Police Staffing*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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The Way It Is Now: The City charter requires the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to have at least 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers. The City charter also requires the SFPD to maintain a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol.

Among its duties, the San Francisco Police Commission (Police Commission) oversees the budget and staffing of the SFPD.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ is a Charter amendment that would remove the requirements that the SFPD maintain a minimum number of full-time sworn police officers and a minimum number of full-duty officers assigned to neighborhood policing and patrol

Under Proposition ___, the Chief of Police would provide a report to the Police Commission about the current number of full-duty sworn officers and the number of officers recommended in the future. The Police Commission would be required to consider this report and any public comment on the report when it considers the SFPD's annual budget request.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to remove the Charter requirement that the San Francisco Police Department maintain a minimum of 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers and a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol.

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

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