



**Large-Print  
Voter Information Pamphlet  
City and County of San Francisco**

**Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election  
Tuesday, June 7, 2022  
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

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# Quick Guide to the June 7, 2022 Election

## Election Highlights

- Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters. This means any voter may vote by mail instead of going to the polls on Election Day.
- Any registered voter may access their ballot using the Accessible Vote-by-Mail system at [sfelections.org/access](https://sfelections.org/access).
- In-person voting opportunities are available at the City Hall Voting Center and 588 polling places.

More information about voting options is included in this pamphlet.

## Important Dates

<b>May 9</b>	Ballots begin arriving to voters' mailboxes. Accessible Vote-by-Mail (AVBM) system opens to all local registered voters. The City Hall Voting Center opens for in-person voting and ballot drop-off. 34 official ballot drop boxes are open in neighborhoods across San Francisco.
<b>May 23</b>	Last day to register to vote and receive a ballot in the mail. After May 23, anyone who is eligible to vote can still register conditionally and vote provisionally in person at the City Hall Voting Center or a polling place.
<b>May 28–29 and June 4–5</b>	The City Hall Voting Center opens during the two weekends before Election Day. Weekend hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, June 7</b>	All polling places are open for vote-by-mail ballot drop-off and in-person voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  To be counted, ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before June 7, ballots returned in person must be hand-delivered to the City Hall Voting Center, a ballot drop box, or a polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 7.

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**Service for voters with disabilities:**

The accessible vote-by-mail system allows voters with disabilities to access their ballot using any computer with internet access (see page 22).

**NOTE:** Some information in this large-print version is presented in a different order than in the main printed version of the Voter Information Pamphlet. Also, because this version is created from the main version, there are references to some items that are not included in this version, such as:

- your sample ballot,
- the ballot worksheet,
- specific information about your assigned polling place,
- paid arguments in favor of and against the ballot measures, and
- legal text of the ballot measures.

These items can be found in the main version of the Voter Information Pamphlet that was mailed to you. The information can also be accessed through our website, *sfelections.org*.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
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Dear San Francisco Voter,

April 6, 2022

The June 7, 2022, Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election is the first election that uses the new legislative district boundaries for federal and state offices drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and based on information from the 2020 decennial census. One effect is many voters who have not recently moved may now “live” in new legislative districts. Another effect is that ballots will not list officeholders from some voters’ “old” districts.

Visit our website for several maps that provide the new boundaries for State Assembly and U.S. Congressional Districts in San Francisco at *sfelections.sfgov.org/maps*. The maps provide views that indicate the sections of the City in which voters will experience changes in their federal and state legislative districts and representatives.

You can also use the Department’s “Voting Districts Lookup Tool” on our website to know if your legislative districts have changed at *sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict*. The online tool provides lists of the old and new districts which allows for a quick way to determine if any of your legislative districts have changed. You can also look for your districts on the front cover of the main version of voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you. At the bottom of the cover are printed the district numbers for Congressional (CD) and State Assembly (AD) districts.

Another matter for your attention, your ballot includes two contests for the U.S. Senate. The U.S. Senate contest appearing first will elect a candidate to serve during the new term that begins in January 2023. The Senate contest appearing second will elect a candidate to serve the remainder of the current term which ends in January 2023.

**Returning Your Vote-By-Mail Ballots**

If you drop your ballot envelope into a blue USPS box, or a letterbox, be sure to check the date and time the USPS will collect your ballot.

The reason is the Department can only count ballots in envelopes postmarked on or before Election Day, June 7. You can search for the nearest USPS boxes and pickup times at [usps.com/locator](https://usps.com/locator).

Starting May 9 and through 8 p.m. on Election Day, the Department will provide 34 official ballot drop boxes in neighborhoods across San Francisco. Any voter may choose to use an official ballot drop box to return their voted ballot. You can find the locations of the ballot drop boxes in this voter information pamphlet and on our website at [sfelections.org/balлотdropoff](https://sfelections.org/balлотdropoff).

On Election Day, you can also return your voted ballot to any of the City's 588 neighborhood polling places, open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Tracking the Status of Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot**

Voters can track their ballots as they move through the steps of assembly, delivery, processing, and counting at [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal).

Voters can also sign up to receive notifications on the status of their ballots via email, text, or voice message at [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov).

### **Accessible Vote-by-Mail System**

Beginning May 9, any voter can use the Department's accessible vote-by-mail (AVBM) system at [sfelections.org/access](https://sfelections.org/access) to access and mark their ballot using their own assistive technology. After marking an AVBM ballot, the voter must print out the ballot, place it in the envelope, and return the ballot envelope to the Department of Elections.

### **Voting in Person**

On May 9, the Department will open its Voting Center located inside City Hall, which is available to all voters.

The Voting Center will be open every weekday (except Memorial Day on Monday, May 30), 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., the two weekends prior to Election Day (May 28 – 29, and June 4 – 5), 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Election Day, June 7, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. The Voting Center serves all City residents who want to vote in person, drop off their voted ballots, use accessible voting equipment, or, after the May 23 registration deadline, to register and vote provisionally.

On Election Day, polling places will open for in-person voting and vote-by-mail ballot drop-off services from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. The location of your polling place is printed on the back cover of the main version of this voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you.

For more information, call the Department at (415) 554-4375, email [sfvote@sfgov.org](mailto:sfvote@sfgov.org), or visit [sfelections.org](http://sfelections.org).

Respectfully,  
John Arntz, Director

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# Overview of Official Voter Information Resources

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## The San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP)

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The San Francisco Department of Elections prepares the Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) before each election and provides it to every registered voter as required by law.

The main version of this pamphlet includes your sample ballot and information about voting in the June 7 election, candidates running for local and certain state and federal offices, and local ballot measures.

This pamphlet is also available online in PDF, HTML, XML, or MP3 format at [sfelections.org/vip](https://sfelections.org/vip) and in large print, CD audio, USB, and National Library Service (NLS) cartridge by request. In addition to English, the pamphlet is also available in Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino.

## The California Voter Information Guide

The California Secretary of State (SOS) provides the Voter Information Guide with information on candidates running for certain state and federal offices and state ballot measures. You may access the guide on [voterguide.sos.ca.gov](https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov).

***Want to save paper?*** Per elections law, elections officials must mail all registered voters hard copy pamphlets, with the exception of those who have opted out of hard copy mailings in favor of electronic delivery. To opt out or opt back in hard copy pamphlet mailings, please go to [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal) or call (415) 554-4375.

# The Ballot Simplification Committee

Prior to each election, San Francisco's Ballot Simplification Committee (BSC) works in public meetings to prepare impartial, plain language summaries of local ballot measures. The BSC also helps prepare the "Words You Need to Know" and the "Frequently Asked Questions" sections of the VIP.

BSC members are volunteers and come from a variety of backgrounds, including journalism, education, and written communication. The BSC's current members are:

Betty Packard, Chair

*Nominated by:*

*the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences*

Ann Merrill

*Nominated by:*

*the League of Women Voters*

Scott Patterson

*Nominated by:*

*the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences*

Michele Anderson

*Nominated by:*

*Pacific Media Workers Guild*

Andrew Shen, *ex officio*\*

*Deputy City Attorney*

Ana Flores, *ex officio*\*

*Deputy City Attorney*

*\*By law, the City Attorney, or his or her representative, serves on the Ballot Simplification Committee and can speak at BSC meetings but cannot vote.*

# Elections Commission

The Elections Commission assumes policy-making authority and oversight of all public, federal, state, district and municipal elections in the City and County of San Francisco. The Commission is charged with setting general policies for the Department of Elections and is responsible for the proper administration of the Department subject to budgetary and fiscal Charter provisions. The Elections Commission's current members are:

Lucy Bernholz, President  
*appointed by the Treasurer*

Becca Chappell, Vice President  
*appointed by the Public Defender*

Charles Jung  
*appointed by the Mayor*

Cynthia Dai  
*appointed by the City Attorney*

Christopher Jerdonek  
*appointed by the Board of Supervisors*

Robin M. Shapiro  
*appointed by the District Attorney*

Vacant  
*appointed by the Board of Education*

# New Voting District Lines in 2022

Every ten years, after the U.S Census Bureau releases counts of everyone living in the United States, state and local redistricting committees use that data to draw new voting district boundaries in order to maintain equal numbers of people in each voting district. As a result of recent post-census redistricting processes, your voting districts may have changed.

## **Which voting districts have changed?**

Voting districts in San Francisco include its Board of Equalization, State Senate, State Assembly, U.S. Congressional, BART, and Supervisorial Districts. While there will be no changes to the boundary lines of San Francisco's Board of Equalization or State Senate Districts, there are changes to its State Assembly, U.S. Congressional, BART, and Supervisorial Districts.

## **When will these changes take effect?**

San Francisco will begin using the new State Assembly and U.S. Congressional District maps beginning with the June 7, 2022, Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election and will begin using the new BART and local Supervisorial District maps beginning with the November 8, 2022, Consolidated General Election.

## **How will the new voting district lines affect me as a voter?**

Since the combination of voting districts in which you live determines both your current representatives and the candidates listed on your ballot when you vote, your June and/or November 2022 ballots may have different candidates than would have been listed under the old voting district lines. However, not all voters in the city will be affected by the new voting district lines.

## **How will I know if my voting districts have changed?**

You may review San Francisco's new voting district maps at [sfelections.sfgov.org/maps](https://sfelections.sfgov.org/maps) or use the Department of Elections' online tool at [sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict](https://sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict) to look up your districts.

You may also refer to the maps on pages 12–13 that show new State Assembly and U.S. Congressional Districts lines in effect beginning with the June 7 election.

### **How will I know if my voting precinct has changed?**

Voting precincts are geographic areas used to organize neighborhood polling places. In the spring of 2022, after both state and local redistricting processes are completed, the Department of Elections will redraw the boundary lines of its precincts to ensure none are split by new voting districts.

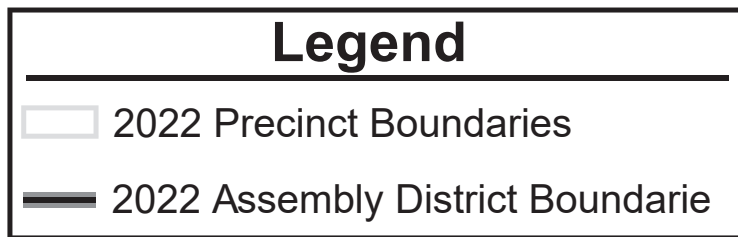
As in every election, approximately a month before each the June and November 2022 elections, you will receive a Voter Information Pamphlet. You can find your assigned polling place on the back of your Voter Information Pamphlet or online at [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal).

### **Who made changes to voting district lines and how?**

In December 2021, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission redrew the boundary lines of California’s State Assembly, State Senate, State Board of Equalization, and U. S. Congressional Districts. Then, in March 2022, the BART Board of Directors’ Redistricting Committee redrew BART districts. Finally, in April 2022, the local Redistricting Task Force redrew the boundary lines of San Francisco’s local Supervisorial Districts. For more information, please visit [wedrawthelinesca.org](https://wedrawthelinesca.org), [bart.gov/news/articles/2021/news20211105](https://bart.gov/news/articles/2021/news20211105), and [sfelections.org/rdtf](https://sfelections.org/rdtf), respectively.

**Still have questions?** Please call us at (415) 554-4375, email [sfvote@sfgov.org](mailto:sfvote@sfgov.org), or visit the Department of Elections’ office in City Hall, Room 48.

# New Assembly Districts Map



# New Congressional Districts Map

## Legend

- 2022 Precinct Boundaries
- 2022 Congressional District Boundaries





# Voting Options

As a San Francisco voter, you can choose to vote in the June 7 election by mail or in person at the City Hall Voting Center or at a polling place.

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## Vote by Mail

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Vote by mail is now permanent. Per recent changes to state law, every actively registered voter will be sent a ballot with the option to return their ballot by mail, in person, or at an official ballot drop box.

Around May 9, the Department of Elections will begin sending vote-by-mail (VBM) packets, each containing an official ballot, instructions, an “I Voted!” sticker, and a postage-paid return envelope, to all locally registered voters. On May 9, the Department will also open its accessible vote-by-mail (AVBM) system, with screen readable ballots compatible with personal assistive devices, at [sfelections.org/access](https://sfelections.org/access). Any registered voter may access their ballot through the AVBM system.

Whether you use a paper or accessible ballot, you will need to complete these three steps:

	Paper Vote-by-Mail Ballot	Accessible Vote-by-Mail Ballot
1: Mark your Ballot	Read the instructions printed on each of your ballot card before making your selections.	Go to <a href="https://sfelections.org/access">sfelections.org/access</a> to access your ballot and read the online instructions before making your selections.
2: Prepare your Envelope	Remove the receipt from the top of your ballot and place the ballot in the return envelope. Complete and sign the back of the envelope, then seal it.	Print out your ballot and place it in the return envelope. Complete and sign the back of the envelope, then seal it.



### 3: Return your Ballot

To be counted, **ballots returned by mail** must be postmarked no later than Election Day, June 7. (No postage is required if mailing via the USPS.)

If you mail your ballot on Election Day, please check the last collection time — if the last mail collection has already occurred, your ballot will be postmarked late and will not be counted.

To be counted, **ballots returned directly to the Department of Elections** must be dropped off no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 7. From May 9 to June 7, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box or the City Hall Voting Center. On Election Day, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box, the City Hall Voting Center, or any polling place no later than 8 p.m.

As a new service launched earlier this year, the Department of Elections now offers 34 official ballot drop boxes in neighborhoods across the City. Drop boxes will be open 24 hours a day starting May 9 through 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 7. These ballot drop boxes provide voters with a secure, accessible, and contact-free method to return their mailed ballots. Each ballot box bears an American flag and the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco and is clearly marked as an “Official Ballot Drop Box”. A list of ballot drop box locations along with the map are included on pages 17–19 and available at [sfelections.org/balлотdropoff](https://sfelections.org/balлотdropoff). To share your feedback on the current ballot drop box map, go to [sfelections.org/balлотboxfeedback](https://sfelections.org/balлотboxfeedback).

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## **Vote Early at the City Hall Voting Center**

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The City Hall Voting Center will be open to all San Franciscans who wish to register to vote or vote in person, use accessible voting equipment, receive personal assistance, or return their mailed ballots:

- Every weekday, starting May 9 through June 7 (except May 30, Memorial Day), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The last two weekends before Election Day (May 28–29 and June 4–5), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- On Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## **Vote at your Assigned Polling Place on Election Day**

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Between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 7, 588 polling places will be open for in-person voting and ballot drop-off services.

Your polling place may have changed for this election! Check the address of your assigned polling place, along with accessibility information, on the back cover of the main version of this pamphlet that was mailed to you. If your assigned polling place changes after your pamphlet has been printed, the Department of Elections will attempt to notify you via a postcard and a sign posted at your old polling place location. Prior to voting on Election Day, you may visit [sfelections.org/MyVotingLocation](https://sfelections.org/MyVotingLocation) to confirm your polling place address.

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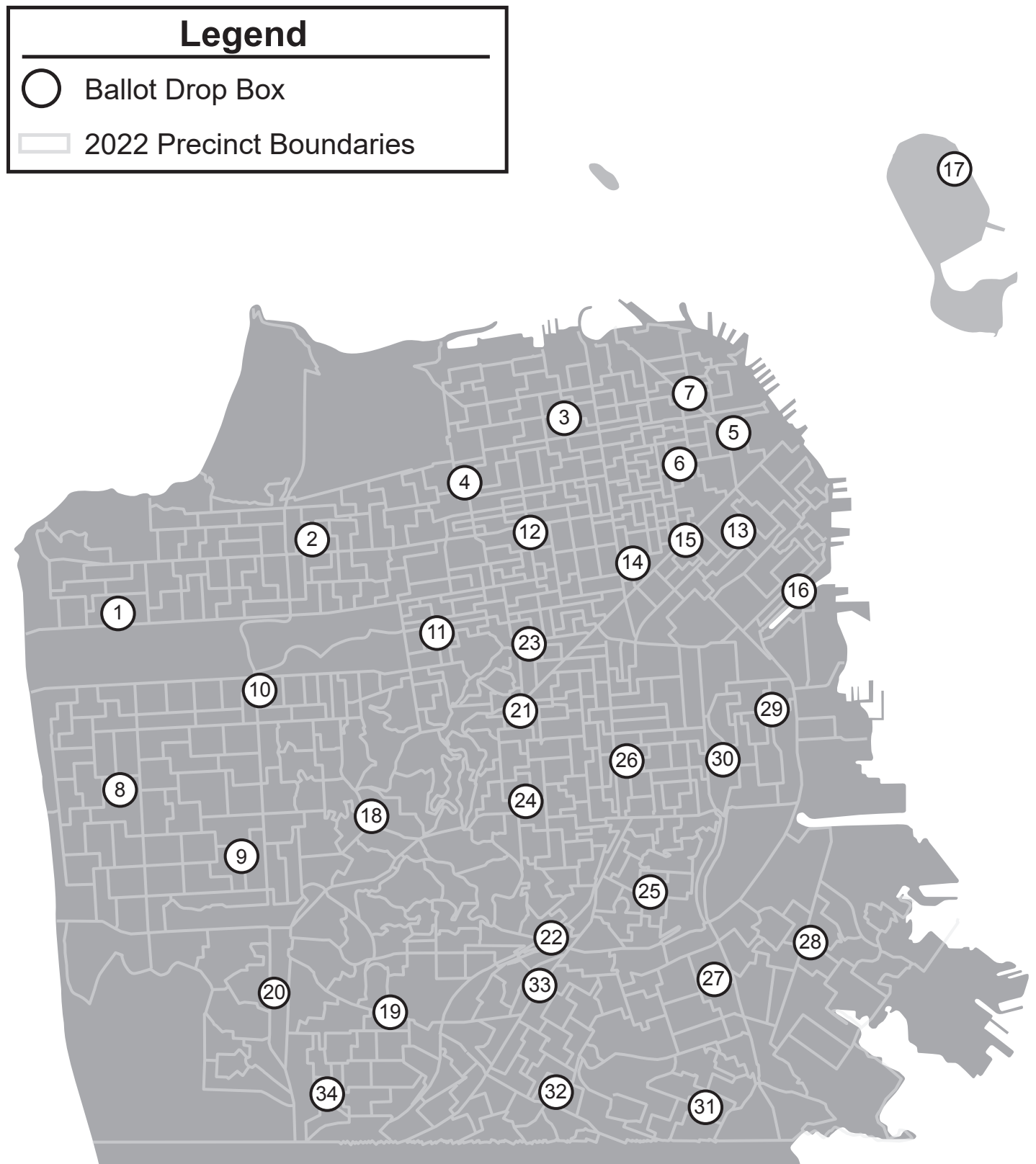
## **Official Ballot Drop Boxes in San Francisco**

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Any voter may choose to use an official drop box in San Francisco to drop off their ballot or the ballot of another California voter who has authorized them to do so.

Every ballot box is located outdoors, placed on an accessible path of travel, and feature a simple ballot deposit slot, which is positioned approximately 42 inches from the ground in order to provide maximally convenient access to voters using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. All notices on every box utilize a high-contrast and large-print font with an anti-glare finish designed to be legible to all voters, along with Braille-embossed instructions to guide voters to identify the location of the ballot deposit slot. All instructions are printed in English, Chinese, Spanish, Filipino, Burmese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese.

# Map and Locations of Official Ballot Drop Boxes in San Francisco



<b>Ballot Drop Box</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
1	Cabrillo Playground	853 38th Ave
2	Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library	351 9th Ave
3	Golden Gate Valley Branch Library	1801 Green St
4	Presidio Branch Library	3150 Sacramento St
5	City College of San Francisco - Chinatown Center	808 Kearny St
6	Huntington Park	California St and Taylor St
7	North Beach Branch Library	850 Columbus Ave
8	Ortega Branch Library	3223 Ortega St
9	Parkside Branch Library	1200 Taraval St
10	Sunset Branch Library	1305 18th Ave
11	Park Branch Library	1833 Page St
12	Western Addition Branch Library	1550 Scott St
13	City College of San Francisco - Downtown Center	88 4th St
14	City Hall	1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
15	Father Alfred E. Boeddeker Park	246 Eddy St
16	Mission Bay Branch Library	960 4th St
17	Ship Shape Community Center	850 Avenue I

<b>Ballot Drop Box</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
18	Forest Hill Station (Muni Metro)	380 Laguna Honda Blvd
19	Ingleside Branch Library	1298 Ocean Ave
20	Merced Branch Library	155 Winston Dr
21	Eureka Valley Recreation Center	100 Collingwood St
22	Glen Park Branch Library	2825 Diamond St
23	Harvey Milk Recreation Center	50 Scott St
24	Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library	451 Jersey St
25	Bernal Heights Branch Library	500 Cortland Ave
26	City College of San Francisco - Mission Center	1125 Valencia St
27	Portola Branch Library	380 Bacon St
28	Bayview/Linda Brooks-Burton Branch Library	5075 3rd St
29	Potrero Branch Library	1616 20th St
30	Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center	1001 Potrero Ave
31	Visitacion Valley Branch Library	201 Leland Ave
32	Crocker Amazon Playground	799 Moscow St
33	Excelsior Branch Library	4400 Mission St
34	Ocean View Branch Library	345 Randolph St

# Voter Bill of Rights

## You have the following rights:

**1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter.**

You are eligible to vote if you are:

- a U.S. citizen living in California
- at least 18 years old
- registered where you currently live
- not in prison for a felony

**2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

**3. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**

**4. The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

**5. The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

**Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot; or

**Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office or at your polling place; or

**Vote using a provisional ballot,** if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.

**6. The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

**7. The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.

8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
  - On the web at *www.sos.ca.gov*
  - By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
  - By email at *elections@sos.ca.gov*

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

# Accessible Voting and Services

The Department of Elections provides various accessible programs and services to help voters cast their vote privately and independently.

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## Accessible Election Materials

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The Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) is available in accessible formats:

- On *sfelections.org* in PDF, HTML, XML, and MP3 formats.
- By request, in large print as well as audio USB flash drive, compact disc (CD), or National Library Service (NLS) cartridge.

To request an accessible format VIP, call the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375 or visit the Talking Books and Braille Center, Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, (415) 557-4253.

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## Accessible Vote-By-Mail System

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The Accessible Vote-by-Mail (AVBM) System, which is compatible with personal assistive technology such as head-pointers and sip-and-puff devices, allows any voter to mark a screen-readable ballot online. To access the AVBM System, visit *sfelections.org/access*. The AVBM system will be open from May 9, 2022 through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 7, 2022.

For security reasons, the AVBM system does not store or transmit votes over the internet. After marking an AVBM ballot, a voter must print and return it in person or by mail.

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## Ballot-Marking Devices

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All in-person voting locations have accessible ballot-marking devices. Because ballot-marking devices do not count votes, voters using them need to generate paper ballot printouts and scan the printouts using the same machine used to scan regular paper ballots.

An accessible ballot-marking device allows any voter to navigate and mark their ballot using any combination of the following accessible features:



- Touchscreen, audio, and touchscreen/audio ballot format options.
- Braille-embossed handheld keypads with audio-tactile interfaces.
- Adjustable language, text size, audio speed, volume, and color options.
- Audio instructions in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and Filipino.
- Touchscreen privacy screens and headphones with removable covers.
- Compatibility with sip-and-puff, paddle, head-pointer; and other devices.
- Audio or visual review of vote selections in all contests.

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## Personal Assistance and Ballot Delivery Options

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Any voter may request that up to two people (other than the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the union of which the voter is a member), assist the voter in marking their ballot. The voter may also ask poll workers for such assistance.

**Anyone assisting a voter with marking their ballot should not interfere with the voting process or make choices on the voter's behalf.**

Any voter may request to vote "curbside" at any in-person voting location by calling (415) 554-4375 or by asking a companion to enter the facility to request delivery of voting materials to the voter outside.

Beginning June 1, any voter unable to travel because of illness, disability, or confinement, may authorize another person, including a Department of Elections staff member, to pick up and deliver an emergency vote-by-mail ballot to them. To request emergency ballot delivery in the last week of the voting period, complete the form at [sfelections.org/ballotservices](https://sfelections.org/ballotservices) or call (415) 554-4375.

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## Other Accessible Voting Resources

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All in-person voting locations have accessible voting tools, including magnifiers and easy-grip pens for signing the roster and marking a ballot. All in-person voting locations also have wheelchair accessible entrances, as well as wheelchair accessible and seated voting booths, all designated by the international symbol of access.

# Multilingual Voter Services

The Department of Elections provides ballots, voting materials, and in-person assistance in Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino, in addition to English. Upon request, the Department can also provide interpreting services in many other languages.

In certain polling places, the Department offers facsimile (reference) ballots in Burmese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese. Any voter can request official elections materials in any language at: [sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language) or by calling (415) 554-4375.

See the list of all San Francisco polling places, along with the types of language resources available at: [sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace](https://sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace).

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## 我們可以協助您!

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如果您想收到中文版的選舉資料，請在選務處網站[sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language)更新您的語言偏好或致電(415) 554-4367。

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## ¡Le podemos ayudar!

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Si desea recibir los materiales electorales en español además de en inglés, actualice su preferencia de idioma en [sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language) o llame al (415) 554-4366.

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## Matutulungan namin kayo!

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Kung gusto ninyo ng mga materyales sa wikang Filipino, bukod sa Ingles, i-update ang inyong kagustuhan sa wika sa [sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language) o tumawag sa (415) 554-4310.

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## ကျွန်ုပ်တို့ သင့်ကို ကူညီနိုင်ပါသည်။

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(ရွေးကောက်ပွဲဌာန) Department of Elections သည် မဲစာရွက်ပြားမိတ္တူကို (ရည်ညွှန်းချက်) မြန်မာဘာသာဖြင့် ပေးပါသည်။ မိတ္တူမဲစာရွက်ပြားများသည်

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မဲစာရွက်ပြားမိတ္တူတစ်စောင်ကို စာတိုက်မှရရှိရေးအတွက် [sfelections.org /language](https://sfelections.org/language) တွင် တောင်းဆိုပါ။ သို့မဟုတ် (415) 554-4375 ကို ဖုန်းဆက်ပါ။

မဲပေးသည့်နေရာအချို့တွင်၊ ဤဌာနသည် မြန်မာဘာသာဖြင့် မိတ္တူမဲစာရွက်ပြားများ ပေးပါသည်။ ဘာသာစကား အရင်းအမြစ် အမျိုးအစားများနှင့်အတူ ဆန်ဖရန်စစ္စကို မဲပေးသည့် နေရာအားလုံး၏ စာရင်းကို ကြည့်ဖို့ - [sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace](https://sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace) ကို သွားပါ။

ရွေးကောက်ပွဲနေ့တွင် မဲရုံများ မနက် ၇ နာရီမှ ည ၈ နာရီအထိ ဖွင့်ပါသည်။

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## お手伝いいたします。

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選挙管理事務所では、投票用紙のサンプル（参照用）の日本語版を提供しております。投票用紙のサンプルとは、日本語に翻訳された公式投票用紙の完全な複製版です。

あなたが投票権を持つ選挙の投票用紙のサンプルを見るには、[sfelections.org /myvotinglocation](https://sfelections.org/myvotinglocation)にアクセスしてください。

投票用紙のサンプルを郵便で受け取りたい場合、[sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language) にアクセスするか、または(415) 554-4375に電話して請求してください。

一部の投票所では、投票用紙のサンプルが日本語で用意されています。サンフラ

ンシスコ市内の投票所の一覧と、言語のリソースを見るには、  
[sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace](https://sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace)にアクセスしてください。

投票所は選挙当日の午前7時から午後8時まで開いています。

有権者は、投票用紙のマークシートに記入するために最大2人の介助者を付けることができます（有権者の雇用主、有権者の雇用主の代理人、または有権者が所属する組合の役員や代理人を除く）。また、有権者は投票所の係員に当該の支援を求めることもできます。

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## 도와 드리겠습니다!

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복제본 투표용지를 우편으로 받으려면 [sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language)를 방문하거나 (415) 554-4375로 전화해 요청하시기 바랍니다.

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투표소 운영시간: 선거 당일 오전 7시 ~ 오후 8시

유권자는 투표용지 표기 시에 도움을 줄 사람을 최대 2명(단, 유권자 본인의 고용주, 고용주의 대리인, 또는 유권자가 가입한 노동조합의 임원이나 대리인은 제외) 요청할 수 있습니다. 또한 투표요원에게 도움을 청하셔도 됩니다.

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## เราช่วยคุณได้!

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Department of Elections มีบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนา (สำหรับใช้อ้างอิง) เป็นภาษาไทยให้ บัตรลงคะแนนดังกล่าวมีเนื้อหาทุกอย่างเหมือนกับบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับทางการและได้รับการแปลเป็นภาษาไทย

หากต้องการดูบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาที่มีการเลือกตั้งที่คุณมีสิทธิ์ลงคะแนนเสียง โปรดไปที่: [sfelections.org/myvotinglocation](https://sfelections.org/myvotinglocation)

หากต้องการขอรับบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาทางไปรษณีย์ โปรดไปที่ [sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language) หรือโทรศัพท์ถึงหมายเลข (415) 554-4375

ในสถานที่เลือกตั้งบางแห่ง จะมีบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาเป็นภาษาไทยให้เพื่อให้ใช้สำหรับอ้างอิง หากต้องการดูสถานที่เลือกตั้งทั้งหมดในซานฟรานซิสโก พร้อมด้วยประเภทเอกสารที่มีให้เป็นภาษาต่าง ๆ โปรดไปที่:

[sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace](https://sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace)

สถานที่เลือกตั้งเปิดตั้งแต่เวลา 7.00 น. ถึง 20.00 น. ในวันเลือกตั้ง

ผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงสามารถขอให้บุคคลไม่เกินสองคน (ยกเว้นนายจ้างของผู้ลงคะแนนเสียง ตัวแทนของนายจ้างของผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงหรือเจ้าหน้าที่หรือตัวแทนของสหภาพที่ผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงเป็นสมาชิกอยู่) ช่วยเหลือผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงในการกาบัตรลงคะแนนได้ นอกจากนี้แล้วผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงยังอาจขอความช่วยเหลือดังกล่าวจากเจ้าหน้าที่ที่สถานที่เลือกตั้งได้ด้วย

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## Chúng tôi có thể trợ giúp quý vị!

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Cơ quan Bầu cử có thể cung cấp các lá phiếu mẫu (lá phiếu tham chiếu) bằng tiếng Việt. Lá phiếu mẫu là những bản sao y của lá phiếu chính thức mà được dịch qua tiếng Việt.

Để xem một lá phiếu mẫu có các mục bầu cử mà quý vị có quyền bỏ phiếu, vui lòng truy cập trang mạng: [sfelections.org/myvotinglocation](https://sfelections.org/myvotinglocation).

Để yêu cầu nhận được lá phiếu mẫu qua thư, vui lòng truy cập trang mạng [sfelections.org/language](https://sfelections.org/language) hoặc gọi số (415) 554-4375.

Tại một số địa điểm bỏ phiếu, Cơ quan có sẵn các mẫu lá phiếu bằng tiếng Việt. Để xem danh sách liệt kê tất cả các địa điểm bỏ phiếu ở San Francisco cùng với các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ tại từng địa điểm, xin truy cập: [sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace](https://sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace).

Các phòng phiếu mở cửa từ 7 giờ sáng đến 8 giờ tối vào Ngày bầu cử.

Mỗi cử tri đều có quyền yêu cầu tối đa hai người đi cùng để trợ giúp trong việc điền vào lá phiếu (người đi cùng không thể là chủ thuê lao động, đại diện của chủ thuê lao động hoặc viên chức hay đại diện của công đoàn mà cử tri là thành viên). Cử tri cũng có thể yêu cầu nhân viên phòng phiếu trợ giúp điền lá phiếu.

# June 7, 2022 Election Ballot

The following contests will appear on the June 7 election ballot:

## **Voter-nominated offices**

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Controller
- Treasurer
- Attorney General
- Insurance Commissioner
- Board of Equalization Member, District 2
- United States Senator\*
- United States Representative in Congress, District 11 or District 15
- State Assembly Member, District 17 or District 19

\* There are two contests for U.S. Senate on the June 7 ballot.

You may vote on both contests.

- One for a 6-year term ending January 3, 2029
- One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2023

## **Non-partisan offices**

- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- City Attorney

## **Local ballot measures**



# Marking Your Ballot

The **Ballot Worksheet** on page 136 of the main version of this voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you can make voting in person quicker and easier. This worksheet, which lists every contest and measure throughout the city, is a tool to help voters mark their selections in advance to save time and prevent mistakes when marking the official ballot.

If you make a mistake while marking your official ballot, you can request a replacement by visiting [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal), calling the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375, or asking a poll worker or a Voting Center representative.

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## Steps for All Types of Contests

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- 1.** Before you mark any contest, review the instructions printed on the ballot.
- 2.** To ensure your selections will be readable and countable, use a pen with dark ink or a pencil.
- 3.** Do not write personal information, such as your name or initials, anywhere on your ballot.
- 4.** Fill in the oval to the right of your choice for the contest or measure, as shown in picture 1.
- 5.** To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the candidate's name in the space at the end of the candidate list and fill in the oval next to the space. (A list of qualified write-in candidates will be available at [sfelections.org/writein](https://sfelections.org/writein) and the City Hall Voting Center starting May 27, 2022 as well as all polling places on Election Day, June 7, 2022.)
- 6.** If you do not want to vote on a certain contest or measure, leave it blank. Your votes for the other contests and measures will still count.

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## Steps for the Ranked-Choice Voting Contest

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In this election, voters will use ranked-choice voting (RCV) to elect the City Attorney.

San Francisco's Charter requires that voters be allowed to rank no fewer than three choices in any RCV contest, even if fewer than three candidates are running for an office. Only one candidate was running to serve as City Attorney when ballots for this election went to print; therefore, the name of only one candidate will appear on the left column of the RCV grid, with three rankings appearing in the top row.

To mark the RCV contest, fill in the ovals from left to right, as shown in picture 2.

- In the **first column** for your **first choice**. (This is the last step if you have only one choice.)
- In the **second column** for your **second choice**, if you have one (otherwise, leave this blank).
- In the **third column** for your **third choice**, if you have one (otherwise, leave this blank).

### Important points to remember!

- **Do not fill in more than one oval in the same row.** In other words, do not rank the same candidate multiple times, as shown in picture 3.
- **Do not fill in more than one oval in the same column.** In other words, do not give multiple candidates the same rank, as shown in picture 4.



## How Does Ranked-Choice Voting Work?

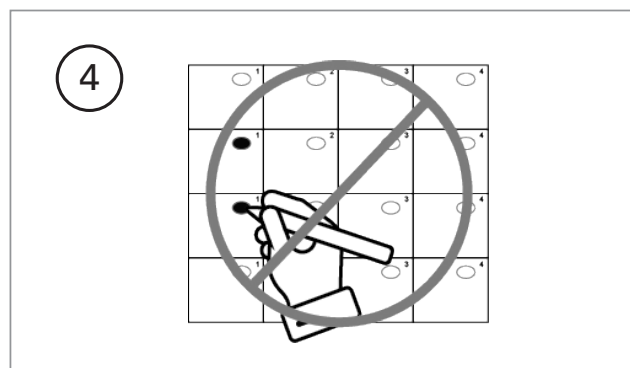
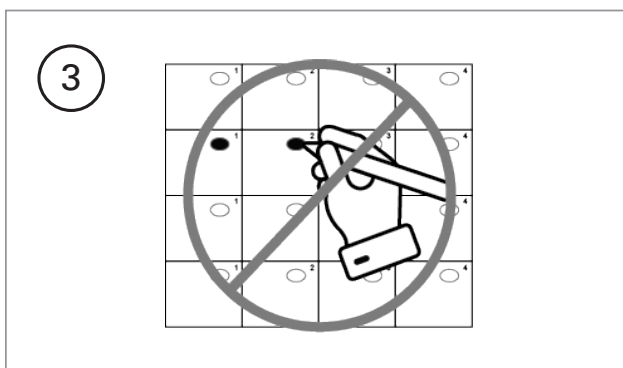
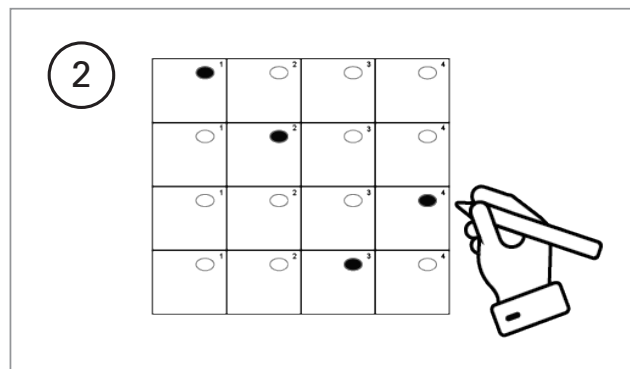
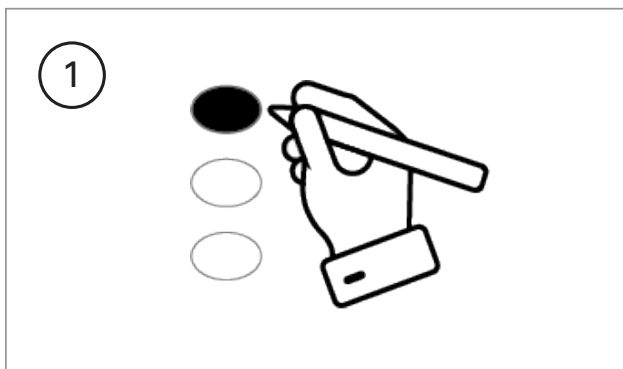
Everyone's first choice is counted.

If a candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes—more than half—that candidate wins.

If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate in last place is eliminated.

Voters who selected the candidate who was eliminated have their votes counted for their next choice.

This cycle repeats until there is a majority winner.



# California Primary Election

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices. California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, **you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form.** In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election. Even if a candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50%+ 1), a general election still must be held.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

## Candidate Information

### Candidate Party Preferences

The registered political party preference, or lack thereof, of any candidate running for a voter-nominated office will be printed beside each candidate's name on the ballot. If a candidate is running for a non-partisan office, no party will appear next to the candidate's name.

### Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Some candidates on the ballot have timely submitted statements of qualifications for publication in this pamphlet. Such statements begin on page 37 and have been printed at the candidates' expense.

Neither the Director of Elections, nor any other City agency, official, or employee, verifies the accuracy of the information contained in any of the candidate qualification statements appearing in this pamphlet.

Candidate information can be found as follows:

- **California Voter Information Guide**, available at [voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov): candidates running for the following offices:
  - United States Senator\*
  - Governor
  - Lieutenant Governor
  - Secretary of State
  - Controller
  - Treasurer
  - Attorney General
  - Insurance Commissioner
  - Member of State Board of Equalization, District 2
  - State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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You may vote on both contests.

- One for a 6-year term ending January 3, 2029
- One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2023

- **San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet**: candidates running for the following offices:
  - United States Representative in Congress, District 11 or District 15
  - Member of the State Assembly, District 17 or District 19
  - City Attorney

## Voluntary Spending Limits

California Government Code (CAGC) §85600 requires the Department of Elections to publish the names of candidates who have voluntarily agreed to abide by the spending limits set forth in CAGC §85400. In this election, these candidates include:

## **Member of the State Assembly, District 17**

David Campos

Matt Haney

Bill Shireman

## **Member of the State Assembly, District 19**

Phil Ting

Karsten Weide

# **Party Endorsements of Candidates**

State law allows political parties to endorse candidates for voter-nominated offices. In this election, timely-submitted endorsements for voter-nominated offices include:

## **United States Senator**

Green Party: John Thompson Parker

Peace and Freedom Party: John Thompson Parker

## **Governor**

Democratic Party: Gavin Newsom

Green Party: Luis Javier Rodriguez

Peace and Freedom Party: Luis Javier Rodriguez

## **Lieutenant Governor**

Democratic Party: Eleni Kounalakis

Peace and Freedom Party: Mohammad Arif

## **Secretary of State**

Democratic Party: Shirley N. Weber

Green Party: Gary N. Blenner

Peace and Freedom Party: Gary N. Blenner

## **Controller**

Democratic Party: Malia M. Cohen

Green Party: Laura Wells

Peace and Freedom Party: Laura Wells

**Treasurer**

Democratic Party: Fiona Ma

Green Party: Meghann Adams

Peace and Freedom Party: Meghann Adams

**Attorney General**

Democratic Party: Rob Bonta

Green Party: Dan Kapelovitz

Peace and Freedom Party: Dan Kapelovitz

**Insurance Commissioner**

Democratic Party: Ricardo Lara

Green Party: Nathalie Hrizi

Peace and Freedom Party: Nathalie Hrizi

**Member of State Board of Equalization, District 2**

Democratic Party: Sally J. Lieber

**State Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Democratic Party: Tony K. Thurmond

**United States Representative in Congress, District 11**

Democratic Party: Nancy Pelosi

**United States Representative in Congress, District 15**

Democratic Party: Kevin Mullin

Republican Party: Gus Mattammal

**Member of the State Assembly, District 17**

Republican Party: Bill Shireman

**Member of the State Assembly, District 19**

Democratic Party: Phil Ting

# **City and County of San Francisco Office To Be Voted on in this Election**

## **City Attorney**

The City Attorney is the lawyer for the City and County of San Francisco in all civil actions. The City Attorney serves as the legal advisor to the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials, as well as to the approximately 100 departments, boards, commissions and offices that comprise the City and County of San Francisco's government. The City Attorney prepares or approves the form of all City laws, contracts, bonds, and any other legal documents that concern the City. The full term of office for the City Attorney is four years with a current annual salary of \$294,736. This contest appears on the ballot due to a vacancy in 2021. Voters in this election will choose a candidate to serve until the start of the next term in January 2024, with this contest appearing again on the November 2023 ballot.

# Candidates for United States Representative, District 11

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## SHAHID BUTTAR

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**My occupation is** Lawyer / Organizer / Artist.

**My qualifications are:**

Has Washington been working for you? Has it been working for our city?

The answer reveals itself in San Francisco's struggles with issues from housing & homelessness to climate resilience, healthcare, public safety, civil rights, and environmental racism. These problems have common roots, in a longstanding ethical crisis in which our city remains sadly complicit.

For too long, San Francisco's presence in Washington has embodied corruption. Federal officials who spent decades lining their pockets through insider trading, while engineering recurring tax breaks favoring themselves and their wealthy friends, abandoned our city long ago.

Meanwhile, the rest of us continue to struggle for basic human rights, including healthcare and a healthy environment.

I have worked—from San Francisco to Washington—for 20 years to defend and advance human rights, LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights, worker rights, government whistleblowers, and constitutional checks & balances on an executive branch more beholden to the military-industrial complex than to We the People of the United States.

Having watched our city's voices in Washington repeatedly side with Wall Street and the Pentagon, I gave up my non-profit career to climb the steepest hill in politics.

In 2020, we forced half a dozen policy changes through the House of Representatives by holding accountable a powerful voice who won re-election by ducking debates.

San Francisco deserves a voice in Washington willing to fight for our city's principles. Having done that when others chose to do otherwise, I am happy to offer a city a new voice in Congress.

*Shahid Buttar*

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## **EVE DEL CASTELLO**

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**My occupation is** Business Consultant.

**My qualifications are:**

It is time for the people in the 11th Congressional District to have a Federal Representative with integrity and knowledge of the district who will stand firm to protect your constitutional rights.

I was born and raised in San Francisco's 11th Congressional District and still live here. My concerns date back to a better Transportation System, Recreation and Parks Department, Balance of Power in the State Legislature and into both houses of Congress out of San Francisco.

- The small business household, I was raised in experienced less misspent state and federal taxes and less inflation. There were less federal taxes taken out of employee's Paychecks.
- I have devoted much of my life to Political action groups including my "Republican Forum of San Francisco" and local, state and national campaigns involving the Republican Party. Other achievements include 2002-2004, Alternate/Delegate for 3rd Senate District; organized a ballot argument against high speed Rail (Speaking at different groups) which resulted in 16,000 No Votes and it was taken into California Court and deemed Illegal. Our Forum continues in researched news, petitions, campaigns and sharing concerns.



- I am a former board member of Navy League of the U.S./Pacific Merchant Council; Former Assistant Director/Pacific Region of Parliamentarians and still NAP Member; Former President of Kappa Unit-S.F.; Former JVP District 10 Auxiliary of VFM; Amaranth (3rd Degree Masonic Ladies Affiliate Group); Heritage Foundation.; Judicial Watch; former board member Mid-Peninsula Federated Women. NRA and MRC.
- Currently DBA Eve's Consulting Service (Management, Business, Personal, Legal, Research Available).
- My other companies are Narrative Opera & Ballet, S.F. Musical Theater, including Jazz and Rock stage Performer and Producer.
- My religion is Jewish.

Remember, vote Eve Del Castello for Congress, (415) 282-0894

*Eve Del Castello*

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## JOHN DENNIS

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**My occupation is** Independent Businessman.

**My qualifications are:**

San Francisco's best days are ahead, but to remain "the place to be," we can no longer hide from our problems: "homelessness," crime & safety, K-12 education, and the cost of living.

This city is the greatest on earth. It's where the best and brightest want to build families and community, but the approach San Francisco has taken is not working. Our politicians have failed us.

Instead, they've compounded the crises. Entrenched organizations with no incentive to solve problems like "homelessness" get endless funding with no results.

We need a hands-on Representative who addresses the issues. Someone who focuses on San Francisco more than on Washington.

Let's try something new. Let's change the way we think about these challenges.

As your representative, I will direct federal funds to new efforts that will strengthen San Francisco and hold them accountable.

In Washington, I'll represent the San Francisco values upon which we all agree:

- protecting free speech and privacy
- keeping our nation safe without military interventions
- reducing regulations that stifle our industries
- refocusing the federal government on its original mandate to serve the people, not the special interests.

I'm a father (human and canine!), husband, business owner. I grew up in public housing in a tough town and built successful companies. Turning the impossible into the possible has been a part of my life.

Together, I believe we can make the San Francisco we all want possible again. I'd be honored to have your vote. Thank you.

*John Dennis*

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## NANCY PELOSI

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**My occupation is** Member of Congress.

**My qualifications are:**

It is my honor to represent our City and our San Francisco values in the Congress: jobs with dignity, human rights, reproductive justice, LGBTQ equality, respect for immigrants, and care for our planet and for each other. When people ask me "What are the three most important issues facing the Congress?" I always say "our children; our children; our children" — their health, their education, the housing and economic security of their families, a clean safe environment where they can thrive, and a world in peace where all are welcome and can reach their fulfillment. That is my "why."

Working for the children, we passed the Affordable Care Act, strengthened Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, increased resources for HIV/AIDS, mental wellness and persons with disabilities, lowered prescription drug prices, and supported servicemembers, veterans and military caregivers. As your Representative, I secured billions of dollars for our community in COVID relief and recovery, helping create good-paying green union jobs, affordable housing, clean energy infrastructure, transportation justice, and safe, open public schools.

Our vision for a world at peace requires a strong Democracy at home and support for diplomacy and allies around the world. We must defend our Democracy from assaults on the truth, the assault on the U.S. Capitol, and the assault on voting rights.

While we have made progress together, we have more work to do to improve people's lives. That is why I am running for re-election to Congress and respectfully seek your vote. Thank you.

*Nancy Pelosi*

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## **JEFFREY PHILLIPS**

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**My occupation is** Gig Worker.

**My qualifications are:**

Our city—our nation—is so much greater than the small group of lifelong insiders office-hopping every few years.

I'm a political outsider running a small-dollar, corporate-free campaign because this is how democracy is supposed to work. We deserve regular people like you and me representing us.

I grew up in the Bay Area. Graduated during the Great Recession. Fell into gig work, caught between rising rents and falling wages as dreams of family and home ownership faded beyond the horizon. Like so many today, I'm priced out of the American Dream. With a few

lucky exceptions, we all live below our grandparents' aspirations for "middle class America". Wherever you are, however you're struggling, it doesn't have to be like this.

Our nation needs a New Deal: Medicare for All, living wages, affordable housing, inclusive pathways to citizenship; generational investments in green infrastructure, paid family leave, childcare, safe streets, secure retirement. We make these real by raising up candidates who center the issues, not the celebrity. I'll Squad-up to fight for the People; prioritize working families, justice, jobs that pay us to thrive! We can realize a better tomorrow by making smart choices today.

Instead of millionaires and billionaires, lawyers and career politicians, we need regular people in Congress. Time to make your voice heard by voting for a new kind of politics. The immense wealth of our nation can be harnessed to yield the best for the Many, by standing together against the Few at the top blocking our way.

<https://11thJeff.com/platform/>

*Jeffrey Phillips*

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## BIANCA VON KRIEG

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**My occupation is** Actress & Media Personality.

**My qualifications are:**

Aka Bianca For San Francisco. You've all seen the iconic silhouette of this movement around town. This ICON represents the faceless masses yearning to be-seen, their voices needing to be heard. It can be any color, creed or orientation. This campaign is bigger than one person, its about all of us.

Bianca Von Krieg is a transgender woman, LGBT activist and media personality. My family's roots go back nearly 200 years in Northern California to the Gold Rush.

My platform:

- Green New Deal
- Medicare For All
- Universal Basic Income
- Homeless ZERO by 2025
- Ranked Choice Voting
- End Electoral College

Before I was the girl you loved to hate on your favorite TV program, I studied computer science and economics at Stanford and systems engineering at MIT.

We've all heard the tired political platitudes of "we need change now" here's how you know I mean business. I was the ONLY Democrat to sign the pledge for term limits. This will not be a career change for me, so I can bring as much force as needed to bear, in order to execute my agenda.

Furthermore, my promise to you, people of San Francisco:

1. I will accomplish my platform or bring their detractors to light!
2. I will not allow the agenda to be side-tracked by political distractions or "comfort politics".

San Francisco gave rise to the Information Age! Its time for the broadband candidate to succeed our dial-up anachronist

Please go to [www.biancaforsanfrancisco.org](http://www.biancaforsanfrancisco.org) really get to know us. ©

The Revolution WILL be Televised!

*Bianca Von Krieg*

# Candidates for United States Representative, District 15

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## EMILY BEACH

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**My occupation is** Councilwoman / Veteran / Parent.

**My qualifications are:**

Politics as usual isn't working in Washington. You deserve a courageous and inspiring Representative with the right experience to make change in our interconnected world.

My experience as a U.S. Army officer, trusted mayor, seven-year councilmember, education nonprofit leader, business executive, foster parent, and mother of teens gives me a broad perspective. I also lived in San Francisco for seven years; three in Crocker-Amazon, four near Alemany Farmers' Market. I will listen and prioritize you—not special interests—and work relentlessly to improve the environment, affordable housing, homelessness, mental health, education, equity, and civility.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame, I broke glass ceilings as a captain in the Army, leading soldiers in Saudi Arabia and Korea; even jumping out of airplanes in combat gear. Veterans matter in Congress during uncertain times.

Just as I fought for my own pay equity, in Congress I'll fight for reproductive freedom, gender equality, paid parental leave, and universal health care.

As Mayor, I raised the minimum wage and built coalitions. When the pandemic hit, I brought together sixty business, nonprofit, religious, and community leaders, expanding access to food and resources for our most vulnerable, including undocumented residents.

I'm committed to climate action: I bike and take public transit, champion wildfire and flood protections, and helped preserve nine

acres of Bayfront open space. As chairperson of San Mateo County Transportation Authority, I improved regional mobility and reduced carbon emissions.

Elected leaders, organizations, and community members support me because I lead with courage, integrity, and common sense. I'm honored to earn your vote.

[www.emilybeachforcongress.com](http://www.emilybeachforcongress.com)

*Emily Beach*

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## **DAVID CANEPA**

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**My occupation is** San Mateo County Supervisor.

**My qualifications are:**

David Canepa is running for Congress to fight for us in Washington, just as he has done for us in the Bay Area.

David comes from a family of immigrants, was born and raised in the S.F. Peninsula and is the first in his family to attend college. He has served as mayor and as President of the Board of Supervisors in San Mateo County, where he led the charge to end the COVID pandemic, protecting frontline workers and achieving one of the highest vaccination rates in the country.

David will fight for progressive values by tackling climate change, making the wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share so we can invest in the middle class with better wages and more affordable housing.

David will make sure everyone has access to affordable quality health care through Medicare for All and will take on pharmaceutical companies to lower the cost of prescription drugs. David will fight to protect a woman's right to choose and supports equal pay for women.

David is the only candidate rejecting corporate money and running a grassroots-funded campaign.



Our supporters include:

National Union of Healthcare Workers

Frontline grocery store workers — Union of Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW)

American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Shamann Walton

San Francisco Supervisor Myrna Melgar

Chair, Board of Equalization Malia Cohen

San Francisco City College Trustee Alan Wong

Former San Francisco Supervisor John Avalos

For a full list of endorsements and to learn more about David, visit:  
[www.davidcanepa.com/](http://www.davidcanepa.com/)

*David Canepa*

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## **JIM GARRITY**

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**My occupation is** Retired Police Inspector.

**My qualifications are:**

I have lived in the 15th Congressional District for over thirty-two years. I was a Police Officer for thirty-three years and retired as a San Francisco Police Department Inspector (Detective). I am the father of three. My last fifteen years of employment with SFPD I worked graveyard shift, Major Crimes, plainclothes, citywide. I wish to continue my service as your Congressional Representative. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master of Public Administration from San Francisco State University. Important issues include our Current Economy, Housing, and Crime. I will fight to see that the health of our current economy improves. The price of necessities and our supply chain issues need to be resolved. I believe the United States should be energy independent and not rely on foreign countries for our energy needs. Housing in the Bay Area is not affordable to most Bay Area residents. I think rent-to-own



properties could assist residents in building financial equity bringing pride of ownership to neighborhoods. Crime rates are out of control throughout our country. I support that the Police need to be provided the tools and full funding to serve their communities successfully. The Opioid Fentanyl overdose death rate has increased drastically throughout the United States. I will fight hard to address this issue immediately. In the past two years more people in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties, under the age of fifty, have died of Opioid overdose than died of COVID. I am ready to take on these urgent challenges. I respectfully ask for your vote.

*Jim Garrity*

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## **KEVIN MULLIN**

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**My occupation is** California State Assembly Member.

**My qualifications are:**

Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Sen. Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Phil Ting, the California Democratic Party, and over 100 elected and community leaders have endorsed me for U.S. House of Representatives.

Why? Because they know I have a proven record of results in the State Assembly that has improved the lives of families in this district.

For the last decade in the Assembly, I wrote and passed more than 60 bills into law — including the first law for all vote-by-mail elections and the first-of-its-kind DISCLOSE Act to ban dark money from California campaigns.

I brought home over \$1 billion to combat sea level rise and climate change, pushed for affordable housing, and clean transportation.

I will build on Congresswoman Jackie Speier's record of effectiveness for San Francisco.

I'm a 4th generation Californian and attended the University of San Francisco (B.A.) and San Francisco State University (M.P.A.). I have served as Mayor, Councilmember, and small business owner in the district.

My wife, twin boys, and I live the day-to-day concerns of residents in the district.

With housing out of reach for so many, healthcare, child care, and higher education continuing to increase in cost, and inflation making everything from groceries to gas more expensive for all of us, you need someone who will bring your concerns to Congress and fight for an economy that works for all of us.

In Congress, I will continue to fight for the future of our democracy and planet, because both are in peril.

I will bring deep experience and proven leadership to Congress.

Please join Congresswoman Jackie Speier and vote Kevin Mullin for Congress.

[KevinMullinForCongress.com](http://KevinMullinForCongress.com).

*Kevin Mullin*

# Candidates for State Assembly, District 17

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## DAVID CAMPOS

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**My occupation is** Criminal Justice Administrator.

**My qualifications are:**

For real change we need to change how we elect our leaders. That's why our campaign is corporate-free — so we will be free to:

- Raise the minimum wage to a living wage.
- Make healthcare affordable with Medicare for All.
- Ensure the entire state does its part on homelessness.
- Build affordable homes, not just luxury towers.
- Make billionaires pay their fair share – so working families pay less.
- Lower utility bills and create middle class jobs with a Green New Deal.
- Grow our economy fairly and promote local small businesses.
- Cut crime by cutting poverty and treating mental illness and substance abuse.

I came to this country as a Dreamer, crossing the border with my sister on my back. I earned scholarships to Stanford and Harvard Law. I came out to my family. As Supervisor, I won important battles to provide healthcare for all and save St Luke's Hospital. I fought for equal pay for women, built more affordable housing, passed stronger eviction protections, and fought for fair pay for workers.

I fought to defeat Donald Trump, protect a woman's right to choose, and make the wealthiest corporations pay their fair share so we could house the homeless.

Please join:

San Francisco classroom teachers - United Educators of San Francisco  
Frontline caregivers - The California Nurses Association and National Union of Healthcare Workers

Frontline hospitality workers - UNITE HERE! Local 2  
TWU Local 250A

The Sierra Club  
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club  
San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club  
Rose Pak Democratic Club

Dolores Huerta  
Former State Senator Mark Leno  
Assemblymember Phil Ting  
Former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano  
Former Supervisor Sophie Maxwell  
BART Director Bevan Dufty  
Supervisor Connie Chan  
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
Supervisor Hillary Ronen

And look for the “corporate-free” label on campaign materials – we  
are the only corporate-free campaign!

[www.CamposforUs.com](http://www.CamposforUs.com).

*David Campos*

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## MATT HANEY

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**My occupation is** Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco.

**My qualifications are:**

As a San Francisco Supervisor, tenants rights attorney, and educator,  
I’ve delivered progressive, practical solutions to San Francisco’s  
toughest challenges.

I championed guaranteed mental health care for all, 24-hour  
bathrooms, 5,000+ new housing units in my district, and as Chair of

the Budget and Finance Committee, I secured record investments in housing, public safety, and small business relief.

When the pandemic hit, I authored legislation to house 2,000+ people experiencing homelessness, worked shifts at a COVID shelter hotel during a staff shortage, and delivered mass vaccination sites citywide.

I'm running for State Assembly because we need bold, effective leadership to build more housing, get homeless people off the streets, and confront the crisis of climate change.

#### Priorities:

- Build 100,000 new housing units in San Francisco over 10 years to make housing more affordable for all.
- Expand supportive housing and mental health care to dramatically reduce street homelessness.
- Confront climate change with investments in renewable energy and sustainable transit.
- Support community policing, stop anti-Asian hate crimes, and get guns and fentanyl off the streets with effective consequences.
- Make huge corporations and CEOs who made billions during the pandemic pay their fair share.
- Protect LGBTQ+ rights, civil rights, and women's rights.

Endorsed by dozens of leaders & organizations including:

- Attorney General Rob Bonta
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond
- California Professional Firefighters
- California Environmental Voters
- California Nurses Association
- California School Employees Association
- California Faculty Association
- California Pediatricians' Association
- California Legislative Jewish Caucus
- SEIU California
- SEIU United Health Care Workers
- Chinese American Democratic Club

- United Democratic Club
- Noe Valley Democratic Club
- TL Chinese Rights Association
- San Francisco Medical Society
- Asian Pacific Islander Caucus Chair Senator Dr. Richard Pan
- Progressive Caucus Chair Assemblymember Ash Kalra
- Housing Committee Chair Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
- Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton
- San Francisco Democratic Party Chair Honey Mahogany
- Small Business Commission President Sharky Laguana
- Sheriff Paul Miyamoto
- Police Commissioner Larry Yee
- Police Commissioner Cindy Elias
- Bilal Mahmood

MattHaney.com

*Matt Haney*

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## **BILL SHIREMAN**

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**My occupation is** Environmental Solutions Entrepreneur.

**My qualifications are:**

A QUICK STORY.

I've spent my life advancing ideals San Franciscans stand for - by bringing together political enemies. It's how I serve my family and community.

People say, "good luck with that." But it works. I wrote California's CRV recycling law. Expanded Local Conservation Corps that empower at-risk youth. Saved rainforests across the world.

That's transformed industries, recycled trillions of cans and millions of computers, empowering people, not big government or corporations.

Now I need your help.

Toxic politics is destroying California. Power brokers horrify progressives with Trump, and conservatives with socialism. While we fight, they auction our \$4.5T+ to vested interests, minus commission.

My opponents are fine people, but they're being used by power brokers to divide us.

That gives California the highest poverty rate (18%!), worst-performing schools (43rd), brutal housing costs, uncontrolled smash-grab, homeless tents, jailed addicts.

My campaign is part of the largest political movement you've never heard of.

BRIDGERS. Common sense problem-solver Democrats, independents, Republicans, running on a transpartisan SOLUTIONS AGENDA:

SMARTER TAXES. Don't tax income and jobs. Tax pollution.

BETTER SCHOOL CHOICES. Traditional, specialized, nonprofit charters.

NEW HOUSING FREEDOMS. End racist zoning and codes. Empower homeowners and tenants to create more housing together.

EMPOWERED MERCHANTS. Loosen nooses that strangle retailers, shops, restaurants - the heart of healthy neighborhoods.

STOP EXPLOITING HATE. Techies, workers, blue, red, BIPOC, LGBT and Q. Our differences make us whole - creative, connected, and consequential.

We are real. Check us out.

Stop toxic politics. Support real solutions. We can all win.

*Bill Shireman*

# Candidates for State Assembly, District 19

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## PHIL TING

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**My occupation is** CA State Assemblymember.

**My qualifications are:**

Our government needs to work just as hard as you do – and that’s why we’re working overtime to tackle our biggest challenges like homelessness, keeping our schools open safely, rising crime rates and the high cost of housing.

As the Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee virtually every spending proposal crosses my desk. My mission is to make sure your hard-earned tax dollars are well spent. That’s why I wrote and passed legislation that:

- Invested our state surplus where it has the biggest impact – by improving K-12 education, keeping schools open and opening up more places for Californians in our public colleges and universities.
- Focused on safety – including bringing state dollars home so we could fund programs to combat violence, including the alarming spike in anti-Asian hate crimes.
- Worked for economic recovery by bringing home additional COVID-19 response funds and fighting to fix the mess at the state’s unemployment office.
- Protected our environment by banning dangerous “forever chemicals” linked to cancer and other serious health problems.

With your support I will keep fighting for a fair and complete economic recovery, for the new housing and transit we need to make housing costs reasonable, for the mental health and job training programs we need to lower crime rates and most of all – for a state government that responds to you.



I'm proud to have won the support of classroom teachers, nurses, local firefighters, the Sierra Club and many others.

I hope you will join us at [www.PhilTing.com](http://www.PhilTing.com).

*Phil Ting*

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## **KARSTEN WEIDE**

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**My occupation is** Industry Analyst.

**My qualifications are:**

We all love our state of California - but our state is in crisis.

Spiking violent crime. Drug dealing and addiction. Homelessness. The lack of affordable housing. Failing public schools. State government mismanagement.

Current policies have only made things worse, and still do.

We can fix California - but we need new, fresh ideas to solve our state's problems.

I believe in facts and reason. Left, right, center, no matter - let's get together in the middle again, only that way we can turn our state around. Let's tackle our challenges, and let's have all ideas out on the table, without dogma or prejudice, and let's debate the best way forward. California could be our paradise - but only if we make it so, together.

I am an industry analyst by profession. I am a dad of three kids, two of which are still in school here in San Francisco. I am an immigrant from Germany, have lived in the United States for more than 20 years, and 18 of those in San Francisco.

Help me help California - please give me your vote.

*Karsten Weide*

# Candidate for City Attorney

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**DAVID CHIU**

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**My occupation is** San Francisco City Attorney.

**My qualifications are:**

Growing up in an immigrant family, I witnessed the importance of the fight for justice, which inspired me to become a lawyer. That fight has shaped my public service career — as law clerk to a Ninth Circuit judge, civil rights attorney, criminal prosecutor, Counsel to the US Senate Constitution Subcommittee, and President of the Board of Supervisors.

As a California Assemblymember, I enacted groundbreaking laws to prevent tenant evictions, build affordable housing, combat climate change, protect LGBTQ+, immigrant and reproductive rights, and tackle anti-Asian hate, while successfully taking on Wall Street banks, pharmaceutical companies and gun manufacturers.

Since becoming your City Attorney, our Office has delivered millions of dollars to workers denied healthcare and sick leave, won \$123M for school funding, pursued rogue COVID testing companies, confronted environmental polluters, and defended immigrant families at the US Supreme Court.

Building on the tradition of the City Attorney's Office, I will use the law to address our housing and homelessness crisis, fight for our civil rights, keep our communities safe, stand up for consumers and workers, hold corporations accountable, and root out corruption.

Supporters (titles for identification purposes):

- Governor Gavin Newsom
- Speaker Nancy Pelosi
- Attorney General Rob Bonta
- State Treasurer Fiona Ma
- Mayor London Breed

- State Senator Scott Wiener
- Former City Attorneys Dennis Herrera and Louise Renne
- Supervisors Matt Haney, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar, Myrna Melgar, Hillary Ronen, Ahsha Safaí, Catherine Stefani, President Shamann Walton

[www.votedavidchiu.com](http://www.votedavidchiu.com)

*David Chiu*

# Frequently Asked Questions about Registration and Voting in San Francisco

## Answered by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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### Registration FAQs

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**Who is eligible to register and to vote in California?** To vote in California elections, you must be: 1) a United States citizen; 2) a resident of California; 3) at least 18 years old on Election Day; 4) not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court; and 5) not currently serving a state or federal prison term for conviction of a felony.

Please note that the passage of Proposition 17 in the November 2020 election amended the state Constitution to allow otherwise eligible residents who are on parole to register to vote.

Noncitizen residents of San Francisco may register and vote in the Board of Education elections if they are parents, legal guardians or caregivers of children living in San Francisco and at least one child is under 19 years old on Election Day. The next scheduled Board of Education election will be held on November 8, 2022.

**What is the deadline to register to vote or to update my registration information?** The deadline to register online or by mail for the June 7 election is May 23, 2022. After that date, you will need to register and vote with a provisional ballot in person at the City Hall Voting Center or a polling place.

**Can I register to vote in California before I turn 18?** If you are a 16- or 17-year-old who meets the other state voter registration requirements, you can pre-register to vote and your registration will become active on your 18th birthday.

**Can I register to vote in California if I just became a new citizen?** If you become a U.S. citizen after the regular registration deadline of May 23, you can register and vote in person at the City Hall Voting Center or a polling place.

**Can I still vote in San Francisco if I have moved locally?** If you move within San Francisco, you can reregister to vote at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov) or update your address at [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal) or at an in-person voting site.

**Can I still vote in San Francisco if I have moved within California?** If you move to a new California address outside San Francisco, you can reregister to vote at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov) or contact your new county elections official.

**Can I still vote in San Francisco if I have moved to another state?** If you move out of state, you can register with your local elections official. You may also want to contact the Department of Elections to cancel your registration in San Francisco.

**Can I still vote in San Francisco if I am currently living abroad?** If you are temporarily living abroad, you may be able to reregister and request a ballot by mail, fax, or email by visiting [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov) or [fvap.gov](https://fvap.gov).

If you have questions about whether you can vote, please contact the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375 or email at [SfVote@sfgov.org](mailto:SfVote@sfgov.org).

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## **Vote-by-Mail Ballot Delivery FAQs**

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**Will I receive my ballot in the mail?** Per state law, all voters will now receive ballots in the mail for all future elections. Any voter may choose to cast a ballot arriving in the mail or vote in person in the June 7, 2022 election.

**What if my ballot does not arrive in the mail?** You can track where your ballot is in the mailing process at [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal). If

it has been more than three days since your ballot was mailed, you may request a replacement vote-by-mail ballot at [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal) or by calling the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375.

**How can I get a replacement vote-by-mail ballot?** To request a replacement vote-by-mail ballot before June 1, go to [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal) or call the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375. After that date, contact the Department as soon as possible to discuss your voting options.

**Can I use the Accessible Vote-by-Mail (AVBM) system to access my ballot?** Any voter can access and mark their ballot at [sfelections.org/access](https://sfelections.org/access). AVBM ballots must be printed and returned by mail or in person.

**How can I track my vote-by-mail ballot?** You can track your vote-by-mail ballot from assembly up through delivery, verification, and counting, at [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal). Or, sign up to receive ballot notifications via email, text, or voice message at [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov). Alternatively, you may call or email the Department of Elections.

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## Vote-By-Mail Ballot Return FAQs

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**Can I return my ballot by mail on Election Day?** For your ballot to be counted, your ballot return envelope must be postmarked by Election Day, June 7. If you mail your ballot return envelope after the last mail collection time on Election Day, your ballot will be postmarked too late to be counted. Find United States Post Office box locations and pickup times at [usps.com/locator](https://usps.com/locator).

**How should I sign the ballot return envelope?** Sign your envelope with the signature you last provided on your voter registration application. If your name or signature has recently changed, please reregister at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov). If you do not sign your ballot return envelope or if your envelope signature does not match any signature in your voter record, the Department will attempt to contact you by mail, and you will need to cure the issue before your ballot can be counted.

**Where can I drop off my vote-by-mail ballot?** From May 9 to June 7, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box or the City Hall Voting Center. On Election Day, June 7, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box, the City Hall Voting Center, or any polling place in the City no later than 8 p.m. To find a conveniently located ballot drop box, go to [sfelections.org/balлотdropoff](https://sfelections.org/balлотdropoff) or call (415) 554-4375.

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## **In-Person Voting FAQs**

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**Can I vote early in person in the June 7 election?** The City Hall Voting Center will be open at these times:

- Every weekday, May 9–June 6 (except May 30, Memorial Day), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Last two weekends, May 28–29 and June 4–5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and
- Election Day, June 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (same voting hours as polling places).

**Can I vote at any polling place in San Francisco?** There will be 588 polling places open for in-person voting and vote-by-mail ballot drop off on Election Day, June 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You are encouraged to vote at your assigned polling place. If you vote at another polling place, your name will not be on the roster of voters and you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot.

**What kind of multilingual resources are available at in-person voting sites?** Both the City Hall Voting Center and all San Francisco polling places will offer bilingual ballots in English and either Chinese, Spanish or Filipino. In addition, certain voting sites will also offer facsimile (reference) ballots in Burmese, Japanese, Korean, Thai and Vietnamese. Finally, bilingual workers will provide multilingual assistance at voting sites in most neighborhoods.

**What kind of accessibility resources are available at in-person voting sites?** All in-person voting sites will offer curbside voting service as well as accessible voting equipment, tools, and personal assistance.

Any voter may ask one or two people to assist them with marking a ballot, provided any such assistant is not the voter's employer or a representative of the voter's union and the assistant does not attempt to influence the voter.

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

Yes. Deciding your votes before you get to the polls is helpful. You may use either your Sample Ballot or the Ballot Worksheet in the main version of this pamphlet that was mailed to you to practice marking your selection(s) before marking your official ballot.

**Do I have to vote on every contest and measure on the ballot? No.**

The votes you cast will be counted even if you have not voted on every contest and measure.



# Local Ballot Measure and Argument Information

Pursuant to local law, this pamphlet includes the following information related to local ballot measures:

- 1.** The identification of each measure by letter and title,
- 2.** The City Attorney's statement or question,
- 3.** The Ballot Simplification Committee's digest (summary),
- 4.** The Controller's financial analysis,
- 5.** An explanation of how the measure qualified to be on the ballot,
- 6.** The legal text which can be found in the main version of this pamphlet, and
- 7.** Any additional information required by the San Francisco Municipal Elections Code (SFMEC) §500.

The following arguments may be provided for a local ballot measure:

- 1.** One proponent's argument selected in accordance with SFMEC §545 and printed free of charge,
- 2.** One opponent's argument selected in accordance with SFMEC §545 and printed free of charge,
- 3.** One rebuttal to each of the measure's proponent's or opponent's arguments, selected in accordance with SFMEC §550 and printed free of charge.
- 4.** Any paid arguments, submitted in accordance with SFMEC §555-570. (All of the paid arguments in favor of a measure are printed together, followed by all paid arguments opposed to that measure. All arguments are strictly the opinions of their authors and are printed as submitted, including any typographical, spelling, or grammatical errors).

## **Recall Contest as Ballot Measure**

The District Attorney prosecutes criminal court cases for the City and County of San Francisco. The term of office for the District Attorney is four years. The District Attorney is paid \$312,780 per year.

The District Attorney recall measure appears on the ballot in this election due to the certification of recall petition in November 2021 (per local law, a “measure” includes a local recall contest). If more voters choose “Yes” than “No” in the recall contest, the Mayor will appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the four-year term for the recalled official. Regardless of the outcome of this election, the District Attorney contest will appear again on the November 2023 ballot for the next full-term starting January 2024.

## **Recall Statements of Reasons and Answer**

Pursuant to California Elections Code §11325, proponents’ Statement of Reasons for the recall along with the Answer by the official sought to be recalled have been published in this pamphlet on page 119.

# 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, to be paid for upfront and paid back to investors over a longer period of time. 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, hospitals, libraries, parks, and other city facilities. The City uses bond financing because these capital projects will last many years, and should be paid for over time by the residents of San Francisco who will also benefit over time from the improvements associated with these projects. Additionally, the large dollar costs of these projects 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 to be issued by the City must be approved by two-thirds of the voters. The MUNI Reliability and Street Safety Bond on the June 2022 ballot is a General Obligation Bond.

**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 total dollar amount borrowed, the interest rate on the borrowed amount, and the number of years over which the debt will be repaid. City borrowings are typically repaid over a period of 20 to 30 years. Assuming an average interest rate of 6%, the cost of paying off debt over 20 years is about \$1.74 for each dollar borrowed — \$1 for the amount borrowed and 74 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 2020–2021 property taxpayers in the City paid approximately \$570 million of principal and interest on outstanding general obligation bonds of the City and the other issuers of general obligation bond debt (these are the San Francisco Community College District, San Francisco Unified School District and Bay Area Rapid Transit District). The net property tax rate for the year to provide for debt and special funds debt requirements was 19.85 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or an estimated \$1,177 on a home assessed at \$600,000, reflecting a \$7,000 homeowner's exemption.

**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 \$9.36 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 March 1, 2022, there was \$2.91 billion in outstanding general obligation bonds, which is equal to 0.94% of the assessed value of taxable property. There is an additional \$1.50 billion in bonds that are *authorized but unissued*. If these bonds were issued and outstanding, the total debt burden would be 1.42% of the assessed value of taxable property. Bonds issued by the San Francisco Community College District,

San Francisco Unified School 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 keep the property tax rate from City general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and the tax base grows, though this overall property tax rate may vary based on other factors. This policy applies to the bonds of the City and County, but not those of other governments, such as the San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco City College District, or BART.

**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 including our general obligation bonds, lease revenue bonds, certificates of participation, special assessment bonds, BART, and school and community college district bonds. The "direct debt ratio" which includes direct debt and other long-term obligations and excludes special assessment bonds, BART, and school and community college district bonds, is equal to 1.40% of the assessed value of taxable property. This direct debt ratio is considered by the bond rating agencies to be a "moderate" debt burden relative to the size of San Francisco's property tax base. **While this ratio is within the comparable benchmarks, the City needs to continue to set priorities for future debt issuances to maintain good credit ratings, which 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 and County 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

# Words You Need to Know

## by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**Behested:** At the direction, request or suggestion of a public official.

**Charter:** The Charter is the City's constitution adopted by the voters of San Francisco, relating to how the City is governed. The Charter can be changed only by a majority of San Francisco voters.

**Charter amendment:** A Charter amendment is 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.

**Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee:** A nine-member body that monitors the City's use of funds generated by issuing general obligation bonds. Members of this committee are appointed by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the Controller and the Civil Grand Jury.

**City Administrator:** The City official responsible for managing services within the City's executive branch.

**Controller:** The City's chief accounting officer and auditor. The Controller is responsible for the City's financial systems and financial procedures, processing payroll for City employees, managing the City's bonds and debt portfolio, and processing and monitoring the City's budget.

**Department of Building Inspection:** The City agency responsible for enforcing, administering and interpreting the City's Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Codes.

**General Obligation Bond:** A promise issued by a government body to pay back money borrowed, plus interest, by a certain date. The government body repays the money, plus interest, with property taxes. General obligation bond measures must be approved by the voters in San Francisco by a two-thirds vote.



**Infrastructure project:** A permanent change or repair to improve a public asset, such as a building, road or rail line.

**Initiative:** A proposition placed on the ballot by voters. Any voter may place an initiative on the ballot by gathering the required number of signatures of registered voters on a petition.

**Local elected officials:** Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Mayor, Public Defender, Sheriff, Treasurer, Member of the Board of Supervisors, Member of the Board of Education for the San Francisco Unified School District or Member of the Board of Trustees for the San Francisco Community College District.

**Ordinance:** A local law passed by the Board of Supervisors or by the voters.

**Permit expeditor:** A person paid to contact staff at the Department of Building Inspection, the Entertainment Commission, the Planning Department or the Department of Public Works to help a permit applicant obtain a permit.

**Proposition:** Any measure that is submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval.

**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.

**Public Utilities Commission:** A City agency that provides water, wastewater and municipal power services to San Francisco.

**Qualified Write-in Candidate:** 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 specific ballot instructions. The Department of Elections counts write-in votes only for qualified write-in candidates.



**Recall:** A process voters can use to remove an elected official before the end of the official's term in office.

**Recall petition:** The document that recall proponents use to collect the names, addresses, and signatures of registered voters who wish to support a recall.

**Refuse:** Trash, recyclables and compostable materials.

**Refuse rates:** Rates charged for the collection and disposal of refuse.

**SFMTA:** The City department responsible for the management of all ground transportation in San Francisco, including Muni (Municipal Railway), parking and traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety and the regulation of taxis. Muni is the City's public transit system, consisting of the City's buses, light rail trains, streetcars and cable cars.

**Spare the Air Alert:** An alert called when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy in the Bay Area.

**The Utility Reform Network (TURN):** A nonprofit consumer advocacy organization that focuses on essential utilities such as electricity, gas and telephone services.

**Vote-by-mail ballots:** 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 California polling place on Election Day. Also known as absentee ballots.

# Proposition A – Muni Reliability and Street Safety Bond

**MUNI RELIABILITY AND STREET SAFETY BOND.** To increase Muni’s reliability, safety and frequency, reduce delays, improve disabled access and equity, increase subway capacity and improve pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety by repairing, constructing and improving deteriorating Muni bus yards, facilities, transportation infrastructure and equipment, and constructing and redesigning streets and sidewalks, and to pay related costs; shall the City and County of San Francisco issue \$400,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with a duration of up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated average tax rate of \$0.010/\$100 of assessed property value, and projected average annual revenues of approximately \$30,000,000, subject to citizen oversight and independent audits? The City’s current debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City general obligation bonds at or below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and/or the tax base grows, though this property tax rate may vary based on other factors.

<b>YES</b>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>NO</b>	<input type="radio"/>

*This measure requires 66⅔% affirmative votes to pass.*

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**Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is responsible for ground transportation in the City. The SFMTA oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), which consists of the City’s buses, light rail trains, streetcars and cable cars. The SFMTA also oversees bicycling, parking, traffic management and signals, pedestrian access and safety, and taxis.

Funding sources for City transportation infrastructure projects include federal and state grants, local transportation sales taxes, and general obligation and revenue bonds.

**The Proposal:** Proposition A is a bond measure that would authorize the City to borrow up to \$400 million by issuing general obligation bonds.

This bond money could be spent on City transportation infrastructure projects, including:

- \$250 million on the repair and renovation of SFMTA bus yards, facilities and equipment;
- \$26 million on traffic improvements, such as new traffic signals, wider sidewalks at bus stops, and dedicated traffic lanes;
- \$10 million on improvements to the Muni train system, including the train communication and control systems;
- \$42 million on traffic signal and street crossing improvements, such as more visible traffic and pedestrian signals, curb ramps, and signs;
- \$42 million on street redesigns that include wider sidewalks, raised crosswalks, protected bicycle lanes, bus lanes, boarding islands and better lighting; and
- \$30 million on projects to manage traffic speeds, including lowered speed limits and speed radar signs.

Under this proposal, bond funds can be used only for projects that have a project labor agreement. A project labor agreement is an agreement between the City and labor unions that sets the terms and conditions of employment, including compensation and benefits, for work on specific City projects.

Proposition A would also set aside funds for the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee's review of how this bond money was spent.

City policy is to limit the amount of money it borrows by issuing new bonds only as prior bonds are paid off. If necessary, Proposition A would allow an increase in the property tax to repay the bonds. Proposition A allows landlords to pass through up to 50% of any resulting property tax increase to tenants.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to borrow up to \$400 million by issuing general obligation bonds for City transportation infrastructure projects.

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

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## **Controller's Statement on "A"**

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

Should the proposed \$400 million in bonds be authorized and sold under current assumptions, the approximate costs will be as follows:

- a) In fiscal year (FY) 2022–2023, following issuance of the first series of bonds, and the year with the lowest tax rate, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.00141 per \$100 (\$1.41 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- b) In FY 2034–2035, following issuance of the last series of bonds, and the year with the highest tax rate, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.01126 per \$100 (\$11.26 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- c) The best estimate of the average tax rate for these bonds from FY 2022–2023 through FY 2044–2045 is \$0.00961 per \$100 (\$9.61 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- d) Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual property tax cost for these bonds for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$600,000 would be approximately \$66.77.

The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all proposed \$400 million in bonds are issued and sold, would be approximately

\$690 million. 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 non-binding debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and the tax base grows, though this property tax rate may vary based on other factors.

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## **How "A" Got on the Ballot**

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On March 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition A on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton.

**No:** None.

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## **Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition A**

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Proposition A - the Muni Reliability and Street Safety Bond - will revamp the City's transportation infrastructure to ensure fast, safe, clean, reliable and convenient transit, make the City's transportation system greener, and improve street safety and traffic flow for all San Francisco residents in every neighborhood of the City.

**Proposition A will not raise taxes.** Because the bond is part of the City's capital plan, old bonds are retired as new bonds take their place, keeping the tax rate the same.

Proposition A will ensure access to matching federal infrastructure dollars that will help speed transportation improvements and avoid additional costs that would come from delay.

Proposition A invests in:

### **Fast and Convenient Transit**

- Faster, more convenient public transit connections to destinations across the city and to regional public transit
- Less waiting time and fewer delays when you're on board
- A more comfortable public transit ride, with less crowding

### **Improved Safety and Access**

- Intersection improvements that increase accessibility for people with disabilities
- Fewer collisions, fatalities, and injuries on our streets

### **Equity**

- Affordable travel options and enhanced public transit service
- Improved safety and health in underserved neighborhoods by reducing carbon emissions, slowing vehicle speeds, and improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

### **More Repairs and Maintenance**

- More reliable transit service using infrastructure and systems that are in good repair
- Safer intersections with more visible signals for drivers
- Easier street crossings with new curb ramps and pedestrian countdown signals

A strong public transit system will help ensure San Francisco has a thriving, equitable community where everyone can get where they need to go faster and more reliably, while reducing congestion for those who drive.

We urge you to vote yes on Proposition A for fast, reliable and convenient transportation.

*Mayor London Breed*

*Board of Supervisor President Shamann Walton*

*Supervisor Connie Chan*

*Supervisor Catherine Stefani*

*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*  
*Supervisor Gordon Mar*  
*Supervisor Dean Preston*  
*Supervisor Matt Haney*  
*Supervisor Myrna Melgar*  
*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman*  
*Supervisor Hillary Ronen*  
*Supervisor Ahsha Safai*

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## **Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition A**

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**Proposition A has nothing to do with the "street safety" of commuters targeted in crimes of hate or violence.**

**Spending programs are no substitute for strict criminal law enforcement or the recall of District Attorney Chesa Boudin.**

MUNI already has funding for upgrades, improvements and maintenance.

According to San Francisco's 10-Year Capital Plan, **Proposition A adds only 7.3% to the SFMTA's budget. \$4.8 billion is already funded from local, regional, state and federal sources.** Prioritize!

If Proposition A passes, **bond-related property taxes will rise 15% over four years, with half the residential share charged to renters.** Property owners and renters already pay \$265 million annually to bondholders.

**San Francisco's general obligation bond capacity is nearly exhausted.** Voters approved \$600 million (2019) for Affordable Housing and \$245 million (2020) for Homeless Services, which are not infrastructure! **The City has only about \$1.5 billion left, which spells trouble ahead for urgent infrastructure bonds: Earthquake Safety, Healthcare and Waterfront Safety.**

Proposition A's \$400 million is too big, ill-timed and poorly conceived — **pre-pandemic thinking.** The Controller predicts swift 85% return of the full-time downtown workforce, a pie-in-the-sky restart of the



commuting economy. We can't afford to rebuild a costly MUNI fleet, routes and workforce designed for 2019.

San Francisco must re-envision transit for the **2022 landscape of work-from-home, hybrid and flexible work**, and make smart choices that will enable MUNI to become more **self-sustaining**.

## **Vote NO on Proposition A**

*Larry Marso*  
transitbond.com

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## **Opponent's Argument Against Proposition A**

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### **Vote NO on Proposition A ...**

As San Francisco emerges from the pandemic, we're all asking about the future of urban work, downtown offices and commuting. **Work from home** has become accepted, a norm, and the impact on MUNI has been dramatic.

**Weekday ridership has plummeted to about half of 2019 levels**, and MUNI officials admit it will take years to understand the impact of COVID-19, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Flying blind, City Hall rushed Proposition A onto the ballot, which will immediately thrust another **\$400M in bond debt** upon San Francisco and impose higher taxes on all property, including **higher residential property taxes**, with half passed on to tenants as **higher rents**.

There is no clear vision for where, or how, MUNI will spend the money.

Proposition A also imposes on MUNI, for the first time, the Board of Supervisors' outlandish and expensive "Project Labor Agreements" scheme, which **ends competitive bidding** in most cases.

Politicians always ask for bonds to fund ordinary expenses like maintaining roads, transit and schools, while they spend recurring



revenues on programs that have less support, like the City's complex of "nonprofits" that wield so much influence over San Francisco's broken policies toward affordable housing, and the homeless, drug abuse and mental illness.

City Hall should live within its means — **borrow less!** — and get more done with existing revenue, without raising more taxes. San Francisco has more than enough money to fix potholes and maintain trains, tracks and buses.

Vote NO on Proposition A.

Your vote is important. **1/3rd of the voters can defeat this.**

*Larry Marso*

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## **Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition A**

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Proposition A will help get our City back on track as we emerge from the pandemic. A reliable, fast, safe and affordable transportation system is an essential foundation in the work to restore our local economy.

San Francisco's largest employers have committed to implementing a return to a variety of safe, in-person work policies, a significant milestone in the effort to resume the economic activity that our downtown businesses, large and small, depend on, re-energizing our stores, restaurants, and offices with activity and economic support.

Proposition A is the step we can take right now to ensure our **transit infrastructure is in a state of good repair to deliver people quickly, safely, and reliably to their destinations**, with reduced waiting times between buses, safer onboarding platforms, less crowding, and faster rides to your destination through dedicated transit lanes. And drivers benefit from improved traffic flow and buses in good repair with fewer breakdowns that block streets.

Proposition A makes **smart fiscal sense by leveraging federal matching funds now** that will ensure improvements to buses, trains

and pedestrian safety improvements go farther and cost less instead of waiting to make repairs that will cost us more in the future.

**And Proposition A DOES NOT RAISE TAXES.**

Join us in voting Yes on Proposition A for fast, safe, reliable, convenient transit.

*Mayor London Breed*

*Board of Supervisor President Shamann Walton*

*Supervisor Connie Chan*

*Supervisor Catherine Stefani*

*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*

*Supervisor Gordon Mar*

*Supervisor Dean Preston*

*Supervisor Matt Haney*

*Supervisor Myrna Melgar*

*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman*

*Supervisor Hillary Ronen*

*Supervisor Ahsha Safai*

# Proposition B – Building Inspection Commission

**Shall the City amend the Charter to change the appointment process and qualifications for Building Inspection Commission members and have the Mayor appoint the Director of the Department of Building Inspection?**

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<b>NO</b>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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## **Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** The Building Inspection Commission (BIC) oversees the Department of Building Inspection (DBI). The DBI is responsible for enforcing, administering and interpreting the City's Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing codes. The BIC has seven members, four appointed by the Mayor and three appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors (Board President). The members serve two-year terms and must meet specific qualifications.

The Mayor's appointees must include:

- a structural engineer;
- a licensed architect;
- a residential builder; and
- a representative of a nonprofit housing developer.

The Board President's appointees must include:

- a residential tenant;
- a residential landlord; and
- a member of the public.

BIC appointees are not subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. The BIC has the sole authority to appoint and remove DBI's Director.

**The Proposal:** Proposition B is a Charter amendment that would change the appointment process for the Director of the Department of Building Inspection. The Building Inspection Commission would submit up to three candidates for Director, and the Mayor would make the appointment.

Proposition B would also change requirements for BIC nominees. The terms of current members would end on July 1, 2023. After that date, the new qualifications would apply to anyone nominated by the Mayor or Board President to serve on the BIC.

Of the Mayor's nominees:

- two must be either a structural engineer, an architect or a residential builder; and
- two do not have any required qualifications.

Of the Board President's nominees:

- one must be either a residential tenant or a current or former employee of a nonprofit housing organization; and
- two do not have any required qualifications.

All nominees would be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors before they are appointed.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want the Mayor to appoint the Director of the Department of Building Inspection, and to change the appointment process and qualifications for Building Inspection Commission members.

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

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## **Controller's Statement on "B"**

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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, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The Building Inspection Commission currently consists of seven members, with four appointed by the Mayor and three by the President of the Board of Supervisors. Each seat on the Commission is currently subject to specific professional qualifications. The amendment would provide instead that four members of the Commission be nominated by the Mayor and three by the President of the Board of Supervisors, with all members subject to a hearing process and approval by the Board of Supervisors. The requirement of specific professional qualifications applied to each seat would be eliminated.

Currently the Director of Building Inspection is appointed directly by the Commission. The amendment would provide instead that the Commission provide three qualified candidates to the Mayor, and the Mayor would appoint the Director.

The amendment makes other adjustments and updates to staff appointments and certain procedures of the Department of Building Inspection. These actions would have no significant cost effects and the Department of Building Inspection would remain subject to the existing budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

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## **How "B" Got on the Ballot**

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On February 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition B on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton.

**No:** None.

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## **Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition B**

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The San Francisco Department of Building Inspection and the Building Inspection Commission need reform. Today, if you need any kind of permit to build or renovate, you face an expensive and difficult process because the Department of Building Inspection is antiquated, inefficient and bureaucratic. The current system has also allowed rampant corruption, leading to an extensive FBI investigation and multiple arrests.

**Proposition B will reform the Department of Building Inspection and the Building Inspection Commission to ensure more accountability and transparency, and make it easier to build and modify housing.**

Proposition B will change the structure of the Building Inspection Commission by removing designated industry seats and allow qualified members of the public to serve in these seats. Three of the seats on the Commission will require subject matter expertise qualifications. The Proposition will also require these commission appointments to go through a public hearing and confirmation process and give the mayor the power to hire and fire the director, providing greater accountability.

**Vote Yes on Proposition B to:**

- **Streamline the permitting process so people can get renovation and building permits faster;**
- **Reform governance of the department and commission to reduce bureaucracy and bring it in line with other City Commissions;**
- **Eliminate corruption in the department; and**
- **Make it easier to build affordable housing in San Francisco**

Learn more at [ReformSFGov.com](http://ReformSFGov.com)

*Supervisor Myrna Melgar*  
*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman*  
*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*  
*Supervisor Catherine Stefani*  
*Supervisor Ahsha Safai*  
*Supervisor Shamann Walton*  
*Supervisor Hillary Ronen*  
*Supervisor Gordon Mar*  
*Supervisor Matt Haney*

**No Rebuttal or Opponent's Argument  
Against Proposition B Was Submitted**

# Proposition C – Recall Timelines and Vacancy Appointments

Shall the City amend the Charter to further limit the period during which the voters could recall a City elected official, and when an official is recalled, to prevent the person appointed to fill that vacancy from running as a candidate to remain in that office?

<b>YES</b>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>NO</b>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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## **Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** A recall allows voters to remove a local elected official before the end of the official's term in office. To start a recall, people must collect signatures through a petition process from registered voters in the official's jurisdiction. If the recall petition has enough valid signatures, the City holds a recall election.

Under the City Charter, no person may start a recall petition if the elected official has held office for less than six months. Under state law, no person may start a recall petition if that official's term of office will end within six months.

If the Mayor's position becomes vacant, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for appointing a person to fill the seat. If there is a vacancy in any other City elective office, the Mayor is responsible for appointing a qualified individual. In either situation, the person appointed to fill the vacancy may be a candidate in the following election.

**The Proposal:** Proposition C is a Charter amendment that would change the local recall process. Under Proposition C, a recall petition can be started only if an elected official has held office for at least 12 months. Proposition C would also prevent a recall election within 12 months of the next scheduled election for that office. For members of the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Unified school board or



San Francisco City College board of trustees, the new deadline would be based on when their seat is scheduled for an election.

Proposition C would also change the appointment process for a vacancy created by a recall. A person appointed to fill a vacancy could not be a candidate for that vacant seat in the following election. This rule would apply to all recalls, including the recall of the current District Attorney.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to change the recall process and appointment process for vacancies created by a recall.

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

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## **Controller's Statement on "C"**

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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 result in a moderate savings in the cost of government over time. The proposed amendment would likely decrease the number of special elections required in San Francisco in any given year.

The amendment would change the permitted timing of starting and submitting recall petitions. Recall petitions could not be started in the first 12 months of an official's term, versus the current limit of six months. Recall petitions could not be submitted that would cause an election to happen within 12 months of a regularly scheduled election for that office.

Under the proposed Charter amendment, an appointment that the Mayor makes to a vacancy created by a recall election would be an interim officer, and that officer would be prohibited from being a candidate in the following election to fill the vacancy. Similarly, if the Board of Supervisors makes an appointment to a vacancy in the office



of Mayor created by a recall, that officer would be interim and would be prohibited from being a candidate in the following election.

Taken together, the amendment's provisions would likely decrease the number of special elections required and decrease the number of elective offices added to regularly scheduled elections.

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## How "C" Got on the Ballot

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On February 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 7 to 4 to place Proposition C on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Chan, Haney, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Walton.

**No:** Mandelman, Melgar, Safai, Stefani.

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## Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition C

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Proposition C would reform recalls in San Francisco to reduce costly special elections and ensure high voter turnout. **Vote YES on C. Vote YES on Recall Reform.**

**Prop C is simple. Recall elections should not be held in the same year as a general election for that same seat.**

Let's break it down: If an official has just been elected, they deserve at least a year to do their job and fulfill their voter mandate. Recalls aren't just a second bite at the apple for those who just lost an election.

On the other hand, San Francisco taxpayers should not be shelling out tens of millions of dollars to hold low-turnout special elections, when a general election for that seat is right around the corner.

**San Francisco voters must be able to hold their elected officials accountable.** Prop C does *not* prohibit recalls. It's a good government measure that limits the ability of outside special interests to constantly distort and undermine our democracy.

**San Francisco voters also deserve to choose who represents them.** If a recall is successful, Prop C gives voters that choice by ensuring that all candidates have an equal opportunity in the next general election. Open elections mean more diverse candidates and more equitable representation in government.

**Californians agree.** When Governor Newsom was being recalled in 2021, costing California taxpayers over \$200 million, 82% of Democrats and two thirds of *all* California voters supported reasonable recall reform.

It's only June and it's already our third election of the year. This is exhausting.

**Let's turn the page on San Francisco's out of control recall free-for-all. Support Recall Reform. Vote YES on Prop C.**

*Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton  
Supervisor Connie Chan  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
Supervisor Gordon Mar  
Supervisor Dean Preston  
Supervisor Hillary Ronen*

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## **Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition C**

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The proponents of Prop C are Supervisors who did NOT support the recall of all three failed School Board members this year, directly at odds with the overwhelming majority of San Francisco voters.

Because they didn't like the results, these Supervisors now want to rig the system to make it EVEN HARDER for voters to ever hold failed politicians accountable again by recalling them from office.

The proponents of Prop C use disingenuous arguments about saving money or "special interests," ignoring the many costs to residents of keeping incompetent or corrupt politicians in office. And we profoundly disagree that the San Francisco parents – and nearly 70% of voters – who voted to recall the failed school board members this year are a "special interest."

The Supervisors behind Prop C are pretending to solve a problem that simply does not exist. Under current law, it's already very hard to qualify a recall election. Since 1907, just six local recall elections have ever qualified for the ballot in San Francisco. And the first successful recall in over 100 years was this year's landslide recall of the three School Board commissioners. But it would not even have been permitted if the Supervisors behind Prop C had their way!

The recall process is our LAST protection against politicians who flagrantly ignore the will of the voters. Protect your vote and your voice. Please join parents, public education advocates and your fellow San Franciscans and VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION C!

*GrowSF*

*SF Parent Action*

*Autumn Looijen, Co-Leader, Recall the SF School Board\**

*Todd David, Chair, Concerned Parents for the Recall\**

*Kit Lam, public school parent*

*Quincy Yu, public education advocate*

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## **Opponent's Argument Against Proposition C**

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**Protect democracy and accountability in San Francisco!**

**Don't let the Supervisors change the rules to protect failed politicians like the recalled School Board members!**

**VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION C!**

This year San Francisco voters overwhelmingly recalled three members of the Board of Education because they failed to do their jobs and prioritized their personal agenda ahead of public school children. This historic grassroots victory for San Francisco parents sent a message to every politician that we will hold them accountable.

But with Proposition C, the same San Francisco Supervisors who were wrong on the school board recall now want to change the rules to make it even harder for voters to ever recall failed politicians again. If Proposition C were already law, the three failed Board of Education members would still be in office today, damaging our public schools and students. The Supervisors behind Proposition C want to prevent San Francisco voters from ever doing again what we just did!

Under Proposition C, voters would have even less time to organize a legitimate recall effort at the grassroots level. And if an elected official is recalled, their appointed replacement can never be held accountable by the voters in a future election.

At a time when democracy and fundamental voting rights are threatened at home and abroad, Proposition C is anti-democratic and even further restricts voter participation in the political process in San Francisco.

Don't let the Board of Supervisors change the rules and rig the system to protect failed politicians from voter accountability! Please join our diverse coalition of parents, advocates and San Francisco community leaders and VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION C!

*GrowSF*

*SF Parent Action*

*Todd David, Chair, Concerned Parents for the Recall\**

*Mary Jung, former Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party\**

*Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club*

*Bayard Rustin LGBT Coalition*

*Filipino American Democratic Club of San Francisco*

*Larry Mazzola, Jr., Plumbers & Pipefitters Union #38\**

*Mike Chen, California Democratic Party delegate*

*Kit Lam, public school parent*

*Stephanie Lehman, California Democratic Party delegate*

*Matt Rhoa, California Democratic Party delegate*

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## Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition C

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Elections matter. The most democratic way to vote for our leaders is through regularly scheduled elections.

The opponents of Proposition C want to force low-turnout special elections that remove officials who they don't like and replace them with political appointments. That's not fair. That's voter suppression.

The attempt to recall Governor Newsom cost California voters over \$200 million. The current recall process has become a costly right-wing tool to create chaos and interference with good governance. Extremely wealthy donors are funding recall efforts that drive their personal agendas and distract from the task at hand.

Proposition C is common sense reform. Recalls should wait until an elected official has an opportunity to prove themselves in office. Prop C would also prevent *millions of dollars in wasteful spending* when a general election is around the corner. If a recall succeeds, voters would choose who represents them in the next regular election.

Vote Yes on Proposition C. It's good for democracy.

*San Francisco Labor Council*

*Supervisor Chan*

*Supervisor Peskin*

*Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club*

*John Avalos, SF Democratic Party member\**

*Keith R Baraka, SF Democratic Party Vice-Chair\**

*Peter Gallotta, SF Democratic Party Vice-Chair\**

*Anabell Ibanez, Teacher/SF Democratic Party Vice-Chair\**

*Li Lovett, SF Democratic Party Vice-Chair\**

*Carolina Morales, SF Democratic Party member\**

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# Proposition D – Office of Victim and Witness Rights; Legal Services for Domestic Violence Victims

Shall the City create an Office of Victim and Witness Rights that would provide or coordinate existing City services and seek to establish programs that provide free legal services for domestic violence victims?

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

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

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## Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** San Francisco provides services to victims of violent and nonviolent crime, survivors of sexual violence, and victims of gender-based violence and discrimination through many agencies and departments.

**The Proposal:** Proposition D would create an Office of Victim and Witness Rights (Office) as a new City department. The Office would provide or coordinate existing services for victims and witnesses of all types of crimes.

The Office would introduce an ordinance establishing a one-year pilot program to provide free legal services for domestic violence victims, starting by July 1, 2023.

The Office would seek to establish a permanent program to provide free legal services for domestic violence victims, subject to further legislation. The domestic violence victim must either reside in the City or be the victim of a domestic violence incident that occurred in the City.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to create an Office of Victim and Witness Rights that would provide or coordinate existing City services and seek to establish programs that provide free legal services for domestic violence victims.



**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want to establish this Office.

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## **Controller's Statement on "D"**

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

The cost of the proposed ordinance, should it be approved by the voters, is dependent on decisions that will be made through the budget process, as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. In my opinion, the cost of fully funding the programs created in the proposal, should future policymakers do so, is likely to be significant.

The proposed ordinance would establish a new City department, the Office of Victim and Witness Rights (the Office). The Office would be authorized to provide a variety of services to victims and witnesses of crime and to coordinate similar services being provided by other City agencies. The ordinance specifies that the Office survey and report on the quality and scope of services to clients, perform a needs analysis in this area and make recommendations on how to address unmet needs. One year after the Office is established it would be required to introduce an ordinance consolidating all services for victims and witnesses under its direction.

The proposed ordinance would establish a right to civil legal representation for victims of domestic violence in San Francisco and create a pilot program to provide such representation. The Office of Victim and Witness Rights would coordinate free legal services for this purpose, administer the pilot program, evaluate its effectiveness after one year, and propose an ordinance to establish the future of the program based on that evaluation.

The ordinance specifies a Department Head for the new Office, at a likely cost of approximately \$340,000 annually. The programs and coordination work specified by the ordinance will require staffing at an estimated minimum cost of approximately \$700,000. The ordinance

specifies that only free legal services will be used for the pilot year of legal counsel for domestic violence victims, however in future years, should the City fund the program, the cost could be significant.

As stated above, 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.

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## **How "D" Got on the Ballot**

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On January 14, 2022, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by the following Supervisors: Haney, Mandelman, Safai, Stefani.

The Municipal Elections Code allows four or more Supervisors to place an ordinance on the ballot in this manner.

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## **Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition D**

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### **Proposition D will help all victims of crime in San Francisco.**

Last year, more than 75,000 San Franciscans reported being victims of crime. Not only have we seen an increase in crime overall, but we've also seen a stark rise in domestic violence incidents. In 2021 alone, there were 7,241 domestic violence calls to 911 in San Francisco. Yet almost 90% of domestic violence cases aren't charged, leaving victims and their children vulnerable.

The current system in our city forces victims and witnesses – who are already suffering from the emotional, physical and financial aftermath – to navigate a complicated and bureaucratic system through multiple departments. Ultimately, many are turned away with no support. We must give a voice to all victims and allow them the opportunity to recover what was taken from them physically and emotionally.

Proposition D will provide critical services and support to all victims of crime, ensuring they can understand and access their legal rights. It will



provide comprehensive services by establishing the Office of Victim and Witness Rights and the Right to Civil Counsel for Victims of Domestic Violence. It will connect victims of crime to financial assistance, medical reimbursement, and mental health support, and consolidate existing victims' services across all public safety agencies to reduce red tape.

Victims of domestic violence face complicated legal needs, especially those from low income households. In many cases, the perpetrator isn't charged and returns to the home where the victim lives, often with children who are witnesses to and victims of abuse. Establishing a right to civil counsel for victims of domestic violence will ensure that those in need can obtain protective orders, child support or custody, and housing.

**Help all victims of crime in San Francisco. Vote yes on Proposition D.**

SFVictimsRights.com

*Supervisor Catherine Stefani*  
*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman*  
*Supervisor Myrna Melgar*  
*Supervisor Matt Haney*  
*Supervisor Ahsha Safai*  
*Supervisor Gordon Mar*  
*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*

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## **Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition D**

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Please vote NO on Proposition D.

There's no dispute that crime is a problem and that victims and witnesses do not always get the help and support that they need. The disagreement here is whether Proposition D is the best solution.

Let's be clear. This measure would do absolutely nothing to reduce crime. It would not increase crime prevention, neighborhood patrols or programs, or prosecutions. It would not decrease recidivism or otherwise deter repeat offenders.

It would create a new office to "coordinate services provided by the City to victims and witnesses of all types of crime", with an annual survey, an evaluation plan, and a consolidation plan. It's a lot of bureaucracy, without a lot of new services. Proposition D is not the best approach to this issue.

This ordinance should be heard and considered by the Board of Supervisors. If a survey, evaluation, and consolidation are needed, do it now. Crime victims and witnesses need help, not more bureaucracy.

Nothing prevents City departments that already provide victim and witness services from coordinating better. That sounds like a good idea.

We don't need new City Departments, unnecessary spending, or other gimmicks during a pandemic or at any other time. We should be using existing resources and oversight mechanisms more effectively.

Please vote NO on Proposition D. Thank you.

*David Pilpel*

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## **Opponent's Argument Against Proposition D**

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Please vote NO on Proposition D.

Proposition D is an ordinance that would create a new Office of Victim and Witness Rights. While this may be an interesting and perhaps popular concept, it's not something the voters need to approve. I respectfully suggest that Proposition D is not the best approach to this issue.

An ordinance like this can be passed by the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Mayor, after one or more hearings to fine-tune the proposal. The legislative process is important, to consider all views and use the best ideas and language to make a concept real and meaningful.

This proposal was never introduced at the Board of Supervisors to my knowledge, as a hearing or as legislation. It went straight to the

ballot, it proposes a new office with staff to coordinate existing services, and it would add more bureaucracy, without directly improving victim and witness rights.

A better approach would be to consider this at the Board of Supervisors, hold hearings, craft a proposal, and actually increase resources or reassign functions in this area. A ballot measure like this is not a good solution to a problem that may be real but is not well-defined.

Meanwhile, various City departments already provide some victim and witness services. More information on what they do would be useful, and I'm sure the Mayor and department heads could direct that better coordination occur in this area.

We don't need new City Departments, unnecessary spending, or other gimmicks during a pandemic or at any other time. We should be using existing resources and oversight mechanisms more effectively.

Please vote NO on Proposition D. Thank you.

*David Pilpel*

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## **Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition D**

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### **A letter from domestic violence survivor Karen Miron:**

"My name is Karen Miron. I'm a mother, daughter, and domestic violence survivor. I want to tell you why Proposition D is necessary for every person who has been in my situation.

My ex-boyfriend was abusive. When he was mad, he would hit me; I've had a fractured nose, multiple black eyes, and bruises all over my body. In 2015, I had our daughter, Avi. One day he started shoving me again and I picked up Avi and left. I saw the fear in her eyes and realized I didn't want to continue the cycle of abuse that I had experienced.

I fought for full custody, but my ex-boyfriend abused the system. Like many domestic violence survivors, I felt lost and stuck. If my

ex-boyfriend had custody, I was sure Avi would be in danger. But I had no money to protect her. Many women like me don't have resources or help. So they stay, thinking it's their only option.

I was lucky to get help from Open Door Legal. They fought alongside me to get full custody, and we won. But not every domestic violence survivor is as lucky as I was. I am so excited to hear that our city wants to protect survivors like myself and my daughter. Legal services helped me protect my family and build our future.

**Please vote Yes on Proposition D to provide a right to legal counsel for domestic violence survivors like me."**

*Executive Director Adrian Tirtanadi, Open Door Legal, non-profit legal service provider*

# Proposition E – Behested Payments

Shall the City amend its behested payments law to prevent Board of Supervisors (Board) members from seeking behested payments from contractors who received Board approval and to allow further changes to this law only if the City’s Ethics Commission and two-thirds of the Board approve those amendments?

<b>YES</b>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>NO</b>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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## Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** A behested payment is a donation solicited by a public official to benefit either a government agency or a private organization.

City law generally prohibits elected officials, commissioners, department heads and other City employees with decision-making authority from seeking these payments from any of the following:

- businesses and individuals contracting with or seeking to contract with their departments;
- individuals who attempted to influence them with respect to governmental actions;
- lobbyists registered to lobby their departments;
- permit expeditors who have contacted their departments during the previous 12 months; or
- individuals involved in their departments’ proceedings regarding administrative enforcement, a license or a permit.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) can amend this law by a majority vote.

**The Proposal:** Proposition E would amend the City’s existing law regarding behested payments with two additions:

- members of the Board could not seek behested payments from contractors if the Board had approved their contracts; and

- the Board could later amend the City’s law regarding behested payments only if the City’s Ethics Commission approves the proposed amendments by a majority vote and the Board then approves them by a two-thirds vote of its members.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to amend the City’s law regarding behested payments.

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

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## **Controller's Statement on "E"**

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

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would not affect the cost of government.

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## **How "E" Got on the Ballot**

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On January 18, 2022, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by the following Supervisors: Chan, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Walton.

The Municipal Elections Code allows four or more Supervisors to place an ordinance on the ballot in this manner.

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## **Proponent’s Argument in Favor of Proposition E**

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**A YES Vote on Proposition E is a vote to stamp out bribery and corruption in San Francisco government.**

In 2020, the City Controller produced a Public Integrity Review of pay-to-play politics in San Francisco, and found that so-called “behested payments” presented a high risk of corruption. Behested payments occur when City Officials raise money from interested parties who have contracts, permits, or other administrative or financial matters pending before them.

Unlike gifts or bribes, behested payments can enrich public officials indirectly, through outside slush funds. Behested payments have become the preferred loophole for special interests who want to get around laws that prevent outright bribery.

San Franciscans deserve to know that public officials are making decisions based on their best judgment, and not on behalf of large corporations and special interests. When City Officials raise money from entities who stand to benefit from their actions, their duty to the public is impaired.

When the former Director of Public Works asked Recology to donate to an outside slush fund while approving increases to their monopoly profits, that was a behested payment. When former DBI officials, now under federal indictment, raised money from permit expeditors whose permits they were rubber stamping, those were behested payments.

When behested payments occur, regular San Franciscans stand to lose. Let's put an end to behested payments, and an end to pay-to-play politics in San Francisco.

**Vote Yes on Prop E. E is for Ethics.**

*San Francisco Friends of Ethics*  
*Board of Supervisors President Shamman Walton*  
*Supervisor Connie Chan*  
*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*  
*Supervisor Gordon Mar*  
*Supervisor Dean Preston*

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## **Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition E**

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As we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic, non-profit and community organizations are relying on public private partnerships more than ever.

Proposition E would stop organizations most in need from receiving important funding they need to stay operational. Their work impacts



the most critical issues San Francisco is facing - homelessness, housing scarcity, equity, public safety, and climate change. Parks and open spaces are also at risk, and are a significant part of the daily lives of families, working people, and seniors.

Proposition E puts prohibitive regulations on the neighborhood engagement process. Grassroots groups do not have the resources of larger corporations. Expecting our community advocates to navigate complex regulations such as Proposition E would have a chilling effect on the type of community services San Francisco can offer to residents who are deeply affected by the challenges we face today.

Proposition E is a “one size fits all” approach that will cause more harm than good, stifling the voices of the underrepresented and disenfranchised.

We must empower and uplift our communities - not add more red tape. **Vote NO on Proposition E.**

*Supervisor Catherine Stefani*  
*Senator Scott Wiener*  
*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman*

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## **Opponent’s Argument Against Proposition E**

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While there may be good intentions behind Proposition E, this ordinance is a sledgehammer approach that will significantly impair the City’s ability to partner with vital community organizations and receive critical charitable support.

The measure will prevent the City from closely working with nonprofit partners on projects addressing homelessness, housing, equity, public safety and environmental justice.

Proposition E will jeopardize important partnerships that enable community benefit organizations to help those most in need. During these challenging times, the City is fighting to recover from the pandemic and residents are still feeling its effects. We must work



closely with our community nonprofits and welcome generous charitable giving to the City to support its recovery efforts.

Proposition E will disproportionately impact historically disenfranchised groups serving communities of color and the LGBTQ community that may not have the resources and access to navigate such complex regulation. They will be left out of the conversation. These disparate impacts do not serve to lift up the people of San Francisco in such a difficult time.

Overly burdensome, ambiguous, and overreaching regulation is always inequitable. San Francisco cannot afford such impacts now.

*Supervisor Catherine Stefani*  
*Supervisor Myrna Melgar*  
*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman*  
*Senator Scott Wiener*

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## **Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition E**

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**A YES vote on E is a vote for ethical government, and an end to pay-to-play politics as usual.**

The official opponents of Prop E must be confused. Prop E would not stop all fundraising, but it would stop government officials from fundraising from people who are seeking contracts from them, or whose contracts they just approved. That's a recipe for corruption. Plain and simple.

Since the United States Attorney began its investigation, 5 department heads, including the heads of some of San Francisco's largest agencies, have been indicted or removed from their jobs.

We're actually kind of shocked that there are still people in government who want to stick to the bad old ways. The official opponents to this argument fail to explain why they need to raise money from the very parties who are seeking contracts, permits or other relief from them.

The reason we're taking this to the voters is because we don't trust politicians to regulate themselves. Prop E is based on common sense legislation lauded by California Common Cause, an organization that advances democracy by building public trust in government.

Vote Yes on E.

*SF Friends of Ethics*  
*Supervisor Connie Chan*  
*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*

# Proposition F – Refuse Collection and Disposal

**Shall the City change the membership of the Refuse Rate Board, how refuse rates and regulations are set and the rules governing future changes?**

**YES** ☐

**NO** ☐

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

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## **Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** The City issues permits for and regulates the collection, transport and disposal of residential refuse in San Francisco. Recology, through its subsidiaries, holds all permits for residential refuse collection in the City.

The Refuse Rate Board (Rate Board) manages the process to set rates and regulations for residential refuse collection and disposal. The Rate Board has three members: the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, the City Administrator and the City Controller.

When the Rate Board receives an application to change refuse rates or regulations, it first refers the application to the Director of Public Works, who must hold a public hearing on the application and provide a recommendation to the Rate Board. If nobody objects, the recommendation becomes final. If someone objects, the Rate Board holds a public hearing and can modify the recommendation.

**The Proposal:** Proposition F would restructure membership of the Rate Board, change the process by which rates and regulations are set for both residential and commercial customers, and rules governing how future changes are made. The Rate Board members would be the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, the City Administrator and a Ratepayer Representative. The City Controller would also assume new duties as Refuse Rate Administrator.

The Ratepayer Representative would be recommended by The Utility Reform Network (TURN) or another organization recognized by the Board of Supervisors as dedicated to protecting ratepayers. The Mayor would appoint the Ratepayer Representative subject to the Board of Supervisors approval.

The Refuse Rate Administrator would monitor rates and propose changes to the Rate Board. Public hearings on proposed changes would be held before the Commission on the Environment and the Commission on Sanitation and Streets. The Rate Board would then hold a public hearing on the proposed changes and publish its final decision. Any new rates would be in effect for at least two years, but no longer than five years.

Only the voters can change the Rate Board's membership or its authority over setting rates. The Board of Supervisors may change other parts of the ordinance by a two-thirds vote, if those changes are recommended by the Mayor, Rate Board and Refuse Rate Administrator.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to change the membership of the Refuse Rate Board, how refuse rates and regulations are set and the rules governing future changes.

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

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## **Controller's Statement on "F"**

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

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a moderate impact on the cost of government. This analysis is limited to the effects of the proposed ordinance on the cost of government and does not include an analysis of the effect of the ordinance on the costs of recycling, composting and disposal services provided to San Francisco residents and businesses.

The proposed ordinance would amend the current Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance to appoint the Controller as the Refuse Rate Administrator to monitor refuse rates and recommend refuse rate adjustments to the Refuse Rate Board. Currently, Department of Public Works staff perform this work. An appointed Ratepayer Representative would replace the Controller as a member of the Refuse Rate Board. The ordinance authorizes the Rate Board to regulate commercial rates as well as residential and allows a supermajority of the Board of Supervisors to amend the ordinance, on recommendation of the Rate Administrator, Rate Board, and Mayor.

The estimated annual cost for the refuse rate administration, including office space and staffing, and addition of a Ratepayer Representative to the Refuse Rate Board is \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Cost estimates are incremental effort above current spending on these activities. Duties related to the rate-application process that had been previously done by the Department of Public Works staff will be removed from their larger portfolios, and the contracted out public advocate function will no longer be needed. Costs resulting from future amendments to the ordinance, such as regulation of commercial rates or opening the system to competitive bidding, are not included in this estimate. Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller's Office, which has prepared this statement.

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## **How "F" Got on the Ballot**

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On March 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition F on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton.

**No:** None.

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## **Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition F**

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Paying more than you need to for garbage pickup? Well, that's just garbage.

Proposition F brings ratepayer advocacy, regular audits and anti-corruption safeguards to the city's management of residential and commercial garbage and recycling contracts with the potential to save San Francisco customers hundreds of millions of dollars.

One private company, Recology, is responsible for the city's waste hauling and recycling services, but the city approves rates. The problem is the people in city government approving rates allowed Recology to overcharge customers by up to \$200 million.

This current system of approving garbage rates is over 90 years old and is broken. This system allows employees in the Department of Public Works to oversee rates – a job they are not always trained to do. And because the current system lacks ratepayer advocacy and regular audits it is vulnerable to cronyism and corruption.

Proposition F is the change we need to stop overcharging.

By creating full transparency and ratepayer advocacy, Proposition F will do more than prevent unjustified rate increases. It will make sure everyone is treated fairly, so, residents and small businesses are not being overcharged while powerful downtown businesses get better deals.

The people who pick up our waste and recycling work hard. They are not the problem. The problem is a system that allows massive overcharges. A system we will change with Proposition F.

The price of food, gas and rent keeps going up and up. It is time our government steps up to make sure you are not being overcharged for a service you need. By creating ratepayer advocacy, regular audits and anti-corruption safeguards, Proposition F will ensure you are not paying more than you need to for garbage service.

*Mayor London Breed*  
*Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton*  
*Supervisor Connie Chan*  
*Supervisor Catherine Stefani*  
*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*  
*Supervisor Gordon Mar*  
*Supervisor Dean Preston*  
*Supervisor Matt Haney*  
*Supervisor Myrna Melgar*  
*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman*  
*Supervisor Hillary Ronen*  
*Supervisor Ahsha Safai*

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## **Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition F**

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Please vote NO on Proposition F.

The proponents argue that garbage bills may be too high. Actually, San Francisco garbage rates are about the same as elsewhere in the Bay Area, and we have a more comprehensive set of services with more processing than most other places.

Ratepayer advocacy, regular audits, and anti-corruption safeguards already exist. Recycling and zero waste advocates participate in rate hearings. Waste characterization studies and financial audits occur regularly. Tough anti-corruption safeguards are in place both by law and court order.

The garbage rate-setting system approved by the voters in 1932 still works fine. Proposition F is not a solution we need at this time.

No one has linked the recent scandal involving the former Director of Public Works and a recent rate miscalculation. Recology admitted the error and gave refunds to customers.

What's lost here is the great progress San Francisco has made, especially in the last 35 years, to reduce garbage going to landfills. Others envy our comprehensive system of education, sorting, and



processing, with modern equipment and local jobs, that reduces environmental impacts at reasonable cost. Coordinating closely with Recology, San Francisco has truly transformed garbage collection into waste reduction and useful resources.

All of that is threatened here. Proposition F would create more bureaucracy with no meaningful public benefit.

Existing oversight mechanisms already serve us well and keep both residential and commercial garbage rates low. No change is needed at this time.

Please vote NO on Proposition F. Thank you.

*David Pilpel*

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## **Opponent's Argument Against Proposition F**

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Please vote NO on Proposition F.

Garbage rate-setting is one of the most obscure and yet important functions of City government. There is a complicated and yet elegant process approved by the voters in 1932 that still serves us well. I respectfully suggest that Proposition F is not a solution that we need at this time.

Recology is often in the news, and not always for good reasons. A recent scandal involving the former Director of Public Works and a recent rate miscalculation have been widely reported.

What does not get much coverage is day-to-day collection, processing, and disposal of compostables, recycling, and garbage, including San Francisco's leading position as a City that minimizes waste, separates and processes it, minimizes sending it to landfills, minimizes environmental impacts, supports local hiring and cleanup programs, and does so at a reasonable cost to ratepayers.

Proposition F has already caused great uncertainty in a system that needs more stability, not less.

As someone who follows this issue closely, I have attended garbage rate hearings for years and brought objections to the Refuse Rate Board. The rate-setting system works fine in my opinion, and this proposal would change powers and duties here in ways that are not helpful to garbage collection, the environment, or ratepayers. It would create more bureaucracy with no meaningful public benefit.

This proposal was also developed in secret, with limited participation from selected interests and no substantial public involvement. Businesses and residents would be affected, bills might go up, services might go down, and new oversight mechanisms are not clear.

We don't need new City Departments, unnecessary spending, or other gimmicks during a pandemic or at any other time. We should be using existing resources and oversight mechanisms more effectively.

Please vote NO on Proposition F. Thank you.

*David Pilpel*

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## **Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition F**

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Here are the indisputable facts:

The city failed to find up to \$200 million in unnecessary garbage rate hikes.

The individuals assigned to approve rate hikes at the Department of Public Works do not always have the expertise to conduct the complicated auditing required to spot waste, much less fraud or abuse.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there was a pattern of corruption at the very top of the department tasked with making sure our garbage rates are fair.

And as the author of the "No" argument states himself, the system that failed to prevent these unnecessary charges is nearly 100 years old.

After nearly 100 years, and after the last few years where we saw a pattern of corruption and unjustified rate hikes – it is time for a change.

Proposition F brings oversight, professional auditing and requires ongoing ratepayer advocacy. It creates no new department – it simply moves oversight to experts who can help bring fair rates – and improved service.

The people who pick up our garbage and recycling do a great job. Proposition F helps these frontline workers by making sure the system is fair to everyone. And the union that represents these hard-working neighbors supports Proposition F.

These are tough times for working families. The cost of just about everything is going up. San Franciscans deserve professional and transparent oversight to make sure our garbage rates are fair.

Please Vote YES on F.

*Supervisor Connie Chan*  
*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*  
*San Francisco Labor Council*

# Proposition G – Public Health Emergency Leave

Shall the City require employers with more than 100 employees worldwide to provide paid public health emergency leave, not to exceed 80 hours a year, for their employees in San Francisco?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

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## Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** The City generally requires employers to provide employees with paid sick leave based on hours worked in San Francisco. The City also provides its employees with paid sick leave.

The City does not have a law addressing paid public health emergency leave.

**The Proposal:** Starting on October 1, 2022, Proposition G would generally require private employers and the City to provide paid leave to employees for public health emergencies. This requirement would apply to private employers with more than 100 employees worldwide and would cover only their employees working in San Francisco. The amount of leave provided each year would be equal to the number of hours that each employee regularly works over a two-week period, up to a maximum of 80 hours. This leave can be used only during a public health emergency.

A public health emergency includes:

- a local or state health emergency relating to any infectious disease, as declared by a local or state health official; or
- when a Spare the Air Alert is in effect.

Employees may use public health emergency leave in several circumstances, including when:

- the employee or their family member is unable to work due to the recommendations or requirements of a health order addressing the emergency;
- the employee or their family member experiences symptoms of the disease causing the emergency or tests positive for the disease; or
- the employee primarily works outdoors and has heart or lung disease, has respiratory problems, is pregnant, or is at least 60 years old when a Spare the Air Alert is in effect.

An employee may choose to use public health emergency leave or paid sick leave in circumstances where both could apply. Any unused public health emergency leave does not carry over to the next year.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to require private employers with more than 100 employees worldwide and the City to provide paid public health emergency leave, not to exceed 80 hours a year, for their employees in San Francisco.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want to require this new paid public health emergency leave.

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## **Controller's Statement on "G"**

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

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would minimally to significantly increase the cost of government.

The proposed ordinance requires employers with more than 100 worldwide employees to provide public health emergency leave to employees who work in San Francisco during a public health emergency, including air quality emergencies. Employees may use this leave for defined purposes. Employers would provide up to 80 hours of paid public health emergency leave, based on an employee's number of regular work hours. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, federal, state and local laws required employers of a certain size to

provide paid emergency sick leave. The proposed ordinance adopts similar requirements but does not amend current law.

The cost to city government would include implementation tasks and enforcing the compliance of private employers, including at least one compliance officer position at a cost of \$170,000 per year. Estimating the cost to the City of this paid leave mandate in future years is more difficult. The COVID-19 sick pay benefit of up to 80 hours granted to each city worker during the emergency is not typically considered additional compensation. Employees also have regular sick pay balances they may utilize. Extending the public health emergency leave benefit could have a significant fiscal impact to the City. The impact would be driven by the extent to which individual absences need to be covered with overtime pay. In the past this has been a small fraction of actual sick leave but is difficult to predict with certainty.

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## **How "G" Got on the Ballot**

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On March 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition G on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton.

**No:** None.

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## **Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition G**

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### **Vote YES on Proposition G to protect essential workers and public health**

COVID-19 has revealed massive gaps in protections for essential workers, and worsening fire seasons are causing more unhealthy air quality days each year.

Public Health Emergency Leave will address the gravity of these threats by providing two additional weeks of paid leave to hundreds of thousands of San Francisco workers during emergencies — paid leave that protects us all.

Public Health Emergency Leave will become available automatically during any public health emergency to use if you're sick, need to quarantine, need to take care of a family member, or can't work because of it.

Public Health Emergency Leave will be available upfront without needing to be accrued, and will cover all employees of private companies with 100 or more employees worldwide, and City employees.

On unhealthy air quality days, outdoor workers with asthma or other conditions sensitive to poor air quality will have Public Health Emergency Leave to protect them.

### **Protecting workers protects public health.**

The pandemic has shown that we are only as healthy as our neighbors. No person should have to choose between being able to pay their rent or going to work with a contagious and potentially deadly disease. No parent should have to choose between a paycheck or sending their sick child to school. By extending Public Health Emergency Leave for current and future emergencies, we're acting on the lessons from this pandemic, and we'll be more prepared for the next one.

This common-sense policy empowers workers to protect themselves and all of us. San Francisco led the nation by passing paid sick leave in 2006. Let's lead again and pass Public Health Emergency Leave in 2022.

### **Join us in voting YES on Proposition G.**

*Supervisor Gordan Mar*  
*Supervisor Connie Chan*  
*Supervisor Hillary Ronen*  
*Supervisor Dean Preston*

**No Rebuttal or Opponent's Argument  
Against Proposition G Was Submitted**



# Proposition H – Recall Measure Regarding Chesa Boudin

Shall Chesa Boudin be recalled (removed) from  
the Office of District Attorney?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

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## Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**The Way It Is Now:** On November 5, 2019, San Francisco voters elected Chesa Boudin to be District Attorney to a four-year term ending on January 8, 2024.

The District Attorney is responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of state and local criminal laws.

If the District Attorney is recalled, the City Charter allows the Mayor to appoint a replacement, who could run for District Attorney in the next election.

Note: A proposed amendment to the City Charter (Proposition C: Recall Timelines and Vacancy Appointments) on this ballot may change the replacement process.

**The Proposal:** Proposition H is a recall measure that would remove Chesa Boudin from the Office of District Attorney. If the voters approve the recall measure, Boudin would be removed from office 10 days after the Board of Supervisors declares the election results and the Mayor would appoint a replacement. The City would hold an election for District Attorney, at the earliest, as part of the November 8, 2022, regular election.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to remove Chesa Boudin as the San Francisco District Attorney.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you want to keep Chesa Boudin as the San Francisco District Attorney.

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## **Controller's Statement on "H"**

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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.

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## **How "H" Got on the Ballot**

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On November 9, 2021, the Department of Elections (Department) certified that the petition to recall District Attorney Chesa Boudin contained a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the recall measure for the ballot.

The total number of signatures on the petition was 83,484. The Department reviewed 4,174 randomly selected signatures (5% of the total submitted) which indicated the petition contained a number of valid signatures greater than the minimum 51,325 signatures required for the petition to be deemed successful.

# Proponents' Statement of Reasons for the Recall and the District Attorney's Answer

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## Proponents' Statement of Reasons

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**TO THE HONORABLE CHESA BOUDIN:** Pursuant to Section 11020 of the California Elections Code and Section 14.103 of the San Francisco Charter, the undersigned registered qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of District Attorney, in San Francisco, California, and to request that the Mayor appoint a person to fill the vacancy created by the recall.

**The grounds for the recall are as follows:** We all agree that we need real criminal justice reform and police accountability now. Chesa Boudin isn't delivering on either priority — and since he took office, burglaries, car break-ins, homicides and overdose-related deaths are at a crisis level. Boudin is not keeping San Francisco safe. He refuses to adequately prosecute criminals and fails to take the drug dealing crisis seriously. He doesn't hold serial offenders accountable, getting them released from custody, and his response to victims is that "hopefully" home burglaries will go down. Boudin said he wouldn't prosecute "victimless" DUI offenses, and he failed to charge a repeat offender who then killed two pedestrians on New Year's Eve while driving intoxicated in a stolen car. Boudin has the wrong priorities. He promised to take sexual assault cases seriously. Instead Boudin asked sexual assault survivors about making amends with their own attackers. Boudin hasn't even kept his word on reforms. Three people died in interactions with police, and Boudin failed to prosecute any officers involved. Recalling someone shouldn't be taken lightly, but San Francisco can't wait two more years to improve public safety and fix our criminal justice system. Chesa Boudin must go -- now.

The names of the proponents are as follows:

*Mary Jung, Ditka Reiner, Caryl Ito, Sandy Mori, Sonia Melara, Matthew Rhoa, Margaret O'Sullivan, Kevin O'Shea, Liam F. Frost,*

*Michele Bell, Lanier Coles, Liam Reidy, Vanita Louie, Leanna Louie, David Troup, Chao Tung Lin, Elizabeth Farrell, Leigh Frazier, Dena Aslanian-Williams, Austin Louie, Stephanie Lehman, Mark Dietrich, Emily Reichman, Courtland Reichman, Marguerite Hutchinson, Emily Murase, Nicole Wilke, Lisa Pinckney, Randall Wong, and Karina Velasquez.*

DATED: April 28, 2021

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## **District Attorney's Answer to the Statement**

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This is yet another recall relying on FALSE AND DISPROVEN REPUBLICAN talking points attempting to undo progress and take us backwards. Recalls are not political tools for people who lose elections. Voters thoughtfully and carefully elected DA Boudin because they support his work to reform an unjust system that too often criminalized poverty, addiction, and mental illness; failed to hold violent police accountable; and targeted people of color. The old approaches didn't make us safer - they ignored root causes of crime and perpetuated mass incarceration. In his first year, DA Boudin fought to: 1) Massively expand support for crime victims; 2) Hold police accountable when they commit unnecessary violence; 3) Create an independent innocence commission; 4) Establish an economic crimes unit to protect worker's rights. DA Boudin initiated over 5,000 new cases to hold criminals accountable. Reject this recall's Republican rhetoric — don't provide your signature, money, or personal information. Exploiting recalls for political purposes is an abuse of the process - it disrespects the will of the voters, and costs taxpayers millions of dollars. DA Boudin is COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, and to reforming the criminal justice system to provide safety, justice, and fairness for all San Franciscans.

*Chesa Boudin*

The Honorable Chesa Boudin, San Francisco District Attorney,  
350 Rhode Island, 400 North, San Francisco, CA 94103

FILED: May 5, 2021

# Information About Prohibited Election Activities

## **Warning: Electioneering prohibited!**

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

**The following activities are prohibited within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or drop box:**

- *DO NOT* ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- *DO NOT* block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- *DO NOT* provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- *DO NOT* circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.
- *DO NOT* distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

## **Warning: Corrupting the voting process is prohibited!**

Violations subject to fine and/or imprisonment.

### **The following activities are prohibited:**

- *DO NOT* commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- *DO NOT* provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- *DO NOT* illegally vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- *DO NOT* engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- *DO NOT* challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- *DO NOT* possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- *DO NOT* forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.

- *DO NOT* alter the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- *DO NOT* display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- *DO NOT* coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- *DO NOT* act as an election officer when you are not one.

*EMPLOYERS* cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote by mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

*PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS* cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.



# Key Facts about the City's Voting System

San Francisco voters began using its current voting system in 2019. Voters who will be using this system for the first time may find the following information useful:

- 1.** To mark the ballot, voters fill in ovals next to their selections.
- 2.** All voting sites will have ballot-scanning machines and accessible ballot-marking devices. Ballot-marking devices feature:
  - Audio and touchscreen ballot formats (headphones and braille-embossed keypads are available)
  - Compatibility with assistive devices such as sip-and-puff and head pointer
  - Ballot secrecy and vote count security. The ballot-marking devices do not store voters' selections; after marking their ballots, voters need to print and have their ballots scanned by ballot-scanning machines.
- 3.** Prior to each election, the Department of Elections tests all of the City's voting equipment to verify that this equipment is functional and generates logically accurate results. Equipment testing is open to public observation, both in person and via livestream at *[sfelections.org/observe](https://sfelections.org/observe)*.
- 4.** No part of the City's voting system connects to the internet or receives or transmits data through any external communication network. In an effort to provide maximum transparency, the Department of Elections publically posts images of voted ballots on its website, including information on how the marks on each ballot were interpreted and tabulated.

# Keep Your Voter Registration Information Current!

It is important to review the information in your voter registration record prior to every election. If your record contains outdated information such as the wrong mailing address, you may not receive official elections materials, including your vote-by-mail ballot. You may review your registration information by visiting [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov) or by contacting the Department of Elections.

To update the information in your registration record, (re)register at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov), or contact the Department to request a paper registration form.

The deadline to (re)register online or by mail for the June 7, 2022 election is May 23, 2022. After that date, you will need to update your information in person at the voting center or a polling place.

## Voter Registration Privacy Information

Information in your voter registration record is used by election officials to send you official election materials. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided upon request for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Certain information such as driver license, social security numbers and signatures on record 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, call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline: (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

## Safe at Home Program

Safe at Home is a confidential address program administered by the California Secretary of State. Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227, or visit [sos.ca.gov](https://sos.ca.gov).

# Questions?

## Our Voter Support team is just a call or click away...

Multilingual phone operators are available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and during the two weekends before Election Day, June 7, (May 28–29 and June 4–5), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Election Day, our phone lines are open from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You may also send your questions by email or mail at any time.

### Phone:

English: (415) 554-4375

Español: (415) 554-4366

中文: (415) 554-4367

Filipino: (415) 554-4310

TTY: (415) 554-4386

### Address:

Department of Elections

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

City Hall, Room 48

San Francisco, CA 94102

### Email:

[sfvote@sfgov.org](mailto:sfvote@sfgov.org)

## Or try using one of these helpful online voter assistance tools:

- View your registration, track your ballot, request a replacement ballot, and more at ***[sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal)***
- Find out if your voting districts have changed at ***[sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict](https://sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict)***
- Sign up for ballot tracking notifications via email, text, or voice message at ***[wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov)***
- Map out your voting plan for the June 7 election at ***[sfelections.org/myelectionnavigator](https://sfelections.org/myelectionnavigator)***
- Find ballot drop box locations at ***[sfelections.org/ballotdropoff](https://sfelections.org/ballotdropoff)***
- Confirm your polling place location and check the wait time at ***[sfelections.org/myvotinglocation](https://sfelections.org/myvotinglocation)***
- Register to vote or update your registration at ***[registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov)***