the City and County line. Should transportation projects or services contemplated in the plan require the participation of multiple counties for any phase of project development or implementation, the Authority shall work cooperatively with the affected county or counties to ensure successful project implementation.

- F. Environmental Review
The proposed vehicle registration fee increase and the Expenditure Plan do not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they simply create a government funding mechanism that does not involve a commitment to any specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Environmental reporting, review and approval procedures as provided for under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and/or CEQA, and other applicable laws shall be carried out as a prerequisite to the implementation of any project to be funded partially or entirely with vehicle registration fee revenues.

- G. Eligible Recipients of Funds
Only public agencies are eligible to receive allocations of vehicle registration fee revenues.
- H. Option to Bond
The Authority may issue bonds or collaborate with other entities to issue bonds to expedite delivery of projects and programs under this Expenditure Plan. Any bonds will be paid with the proceeds of the fee and the costs associated with bonding will be borne only by the programs in the Expenditure Plan utilizing the bond proceeds.
- I. Severability of Expenditure Plan Projects and Programs
All projects and programs included in the Expenditure Plan and included in the related Benefit-Relationship Finding are discrete and severable. If any individual project or program is deemed ineligible to receive vehicle registration fee revenues, the Authority may reallocate the revenues for that project or program to eligible projects and programs according to the Expenditure Plan category distribution formula.

3. PLAN SUMMARY

This Expenditure Plan identifies eligible expenditures for three programmatic categories. Programmatic categories are set up to address allocation of funds to multi-year programs for a given purpose, such as the maintenance of local streets and roads, for which not all specific project locations can be anticipated or identified at the time of adoption of the Expenditure Plan. Over the life of the Expenditure Plan, the percentage allocation of vehicle registration fee revenues to each category is as follows: Street Repair and Reconstruction – 50%, Pedestrian Safety– 25%, and Transit Reliability and Mobility Improvements – 25%.

A. STREET REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION

Repair and reconstruction of city streets to prevent deterioration of the roadway system, based on an industry-standard pavement management system designed to inform cost effective roadway maintenance. Priority given to streets located on San Francisco's bicycle and transit networks and to projects that include complete streets elements such as curb ramps, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian improvements, and traffic calming. Includes design and construction. Total Revenues: \$75 million.

B. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Improvements to the safety and usability of city streets for pedestrians. Priority given to projects that shorten crossing distances, minimize conflicts with other modes, and reduce pedestrian hazards. May include crosswalk improvements, sidewalk widening and bulbouts, sidewalk repair, repair or upgrade of stairways connecting to transit stops, pedestrian countdown signals, pedestrian lighting, and traffic calming. Includes design and construction. Total Revenues: \$37.5 million.

C. TRANSIT RELIABILITY AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements that promote transportation system connectivity, reliability, and accessibility. Priority given to projects on corridors with high transit ridership and those that support proposed rapid transit. May include transit station and stop improvements, transit stop consolidation and relocation, transit signal priority, traffic signal upgrades, travel information improvements, way-finding signs, innovative parking management pilots and projects, and transportation demand management. Includes design and construction. Total Revenues: \$37.5 million.

4. BENEFIT-RELATIONSHIP FINDING

SB 83 requires that the ballot measure resolution shall contain a finding of fact that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee increase have a relationship or benefit to the persons who will be paying the fee. This finding specifically considered the benefit each Expenditure Plan category would provide to vehicle owners, or how projects in the category would mitigate an impact caused by the vehicle owners. The following is a summary of the benefits and relationships of the projects and programs to be funded by the fee and the persons who will be paying the fee for each Expenditure Plan category.

- Street Repair and Reconstruction: Street pavement deteriorates over time due to vehicle use, and vehicle owners benefit directly from better-maintained streets through reduced maintenance costs and enhanced driving experience. Vehicle use is also a significant cause of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries. Complete streets elements incorporated into street repair and reconstruction projects improve safety, mitigating vehicles' impact on pedestrians and cyclists.
- Pedestrian Safety: Vehicle use is a significant cause of pedestrian injuries, and projects that improve pedestrian safety mitigate that impact.
- Transit Reliability and Mobility Improvements: Congestion caused by private vehicle use impedes transit speed and reliability throughout San Francisco. Measures to improve transit reliability and mobility mitigate the impact of that congestion.

5. CONSISTENCY WITH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

SB83 requires that the ballot measure resolution shall contain a finding of fact that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee increase are consistent with the regional transportation plan (RTP) adopted pursuant to Section 65080. The Authority has found that these projects and programs are consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's RTP (also known as *Transportation 2035 Plan*).

6. IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS

Prior to allocation of any vehicle registration fee funds, the Authority shall prepare, in close consultation with all other affected planning and implementation agencies, a Strategic Plan for the use of the vehicle registration fee revenues, for review and adoption by the Authority Board. The Strategic Plan shall include a detailed 5-year prioritized program of projects to be funded from each of the Expenditure Plan categories. The program goals shall be consistent with the Countywide Transportation Plan and with the City's General Plan.

The Strategic Plan's 5-year prioritized program of projects shall, at a minimum, address the following factors:

- A. Project readiness, including schedule for completion of environmental and design phases; well-documented preliminary cost estimates, and documented community support as appropriate. Priority shall be given to projects that can implement the funded phase(s) within twelve months of allocation.
- B. Compatibility with existing and planned land uses, and with adopted standards for urban design and for the provision of pedestrian amenities; and supportiveness of planned growth in transit-friendly housing, employment and services.
- C. A prioritization mechanism to rank projects within each category, addressing, for each proposed project:
 - Relative level of need or urgency
 - Cost Effectiveness
 - Number of beneficiaries (e.g. modes of travel that would benefit)
 - Level of community support
 - Leveraging of other funds
 - A fair geographic distribution that takes into account the various needs of San Francisco's neighborhoods.
- D. Funding plan, including sources other than the vehicle registration fee.

The Authority shall conduct appropriate public outreach to ensure an inclusive planning process for the development of the Strategic Plan, as well as general plan referral or referral to any City Department or Commission if required.

The Authority and project sponsors shall also identify appropriate performance measures, milestone targets, and a timeline for achieving them, to ensure that progress is made in meeting the goals and objectives of the program. These performance measures shall be consistent with the Authority's Congestion Management Program requirements.

As part of the Strategic Plan development process, the Authority shall adopt, issue, and update detailed guidelines for the development of programs of projects, as well as for the development of project scopes, schedules and budgets.

7. EXPENDITURE PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

The Authority Board may adopt an updated Expenditure Plan anytime after 15 years from the initial receipt of vehicle registration fee revenues.

Attachment 1

SB 83 Citizens Advisory Subcommittee and Stakeholder Advisory Panel Rosters

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Proposition A

Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, November 2nd 2010, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco a proposition to authorize general obligation bonded indebtedness of the City and County in the Amount of Forty Six Million One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$46,150,000) to provide deferred loans and/or grants to pay the costs of seismic retrofits to multi-story wood structures that are at significant risk of substantial damage and collapse during an earthquake; authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants in accordance with Chapter 37 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; finding that the estimated cost of such proposed project is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy; reciting the estimated cost of such proposed project; fixing the date of election and the manner of holding such election and the procedure for voting for or against the proposition; fixing the maximum rate of interest on such bonds and providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest thereof; prescribing notice to be given of such election; finding that the proposed bond is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act; finding that the proposed project is in conformity with the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1(b) and with the General Plan consistency requirement of Administrative Code Section 2A.53; consolidating the special election with the general election on the same date; establishing the election precincts, voting places and officers for the election; waiving the word limitation on ballot propositions imposed by San Francisco Municipal Elections Code Section 510; complying with Section 53410 of the California Government Code; incorporating the provisions of Article V of Chapter V of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and waiving the time requirements specified in Section 2.34 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

Note: The Board of Supervisors adopted this ordinance, which submits to San Francisco voters a proposed bond measure, on July 20, 2010.



Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings.

A. The San Francisco Department of Building Inspections caused to be prepared a report dated February 2009, entitled “Here Today---Here Tomorrow: Earthquake Safety for Soft Story Buildings” (the “Report”).

B. The Report made several recommendations to mitigate the potential damage and destruction to multi-story wood-frame buildings, including the initiation of a program to finance the costs of seismic retrofits to such soft story buildings that are at significant risk for substantial damage and collapse during an earthquake.

C. The Report identified approximately 2,800 buildings constructed before 1974 and consisting of three or more stories that have large perimeter wall openings (referred to in the Report and herein as “soft-story buildings”) and which, therefore, are potentially most at significant risk of substantial damage and collapse during an earthquake.

D. Keeping San Franciscans in their homes after an earthquake is a vital public interest and would avert a post-earthquake shelter crisis and thereby reduce the demands placed upon emergency responders; and that keeping residents in their homes serves a valid public purpose resulting in significant public benefits.

E. The Mayor’s Office of Housing, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds 125 affordable housing multi-story units which are at significant risk of substantial damage and collapse during an earthquake.

F. In addition, there are 31 potential soft-story buildings containing single room occupancy units that are owned by private parties, and such structures are at a significant risk of substantial damage and collapse during an earthquake.

G. The Mayor and this Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) now wish to describe the terms of a ballot measure seeking approval for general obligation bonding authority for a Earthquake Safety Retrofit Deferred Loan and Grant Program (the “Bonds”).

Section 2. A special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 2010, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City a proposition to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonded indebtedness of the City for the project hereinafter described in the amount and for the purposes stated:

“EARTHQUAKE SAFETY RETROFIT DEFERRED LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2010. To provide deferred loans and grants to pay the costs for seismic retrofits of certain multi-story wood-frame buildings with vulnerable soft-story construction at significant risk of substantial damage and collapse during a major earthquake and funded by a qualified governmental housing finance agency for permanent or long-term affordability, or single room occupancy buildings owned by private parties, and pay related costs, shall the City issue up to \$46,150,000 of general obligation bonded indebtedness, subject to citizen oversight and regular audits?”

The special election hereby called and ordered shall be referred to herein as the “Bond Special Election.” Subject to approval by the voters, landlords shall be authorized to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase associated with the costs of the bonds to residential tenants in accordance with Chapter 37 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

Section 3. Subject to approval by the voters, the Seismic Safety Retrofit Deferred Loan and Grant Program General Obligation Bonds shall be authorized in the aggregate principal amount of \$46,150,000, shall be issued upon such terms and conditions permitted by law, and allocated as follows:

A. **Public Agency Earthquake Retrofit Loan Program.** The City is authorized to issue up to \$41,330,000 of general obligation bonds to be allocated to fund a deferred loan and grant program to pay the cost associated with seismic retrofits of affordable housing buildings constituting Soft Story Structures constructed on or before 1974 and funded by the Mayor’s Office of Housing, San Francisco Redevelopment

Agency or other affordable housing governmental finance agency (referred to herein as the “Public Agency Earthquake Safety Retrofit Loan Program”). Such deferred loans and grants shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the implementing City agency; provided however that such terms and conditions shall require that such loans and grants shall (i) apply the City’s prevailing wage law on any projects funded with such loans or grants, and (ii) become immediately due and payable if the property is sold or otherwise transferred, in either case, resulting in a loss of affordability or income restrictions, and such repayments shall be used to repay the Bonds. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that loans and grants made from bond proceeds for the purpose of seismic retrofits to affordable housing buildings as authorized hereby constitute a public purpose resulting in significant public benefits.

B. **Private Party Earthquake Safety Retrofit Loan Program.** The City is authorized to issue up to \$4,820,000 of general obligation bonds to be allocated to fund a private party loan (referred to herein as the “Private Party Earthquake Safety Retrofit Loan Program”) program to pay for seismic retrofits single occupancy residence buildings constituting Soft Story Structures constructed on or before 1974 that are at significant risk of substantial damage and destruction during an earthquake, and to administer said fund upon the terms set forth below. Loans made through the Private Party Earthquake Safety Retrofit Loan Program shall be upon the terms and conditions set forth by the implementing City agency; provided however, that such terms and conditions shall require that such loans (i) apply the City’s prevailing wage law, and (ii) become due and payable upon a sale or other transfer of the property if such sale or transfer would change the character or use of the building for single residence occupancy tenancy, and such repayments shall be used to repay the Bonds. The Board hereby finds that loans made to private parties from bond proceeds for the purpose of seismic retrofits to the buildings as authorized hereby constitute a public purpose resulting in significant public benefits.

C. All amounts loaned to private borrowers (“Borrowers”) under the Private Party Earthquake Safety Retrofit Loan Program must be repaid in full on such other terms and conditions as the implementing City agency shall determine. It is the intent of the City that administrative fees be set such that no City funds are used to pay administrative costs of the Private Party Earthquake Safety Retrofit Loan Program, unless such funds are to be reimbursed by a Borrower. Administrative costs may be included as additional principal on a loan to be repaid as a separate fee payment obligation of the Borrower.

D. The City may impose the Earthquake Safety Retrofit Loan Program’s repayment obligations on Borrowers through a loan agreement or the Borrower’s agreement to pay any other special tax or special assessment that provides the City appropriate remedies should the Borrower fail to make loan payments as and when due. These remedies shall include the ability to assess late fees in amounts sufficient to repay the City for funds used to repay bond principal and/or interest in the event of a delinquency in repayment by such Borrower.

E. The City shall be entitled to pay costs of issuance related to the issuance of Bonds authorized hereby.

Section 5. The estimated cost of the Bond financed portion of the project described in Section 2 hereof was fixed by the Board of Supervisors of the City by the following resolution and in the amount specified below:

“Resolution determining and declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the construction, improvement and seismic retrofitting of multi-story wood framed affordable housing soft-story buildings for earthquake safety funded by the City or other qualified governmental housing finance agency, or owned by private third-parties and the payment of related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; finding that the estimated cost of \$46,150,000 for such improvements is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County and will require incurring bonded indebtedness; finding that a portion of the proposed bond is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and adopting findings under CEQA, CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31 for the remaining portion of the

proposed bond; finding the proposed bond is in conformity with the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1(b) and with the General Plan consistency requirement of Charter Section 4.105 and Administrative Code Section 2A.53; and waiving the time limits set forth in Administrative Code Section 2.34.”

Such resolution was passed by two-thirds or more of the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Mayor of the City. In such resolution it was recited and found that the sum of money specified is too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City in addition to the other annual expenses thereof or other funds derived from taxes levied for those purposes and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy.

The method and manner of payment of the estimated costs described herein are by the issuance of bonds of the City not exceeding the principal amount specified.

Such estimate of costs as set forth in such resolution is hereby adopted and determined to be the estimated cost of such Bond financed improvements and financing, as designed to date.

Section 6. The Bond Special Election shall be held and conducted and the votes thereafter received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made and the results thereof ascertained, determined and declared as herein provided and in all particulars not herein recited such election shall be held according to the laws of the State of California and the Charter of the City (the “Charter”) and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, providing for and governing elections in the City, and the polls for such election shall be and remain open during the time required by such laws and regulations.

Section 7. The Bond Special Election is hereby consolidated with the Statewide General Election scheduled to be held in the City on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the November 2, 2010 Statewide General Election are hereby adopted, established, designated and named, respectively, as the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the Bond Special Election hereby called, and reference is hereby made to the notice of election setting forth the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the November 2, 2010 Statewide General Election by the Director of Elections to be published in the official newspaper of the City on the date required under the laws of the State of California.

Section 8. The ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election shall be the ballots to be used at the November 2, 2010 Statewide General Election. The word limit for ballot propositions imposed by San Francisco Municipal Elections Code Section 510 is hereby waived. On the ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election, in addition to any other matter required by law to be printed thereon, shall appear the following as a separate proposition:

“EARTHQUAKE SAFETY RETROFIT DEFERRED LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, 2010.

To provide deferred loans and grants to pay the costs for seismic retrofits of certain multi-story wood-frame buildings with vulnerable soft-story construction at significant risk of substantial damage and collapse during a major earthquake and funded by a qualified governmental housing finance agency for permanent or long-term affordability, or single room occupancy buildings owned by private parties, and pay related costs, shall the City issue up to \$46,150,000 of general obligation bonded indebtedness, subject to citizen oversight and regular audits?”

Each voter to vote in favor of the issuance of the foregoing bond proposition shall mark the ballot in the location corresponding to a “YES” vote for the proposition, and to vote against the proposition shall mark the ballot in the location corresponding to a “NO” vote for the proposition.

Section 9. If at the Bond Special Election it shall appear that two-thirds of all the voters voting on the proposition voted in favor of and authorized the incurring of bonded indebtedness for the purposes set forth in such proposition, then such proposition shall have been accepted by the electors, and Bonds authorized thereby shall be issued upon the order of the Board of Supervisors. Such Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding applicable legal limits.

The votes cast for and against the proposition shall be counted separately and when two-thirds of the qualified electors, voting on the proposition, vote in favor thereof, the proposition shall be deemed adopted.

Section 10. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Bonds, the Board of Supervisors shall, at the time of fixing the general tax levy and in the manner for such general tax levy provided, levy and collect annually each year until such Bonds are paid, or until there is a sum in the Treasury of said City, or other account held on behalf of the Treasurer of said City, set apart for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for the principal and interest on the bonds, a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on such Bonds as the same becomes due and also such part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of such principal.

Section 11. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with any State law requirements, and such publication shall constitute notice of the Bond Special Election and no other notice of the Bond Special Election hereby called need be given.

Section 12. The Board of Supervisors having reviewed the proposed legislation, finds and declares that (i) the proposed Project is excluded from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) as the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project, (ii) that the proposed project is in conformity with the priority policies of Section 101.1(b) of the City Planning Code and, (iii) in accordance with Section 2A.53(f) of the City Administrative Code, that the proposed project is consistent with the City’s General Plan, and hereby adopts the findings of the City Planning Department, as set forth in the General Plan Referral Report, dated June 3, 2010, and incorporates said findings by reference.

Section 13. Pursuant to Section 53410 of the California Government Code, the Bonds shall be for the specific purpose authorized herein and the proceeds of such Bonds will be applied only to the project described herein. The City will comply with the requirements of Sections 53410(c) and 53410(d) of the California Government Code.

Section 14. The Bonds are subject to, and incorporate by reference, the applicable provisions of Article V of Chapter V of the San Francisco Administrative Code (the “Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee”). Pursuant to Section 5.31 of the Administrative Code, to the extent permitted by law, one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the gross proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited in a fund established by the Controller’s Office and appropriated by the Board of Supervisors at the direction of the Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to cover the costs of said committee.

Section 15. The time requirements specified in Section 2.34 of the San Francisco Administrative Code are hereby waived.

Section 16. The appropriate officers, employees, representatives and agents of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary or desirable to accomplish the calling and holding of the Bond Special Election, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 17. Documents referenced herein are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 100580, which is hereby declared to be a part of this ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

Proposition B

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco that:

The People of the City and County of San Francisco hereby enact “The Sustainable City Employee Benefits Reform Act,” to ensure that the City’s retirement and health service systems are properly funded and that the City’s annual costs are balanced with reasonable City employee contributions to their retirement and health plans.

Section 1: FINDINGS

The City's cost of pension fund contributions and health insurance for active and retired employees has increased by 85% over the past five years, from \$419 million in fiscal year 2004-2005 to a budgeted \$776 million for fiscal year 2009-2010. These costs come at a time when the City is facing substantial budget deficits. In 2010, the City faced a \$522 million budget shortfall, and is expected to face large deficits in coming years.

The City's cost of pension fund contributions and health insurance for active and retired employees is projected to exceed \$1.1 billion by fiscal year 2012-2013. These costs will significantly impair the City's ability to provide basic services to its residents such as police and fire services, street repair and cleaning, park and recreational facilities, and medical care for the indigent.

At the same time, the City currently has an unfunded actuarially accrued liability for retiree health insurance reported at \$4 billion. The reported actual cost estimate for full funding of the liability was \$431 million for the year ending fiscal year 2008-2009, of which only \$120 million was actually paid in that year for premiums of current retirees. This means that the City's retiree health care liability grew by over \$300 million in that year, and is likely to grow by even larger amounts in the future.

The cost of the City's share of pension benefits for City employees is projected to rise from 5% of salary in fiscal year 2008-2009 to more than 19% of salary in fiscal year 2012-2013. Currently, City employees pay between 0 - 7.5% of their salaries into the pension fund. For fiscal year 2010-2011, the City contribution is 13.5% of wages, representing 64% of the total contributions when employees contribute the full 7.5% contribution. It is anticipated that by fiscal year 2012-2013, the City's contribution will further increase to a minimum of 72% of the contributions to the retirement fund.

In 2002, voters approved a Charter Amendment which provided enhanced benefits for uniformed ranks of police and fire. The Amendment allowed police and fire employees to receive 90% of their highest year's compensation if they retire at age 55 with 30 years of service, *provided that* any increased pension costs of such benefits be shared by the employees and that the City implement cost-sharing agreements with unions representing uniformed members of the police and fire departments to effectuate a material reduction of the employer contribution, subject to certain limits.

By this amendment, the voters find and declare that the City has failed to achieve a material reduction of the cost impact of employer contributions on the City's general fund as required by the 2002 Charter Amendment.

Further, equity requires police and fire employees to absorb the additional costs of providing retirement benefits.

In 2007, the voters enacted improvements in the City's retirement plan for miscellaneous employees that increased the City's cost of that plan by at least 3.5%. Although Charter section A8.525 authorizes City employees to pay up to 10% of salaries for pension benefits, miscellaneous employees pay between 0-7.5% of salary toward their own retirement benefits.

By this amendment, the voters find and declare that equity requires miscellaneous employees to absorb additional costs of providing retirement benefits.

These amendments are intended to strengthen the finances of the City and the retirement system to ensure their sustained ability to pay promised benefits upon retirement. These amendments do not to reduce the pension benefits paid to retirees, or promised to current employees upon retirement.

Section 2. The San Francisco City Charter is hereby amended by adding the following section:

A.8.490 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENSION AND MEDICAL PLANS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Charter, all active employees who are uniformed members of the police and fire departments shall contribute 10% of each payment of compensation from participating Retirement System employers to the Retirement System, to be credited to the individual account of the member.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Charter, all active miscellaneous employees who are members of the Retirement System shall contribute 9% of each payment of compensation from participating Retirement System employers to the Retirement System to be credited to the individual account of the member.

(c) This section shall govern any memorandum of understanding (MOU) or collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the City and County of San Francisco (City) and any employee organization representing actively employed members of the system reached after the November 2010 general election. The City may not pay or otherwise "pick up" any portion of the employee contribution to the Retirement System.

(d) The increase in pension contributions for uniformed ranks of police and fire departments from a current level of 7.5% shall not exceed the increase in cost (including amortization of increased actuarially accrued liability) resulting from the voters' enhancement of police and fire retirement benefits effective January 1, 2003. For the purpose of this paragraph, additional cost shall be calculated for uniformed police and fire employees separately from miscellaneous employees. The calculation shall include both "normal" costs and actuarially accrued liability.

(e) In addition, the voters declare that, with respect to employer contributions for employee medical care coverage, Charter sections A8.423, A8.428 (b)(2), and related provisions concerning the "ten county survey" shall prevail over Charter sections A8.409 et seq. and A8.590 et seq., and that the employer contribution determined pursuant to section A8.423 shall constitute the sole contribution for medical care made by the City in the Health Service System for active employees who are members of the system. For dependents, in any MOU or CBA between the City and employee organizations representing members of the Health Service System reached after the November 2010 general election, or any arrangement with unrepresented officers or employees, the City is authorized to pay or otherwise "pick-up" no more than 50% of the cost at each level of dependent coverage. The maximum amount of coverage for dependents of active employees paid by the City in the Health Service System pursuant to this subsection shall be determined based upon the lowest cost plan offered by the Health Service System.

(f) In any MOU or CBA between the City and employee organizations representing City employees reached after the November 2010 general election, or any arrangement with unrepresented officers or employees, the City may contribute no more than 75% of the cost of employee dental coverage and 50% of dependent dental coverage.

(g) Except as specifically provided herein, this section shall become effective January 1, 2011. This section shall apply to all then current employee members of the Retirement and Health Service Systems, as well as to employees hired on or after passage; provided, however, that any adjustments to the medical plan rate charged to employees resulting from this provision shall be made in conjunction with a regularly scheduled open enrollment period. To the extent any provision of this section is contrary to the terms of a MOU or CBA executed on or before November 2, 2010 between a participating employer and a recognized employee organization, any increased employee contribution to the retirement system or for medical care shall become effective for employees covered by such MOU or CBA immediately upon expiration of such MOU or CBA.

(h) In any arbitration involving employees of the City and County of San Francisco under Charter section A.8.409-4 or A8.590-5, the arbitrator shall be bound by the above provisions. In addition, the arbitrator shall make specific findings regarding the actual annual costs to the City of pension, health and retiree health benefits attributable to employees at issue for each year of the prior agreement and projected costs for each year of the successor agreement. In determining wages and other forms of compensation pursuant to this section, the arbitrator shall consider as increased compensation any increase in the cost of pension, health and retiree health contributions paid or projected to be paid by the City. Compliance with this provision shall be mandatory.

(i) It is the express intent of the voters that employers participating in the Health Service System and Retirement System, as well as active employees who are members of those systems, each pay an equitable share of pension and medical care costs. If, notwithstanding the

voters' intent, an arbitrator awards an increase in benefits for employees under section A8.409-4 or A8.590-5, or the City is otherwise compelled to negotiate or arbitrate benefit increases, such increases shall be presented to the voters for approval before they may become effective, for a period of five years after the expiration of any memorandum of understanding in effect as of November 2, 2010 covering such employees.

Section 3: Severability. This Charter Amendment shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, or clause ("portion") of this Amendment is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Amendment. The voters hereby declare that this Amendment, and each portion of the Amendment, would have been adopted irrespective of whether any one or more portions of the Amendment are found invalid. If any portion of this Amendment is held invalid as applied to any person, circumstance, employee or category of employee, such invalidity shall not affect any application of this Amendment which can be given effect. If any portion of the Amendment is held invalid as to existing employees, it shall not affect its application to employees hired after the effective date of this measure. This Amendment shall be broadly construed to achieve its stated purposes. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this Amendment be interpreted or implemented in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth herein.

Section 4: Effective date. Except as specifically set forth in the text, this Charter Amendment shall be effective January 1, 2011.

Proposition C

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Sections 2.103 and 3.100 to require the Mayor to appear personally at one regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions with members of the Board and to authorize the Board to adopt rules and guidelines.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 2, 2010, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Sections 2.103 and 3.100 to read as follows:

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SEC. 2.103. MEETINGS.

The Board of Supervisors shall meet at the legislative chambers in City Hall at 12:00 noon on the eighth day in January in each odd-numbered year. Thereafter, regular meetings shall be held on such dates and at such times as shall be fixed by resolution.

The meetings of the Board shall be held in City Hall, provided that, in case of emergency, the Board, by resolution, may designate some other appropriate place as its temporary meeting place.

Notice of any special meeting shall be published at least 24 hours in advance of such special meeting.

The Board of Supervisors, by motion, may schedule special meetings of the Board in locations in San Francisco other than City Hall. Notice of special meetings being convened outside of City Hall shall be published and posted in City Hall at least 15 days in advance of such special meetings. Motions to schedule special meetings of the Board in locations in San Francisco other than City Hall shall first be introduced and referred to a committee of the Board for hearing and consideration.

The Board of Supervisors, by motion, may authorize a committee of the Board of Supervisors to schedule a special meeting of the committee of the Board in a location in San Francisco other than City Hall. Notice of special committee meetings being convened outside of City Hall shall be published and posted in City Hall at least 15 days in advance of such special meetings.

The Board of Supervisors, in consultation with the Mayor, shall provide by ordinance for rules and guidelines governing the conduct of appearances by the Mayor under Section 3.100(7).

SEC. 3.100. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer and the official representative of the City and County, and shall serve full time in that capacity. The Mayor shall devote his or her entire time and attention to the duties of the office, and shall not devote time or attention to any other occupation or business activity. The Mayor shall enforce all laws relating to the City and County, and accept service of process on its behalf.

The Mayor shall have responsibility for:

1. General administration and oversight of all departments and governmental units in the executive branch of the City and County;

2. Coordination of all intergovernmental activities of the City and County;

3. Receipt and examination of complaints relating to the administration of the affairs of the City and County, and timely delivery of notice to the complainant of findings and actions taken;

4. Assurance that appointees to various governmental positions with the City and County are qualified and are as representative of the communities of interest and diverse population of the City and County as is reasonably practicable, and are representative of both sexes;

5. Submission of ordinances and resolutions by the executive branch for consideration by the Board of Supervisors;

6. Presentation before the Board of Supervisors of a policies and priorities statement setting forth the Mayor's policies and budget priorities for the City and County for the ensuing fiscal year;

7. Appearance, in person, at one regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions with members of the Board;

~~8. Introduction before the Board of Supervisors of the annual proposed budget or multi-year budget which shall be initiated and prepared by the Mayor. The Mayor shall seek comments and recommendations on the proposed budget from the various commissions, officers and departments; and~~

~~9. Preparation of and introduction to the Board of Supervisors of supplemental appropriations.~~

The Mayor shall have the power to:

~~10. Speak and be heard with respect to any matter at any meeting of the Board of Supervisors or any of its committees, and shall have a seat but no vote on all boards and commissions appointed by the Mayor;~~

~~11. As provided in Section 3.103 of this Charter, veto any ordinance or resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors;~~

~~12. Subject to the fiscal provisions of this Charter and budgetary approval by the Board of Supervisors, appoint such staff as may be needed to perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities of the Mayor's office, provided that no member of the staff shall receive a salary in excess of seventy percent of that paid the Mayor. For purposes of this provision, staff does not include the City Administrator, department heads or employees of departments placed under his or her direction by Section 3.104. Notwithstanding any other provisions or limitations of this Charter to the contrary, the Mayor may not designate nor may the City and County employ on the Mayor's behalf any person to act as deputy to the Mayor or any similar employment classification, regardless of title, whose responsibilities include but are not necessarily limited to supervision of the administration of any department for which the City Administrator, an elected official other than the Mayor or an appointed board or commission is assigned responsibility elsewhere in this Charter;~~

~~13. Designate a member of the Board of Supervisors to act as Mayor in the Mayor's absence from the state or during a period of temporary disability;~~

~~14. In the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County or its citizens, the Mayor may direct the personnel and resources of any department, command the aid of other persons, and do whatever else the Mayor may deem necessary to meet the emergency;~~

In meeting an emergency, the Mayor shall act only with the con



currence of the Board of Supervisors, or a majority of its members immediately available if the emergency causes any member of the Board to be absent. The Mayor shall seek the Board's concurrence as soon as is reasonably possible in both the declaration of an emergency and in the action taken to meet the emergency. Normal notice, posting and agenda requirements of the Board of Supervisors shall not be applicable to the Board's actions pursuant to these provisions;

15 ~~14~~. Make an appointment to fill any vacancy in an elective office of the City and County until a successor shall have been elected;

16 ~~15~~. Subject to the provisions of Charter Section 2.113, submit to the voters a declaration of policy or ordinance on any matter on which the Board of Supervisors is empowered to pass;

17 ~~16~~. Have and exercise such other powers as are provided by this Charter or by law for the chief executive officer of a City and County;

18 ~~17~~. Unless otherwise specifically provided, make appointments to boards and commissions which shall be effective immediately and remain so, unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days following transmittal of Notice of Appointment. The Notice of Appointment shall include the appointee's qualifications to serve and a statement how the appointment represents the communities of interest, neighborhoods and diverse populations of the City and County;

19 ~~18~~. Appoint department heads subject to the provisions of this Charter; and

20 ~~19~~. Prepare and submit schedule of rates, fees and other similar charges to the Board of Supervisors.

Proposition D

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 8.100 and adding Section 13.111 to authorize San Francisco residents 18 years of age or older who are the parents, legal guardians or caregivers of children in the San Francisco Unified School District to vote in elections for the Board of Education, regardless of whether the residents are United States citizens.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 2, 2010, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Section 8.100 and adding Section 13.111 to read as follows:

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SEC. 8.100. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The Unified School District shall be under the control and management of a Board of Education composed of seven members who shall be elected pursuant to Section 13.111 by the voters of the Unified School District. A student representative shall serve on the Board in accordance with state law. No member of this Board shall be eligible to serve on the Governing Board of the Community College District. The compensation for each member shall be \$500 per month. The terms of office in effect for Board members on the date this Charter is adopted shall continue.

SEC. 13.111. ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(a) Manner of Election. Elections for the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District shall be conducted in a manner that permits any San Francisco resident who meets the requirements of this section to vote, regardless of whether the resident is a United States citizen. Any San Francisco resident 18 years of age or older who is registered and eligible to vote under the California Elections Code may vote in elections for the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District. In addition, any San Francisco resident who is the parent, legal guardian or caregiver (as provided in California Family Code Section 6550) of a child residing in the San Francisco Unified School District, may vote in elections for the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District, provided the

resident is 18 years of age or older and not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony. This section, which is adopted pursuant to California Education Code Section 5301 and Article IX, Section 16, of the California Constitution, shall apply only to elections for the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District.

(b) Adoption of Implementing Ordinances. The Board of Supervisors may adopt ordinances implementing this section. Before adopting or amending any ordinances under this section, the Board of Supervisors shall consult with the Director of Elections.

(c) Sunset. The provision of Subsection (a) authorizing non-citizens to vote in Board of Education elections shall expire on December 31, 2016, or the December 31 immediately following the third Board of Education election conducted pursuant to this section, whichever is later. Thereafter, the Board of Supervisors shall have the authority to determine by ordinance whether non-citizens are authorized to vote in Board of Education elections, and for what time period or time periods.

(d) Limitations. Nothing in this section shall affect the terms of office of incumbent members of the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District. Nothing in this section shall alter the definition of "elector" or "voter" set forth in Article 17 of this Charter.

Proposition E

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by adding Section 13.112 and amending Article XVII to establish Election Day Voter Registration for exclusively municipal elections.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 2, 2010, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by adding Section 13.112 and amending Article XVII to read as follows:

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Section 1. Findings.

1. Every eligible voter who wants to vote should have the opportunity to do so.

2. The California Elections Code establishes a voter registration deadline of fifteen days before an election.

3. This amendment is intended to permit San Franciscans to register to vote in exclusively municipal elections on any day up to and including Election Day.

4. Election Day Voter Registration has been a success in the eight states that currently allow it: Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. States that have implemented Election Day voter registration have seen increases in voter turnout of between three and six percent. In the 2008 election, the five states with the highest voter turnout rates all allowed Election Day Voter Registration.

5. San Francisco voter turnout for exclusively municipal elections is often significantly lower than the turnout for statewide elections. The average voter turnout of the last ten exclusively municipal elections was 37 percent.

6. Allowing Election Day Voter Registration in exclusively municipal elections in San Francisco would increase voter participation in these elections that typically suffer from low turnout.

7. San Francisco voters expressed strong support for this concept in 2002, when 59 percent of San Francisco voters supported Proposition 52, which would have allowed for Election Day Voter Registration.

Section 2. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended by adding Section 13.112 and amending Article XVII, to read as follows:

SEC. 13.112. ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION.

For any General Municipal Election or Special Municipal Election that is not consolidated with a statewide election or other election governed by state law, an elector may submit an affidavit of regis-

tration on any day up to and including the day of the election and may cast a ballot in that election. The Board of Supervisors shall establish by ordinance procedures for permitting electors to register to vote in an exclusively municipal election fewer than fifteen days before that election. Before adopting or amending an ordinance under this section, the Board of Supervisors shall consult with the Director of Elections.

ARTICLE XVII: DEFINITIONS.

For all purposes of this Charter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

“Business day” shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday on which governmental agencies are authorized by law to close.

“Confirm” or “confirmation” shall mean the approval by a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors.

“Discrimination” shall mean violations of civil rights on account of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability or medical condition, political affiliation, sexual orientation, ancestry, marital or domestic partners status, gender identity, parental status, other non-merit factors, or any category provided for by ordinance.

“Domestic partners” shall mean persons who register their partnerships pursuant to the voter-approved Domestic Partnership Ordinance.

“Elector” shall mean a person registered to vote in the City and County.

“For cause” shall mean the issuance of a written public statement by the Mayor describing those actions taken by an individual as a member of a board or commission which are the reasons for removal, provided such reasons constitute official misconduct in office.

“General municipal election” shall mean the election to be held in the City and County on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.

“Initiative” shall mean (1) a proposal by the voters with respect to any ordinance, act or other measure which is within the powers conferred upon the Board of Supervisors to enact, any legislative act which is within the power conferred upon any other official, board, commission or other unit of government to adopt, or any declaration of policy; or (2) any measure submitted to the voters by the Mayor or by the Board of Supervisors, or four or more members of the Board.

“Notice” shall mean publication (as defined by ordinance), and a contemporaneous filing with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or other appropriate office.

“One-third,” “a majority” or “two-thirds” of the Board of Supervisors or any other board or commission of the City and County shall mean one-third, a majority or two-thirds of all members of such board or commission.

“Published” shall have the meaning ascribed to the term by the Board of Supervisors by ordinance. The Board of Supervisors shall seek a recommendation from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors before adopting such an ordinance.

“Referendum” shall mean the power of the voters to nullify ordinances involving legislative matters except that the referendum power shall not extend to any portion of the annual budget or appropriations, annual salary ordinances, ordinances authorizing the City Attorney to compromise litigation, ordinances levying taxes, ordinances relative to purely administrative matters, ordinances necessary to enable the Mayor to carry out the Mayor’s emergency powers, or ordinances adopted pursuant to Section 9.106 of this Charter.

“Special municipal election” shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections with respect to an initiative, referendum or recall, and (2) the Board of Supervisors with respect to bond issues, election of an official not required to be elected at the general municipal election, or an initiative or referendum.

“Statewide election” shall mean an election held throughout the state.

“Voter” shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state or municipal law.

Proposition F

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 12.000, to shorten, on a one-time basis, the term of a one Health Service Board member from five years to three years, and the term of another Health Service Board member from five years to two years, so that Board terms will expire in pairs in the future and can be filled during the same Board election.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 2, 2010, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Section 12.200, to read as follows:

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SEC. 12.200. HEALTH SERVICE BOARD.

There shall be a Health Service Board which shall consist of seven members as follows: one member of the Board of Supervisors, to be appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors; ~~the City Attorney or designated Deputy City Attorney, except that on May 15, 2005, the City Attorney’s tenure on the Health Service Board shall expire and that seat shall be filled by a member elected from the active and retired members of the System from among their number;~~ two members appointed by the Mayor pursuant to Section 3.100, one of whom shall be an individual who regularly consults in the health care field, and the other a doctor of medicine; and ~~three~~four members ~~(in addition to the elected member assuming the seat vacated by the City Attorney)~~ elected from the active and retired members of the System from among their number. Elections shall be conducted by the Director of Elections in a manner prescribed by ordinance. Elected members need not reside within the City and County. The terms of Health Service Board members, other than the ex officio members, shall be five years, and shall expire on May 15 of each year, with the exception that the term of the Board member that begins in May 2011 shall be three (3) years, and shall expire in May 2014, and the term of the Board member that begins in May 2013 term shall be two (2) years, and shall expire in May 2015.

A vacancy on the Board appointed by the Mayor shall be filled by the Mayor. A vacancy in an elective office on the Board shall be filled by a special election within 90 days after the vacancy occurs unless a regular election is to be held within six months after such vacancy shall have occurred.

The Health Service Board shall:

1. Establish and maintain detailed historical costs for medical and hospital care and conduct an annual review of such costs;
2. Apply benefits without special favor or privilege;
3. Put such plans as provided for in Section A8.422 into effect and conduct and administer the same and contract therefor and use the funds of the System;
4. Make rules and regulations for the administration of business of the Health Service System, the granting of exemptions and the admission to the System of persons who are hereby made members, and such other officers and employees as may voluntarily become members with the approval of the Board; and
5. Receive, consider and, within 60 days after receipt, act upon any matter pertaining to the policies of, or appeals from, the Health Service System submitted to it in writing by any member or any person who has contracted to render medical care to the members.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, the Health Service Board shall have the powers and duties and shall be subject to the limitations of Charter Sections 4.102, 4.103 and 4.104.

Subject to the requirements of state law and the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, the Health Service Board may make provision for health or dental benefits for residents of the City and County of San Francisco as provided in Section A8.421 of Appendix A of the Charter.



Proposition G

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Section 1: FINDINGS

Whereas, an effective, efficient, and reliable public transit system is essential to the quality of life, public health, social justice, economic growth, and the environment of the City and County of San Francisco; and

Whereas, effective, efficient, and reliable public transit depends on having labor agreements that are supportive of providing high quality, efficient service to riders; and

Whereas, labor costs are the most significant portion of the Municipal Transportation Agency's (Agency) budget; and

Whereas, the present system for establishing wages for Municipal Railway (MUNI) operators is based on a "formula" that guarantees transit operator wages are at least the second-highest in the country, without requiring that operators bargain for this high level of compensation; and

Whereas, higher labor costs inevitably undercut the Agency's ability to preserve and enhance services; and

Whereas, the voters find that the most appropriate way to establish wages, benefits, and working conditions is through collective bargaining between labor and management; and

Whereas, the City relies upon collective bargaining to achieve labor agreements with other City employees, with bargaining disputes resolved by a neutral arbitrator; and

Whereas, that system is fair to both the public and employees, and bars strikes by public employees; and

Whereas, the current system for setting transit operator wages prevents effective collective bargaining; and

Whereas, the voters find that transit operator wages should be set by a collective bargaining process that is similar to the process generally used to determine wages for other City employees and other transit systems nationwide; and

Whereas, the voters find and declare that some provisions of existing labor agreements also restrict the ability of the Agency to schedule, deploy, and assign employees in a manner that reflects service and ridership needs, and are therefore an impediment to effective, efficient, and reliable transit operations; and

Whereas, antiquated and inflexible rules contained in labor agreements undercut the City's "Transit First" Policy set forth in Charter section 8A.115 by failing to ensure that employees have their primary work hours scheduled at the times when their services are most needed; and

Whereas, so called "past practices" and side-letters that are not spelled out in a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") preserve antiquated and inflexible practices that impair transit operations; and

Whereas, some past practices and side-letters have not been subjected to public scrutiny because they have not been approved by the Agency; and

Whereas, the voters of San Francisco believe the Agency should operate based on best practices, not past practices; and

Whereas, the taxpayers of San Francisco and those who rely on the Agency for service require a system of labor relations that is transparent, and enables them to understand the terms of labor agreements with the public sector workforce; and

Whereas, the voters reiterate the "Transit First" policy and further find that to achieve this policy, labor relations at the Agency must be guided by the principle of "Service First," giving first priority to the needs of the people of San Francisco who rely on the Agency; and

Whereas, the voters find that a broad overhaul of the compensation structure and labor rules and practices is necessary to preserve and expand transit services to the public;

Now, therefore, the qualified electors of the City and County of San Francisco amend their charter as set forth below.

Section 2. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended by amending Sections 8A.104 and A8.404, relating to the wages, hours, benefits, and terms and conditions of employment of employees of the Municipal Transportation Agency, to read as follows:

SEC. 8A.104. PERSONNEL AND MERIT SYSTEM.

(a) The Agency shall establish its own personnel/labor relations office. The Director of Transportation shall appoint a personnel/labor relations manager, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Director of Transportation and shall establish regular meetings with labor to discuss issues within the scope of representation on terms to be determined through collective bargaining.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the Agency shall be governed by the rules of the civil service system administered by the City and appeals provided in civil service rules shall be heard by the City's Civil Service Commission. Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency and affected employee organizations, appeals to the Civil Service Commission shall include only those matters within the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission which establish, implement, and regulate the civil service merit system as listed in Section A8.409-3.

(c) Effective July 1, 2000, except for the administration of health services, the Agency shall assume all powers and duties vested in the Department of Human Resources and the Director of Human Resources under Articles X and XI of this Charter in connection with job classifications within the Agency performing "service-critical" functions. Except for the matters set forth in subsection (f), the Department of Human Resources and the Director of Human Resources shall maintain all powers and duties under Articles X and XI as to all other Agency employees.

(d) On or before April 15, 2000, the Agency shall designate "service-critical" classifications and functions for all existing classifications used by the Municipal Railway; provided, however, that employees in classifications designated as "service-critical" shall continue to be covered by any Citywide collective bargaining agreement covering their classifications until the expiration of that agreement.

(e) For purposes of this Article, "service-critical" functions are:

1. Operating a transit vehicle, whether or not in revenue service;
2. Controlling dispatch of, or movement of, or access to, a transit vehicle;
3. Maintaining a transit vehicle or equipment used in transit service, including both preventive maintenance and overhaul of equipment and systems, including system-related infrastructure;
4. Regularly providing information services to the public or handling complaints; and
5. Supervising or managing employees performing functions enumerated above.

The Agency shall consult with affected employee organizations before designating particular job classifications as performing "service-critical" functions. If an employee organization disagrees with the Agency's designation of a particular job classification as "service-critical" pursuant to the above standards, the organization may, within seven days of the Agency's decision, request immediate arbitration. The arbitrator shall be chosen pursuant to the procedures for the selection of arbitrators contained in the memorandum of understanding of the affected employee organization. The arbitrator shall determine only whether the Agency's designation is reasonable based on the above standards. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding.

The Agency may designate functions other than those listed above, and the job classifications performing those additional functions, as "service-critical," subject to the consultation and arbitration provisions of this Section. In deciding a dispute over such a designation, the arbitrator shall decide whether the job functions of the designated classes relate directly to achievement of the goals and milestones adopted pursuant to Section 8A.103 and are comparable to the above categories in the extent to which they are critical to service.

(f) In addition, the Agency shall, with respect to all Agency employees, succeed to the powers and duties of the Director of Human Resources under Article X to review and resolve allegations of discrimination, as defined in Article XVII, against employees or job applicants, or allegations of nepotism or other prohibited forms of favoritism. To the extent resolution of a discrimination complaint or request for accommodation involves matters or employees beyond the Agency's jurisdiction, the Agency shall coordinate with and be subject to applicable determinations of the Director of Human Resources.

(g) The Agency shall be responsible for creating and, as appro-

prate, modifying Agency bargaining units for classifications designated by the Agency as “service-critical” and shall establish policies and procedures pursuant to Government Code sections 3507 and 3507.1 for creation and modification of such bargaining units. When the Agency creates or modifies a bargaining unit, employees in existing classifications placed in such bargaining unit shall continue to be represented by their current employee organizations.

(h) The Agency may create new classifications of Agency employees. Such classifications shall be subject to the civil service provisions of the Charter unless exempted pursuant to Section 10.104, or subsection (i).

(i) The Agency may create new classifications and positions in those classifications exempt from the civil service system for managerial employees in MTA bargaining units M and EM in addition to those exempt positions provided in Section 10.104; provided, however, that the total number of such exempt managerial positions within the Agency shall not exceed 2.75 percent of the Agency’s total workforce, exclusive of the exempt positions provided in Section 10.104. This provision shall not be utilized to eliminate personnel holding existing permanent civil service managerial positions on November 2, 1999.

Persons serving in exempt managerial positions shall serve at the pleasure of the Director of Transportation. Such exempt management employees, to the extent they request placement in a bargaining unit, shall not be placed in the same bargaining units as non-exempt employees of the Agency.

(j) The Civil Service Commission shall annually review both exempt and non-exempt classifications of the Agency to ensure compliance with the provisions of subsections (h) and (i).

(k) Upon the expiration of labor contracts negotiated by the Department of Human Resources and approved by the Board of Supervisors, and except for retirement benefits, the wages, hours, working conditions, and benefits of the employees in classifications within the Municipal Railway designated by the Agency as “service-critical” shall be fixed by the Agency after meeting and conferring as required by the laws of the State of California and this Charter, including Sections A8.346, A8.404 and A8.409. These agreements shall utilize, and shall not alter or interfere with, the health plans established by the City’s Health Service Board; provided, however, that the Agency may contribute toward defraying the cost of employees’ health premiums. For any job classification that exists both as a “service-critical” classification in the Agency and elsewhere in City service, the base wage rate negotiated by the Agency for that classification shall not be less than the wage rate set in the Citywide memorandum of understanding for that classification.

(l) Notwithstanding subsection (k), the Agency may, in its sole discretion, utilize the City’s collective bargaining agreements with any employee organization representing less than 10 percent of the Agency’s workforce.

(m) Notwithstanding any limitations on compensation contained in Section A8.404, and in addition to the base pay established in collective bargaining agreements, all agreements negotiated by the Agency relating to compensation for Agency managers and employees in classifications designated by the Agency as “service-critical” shall may provide incentive bonuses based upon the achievement of the service standards in Section 8A.103(c) and other standards and milestones adopted pursuant to Section 8A.103. Such agreements may also provide for additional incentives based on other standards established by the Board of Directors, including incentives to improve attendance. The Board of Directors shall may also establish a program under which a component of the compensation paid to the Director of Transportation and all exempt managers shall be is based upon the achievement of service standards adopted by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding any other provision of Article 8A, all such incentive programs shall be at the sole discretion of the Agency Board of Directors, subject to any bargaining obligation imposed by state law.

(n) For employees whose wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment are set by the Agency, pursuant to Sections A8.404 or A8.409 et seq., the Agency shall exercise all powers of the City and County, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Director of Human Resources under those sections Sections A8.404 and A8.409. For employees covered by Section A8.409 et seq., ~~the~~ mediation/arbi-

tration board set forth in Section A8.409-4 shall consider the following additional factors when making a determination in any impasse proceeding involving the Agency: the interests and welfare of transit riders, residents, and other members of the public; ~~and~~ the Agency’s ability to meet the costs of the decision of the arbitration board without materially reducing service or requiring that the Agency raise fares in a manner inconsistent with Section 8A.108(b); and the Agency’s ability to efficiently and effectively tailor work hours and schedules for transit system employees to the public demand for transit service. Notwithstanding the timelines described in Section A8.409-4, to be effective the beginning of the next succeeding fiscal year, all collective bargaining agreements must be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than June 15 for final adoption on or before June 30. For employees whose wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment are set by the Agency pursuant to Sections A8.404, the Agency shall perform the functions of the Civil Service Commission with respect to certification of the average of the two highest wage schedules for transit operators in comparable jurisdictions pursuant to Section A8.404(a), and conduct any actuarial study necessary to implement Section A8.404(f).

(o) The voters find that for transit system employees whose wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment are set by the Agency, the Agency’s discretion in establishing and adjusting scheduling, deployment, assignment, staffing, sign ups, and the use and number of part-time transit system personnel based upon service needs is essential to the effective, efficient, and reliable operation of the transit system. In any mediation/arbitration proceeding under Section 8.409-4 with an employee organization representing transit system employees, the employee organization shall have the burden of proving that any restrictions proposed on the Agency’s ability to exercise broad discretion with respect to these matters are justified. To meet this burden, the employee organization must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the justification for such restrictions outweighs the public’s interest in effective, efficient, and reliable transit service and is consistent with best practices. The mediation/arbitration board shall not treat the provisions of MOUs for transit system employees adopted prior to the effective date of this provision as precedential in establishing the terms of a successor agreement. The mediation/arbitration board’s jurisdiction shall be limited to matters within the mandatory scope of bargaining under state law.

~~(p)~~ (p) The voters find that unscheduled employee absences adversely affect customer service. Accordingly, not later than January 1, 2001, the agency shall create a comprehensive plan for the reduction of unscheduled absences. In addition, the Agency shall take all legally permitted steps to eliminate unexcused absences. Neither the Agency nor an arbitrator shall have no authority to approve or award any memorandum of understanding or other binding agreement which restricts the authority of the Agency to administer appropriate discipline for unexcused absences.

(q) In addition, the voters find that Agency service has been impaired by the existence of side-letters and reliance on “past practices” that have been treated as binding or precedential but have not been expressly authorized by the Board of Directors or the Director of Transportation, and have not been and are not subject to public scrutiny. Accordingly, for employees whose wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment are set by the Agency, no side-letter or practice within the scope of bargaining may be deemed binding or precedential by the Agency or any arbitrator unless the side-letter or practice has been approved in writing by the Director of Transportation or, where appropriate, by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Director of Transportation and appended to the MOU of the affected employee organization or organizations subject to the procedures set out in this charter. No MOU or arbitration award approved or issued after the November 2010 general election shall provide or require that work rules or past practices remain unchanged during the life of the MOU, unless the specific work rules or past practices are explicitly set forth in the MOU. All side-letters shall expire no later than the expiration date of the MOU.

~~(r)~~ (r) Before adopting any ~~collective bargaining tentative~~ agreement with an employee organization covering matters within the scope of representation, the Agency shall, ~~no later than June 15,~~ at a duly

noticed public meeting, disclose in writing the contents of such collective bargaining tentative agreement, a detailed analysis of the proposed agreement, a comparison of the differences between the agreement reached and the prior agreement, and an analysis of all costs for each year of the term of such agreement, and whether funds are available to cover these costs. Such tentative agreement between the Agency and employee organization shall not be approved by the Agency until 15 calendar days after the above disclosures have been made.

A8.404. SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF CARMEN.

(a) The wages, conditions and benefits of employment as provided for in this section of the various classifications of employment of platform employees and coach or bus operators of the municipal railway as compensation; shall be determined and fixed annually as follows: pursuant to Charter section A8.409 et seq. as modified by Charter section 8A.104.

(b) In the first MOU negotiated or awarded through arbitration pertaining to transit operators covered by this section after the November 2010 general election, the Agency's contribution for active employee health coverage shall not be less than the City contribution for the majority of other employees covered by section A8.409 et seq. for the employee only, and at each level of dependent coverage provided under the Health Service System. This subsection may be waived upon the mutual consent of the Agency and the employee organization representing transit operators.

(a) On or before the first Monday of August of each year, the civil service commission shall certify to the Board of Supervisors for each classification of employment the average of the two highest wage schedules in effect on July 1st of that year for comparable platform employees and coach or bus operators of other surface street railway and bus systems in the United States operated primarily within the municipalities having each a population of not less than 500,000 as determined by the then most recent census taken and published by the director of the census of the United States, and each such system normally employing not less than 400 platform employees or coach or bus operators, or platform employees; coach and bus operators.

(b) The Board of Supervisors shall thereupon fix a wage schedule for each classification of platform employees and coach and bus operators of the municipal railway which shall not be less than the average of the two highest wage schedules so certified by the civil service commission for each such classification.

(c) When, in addition to their usual duties, such employees are assigned duties as instructors of platform employees or coach or bus operators they shall receive additional compensation that shall be subject to negotiation in addition to the rate of pay to which they are otherwise entitled under the wage schedule as herein provided.

(d) The rates of pay fixed for platform employees and coach and bus operators as herein provided shall be effective from July 1st of the year in which such rates of pay are certified by the civil service commission.

(e) The terms "wage schedule" and "wage schedules" wherever used in this section are hereby defined and intended to include only the maximum rate of pay provided in each such wage schedule.

(f) At the time the Board of Supervisors fixes the wage schedule as provided in (b) above, the Board of Supervisors may fix as conditions and benefits of employment other than wages as compensation for platform employees and coach or bus operators of the municipal railway, conditions and benefits not to exceed those conditions and benefits granted by collective bargaining agreements to the comparable platform employees and coach or bus operators of the two systems used for certification of the average of the two highest wage schedules by the civil service commission. The Board of Supervisors may establish such conditions and benefits notwithstanding other provisions or limitations of this Charter, with the exception that such conditions and benefits shall not involve any change in the administration of, or benefits of the Retirement System, health service system or vacation allowances as provided elsewhere in this Charter. For all purposes of the Retirement System as related to this section, the word "compensation" as used in Section 8.509 of this Charter shall mean the "wage schedules" as fixed in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) above, including those dif-

ferentials established and paid as part of wages to platform employees and coach and bus operators of the municipal railway, but shall not include the value of those benefits paid into the fund established as herein provided. Provided that when in the two systems used for certification as provided above, vacation, retirement and health service benefits are greater than such similar benefits provided by this Charter for platform employees, coach or bus operators of the municipal railway, then an amount not to exceed the difference of such benefits may be converted to dollar values and the amount equivalent to these dollar values shall be paid into a fund. The fund shall be established to receive and to administer said amounts representing the differences in values of the vacation, retirement and health service benefits, and to pay out benefits that shall be jointly determined by representatives of the City and County government and the representatives of the organized platform employees and coach and bus operators of the municipal railway. The civil service commission shall adopt rules for the establishment and general administration of the fund as herein provided. Such rules shall provide for a joint administration of the fund by representatives of the City and County government, which shall include representatives of the administrator of the agency responsible for the municipal railway and representatives of the organized platform employees, coach and bus operators of the municipal railway. Such rules may provide a procedure for final and binding arbitration of disputes which may arise between representatives of the City and County government and the representatives of the organized platform employees and coach and bus operators of the municipal railway. Such rules shall provide that all investments of the fund shall be of the character legal for insurance companies in California. Such rules and any amendments thereto shall be effective upon approval by the Board of Supervisors by ordinance.

(g) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Charter, including other subparts of this section, the Board of Supervisors may, after meeting and conferring with and reaching agreement with the employee organization certified as the representative for municipal railway operators, fix wages and benefits of employment other than wages for platform employees and coach and bus operators of the municipal railway under this section for periods in excess of one year. Any ordinance fixing wages and benefits of employment other than wages adopted pursuant to this section for a period of more than one year shall contain a provision to the effect that during said period of time it shall be unlawful for the employees receiving the compensation so fixed to engage in a strike, work stoppage or conduct delaying or interfering with work at City and County facilities. Wages and benefits of employment other than wages established under this section shall not in any year exceed the limits established under paragraphs (b) and (f) of this section.

(h) Not later than the 25th day of August, the Board of Supervisors shall have the power and it shall be its duty, subject to the fiscal provisions of the Charter but, without reference or amendment to the annual budget, to amend the annual appropriation ordinance and the annual salary ordinance as necessary to include the provisions for paying the rates of compensation and conditions and benefits other than wages fixed by the Board of Supervisors as in this section provided for platform employees and coach or bus operators for the then current fiscal year.

On recommendation of the civil service commission the Board of Supervisors shall establish a rate of pay for trainee platform men and bus or coach operators at a level reflecting the current labor market but below the basic hourly rate for motorman, conductor and bus operator.

Section 3: Severability. This Charter Amendment shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, or clause ("portion") of this Amendment is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Amendment. The voters hereby declare that this Amendment, and each portion, would have been adopted irrespective of whether any one or more portions of the Amendment are found invalid. If any portion of this Amendment is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity shall not affect any application of this Amendment which can be given effect. This Amendment shall be broadly construed to achieve its stated purposes. It is the intent of the

voters that the provisions of this Amendment be interpreted or implemented by the City and County, Agency, courts, and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth herein.

Section 4: Effective date. This Charter Amendment shall be effective upon its acceptance and filing by the California Secretary of State under California Government Code sections 34450.

Proposition H

Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of Article III of the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code by adding Section 3.221, to prohibit dual office holding in a City elective office and an elected board of a political party county central committee.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby amended by adding Section 3.221, to read as follows:

SEC. 3.221. PROHIBITION OF DUAL OFFICE HOLDING IN A CITY ELECTIVE OFFICE AND AN ELECTED BOARD OF A POLITICAL PARTY COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

(a) Findings.

(1) Holding public office requires the subordination of personal and political concerns to the faithful discharge of duties on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco.

(2) Fairness and integrity are critical to the operation of government in the City and County of San Francisco, and therefore any perceived or actual division of loyalties caused by local elected officials' service on political party county central committees is contrary to good government.

(3) This prohibition on dual office holding furthers good government by ensuring that elected officials never act when the responsibilities and constituencies of one office may conflict with those of another office. It also prevents undue political influence on government decision-making.

(4) Allowing local elected officials to seek election to political party county central committees provides an opportunity for the subversion of local campaign finance laws. This prohibition on dual office holding closes that loophole, and thus addresses the appearance of corruption that arises when large campaign contributions are made to local elected officials or the political party county central committees on which they sit.

(b) Definition. For purposes of this section, "political party county central committee" means any county central committee of a political party recognized by the California Elections Code that performs political activities for the benefit of the party and on behalf of the party's candidates.

(c) Prohibition. A person holding City elective office may not be a member of a political party county central committee in the City and County of San Francisco including, but not limited to, the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee or the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee.

(d) Penalty. In addition to the penalties provided in this Chapter, any violation of this section shall constitute official misconduct, and shall render the elected official subject to suspension and removal under Charter Section 15.105.

Section 2. Operative Date. The operative date of this ordinance shall be January 31, 2011.

Proposition I

Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.

The People of the City and County of San Francisco do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Saturday Voting Act" (the "Act").

SECTION 2.

The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code is hereby amended to add a new Article VII which will read as follows:

Article VII: SATURDAY VOTING ACT

SECTION 700. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

(a) San Francisco residents deserve a voting system which corresponds to the schedules and lifestyles of working families. Allowing voting on Saturday would encourage parents to involve their children in the democratic process and help teach children the importance of civic engagement at an early age.

(b) San Francisco residents deserve an election schedule based on current housing and workplace patterns, transportation networks, and technological developments. When American civic leaders first decided over 150 years ago that elections should be held on a Tuesday, Americans lived in an agrarian society and most voters had to travel a great distance to the polls.

(c) The United States is ranked 132nd out of 179 developed nations in voter turnout. In the 2008 Presidential election, the United States had its largest turnout in over 50 years, yet only 60 percent of eligible voters participated. Despite San Francisco's politically-involved and educated population, voter turnout averages approximately 46 percent, and some recent elections have seen turnout as low as 23 percent. Citizens have indicated that scheduling of the election is a major barrier to voting.

(d) A national grassroots movement called "Why Tuesday?" has proposed moving election day from Tuesday to the weekend, and has introduced legislation to implement this change to Congress several times over the past decade, though this legislation has not yet been put up for a legislative vote.

(e) This initiative would create a pilot program in connection with the November 2011 General Municipal Election in the City and County of San Francisco which would require the Department of Elections to open satellite locations for early voting at each of the approximately 400 polling places throughout the City and County on the Saturday prior to the Tuesday election.

(f) This pilot program would use the same safeguards and voting system applied to Tuesday voting in order to have the Saturday voting experience replicate the voting experience currently in place.

(g) The pilot program would be at no cost to the taxpayers. The initiative creates a "Saturday Voting Fund" to accept donations to cover the cost of operating the satellite voting locations, all of which would be publicly disclosed on the Department of Elections' website. The pilot program would not be required if the Saturday Voting Fund does not raise the sufficient funds to cover the costs of operating the satellite voting locations.

(h) The purposes and intent of this initiative are: to increase voter turnout at elections held in the City and County; to make voting more accessible for today's working families; to provide a voting system that encourages parents to involve their children in the democratic process; to teach the importance of civic engagement at an early age; to increase access to the polls on a day when the majority of residents are not working; to serve as an example to the rest of the country that offering Saturday voting increases voter turnout; and to study the efficacy of continued Saturday voting.

SECTION 701. OPERATION OF SATELLITE VOTING LOCATIONS.

(a) On the Saturday before the November 8, 2011 General



Municipal Election, the Department of Elections shall operate a satellite location for early voting, as authorized by California Elections Code section 3018, at each polling place which will be utilized for election day voting on November 8, 2011.

(b) The Department of Elections will not be required to operate satellite locations for early voting at each polling place which will be utilized for election day voting on November 8, 2011, if the Saturday Voting Fund does not contain sufficient funds to cover the costs of operating the satellite locations. The determination regarding whether the Saturday Voting Fund contains sufficient funds to cover the costs of operating the satellite locations will be made by the Controller.

SECTION 702. SATURDAY VOTING AT FUTURE ELECTIONS.

(a) The Department of Elections shall prepare a study of the efficacy of Saturday voting, including the effect on voter turnout, impact on working families, and educational benefits, to be completed no later than February 1, 2012.

(b) If this study shows that Saturday voting could further the intent and purposes of the Act, then the voters urge the Department of Elections, Elections Commission, Mayor, and Board of Supervisors to take all necessary steps to develop and fund Saturday voting for future elections in the City and County of San Francisco.

SECTION 3.

The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended to add a new Section 10-100.371 which will read as follows:

SECTION 10.100-371. ESTABLISHMENT OF SATURDAY VOTING FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund. The Saturday Voting Fund is established as a category eight fund into which shall be deposited all donations, grants, gifts, and bequests for the purpose of operating satellite locations for early voting at polling places in the November 8, 2011 election. The acceptance of any gift of cash or goods into this fund shall not be subject to the approval process required by section 10.100-305.

(b) Use of Fund. The monies received into the Saturday Voting Fund are hereby appropriated exclusively to pay the necessary expenses that the Department of Elections incurs in connection with the operation of the satellite locations for early voting at each polling place for the November 8, 2011 election as required by Municipal Elections Code section 701. Any monies remaining in the Fund after paying these necessary expenses shall be used exclusively to develop and fund Saturday voting for future elections.

(c) Administration of Fund. The Director of the Department of Elections shall submit a written report of all receipts and expenditures of the Saturday Voting Fund to the Department of Elections, Elections Commission, the Mayor, the Controller, and the Board of Supervisors by February 1, 2012.

(d) Transparency. The Department of Elections shall post the names of all donors and donation amounts to the Saturday Voting Fund on its website within 15 days of receipt.

SECTION 4.

This Act shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, or clause ("portion") of this Act is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Act. The voters hereby declare that this Act, and each portion, would have been adopted irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions of the Act are found invalid. If any portion of this Act is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity shall not affect any application of this Act which can be given effect.

This Act shall be broadly construed to achieve the purposes stated in this Act. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this Act be interpreted or implemented by the City and County, courts, and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth herein.

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon approval by the voters of the City and County of San Francisco.

Proposition J

Ordinance amending Part III, Article 7 (Tax on Transient Occupancy of Hotel Rooms), of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by amending Section 501 (g) to define "Permanent Resident" as an individual; adding Section 502.6-3, to impose a temporary additional surcharge on the hotel room tax for General Fund purposes measured as two percent of the room rent, to sunset in 2014; and adding Section 507, to clarify that the hotel room tax is imposed on the entire amount paid to rent the room and that the person or persons receiving the rent, regardless of their relationship to the hotel or the occupant, must collect and remit the tax to the City.

Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by amending Section 501 and adding Sections 502.6-3 and 507, to read as follows:

SEC. 501. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.

When used in this Article the following terms shall mean or include:

(a) "Operator." Any person operating a hotel in the City and County of San Francisco, including, but not limited to, the owner or proprietor of such premises, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee or any other person otherwise operating such hotel.

(b) "Occupant." A person who, for a consideration, uses, possesses, or has the right to use or possess any room in a hotel under any lease, concession, permit, right of access, license to use or other agreement, or otherwise.

(c) "Occupancy." The use or possession, or the right to the use or possession of any room or apartment in a hotel or the right to the use or possession of the furnishings or to the services and accommodations accompanying the use and possession of the room.

(d) "Hotel." Any structure, or any portion of a structure, including any lodginghouse, roominghouse, dormitory, Turkish bath, bachelor hotel, studio hotel, motel, auto court, inn, public club, or private club, containing guest rooms and which is occupied, or is intended or designated for occupation, by guests, whether rent is paid in money, goods, labor, or otherwise. It does not include any jail, hospital, asylum, sanitarium, orphanage, prison, detention, or other building in which human beings are housed and detained under legal restraint.

(e) "Guest Room." A room occupied, or intended, arranged, or designed for occupation, by one or more occupants. Every 100 square feet of superficial floor area in a dormitory is a guest room.

(f) "Rent." The consideration received for occupancy valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, including all receipts, cash, credits, and property or services of any kind or nature, and also the amount for which credit is allowed by the operator to the occupant, without any deduction therefrom whatsoever.

(g) "Permanent Resident." Any occupant as of a given date who *is an individual and who* has or shall have occupied, or has or shall have the right of occupancy, of any guest room in a hotel for at least 30 consecutive days next preceding such date.

SEC. 502.6-3. IMPOSITION OF TWO PERCENT HOTEL TAX SURCHARGE.

(a) Effective January 1, 2011, there shall be a hotel tax surcharge of two percent, in addition to the eight percent tax imposed in Section 502, and the six percent surcharge imposed in Sections 502.6-1 and 502.6-2, on the rent for every occupancy of a guest room in a hotel in the City and County of San Francisco. The surcharge so collected shall be deposited in the General Fund and subject to appropriation pursuant to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter. The City may expend the proceeds for any lawful purpose.

(b) Prorata Allocation of Surcharge. When rent is paid, charged, billed or falls due on either a weekly, monthly or other term basis, the rent so paid, charged, billed or falling due shall be subject to

a surcharge of six percent to the extent that it covers any portion of the period prior to January 1, 2011, and an eight percent surcharge to the extent that it covers any portion of the period on or after January 1, 2011, and such payment, charge, bill or rent due shall be apportioned on the basis of the ratio of the number of days falling within said periods to the total number of days covered by such payment. Where any surcharge has been paid hereunder upon any rent without any right of occupancy therefor, the Tax Collector may by regulation provide for credit or refund of the amount of such tax upon application therefor as provided in this Code.

(c) Authority of the Board of Supervisors to Amend this Section. The Board of Supervisors may repeal or amend this Section 502.6-3 without a vote of the People except as follows: under Article XIII C of the California Constitution, only the voters may adopt any amendment that increases the rate or extends the scope of the tax beyond the levels or scope this Ordinance authorizes. The Board of Supervisors may alter the rate of tax that this Section 502.6-3 imposes by setting it at any rate that does not exceed the amount or rate the voters approved.

(d) Term of Surcharge. The surcharge that this Section 502.6-3 imposes shall not extend beyond January 1, 2014.

SEC. 507. INTERPRETATION OF THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX.

Article 7, Tax on Transient Occupancy of Hotel Rooms (TOT) of the San Francisco Municipal Code, Business and Tax Regulations Code, (File No. 7573-2, Ord. 87-61) became effective on July 1, 1961. Article 7 imposes a transient occupancy tax on every occupancy of a guest room in a hotel in the City and requires every occupant to pay the tax along with the rent for the room. The rate of the tax, plus surcharges added subsequent to the original enactment of the tax, is currently 14 percent of the rent.

In enacting the Transient Occupancy Tax, the Board of Supervisors intended that the entire consideration the occupant pays for the room rental be subject to the tax and that the person or persons receiving or collecting the taxable rent from the occupant, regardless of their relationship to the hotel or the occupant, remit the tax to the City. The voters of the City and County of San Francisco hereby ratify and affirm the Board's original intent in enacting this Article 7.

Proposition K

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by amending Section 6.2-13 of Article 6 – Common Administrative Provisions, Section 501 of Article 7 – Tax on Transient Occupancy of Hotel Rooms, and Section 601 of Article 9 – Tax on Occupancy of Parking Space in Parking Stations, to amend and consolidate the definition of “Operator” and to clarify who is responsible for collecting and remitting third-party taxes; and amending Section 501 of Article 7 – Tax on Transient Occupancy of Hotel Rooms, to specify that a “Permanent Resident” is an individual.

Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman*~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. **Purpose.** Article 7, Tax on Transient Occupancy of Hotel Rooms, of the San Francisco Municipal Code, Business and Tax Regulations Code, (File No. 7573-2, Ordinance No. 87-61) became effective on July 1, 1961. Article 7 imposes a transient occupancy tax (TOT) on every occupancy of a guest room in a hotel in the City and County of San Francisco (“City”) and requires every occupant to pay the tax along with the rent for the room. The entire consideration the occupant pays is subject to the tax and the person receiving or collecting the rent from the occupant must remit the tax to the City. The rate of the tax, plus surcharges added subsequent to the original enactment of the tax, is currently 14 percent of the rent.

In 2008, the City sought to collect TOT on the full amount of the rent charged customers by on-line travel companies when hotel rooms

located in San Francisco are booked primarily on-line. The on-line travel companies claimed that they are not required to pay the tax to the City. They have initiated a lawsuit to obtain a refund of TOT that they paid under protest. It is the City’s position that Article 7 currently requires every person that receives or collects taxable room rent from an occupant, regardless of their relationship to the hotel or occupant, to also collect the TOT and remit it to the City. The purpose of this ordinance is to clarify who is responsible for collecting and remitting TOT. In addition, this ordinance amends and consolidates definitions of “Operator” in Article 7 and Article 9 of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code into one definition of “Operator” in Article 6.

This ordinance also specifies who may claim the “permanent resident” exemption from the TOT. The tax has always included a permanent resident exemption to ensure that low-income persons living in residential hotels would not be required to pay the tax. The tax was intended to be levied on business travelers, convention attendees, and tourists. Nevertheless, under certain circumstances current law authorizes corporations and business entities to claim the exemption. Disputes about the validity of those claims by airlines whose flight crews stay overnight in San Francisco hotels has resulted in costly litigation. Even though the San Francisco Superior Court rejected the airlines’ claims of permanent resident status in 2006, the airlines continue to claim they are exempt from the tax and to litigate their claims. The purpose of this ordinance is to remove any basis for corporations and business entities to claim a tax exemption meant to benefit low-income persons living in residential hotels. This ordinance disallows corporations and other artificial entities from claiming the permanent resident exemption under any circumstances, and allows only natural persons (human beings) to claim the permanent resident exemption.

Section 2. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by amending Sections 6.2-13, 501, and 601, to read as follows:

SEC. 6.2-13. OPERATOR.

(a) The term “Operator” means:

(1) Any person who (A) receives any consideration from the occupant; (B) conducts or controls a business subject to the tax on transient occupancy of hotel rooms in the City, including, but not limited to, the owner or proprietor of such premises, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee, or any other person otherwise conducting or controlling such business; or (C) is the merchant of record in the transaction;

(2) Any person who receives the consideration for the occupancy of parking spaces in parking stations in the City, or who conducts or controls a business subject to the tax on the occupancy of parking spaces in parking stations in the City, including, but not limited to, the owner or proprietor of such premises, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee, or any other person otherwise conducting or controlling such business;

(3) Any person conducting or controlling a business subject to the stadium operator occupancy tax in the City;

(4) Any service supplier required to collect the utility users tax under Article 10; or

(5) Any service supplier required to collect the access line tax under Article 10B.

(b) The receipt of consideration by an employee on behalf of an employer shall not make the employee an operator, but such consideration shall be considered consideration received by the employer.

The term “operator” means any person conducting or controlling a business subject to the tax on transient occupancy of hotel rooms or the tax on occupancy of parking spaces in parking stations in the City, including, but not limited to, the owner or proprietor of such premises, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee or any other person otherwise conducting or controlling such business. “Operator” shall also include any person conducting or controlling a business subject to the stadium operator occupancy tax in the City, as well as any service supplier required to collect the utility users tax under Article 10 or the emergency response fee under Article 10A.



SEC. 501. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.

When used in this Article the following terms shall mean or include:

(a) “Operator.” *Any person operating a hotel in the City and County of San Francisco, including, but not limited to, the owner or proprietor of such premises, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee or any other person otherwise operating such hotel.*

(b)(a) “Occupant.” A person who, for a consideration, uses, possesses, or has the right to use or possess any room or apartment in a hotel under any lease, concession, permit, right of access, license to use or other agreement, or otherwise.

(e)(b) “Occupancy.” The use or possession, or the right to the use or possession of any room or apartment in a hotel or the right to the use or possession of the furnishings or to the services and accommodations accompanying the use and possession of the room or apartment.

(d)(c) “Hotel.” Any structure, or any portion of a structure, including any lodginghouse~~lodging house~~, roominghouse~~rooming house~~, dormitory, Turkish bath, bachelor hotel, studio hotel, motel, auto court, inn, public club, or private club, containing guest rooms and which is occupied, or is intended or designated for occupation, by guests, whether rent is paid in money, goods, labor, or otherwise. It does not include any jail, hospital, asylum, sanitarium, orphanage, prison, detention, or other building in which human beings are housed and detained under legal restraint.

(e)(d) “Guest Room.” A room occupied, or intended, arranged, or designed for occupation, by one or more occupants. Every 100 square feet of superficial floor area in a dormitory is a guest room.

(f)(e) “Rent.” The consideration received for occupancy valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, including all receipts, cash, credits, and property or services of any kind or nature, and also the amount for which credit is allowed by the ~~operator-Operator~~ to the occupant-Occupant, without any deduction therefrom whatsoever.

(g)(f) “Permanent Resident.” *Any occupant An individual who as of a given date who has or shall have occupied, or has or shall have the right of occupancy, of, any guest room in a hotel for at least 30 consecutive days next preceding such date.*

SEC. 601. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.

When used in this Article the following terms shall mean or include:

(a) “Operator.” *Any person operating a parking station in the City and County of San Francisco, including but not limited to, the owner or proprietor of such premises, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee or any other person otherwise operating such parking station. A person who otherwise qualifies as an operator as herein defined shall not, by reason of the fact that he was exempt from the tax herein imposed, be exempted from the obligations of an operator hereunder.*

(b)(a) “Occupant.” A person who, for a consideration, uses, possesses or has the right to use or possess any space for the parking of a motor vehicle in a parking station under any lease, concession, permit, right of access, license to use or other agreement, or otherwise.

(e)(b) “Occupancy.” The use or possession or the right to the use or possession of any space for the parking of a motor vehicle in a parking station.

(d)(c) “Parking Station.” The term “parking station” shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) Any outdoor space or uncovered plot, place, lot, parcel, yard or enclosure, or any portion thereof, where motor vehicles may be parked, stored, housed or kept, for which any charge is made;

(2) Any building or structure, or any portion thereof in which motor vehicles may be parked, stored, housed or kept, for which any charge is made.

(e)(d) “Motor Vehicle.” The term “motor vehicle” includes every self-propelled vehicle operated or suitable for operation on the highway.

(f)(e) “Rent.” The consideration received for occupancy valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, including all receipts, cash, credits and property or services of any kind or nature,

and also the amount for which credit is allowed by the ~~operator-Operator~~ to the occupant-Occupant, without any deduction therefrom whatsoever.

(g)(f) “Parking Meter.” Any device which, when the recording device thereof is set in motion, or immediately following the deposit of any coin, shall register the period of time that any motor vehicle may be parked adjacent thereto.

Section 3. **Severability.** If any of the provisions of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of those provisions, including the application of such part or provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Section 4. It is the intent of the voters of the City and County of San Francisco that the rate of tax plus all surcharges referred to in this Article 7 shall remain 14 percent. In the event that another measure or measures on the November 2, 2010 ballot seeks to affect the overall rate of the Transient Occupancy Tax, any provisions of the other measure or measures increasing the rate of tax or adding an additional surcharge shall be deemed to be in conflict with this measure. In the event that this measure receives a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of the other measure or measures increasing the rate of tax or adding an additional surcharge shall be null and void, and the rate of tax plus all surcharges shall remain 14 percent.

Proposition L

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Police Code By adding Section 168 to promote civil sidewalks.

Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by adding Section 168, to read as follows:

SEC 168. PROMOTION OF CIVIL SIDEWALKS.

(a) Findings. San Francisco is a dense, urban environment where everyone must use the public sidewalk for travel. The people of San Francisco find that maintaining pedestrian and authorized commercial activity on public sidewalks is essential to public safety, thriving neighborhoods and a vital economy in the City. The people of the City and County of San Francisco find that sitting or lying down is not the customary use of the public sidewalks. The need to maintain pedestrian and commercial traffic is greatest during the hours of operation of businesses, shops, restaurants, and other City commercial enterprises when public sidewalks are congested, and when City residents are most likely to use their neighborhood sidewalks. Persons who sit or lie down on public sidewalks during business hours threaten the safety of pedestrians, especially the elderly, disabled, vision-impaired, and children. Persons who sit or lie down also deter residents and visitors from patronizing local shops, restaurants and businesses, and deter people from using the sidewalks in their neighborhoods. San Franciscans seek policies that preserve the right to enjoy public space and traverse freely, while protecting the free-speech rights of individuals and groups, as well as other safe activity consistent with City permitting requirements. Business areas and neighborhoods become dangerous to pedestrian safety and economic vitality when individuals block the public sidewalks. This behavior causes a cycle of decline as residents and tourists go elsewhere to walk, meet, shop and dine, and residents become intimidated from using the public sidewalks in their own neighborhoods. Because lying down or sitting is an incompatible use of the sidewalk in residential and commercial areas, and in order to prevent displacement of violators from one district or neighborhood to another, the prohibition applies Citywide.

The prohibition against sitting or lying down on sidewalks leaves intact the individual's right to speak, protest or engage in other lawful activity on any sidewalk consistent with any City permitting requirements.

The prohibition applies only to public sidewalks. There are a number of places where the restrictions of this ordinance do not apply, including private property, beaches, plazas, public parks, public benches, and other common areas open to the public. The prohibition contains exceptions for medical emergencies, those in wheelchairs, and permitted activities, among others.

The people of San Francisco acknowledge that there are myriad reasons why one might sit or lie down on a public sidewalk. The City has offered and offers services to those engaged in sitting or lying down on the sidewalk who appear to be in need, or to those who request service assistance, but the offers are refused in many cases or people continue the conduct despite the provision of services. The City will continue to invest in services for those in need and make efforts to maintain and improve safety on public sidewalks for everyone. In order to provide an opportunity for law enforcement officers to engage people, and to offer to refer to an appropriate entity if the person asks, or if the officer has reason to believe that such a referral would be beneficial, a peace officer may not issue a citation without first warning a person that sitting or lying down is unlawful.

Present laws that prohibit the intentional, willful or malicious obstruction of pedestrians do not adequately address the safety hazards, disruption and deterrence to pedestrian traffic caused by persons sitting or lying on sidewalks.

(b) **Prohibition.** In the City and County of San Francisco, during the hours between seven (7:00) a.m. and eleven (11:00) p.m., it is unlawful to sit or lie down upon a public sidewalk, or any object placed upon a public sidewalk.

(c) **Exceptions.** The prohibitions in Subsection (b) shall not apply to any person:

1. Sitting or lying down on a public sidewalk due to a medical emergency;
2. Using a wheelchair, walker, or similar device as the result of a disability;
3. Operating or patronizing a commercial establishment conducted on the public sidewalk pursuant to a sidewalk use permit;
4. Participating in or attending a parade, festival, performance, rally, demonstration, meeting, or similar event conducted on the public sidewalk pursuant to and in compliance with a street use or other applicable permit;
5. Sitting on a fixed chair or bench located on the public sidewalk supplied by a public agency or by the abutting private property owner;
6. Sitting in line for goods or services unless the person or person's possessions impede the ability of pedestrians to travel along the length of the sidewalk or enter a doorway or other entrance alongside the sidewalk;
7. Who is a child seated in a stroller; or
8. Who is in an area designated as a Pavement to Parks project.

(d) **Warning.** No person shall be cited under this Section unless the person engages in conduct prohibited by this Section after having been notified by a peace officer that the conduct violates this Section.

(e) **Other laws and orders.** Nothing in any of the exceptions listed in Subsection (c) shall be construed to permit any conduct which is prohibited by Police Code Sections 22-24, which prohibit willfully and substantially obstructing the free passage of any person.

(f) **Penalties**

1. First Offense. Any person violating any provision of this Section shall be guilty of an infraction. Upon conviction, the violator shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$100 and/or community service, for each provision violated.

2. Subsequent Offenses. Any person violating any provision of this Section within 24 hours after violating and being cited for a violation of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 and not more than \$500, and/or community service, for each provision violated, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than ten (10) days, or by both

such fine and imprisonment. Any person violating any provision of this Section within 120 days after the date of conviction of a violation this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$400 and not more than \$500, and/or community service, for each provision violated, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(g) **Reporting.** One year after the effective date of this ordinance, and every two years thereafter, the Police Department shall make a written report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors that evaluates the effectiveness of enforcement of this ordinance on the City's neighborhoods.

(h) **Outreach.** The City shall maintain a neighborhood outreach plan to provide the social services needed by those who chronically sit or lie down on a public sidewalk. The plan will include, but not be limited to, health care and social service capacity, evaluation of service delivery and identification of areas for improved service delivery.

(i) **Severability.** If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Section be for any reason declared unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or the effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Section or any part thereof.

Proposition M

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Sections 2A.89.1 through 2A.89.6, to establish a Community Policing Policy and Foot Beat Patrol Program within the San Francisco Police Department and supplanting any City ordinance the voters approve at the November 2, 2010 election that bans lying or sitting on public sidewalks.

Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 2A.89.1 through 2A.89.6, to read as follows:

SEC. 2A.89.1. FINDINGS.

(a) In 1994, with the passage of Proposition D, Charter Section 4.127, establishing a minimum police staffing in the City Charter, the voters specifically intended for officers to be "dedicated to neighborhood policing and patrol."

(b) In 2007, the City established a successful foot patrol pilot program that demonstrated the effectiveness of beat officers. The City commissioned the Public Safety Strategies Group (PSSG) to evaluate this pilot program.

(c) Released April 8, 2008, the PSSG Foot Patrol Program Evaluation Report (Report) found that 90 percent of community member respondents believe foot patrols are a necessary tool for the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to use in addressing crime, public safety, and quality of life issues, while 79 percent of SFPD respondents believe that foot patrols are a viable strategy for the department.

(d) However, the Report also found that the SFPD was not able to fully implement the pilot foot patrol program, and recommended that SFPD develop clearly defined goals and objectives, a strategic plan and community outreach in order to fully and successfully implement a foot patrol program.

(e) The San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI) is an extension of San Francisco's public spaces; thus, a police presence on MUNI is essential to public safety and welfare and to reduce crime.

SEC. 2A.89.2. REQUIRING THE POLICE COMMISSION TO ADOPT A COMMUNITY POLICING POLICY.

(a) The San Francisco Police Commission shall adopt a comprehensive written policy on community policing. The policy shall include at a minimum:



(1) A description of long-term, preventative problem-solving strategies and tools that are available to police officers;

(2) A plan for encouraging full and open communication and collaboration among Police Department personnel and community members, including in developing and implementing neighborhood-specific policing priorities and strategies;

(3) Strategies for providing culturally and linguistically-competent police services;

(4) Goals for allocating police resources between the key tasks of community policing: responding to calls for emergency service and engaging in proactive efforts to identify and solve community problems that contribute to crime;

(5) A strategy for developing and maintaining productive interpersonal relationships between uniformed personnel assigned to district stations and the residents of the neighborhoods that they serve, with an emphasis on maintaining the continuity of service of key personnel involved in community policing efforts; and,

(6) A redesign of training and professional development to promote and encourage community-oriented policing initiatives throughout the Department.

(b) Timeline. The Police Commission shall agendaize adoption of a comprehensive community policing policy within six months of the effective date of this ordinance. The Commission shall hold at least one public hearing before adopting any policy. The Commission shall forward a draft of its initial proposed community policing policy to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor at least 10 days prior to its first public hearing to consider adoption of a policy. Upon adoption, the Police Commission shall forward the policy to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

SEC. 2A.89.3. FOOT BEAT PATROL PROGRAM.

(a) The Chief of Police shall create a comprehensive Foot Beat Patrol Program in all Police stations.

(b) The Foot Beat Patrol Program shall include the following components:

(1) Designated foot beats, based on current assessments of the most critical and immediate need for a physical police presence to address and prevent crime;

(2) Dedicated patrols of the San Francisco Municipal Railway that provide a consistent presence on MUNI lines. The specific MUNI lines patrolled shall be determined based on community input, needs, and evolving or emerging patterns of criminal activity or suspected criminal activity;

(3) Regular reviews of the specific routes of foot beats based on community input, neighborhood needs and evolving or emerging patterns of criminal activity or suspected criminal activity; and,

(4) Regular meetings with community members and foot patrol officers to develop policing priorities and strategies – including prevention, intervention and enforcement – that are specific to the neighborhood and the needs of its residents.

(c) Foot patrols shall be managed to identify and reduce the incidence of crime in the areas most heavily impacted by crime. The Chief of Police shall develop guidelines for foot patrol officers that include the following:

(1) Make every effort to be known in the community through consistent interactions with residents. In particular, officers on foot patrol should establish a regular physical police presence along commercial corridors, at schools, community centers, senior centers, homeless shelters, churches and other places of worship, housing authority developments, after school program locations, and other locations where seniors, children and youth gather;

(2) Identify and address crime and nuisance problems that affect the quality of life and the level of safety of neighborhood residents. Foot patrol officers should work with neighborhood residents and City agencies to identify and eliminate any structural, physical, or other features that may hide or encourage crime or criminal activity; and,

(3) Encourage residents' involvement in activities that contribute to crime prevention, including neighborhood watch activities, neighborhood clean-up and beautification, and crime prevention educational programs.

SEC. 2A.89.4. REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF FOOT BEAT PATROL PROGRAM.

The Police Department shall submit to the Board of Supervisors bi-annual reports by April 1st and October 1st of every year on the status of the Foot Beat Patrol Program. The report shall include at least the following:

(1) Data regarding all reported crime within the foot beats described in Section 2A.89.3 by type, during the six-month period prior to the report and comparisons to previous six-month periods;

(2) Detailed records of the number of foot beats actually staffed, including time, date and number of officers assigned;

(3) Redevelopment or reassignment of staff between stations, or from sector cars to foot patrols within a station, in response to the requirements of this ordinance; and,

(4) Response times to priority calls for service (A and B calls) at each of the Police stations.

SEC. 2A.89.5. GENERAL WELFARE.

In undertaking the enforcement of this ordinance, the City is assuming on undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

SEC. 2A.89.6. SEVERABILITY.

If any part of this ordinance, or the application thereof, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby, and this ordinance shall otherwise continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance, and each of them are severable. If Section 2 of this ordinance is unenforceable because the voters approve, with more votes than this ordinance, a City ordinance at the November 2, 2010 election that bans lying or sitting on public sidewalks, then it is the voters' intent that the balance of this ordinance shall be enforceable.

Section 2. Voters find that foot patrols ensuring the regular presence of officers to enforce existing laws against sidewalk obstruction, assault, and other disorderly conduct are a more effective vehicle to address safety and civility in public spaces and to protect the interests of merchants and citizens than an outright ban against persons sitting or lying upon public sidewalks. Therefore, it is the voters' intent that the Foot Beat Patrol Program supplant any City ordinance the voters approve at the November 2, 2010 election that bans lying or sitting on public sidewalks.

Proposition N

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by amending Section 1102 of Article 12-C – Real Property Transfer Tax to increase the Real Property Transfer Tax on certain properties.

Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by amending Section 1102 of Article 12-C to read as follows:

SEC. 1102. TAX IMPOSED.

There is hereby imposed on each deed, instrument or writing by which any lands, tenements, or other realty sold within the City and County of San Francisco shall be granted, assigned, transferred or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser or purchasers, or any other person or persons, by his or her or their direction, when the consideration or value of the interest or property conveyed (not excluding the value of any lien or encumbrances remaining thereon at the time of sale) (i) exceeds \$100.00 but is less than or equal to

~~\$250,000.00~~\$250,000.00, a tax at the rate of \$2.50 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof; or (ii) more than \$250,000.00 and less than ~~\$1,000,000.00~~\$1,000,000.00, a tax at the rate of \$3.40 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including, but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$250,000.00; or (iii) ~~more than~~at least \$1,000,000.00 and less than \$5,000,000.00, a tax at the rate of \$3.75 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including, but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$1,000,000.00; or (iv) at least \$5,000,000.00 and ~~above, less than~~\$10,000,000.00, a tax at the rate of ~~\$10.00~~\$7.50 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including, but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$5,000,000.00; or (v) at least \$10,000,000.00 and above, a tax at the rate of \$12.50 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$10,000,000.00. The People of the City and County of San Francisco authorize the Board of Supervisors to enact ordinances, without further voter approval, that will exempt rent-restricted affordable housing, as the Board may define that term, from the increased tax rate in subsections (iv) and (v).