Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program *

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Status: Final Digest

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Members: Anderson, Merrill, Patterson

The Way It Is Now: The City has closed certain public streets to private motor vehicles, reserving the streets as open space for recreational purposes. These closures were enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In May 2022, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program (the Ordinance) that closed portions of John F. Kennedy Drive (JFK Drive) and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park seven days a week to private motor vehicles, reserving the streets as open space for recreational uses. These closures do not apply to emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, intra-park transit shuttle buses and similar vehicles authorized to transport people, and vehicles making deliveries to the de Young Museum.

The Proposal: Proposition would affirm by voter approval the Ordinance the Board adopted in May 2022.
If Proposition passes, the Board may later amend the Ordinance by a majority vote.
If Proposition passes with more votes than Proposition [initiative], then Proposition [initiative] would have no legal effect.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to affirm the Ordinance the Board adopted in May 2022 reserving portions of John F. Kennedy Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park as open recreation spaces, closing those streets seven days a week to private motor vehicles with limited exceptions.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to affirm the Board's May 2022 Ordinance.

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