



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

**Consolidated General Election
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

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Quick Guide to the November 8, 2022 Election

Election Highlights

- Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters and 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.
- In-person voting opportunities are available at the City Hall Voting Center and 501 polling places.

More information about voting options is included in this pamphlet.

Want to earn money while helping your community?

Consider joining our poll worker team — you can earn up to \$295 while serving voters at a polling place on Election Day! Bilingual speakers are especially needed! Sign up at sfelections.org/pwa or call us at (415) 554-4395.

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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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Dear San Francisco Voter,

September 9, 2022

The November 8, 2022, Consolidated General Election is the first election that uses the new boundaries for Supervisorial districts drawn by the San Francisco Redistricting Task Force and based on information from the 2020 decennial census. One effect is some voters may now live in a different Supervisorial district in relation to previous elections. For this election, voters in even-numbered Supervisorial districts will receive ballots that include contests for Supervisors. Voters living in an odd-numbered Supervisorial district will next vote for their Supervisors in the November 2024 election.

Visit our website for several maps that provide the new boundaries for not only Supervisorial Districts, but also State Assembly and U.S. Congressional Districts in San Francisco at *sfelections.org/maps*. The maps provide views that indicate the sections of the City in which voters will experience changes in their 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 back cover of the main version of this voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you.

Your ballot will again include two contests for the U.S. Senate as well as two contests for the Community College Board. 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. The Community College Board contest appearing first will elect three candidates to serve during the

new terms that begin January 2023, while the contest appearing second will elect one candidate to serve the remainder of the current term which ends in January 2025.

Returning Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

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, November 8, 2022. You can search for the nearest USPS boxes and pickup times at usps.com/locator.

Starting October 10 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.

On Election Day, you can also return your voted ballot to any of the City's 501 neighborhood polling places or the City Hall Voting Center, 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. 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.

Accessible Vote-by-Mail System

Beginning October 10, any voter can use the Department's accessible vote-by-mail (AVBM) system at 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, ensuring the return envelope is postmarked on or before Election Day.

Voting in Person

On October 11, the Department will open its Voting Center located inside City Hall, and which is available to all voters, including non-citizen voters eligible to vote on the Board of Education contest.

The Voting Center will be open every weekday starting October 11, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., the two weekends prior to Election Day (October 29 – 30, and November 5 – 6), 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., and Election Day, November 8, 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 October 24 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, or visit sfelections.org.

Respectfully,
John Arntz, Director

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Overview of Official Voter Information Resources

The San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet

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

The main version of this pamphlet that was mailed to you includes your sample ballot and information about voting in the November 8 election as well as candidates and local ballot measures.

This pamphlet is also available online in PDF, HTML, XML, or MP3 format at 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 provides the Voter Information Guide with information about federal and statewide candidates and statewide ballot measures. You may access the guide on 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 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 this pamphlet.

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:

Christopher Jerdonek, President
appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Robin M. Stone, Vice President
appointed by the District Attorney

Lucy Bernholz
appointed by the Treasurer

Cynthia Dai
appointed by the City Attorney

Renita LiVolsi
appointed by the Public Defender

Vacant
appointed by the Board of Education

Vacant
appointed by the Mayor

Your Voting Districts May Have Changed!

As you prepare to vote in the November 8, 2022 Consolidated General Election, please be aware that one or more of your voting districts and/or your precinct may have changed since the last time you voted, as a result of recent redistricting. Redistricting is the process that occurs every decade, during which state and local redistricting committees use federal Census data to draw new voting district maps in order to maintain equal numbers of people in each voting district.

The City's new state and federal voting district maps went into effect in the June 7, 2022 Election and its new Supervisorial and BART district maps will go into effect in the November 8, 2022 Election.

Your home address determines in which voting districts you live, and the contests and candidates you will see on your ballot. If your voting districts have changed, you may see different contests and candidates on your ballot than previously.

To learn more about local redistricting changes, you have several options:

1. Check the back cover of the main version of this voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you to find out your current voting districts.
2. Review the new Supervisorial District map on page 13 of this pamphlet.
3. View maps showing the differences between San Francisco's "old" 2011 voting districts and its "new" 2022 voting districts at sfelections.org/maps.
4. Compare your "old" 2011 voting districts to your "new" 2022 voting districts, using an online tool at sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict.
5. Review a presentation that explains recent redistricting processes at sfelections.org/newdistricts.

6. Refer to the Department's official notices on this subject, including the posters, flyers, newspaper, radio, and TV ads that have been distributed throughout the City.
7. Contact the Department of Elections with specific questions.

Your Polling Place May Have Changed!

As required by state law, the Department of Elections had to adjust the boundary lines of San Francisco's voting precincts to conform to newly-drawn representative district boundaries. This means many voters will have new precincts and new assigned polling places in the November 8 Election.

To find the address of your assigned polling place, along with accessibility information, you have several options:

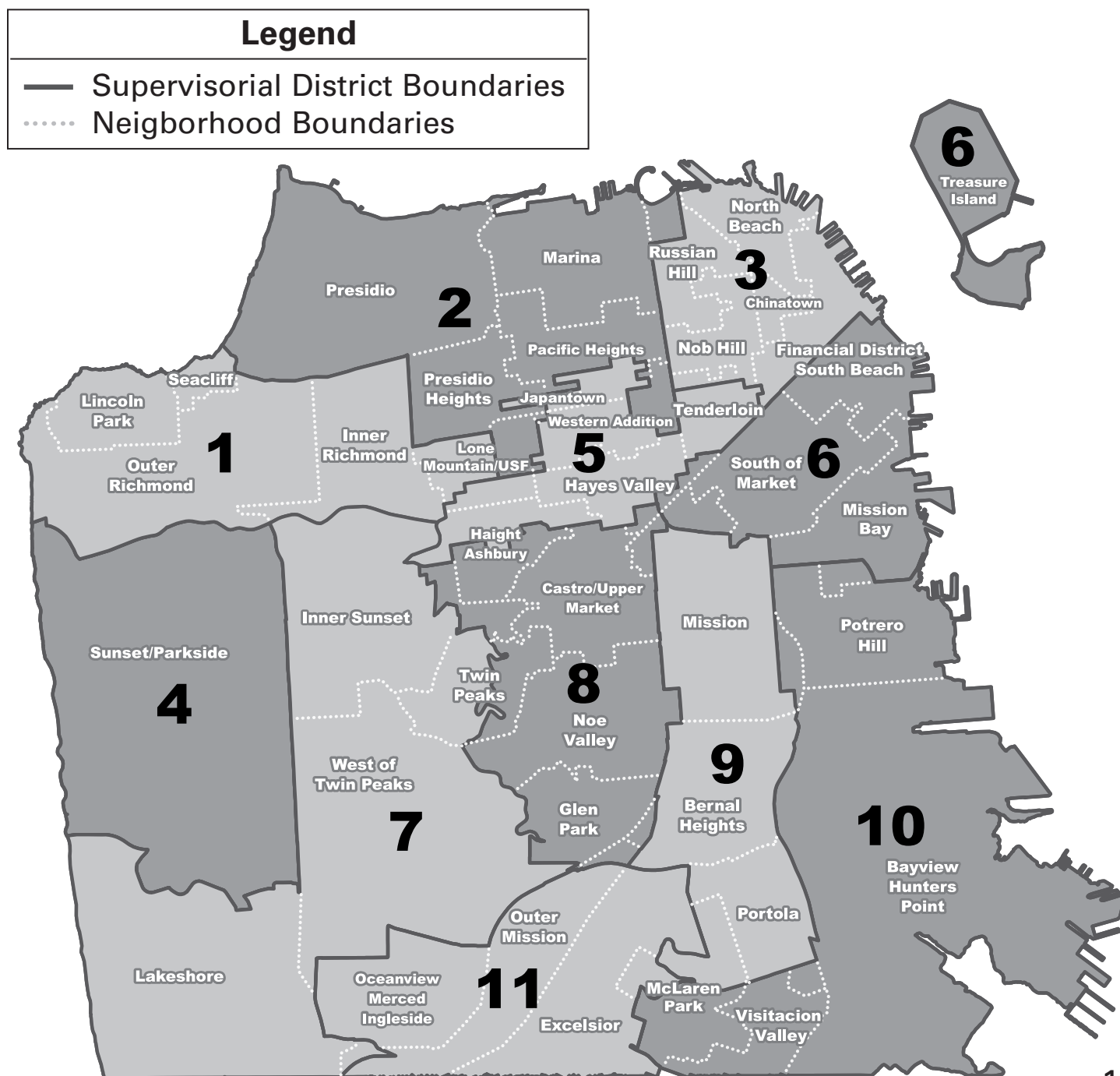
1. Refer to the back cover of the main version of this voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you.
2. Go to *sfelections.org/myvotinglocation*.
3. Contact the Department of Elections.

As in any election, voters who prefer to return their vote-by-mail ballot packets at a polling place, may do so at any location. For a complete list of San Francisco's polling places, visit *sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace*.

New Supervisorial District Map

San Francisco is divided into eleven Supervisorial Districts. In the November 8 election, voters who live in even-numbered Supervisorial Districts (2, 4, 6, 8, and 10) will elect members of the Board of Supervisors. Voters living in odd-numbered Supervisorial Districts (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11) will elect members of the Board of Supervisors in 2024.

Following is the map that shows current boundaries of Supervisorial Districts and neighborhoods that now fall within each Supervisorial District.



Voting Options

As a San Francisco voter, you can choose to vote in the November 8 election **by mail** or **in person** at the City Hall Voting Center or at a polling place.

Vote by Mail

About a month before the next and all future elections, the Department of Elections will automatically mail a vote-by-mail ballot (VBM) packet to every registered San Francisco voter. Each packet will contain an official ballot, instructions, an “I Voted!” sticker, and a postage-paid return envelope.

The Department of Elections will also open San Francisco’s accessible vote-by-mail (AVBM) system 29 days before Election Day (October 10 for the November 8 election). The AVBM system, available to all local voters at sfelections.org/access, offers screen-readable ballots compatible with personal assistive devices.

Whether you plan to cast a paper or accessible ballot, you will need to complete 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 cards, then make your selections.	Go to sfelections.org/access to access your ballot, read the online instructions, then make your selections.
2: Prepare your Envelope	Remove receipts from the top of your ballot cards, fold each card separately, and place folded cards into 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

Please pay attention to the dates by which your ballot must be postmarked and received by the Department of Elections in order to be counted, and do not wait until the last minute!

To be counted, **ballots returned by mail** must be postmarked on or before Election Day, November 8, and received by the Department of Elections no later than November 15, 2022.

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. This means if you return your ballot on Election Day, you must use a mailbox at which the last collection has not yet occurred or bring the ballot to the City Hall Voting Center, any official ballot drop box, or polling place by 8 p.m.

To be counted, **ballots returned directly to the Department of Elections** must be dropped off no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8. From October 11 to November 7, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box or the City Hall Voting Center. On Election Day, November 8, 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.

The Department of Elections offers 34 official ballot drop boxes in neighborhoods across the City. Drop boxes will be open 24 hours a day starting October 10 through 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8. A list of ballot drop box locations along with the map are included on pages 18–20 and available at selections.org/ballotdropoff.

Did you know that you can track your vote-by-mail ballot to know when it is mailed, received, and processed by the Department of Elections?

Go to sfelections.org/voterportal or sign up to receive ballot notifications via email, text, or voice message at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov.

Vote Early at the City Hall Voting Center

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 October 11 through November 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The last two weekends before Election Day (October 29–30 and November 5–6), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- On Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vote at your Assigned Polling Place on Election Day

Between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 501 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 voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you. If your assigned polling place changes after this 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 to confirm your polling place address.

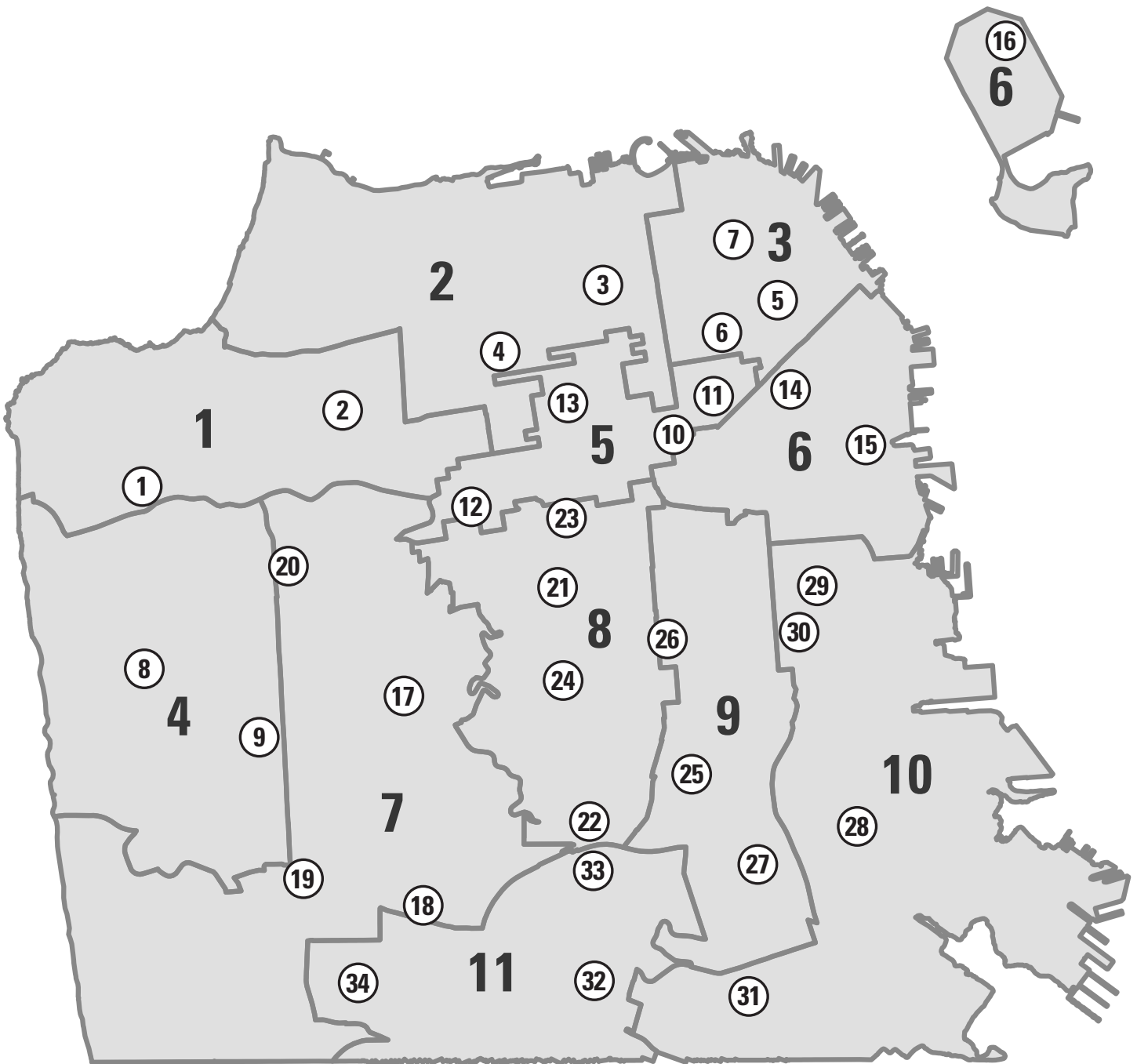
Official Ballot Drop Boxes in San Francisco

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. Ballot drop boxes provide voters with a secure, accessible, and contact-free method to return their 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”. Each ballot box is located outdoors, placed on an accessible path of travel, and features a 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.

See the current drop box map on page 18, and a list of locations and addresses on pages 19–20.

Legend	
	Ballot Drop Box
	Supervisory District Boundaries



To share your feedback on the current ballot drop box map, go to sfelections.org/ballotboxfeedback.

Super- visorial District	Ballot Drop Box	Location	Address
1	1	Cabrillo Playground	853 38th Ave
1	2	Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library	351 9th Ave
2	3	Golden Gate Valley Branch Library	1801 Green St
2	4	Presidio Branch Library	3150 Sacramento St
3	5	City College of San Francisco - Chinatown Center	808 Kearny St
3	6	Huntington Park	California St and Taylor St
3	7	North Beach Branch Library	850 Columbus Ave
4	8	Ortega Branch Library	3223 Ortega St
4	9	Parkside Branch Library	1200 Taraval St
5	10	City Hall	1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
5	11	Father Alfred E. Boeddeker Park	246 Eddy St
5	12	Park Branch Library	1833 Page St
5	13	Western Addition Branch Library	1550 Scott St
6	14	City College of San Francisco - Downtown Center	88 4th St
6	15	Mission Bay Branch Library	960 4th St
6	16	Ship Shape Community Center	850 Avenue I
7	17	Forest Hill Station (Muni Metro)	380 Laguna Honda Blvd

Super- visorial District	Ballot Drop Box	Location	Address
7	18	Ingleside Branch Library	1298 Ocean Ave
7	19	Merced Branch Library	155 Winston Dr
7	20	Sunset Branch Library	1305 18th Ave
8	21	Eureka Valley Recreation Center	100 Collingwood St
8	22	Glen Park BART Station	2901 Diamond St
8	23	Harvey Milk Recreation Center	50 Scott St
8	24	Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library	451 Jersey St
9	25	Bernal Heights Branch Library	500 Cortland Ave
9	26	City College of San Francisco - Mission Center	1125 Valencia St
9	27	Portola Branch Library	380 Bacon St
10	28	Bayview/Linda Brooks-Burton Branch Library	5075 3rd St
10	29	Potrero Branch Library	1616 20th St
10	30	Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center	1001 Potrero Ave
10	31	Visitacion Valley Branch Library	201 Leland Ave
11	32	Crocker Amazon Playground	799 Moscow St
11	33	Excelsior Branch Library	4400 Mission St
11	34	Ocean View Branch Library	345 Randolph St

San Francisco Needs Poll Workers for the November 8 Election!

We at the Department of Elections invite you to join San Francisco's Poll Worker Team for the November 8, 2022 Election!

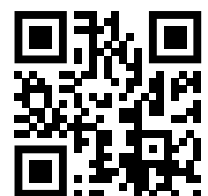
Poll workers are volunteers who help administer voting at neighborhood polling places on Election Day. Their responsibilities include setting up and closing the polling place, checking in voters using precinct rosters, answering voter questions, and providing materials such as ballots, voter registration forms, and "I Voted!" stickers.

For their one-day service, poll workers receive a **stipend ranging from \$225 to \$295** along with a collectable election-specific pin in recognition of their efforts.

Many people find serving as a poll worker a meaningful way to give back to their communities. In fact, some San Francisco poll workers have volunteered in over 50 elections! The Department of Elections thanks the many volunteers who have already committed to help us conduct the upcoming election on November 8.

We hope you too join us and serve our City!

To apply to be a poll worker, please visit *sfelections.org/pwa* or call (415) 554-4395.



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 currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
 - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 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).

Help inform future election outreach in San Francisco!

The Department of Elections invites you to complete a short, anonymous survey to let us know how you receive election information. Your participation in this survey will help the Department shape its future efforts to reach San Franciscans with information about how to register and vote.

Prior to every election, the Department of Elections develops a Voter Outreach and Education Plan. This plan outlines various strategies designed to provide San Franciscans with key election information. Such strategies include notices, flyers, in-person and virtual presentations, radio, television and newspaper ads, website and social media postings, as well as partnerships with local community-based organizations and city agencies.

To complete this survey, please go to selections.org/outreachimpactsurvey or contact us to receive a paper version in the mail.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback!

Accessible Voting and Services

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

Accessible Election Materials

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, TTY (415) 554-4368, or contact the Talking Books and Braille Center, Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, (415) 557-4253.

Accessible Vote-By-Mail System

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 October 10, 2022 through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 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.

Ballot-Marking Devices

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.

Personal Assistance and Ballot Delivery Options

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 November 2, 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 selections.org/ballotservices or call (415) 554-4375.

Other Accessible Voting Resources

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 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.

我們可以協助您!

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

¡Le podemos ayudar!

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

Matutulungan namin kayo!

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

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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 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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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.

เราช่วยคุณได้!

Department of Elections มีบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนา (สำหรับใช้อ้างอิง) เป็นภาษาไทยให้ บัตรลงคะแนนดังกล่าวมีเนื้อหาทุกอย่างเหมือนกับบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับทางการและได้รับการแปลเป็นภาษาไทย

หากต้องการดูบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาที่มีการเลือกตั้งที่คุณมีสิทธิ์ลงคะแนนเสียง โปรดไปที่: sfelections.org/myvotinglocation

หากต้องการขอรับบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาทางไปรษณีย์ โปรดไปที่ sfelections.org/language หรือโทรศัพท์ถึงหมายเลข (415) 554-4375

ในสถานที่เลือกตั้งบางแห่ง จะมีบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาเป็นภาษาไทยให้เพื่อให้ใช้สำหรับอ้างอิง หากต้องการดูสถานที่เลือกตั้งทั้งหมดในซานฟรานซิสโก พร้อมด้วยประเภทเอกสารที่มีให้เป็นภาษาต่าง ๆ โปรดไปที่:

sfelections.org/voteatyourpollingplace

สถานที่เลือกตั้งเปิดตั้งแต่เวลา 7.00 น. ถึง 20.00 น. ในวันเลือกตั้ง

ผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงสามารถขอให้บุคคลไม่เกินสองคน (ยกเว้นนายจ้างของผู้ลงคะแนนเสียง ตัวแทนของนายจ้างของผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงหรือเจ้าหน้าที่หรือตัวแทนของสหภาพที่ผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงเป็นสมาชิกอยู่) ช่วยเหลือผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงในการกาบัตรลงคะแนนได้ นอกจากนี้แล้วผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงยังอาจขอความช่วยเหลือดังกล่าวจากเจ้าหน้าที่ที่สถานที่เลือกตั้งได้ด้วย

Chúng tôi có thể trợ giúp quý vị!

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.

Để yêu cầu nhận được lá phiếu mẫu qua thư, vui lòng truy cập trang mạng 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.

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.

November 8, 2022 Election Ballot

The following contests will appear on the November 8 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 (6-year term ending in January 3, 2029)
- United States Senator (remainder of the current term ending in January 3, 2023)
- United States Representative, District 11 and District 15
- Member of the State Assembly, District 17 and District 19

Non-partisan offices

- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- Associate Justices of the Supreme Court
- Presiding Justices, Court of Appeal
- Associate Justices, Court of Appeal
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Board of Education, Seats 1, 2, 3
- Community College Board, Seats 1, 2, 3 (4-year term ending in January 8, 2027)
- Community College Board, Seat 7 (remainder of the current term ending in January 8, 2025)
- BART Director, District 8
- Assessor-Recorder
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Member of the Board of Supervisors, Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 (only voters residing in even-numbered Supervisorial Districts will have this contest on their ballots)

State and Local Ballot Measures

Marking Your Ballot

The **Ballot Worksheet** on pages 253–255 of the main version of this voter information pamphlet that was mailed to you lists every contest and measure throughout the city and 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 at sfelections.org/voterportal, by calling the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375, or asking a poll worker or a Voting Center representative.

Steps for All Types of Contests

- 1.** Before you mark any contest, review the instructions printed on each of your ballot cards.
- 2.** To ensure your selections will be readable and countable, use a pencil, or a pen with black or blue ink.
- 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.** If you want 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 and the City Hall Voting Center starting October 28, 2022 as well as all polling places on Election Day, November 8, 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.

Steps for the Ranked-Choice Voting Contest

In this election, voters will use ranked-choice voting (RCV) to elect the Assessor-Recorder, District Attorney, and Public Defender. Voters residing in even-numbered Supervisorial Districts (2, 4, 6, 8, and 10) will also elect members of the Board of Supervisors to represent their districts.

In a ranked-choice voting contest, the names of candidates are listed on the left column of a ballot grid, with numbered rankings appearing in the top row.

With ranked-choice voting, voters rank their choices in order of preference – first choice, second choice, third choice, and so on. To rank candidates for an office, fill in the ovals from left to right, as shown in picture 2.

- In the **first column** for your **first choice**.
- In the **second column** for your **second choice**.
- In the **third column** for your **third choice**, and so on.

Important points to remember!

- Do not fill in more than one oval in the same row. If you rank the same candidate multiple times, as shown in picture 3, your vote will count only once for that candidate.
- Do not fill in more than one oval in the same column. If you give the same rankings to multiple candidates, as shown in picture 4, your vote in that rank and later ranks will not count.
- You may rank as many or as few candidates as you like. If there are fewer than three candidates for an office, you may mark your choice(s) and leave the remaining columns blank. (In this election, there are several ranked-choice voting contests with fewer than three candidates.)

How Does Ranked-Choice Voting Work?

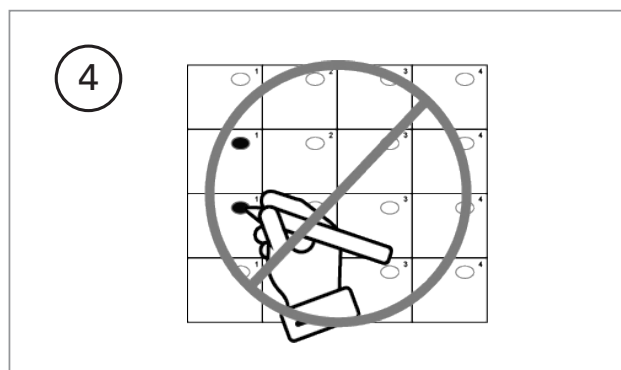
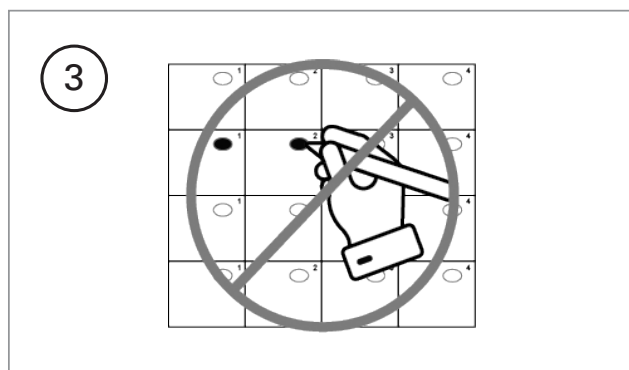
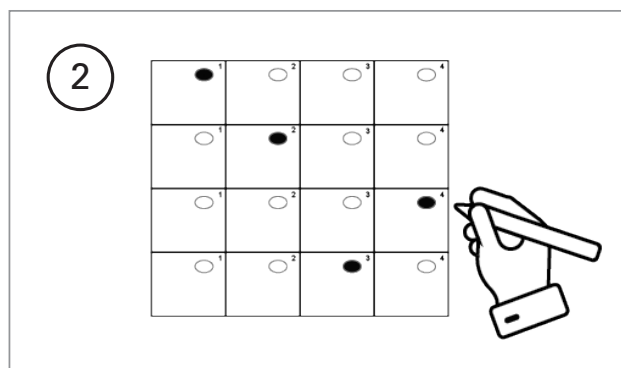
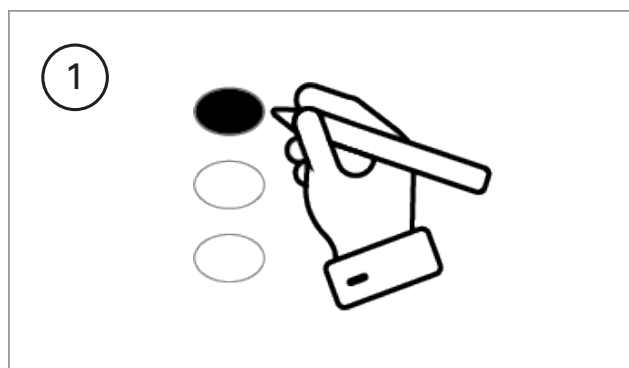
First, everyone's first choice is counted.

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.

Voters can practice marking a ranked-choice voting contest and learn how the marked choices would be counted in a real election at sfelections.org/practiceRCV.



Elections in California

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 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: candidates running for the following offices:
 - United States Senator (term ending January 3, 2029)
 - United States Senator (remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2023)
 - Governor
 - Lieutenant Governor
 - Secretary of State
 - Controller
 - Treasurer
 - Attorney General
 - Insurance Commissioner
 - Board of Equalization, District 2
 - Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - Justices of the Supreme Court
- **San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet**: candidates running for the following offices:
 - United States Representative, District 11 and District 15
 - State Assembly, District 17 and District 19
 - Board of Education
 - Community College Board (term ending January 8, 2027)
 - Community College Board (term ending January 8, 2025)
 - BART Director, District 8
 - Assessor-Recorder
 - District Attorney
 - Public Defender
 - Board of Supervisors, Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

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:

State Assembly, District 17

David Campos

Matt Haney

State Assembly, District 19

Phil Ting

Karsten Weide

Party Endorsements of Candidates

State law allows political parties to endorse candidates for statewide offices. In this election, timely submitted endorsements are as follows:

United States Senator (both contests)

Democratic Party: Alex Padilla

Republican Party: Mark P. Meuser

American Independent Party: Mark P. Meuser

Governor

Democratic Party: Gavin Newsom

Republican Party: Brian Dahle

American Independent Party: Brian Dahle

Lieutenant Governor

Democratic Party: Eleni Kounalakis

Republican Party: Angela E. Underwood Jacobs

Secretary of State

Democratic Party: Shirley N. Weber

Republican Party: Rob Bernosky

Controller

Democratic Party: Malia M. Cohen

Republican Party: Lanhee J. Chen

Treasurer

Democratic Party: Fiona Ma

Republican Party: Jack M. Guerrero

Attorney General

Democratic Party: Rob Bonta

Republican Party: Nathan Hochman

Insurance Commissioner

Democratic Party: Ricardo Lara

Republican Party: Robert Howell

American Independent Party: Robert Howell

Board of Equalization, District 2

Democratic Party: Sally J. Lieber

Republican Party: Peter Coe Verbica

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Democratic Party: Tony K. Thurmond

Republican Party: Lance Ray Christensen

American Independent Party: Lance Ray Christensen

United States Representative, District 11

Democratic Party: Nancy Pelosi

Republican Party: John Dennis

United States Representative, District 15

Democratic Party: Kevin Mullin

State Assembly, District 17

Democratic Party: Matt Haney

State Assembly, District 19

Democratic Party: Phil Ting

Republican Party: Karsten Weide

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

Assessor-Recorder

The Assessor-Recorder decides which properties within the City and County of San Francisco are subject to property taxes and values such properties for tax purposes. The full term for this office is four years, with a current annual salary of \$235,534.

District Attorney

The District Attorney prosecutes criminal court cases for the City and County of San Francisco. The full term for this office is four years, with a current annual salary of \$331,032. This contest appears on the ballot due to a vacancy in 2022. 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.

Public Defender

The Public Defender provides legal representation to San Franciscans who are charged with a crime and unable to afford an attorney. The full term of this office is four years, with a current annual salary of \$271,102.

Member, Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors is the legislative branch of government for the City and County of San Francisco. Its members make laws and establish the annual budget for City departments. The full term of office for members of the Board of Supervisors is four years, with a current annual salary of \$156,442. There are eleven members of the Board of Supervisors. Voters in Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 will vote for their member of the Board of Supervisors in this election.

Member, Board of Education

The Board of Education is the seven-member body governing the San Francisco Unified School District (kindergarten through grade twelve). The full term for each member of this board is four years, with a current annual stipend of \$6,000. Voters will elect three members in this election.

Member, Community College Board

The Community College Board is the seven-member governing body for the San Francisco Community College District. It directs City College and other adult learning centers. The full term for each member of this board is four years, with a current annual stipend of \$6,000. Voters will elect three members (full term) and one member (remainder of the current term) in this election.

Candidates for United States Representative, District 11

NANCY PELOSI

My occupation is Member of Congress.

My qualifications are:

It is my honor to represent San Francisco and our values of liberty, justice and equality for all in Congress.

As your Representative, I have brought home billions of dollars to support good paying union jobs, housing, green infrastructure, health care and public education.

During my current term, we delivered COVID relief to put money in people's pockets, vaccinations in arms, children back in school, and people safely back to work; Infrastructure funding to rebuild with fairness and protect the environment; CHIPS and Science legislation for American independence from the supply chain and inclusive innovation in STEM; the Inflation Reduction Act to reduce health care costs, create jobs and tackle the climate crisis; the PACT Act to protect our veterans exposed to burn pits; historic gun violence prevention to make communities safer; and diplomacy to strengthen our alliances abroad.

And we need more. That's why we are expanding the Affordable Care Act; strengthening Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid; increasing resources for HIV/AIDS, mental wellness and persons with disabilities; and addressing Monkeypox.

Our progress is about meeting people's needs and putting working people over entrenched special interests. While big business lobbies against lower prices for insulin, gas, and groceries, I'm protecting consumers and fighting price gouging. While extremists push a national abortion ban and undermine privacy rights, I'm fighting for reproductive freedom and marriage equality.

I am running for re-election to continue our fight to improve people's lives and defend our Democracy, and respectfully seek your vote.

Thank you.

Nancy Pelosi

Candidates for United States Representative, District 15

DAVID CANEPA

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; particularly in these unprecedented times as the Supreme Court strips away our long-standing freedoms and inflation erodes the middle class.

David comes from a family of immigrants, was born and raised in the S.F. Peninsula and 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 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 Nurses United

National Union of Healthcare Workers

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

The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME 829)

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

Join us: David Canepa for Congress

David Canepa

KEVIN MULLIN

My occupation is Assemblymember Speaker Pro Tempore.

My qualifications are:

Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Phil Ting, the California Democratic Party, and over 100 elected and community leaders have endorsed me for the 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 and will do even more in Congress. In the June Primary Election, I was the top vote-getter for Congressional District 15.

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 historic DISCLOSE Act to ban dark money from California campaigns.

I helped deliver over \$1 billion for transportation projects and to combat sea level rise and climate change. I've successfully pushed for affordable housing, child care, and reproductive rights and freedoms.

I have served as Mayor, Councilmember, and a 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 increasing in cost, you deserve a proven progressive leader who will bring your hopes and 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 our planet.

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

KevinMullinForCongress.com

Kevin Mullin

Candidates for State Assembly, District 17

MATT HANEY

My occupation is Assemblymember.

My qualifications are:

I'm proud to have been elected to represent San Francisco's 17th Assembly District in the April 2022 special election.

I've already hit the ground running in Sacramento tackling the toughest challenges in our city and state: homelessness, climate change, public safety, and housing affordability.

In my first act as Assemblymember, I co-authored a bill package protecting a woman's right to choose here in California. I was appointed as Assistant Majority Leader for Policy and Research to lead our caucus' work on developing innovative, actionable policy research and proposals. And I've led on critical legislation that will build housing, get severely mentally ill people off the streets into care, reduce carbon emissions, and prevent gun violence.

As your Assemblymember, I will always work to protect fundamental rights, and fight for practical, bold solutions to the big challenges we are facing.

My 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.
- Protect a women's right to choose, LGBTQ+ rights, and civil rights.
- 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.

Endorsed by dozens of leaders & organizations, including:

- Governor Gavin Newsom
- Attorney General Rob Bonta
- California Professional Firefighters
- California Nurses Association
- California Federation of Teachers
- California Environmental Voters
- Equality California
- SEIU California

- NARAL Pro-Choice California
- Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund
- Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club
- Chinese American Democratic Club
- San Francisco Women's Political Committee

Learn more at MattHaney.com

Matt Haney

Candidates for State Assembly, District 19

PHIL TING

My occupation is Assembly Budget Chair.

My qualifications are:

With just about everything costing more, our government needs to do better. That's why we're working overtime to tackle our biggest challenges like homelessness, 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, creating more affordable housing 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. We brought people together to pass common-sense gun safety laws to keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous individuals.

- Worked for economic recovery by bringing home additional COVID-19 response funds and fighting to fix the mess at the state's unemployment office.

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 the California Professional Firefighters Association, the California Teachers Association, the California Nurses Association and the Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter and many others.

I hope you will join us at www.PhilTing.com.

Phil Ting

Candidates for Board of Education

ALIDA FISHER

My occupation is Special Education Advocate.

My qualifications are:

As a special education advocate, former foster parent and mother of four African American children, the issues of social justice and equity are very personal to me.

I have been an active member in school site and district level governance for more than 15 years. I've participated in PTAs and SSCs at eight schools plus district-level committees and working groups. However, it was my experience working to get services for my own children that transformed me from an active parent into a parent activist.

I spend my days fighting alongside families to help students succeed in school. Every day, I see how our schools marginalize people who think and learn differently. Education is a civil right - we can do better!

My priorities

- Support SFUSD staff: fix the payroll system; fill staff vacancies; invest in professional development
- Bring our reading curriculum and how we teach reading into the 21st century
- Create a budget that's a reflection of our values: increase decision making accountability and transparency; ensure our budget reflects the needs of our students

My endorsements:

United Educators of San Francisco

Board of Supervisors:

- Shamann Walton, President
- Gordon Mar
- Myrna Melgar
- Hillary Ronen

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

- John Avalos
- Keith Baraka
- Gloria Berry
- David Campos
- Bevan Dufty
- Peter Gallotta
- Li Miao Lovett
- Faauuga Moliga
- Carolina Morales
- Mano Raju
- AJ Thomas
- Shanell Williams
- Han Zou

Learn more at www.alidafisher.com

Alida Fisher

KAREN FLESHMAN

My occupation is Diversity Inclusion Educator.

My qualifications are:

I'm an SFUSD parent volunteer, public school graduate, retired educator's daughter, small business owner, and attorney. I love my children's schools and want to build on all the good at SFUSD by listening, building bridges, and problemsolving. We need safe and positive schools in every neighborhood providing high expectations and high support for all young people, families, and educators.

For 20+ years I worked for local government agencies and nonprofits to prepare young people for success in college, careers, and life, becoming a mentor to many. My mentees inspired me to become a diversity inclusion educator helping workplaces shift their culture to be safe and positive for everyone.

I will bring my experience to ensure every SFUSD student thrives and graduates ready for college or careers.

To get there, we must start early with all students enrolling in transitional kindergarten, reading at grade level in elementary, ready for high school by eighth grade, and supported from ninth grade through graduation with an individualized plan for their future, paid summer jobs, enrichment activities.

My priorities:

- Invest in students' and educators' academic and social-emotional wellbeing
- Provide budget transparency and accountability
- Promote collaborative decisionmaking

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karenforsfschools.com

Karen Fleshman

ANN HSU

My occupation is Appointed Member, Board of Education.

My qualifications are:

As a Member of the SF School Board, I'm committed to student achievement and academic excellence, safe schools, and operational excellence. I am a mother of twin boys enrolled in SFUSD, and after the passing of my father and husband during the pandemic, I have dedicated my time, energy, skills and resources to addressing the failures of our public school system.

Since Mayor Breed appointed me to the School Board in March 2022, I have worked to:

- pass a balanced budget and rescind virtually all lay-off notices
- hire a student focused superintendent
- reinstate criteria-based admissions at Lowell High School
- terminate the Washington mural lawsuit appeal
- create a high school task force to ensure equitable distribution of resources across the district
- lead the effort to restore JROTC at Balboa, Mission and Galileo at no additional cost to SFUSD

I am proud to have earned the endorsements of Senator Scott Wiener, Mayor London Breed, Former Presidential Candidate Andrew Yang, Former Board of Supervisors President Matt Gonzalez, and the Chinese American Citizens' Alliance.

I will put words into action for the sake of our students and families.

www.AnnForSFBoe.com

Ann Hsu

GABRIELA LÓPEZ

My occupation is Teacher Educator.

My qualifications are:

I am a lifelong learner and educator and served as a classroom teacher, prison educator, former School Board President and adjunct professor — a teacher of future educators. I believe our public schools can uplift every one of our students. My experience will inspire and inform my work on the San Francisco Board of Education.

A first-generation Mexican-American and English Language Learner, I grew up in public schools. I know what it's like to have parents who overcame language barriers and poverty to support their children's learning. I am on the ground with our students, teachers and families everyday, working tirelessly to meet their needs. When the COVID pandemic began, I worked to ensure our city's children were fed and had the technology they needed to continue their learning.

I feel I have a moral responsibility to represent all students, especially low-income immigrant students, who like me, consistently face barriers advocating for a quality education. Our families have been disheartened by the state of public schools. It is our duty to affirm their children's education and well-being are the district's top priorities.

My other priorities include:

- Increasing School Funding and Resources
- Improving Special Education Supports
- Expanded Math, Reading and Science Opportunities
- Investing in College Preparation

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Gabriela López

LAINIE MOTAMEDI

My occupation is Appointed Member, Board of Education.

My qualifications are:

As a parent of public school children, my 5th and 8th graders did not attend school for over a year during the pandemic. The previous school board focused on politics, not the needs of students, families and educators.

I was appointed by Mayor Breed in March because of my successful experience with district issues— volunteering in classrooms, student site councils, PTAs, and as an appointee to district-wide budget committees. I bring 20 years of professional experience in government, business, and nonprofit boards. I am focused on what is best for kids, not politics.

San Francisco should be a beacon for public education! My priority is positive outcomes for all students, including:

Student success

- Our kids deserve excellent schools and the skills, resources, and experiences necessary to pursue their dreams.

Fiscal responsibility

- We must ensure resources are distributed equitably and on student priorities.

Listening to community voices

- Families, educators, and community engagement are key to our students' success.

I am proud to be endorsed by Senator Scott Wiener, Mayor London Breed, SF Parent Action, Supervisors Myrna Melgar, Ahsha Safai, and Hillary Ronen, and many other SF community and parent leaders.

Join me in supporting our children and their futures at www.lainieforsfboe.com.

Lainie Motamedi

LISA WEISSMAN-WARD

My occupation is Appointed Member, Board of Education.

My qualifications are:

As a proud parent of SFUSD students, a product of public education, from a family of educators, and an educator myself - it's an incredible honor to serve as a School Board Member.

Since I was appointed to the Board by Mayor London Breed in March, I have been laser focused on student outcomes, transparency, and accountability.

Working together with my colleagues, I am proud to have already:

- Hired a new Superintendent who is committed to student outcomes
- Brought needed revenue to the District
- Created a transparent and community-driven framework to advance excellence and equity in our High schools
- Passed a balanced budget
- Rescinded teacher and staff layoffs

Let's keep the momentum going to get SFUSD back on track.

Education is the ultimate foundation to move our City, State, and Country forward.

I am humbled to have earned the endorsements of Senator Scott Wiener, Mayor London Breed, Supervisors Ahsha Safai and Myrna Melgar, United Educators of San Francisco, SF Parent Action, San Francisco Labor Council, and more.

We're finally on the path of restoring faith and trust in our public schools — please join me as I advocate for all of our students to get the exceptional education they deserve at www.lisaforsfboe.com.

Lisa Weissman-Ward

Candidates for Community College Board (term ending January 8, 2027)

VICK CHUNG

My occupation is Community Organization.

My qualifications are:

I am a recent student trustee emeritus, sexual health educator, and social justice advocate.

While serving on the San Francisco City College Board, I dissented against unsound budgets which recycled the same ineffective strategies that further marginalized students and college employees of color. I worked with student leaders and labor unions across the state to fight corporate interests and protect access to public education.

As a child of Chinese-Vietnamese refugees, born and raised in San Francisco, I understand the critical role educational institutions play in Black, brown and Asian communities that face linguistic, cultural and transgenerational oppressive barriers to accessing socio-economic opportunities.

My education in public health has helped me understand that communities of color have lived in a pandemic of health disparities that preceded COVID-19. City College provides intersectional access to community, social services, and socio-economic opportunities. City College helped my parents learn English, obtain citizenship and employment, and it helped me—a queer, Asian-American—heal from transgenerational violence, sexual trauma and emerge with a passion for expanding access to public education. I am running because I know education is medicine.

Endorsements:

San Francisco Labor Council
United Educators of San Francisco

American Federation of Teachers 2121
ILWU Northern California District Council
Former Supervisor John Avalos
San Francisco Board of Supervisors Gordon Mar and Dean Preston

Vick Chung

BRIGITTE DAVILA

My occupation is President, CCSF Board / Professor.

My qualifications are:

I serve as President of the Board and am running for re-election. As the first in my family to go to college, I've benefited from California's public higher education. I've taught at SFSU in the College of Ethnic Studies for 27 years and understand what it takes for students to thrive. I spent 15 years working with legislators, faculty, and students to push for budgets and legislation that support quality public education. Since first elected in 2014, CCSF faced enormous obstacles, but strong experienced leadership led the way to free tuition and full accreditation for CCSF.

I will continue to:

- Meet Accreditation Standards - keep CCSF open and accredited.
- Require Fiscal Stability - balance the budget with no deficit spending.
- Ensure Budget Transparency - work with auditor reporting to the Board and rely on faculty, staff & student review teams.
- Implement Facilities Upgrades: use \$845 million bond to start groundbreaking for 3 projects in January.
- Improve DEI practices across our college - I served on a statewide Diversity, Equity & Inclusion team and will bring best practices.
- Expand Free City - expand beyond tuition to support students

I have the experience to keep City College open, accountable and a resource for all San Francisco residents. Check www.CCSFTogether.org for endorsements and information.

Brigitte Davila

MARIE HURABIELL

My occupation is University Regent / Entrepreneur.

My qualifications are:

Experienced. Fiscally Responsible. Accountable to the Public, not insider interests.

- Mom.
- Proven Leader, including Georgetown University Board of Regents, Presidio Trust, Holy Family Day Home.
- Innovated curriculum advancements.
- Seasoned fundraiser: \$42,000,000 for educational and community causes.
- 22 years leadership at world-class institutions.
- Honors graduate Georgetown University and University of Pennsylvania Law School.

San Francisco City College should be a beacon of hope, a viable and respected institution enriching our city by empowering our students to reach their highest potential. Sadly, due to a decade of financial mismanagement, CCSF is failing. We have seen unqualified trustees abuse the position as a political stepping-stone, bowing to insider interests, leaving students and faculty without genuine advocates. This neglect has yielded disastrous results. Much like the Board of Education, it is time for competent leadership to restore CCSF.

No other candidate in this race has experience overseeing a *successful* academic institution, rather incumbents have rubber-stamped years of malfunction. CCSF desperately needs a new leader with a proven track record in fundraising and educational innovation.

As your common-sense Trustee, I will help lead CCSF to solid footing, bringing best practices and creative solutions, preparing all students for success, safeguarding CCSF's long-term viability.

Effective boards require independent members not beholden to insiders.

I commit to doing what's right to save CCSF.

VoteMarie.com.

Thank you!

Marie Hurabiell

ANITA MARTINEZ

My occupation is Retired Teacher / Administrator.

My qualifications are:

The first in my family to attend college, my educational path began at a two-year institution which inspired me to work in community colleges. At City College of San Francisco, I served as a teacher, Dean of Students, and Vice Chancellor of Instruction. I was elected president of American Federation of Teachers 2121 and the Academic Senate. I also served as Dean of Language Arts at Skyline College and Vice President of Student Learning at the College of Marin. I know how to balance budgets; I have developed community college policy; I have participated in the selection of chancellors. These are three primary trustee responsibilities. I have led teams at several community colleges to respond successfully to accreditation challenges. My entire career has been spent as an educator.

I am committed to

- Keeping City College a community college
- Improving the student experience through comprehensive services and a friendly registration portal
- Expanding access by restoring classes and programs
- Balancing the budget without sacrificing personnel
- Growing enrollment for a steady revenue stream
- Improving diversity, equity, and inclusion

Endorsements:

American Federation of Teachers 2121

ILWU Northern California District Council

San Francisco Labor Council
United Educators of San Francisco
Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton
Supervisors Gordon Mar, Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston
Former Supervisor John Avalos
Founder El Colegio de la Mission John Rodelo

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Anita Martinez

JOHN RIZZO

My occupation is Vice President, Community College Board.

My qualifications are:

During the Pandemic, when California Community Colleges lost 20% of their students and City College lost vital tax revenue, I got to work delivering solutions. We stabilized the finances and ended the structure deficits. We satisfied all financial requirements of accreditation, the state, and our auditors. And we now have a healthy reserve fund to get City College through the next recession.

As Facilities Chair, I worked to move quickly on the 2020 bond measure: we will soon start construction on three new state-of-the-art classroom buildings to replace dilapidated facilities, and a fourth is in design. And, I helped secure 100+ new affordable housing units for faculty and staff.

I have incorporated my work as an environmental activist with the Sierra Club to create climate policy for City College, with new buildings powered by geothermal energy, electric car charging, and free transit passes for students.

Other solutions I am working on include building affordable housing for students, increasing student success rates, and eliminating inequitable barriers to diversity, equality, and inclusion.

My supporters include:

Senator Scott Wiener

Former Senator Mark Leno

Assemblyman Phil Ting

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Supervisor Gordon Mar

Every Community College Board member: Aliya Chisti, Brigitte Davila, Murrell Green, Thea Selby, Shanell Williams, Alan Wong

The Sierra Club

www.johnrizzoforcollegeboard.com

John Rizzo

THEA SELBY

My occupation is Trustee, City College of San Francisco.

My qualifications are:

Elected Trustee for the past 7 years with a lifelong commitment to public education, and small business owner Thea Selby will fight for City College and for you, the community. Her CCSF accomplishments:

- Shepherded CCSF through the past accreditation
- As Board President, implemented FREE City College for all students and grew enrollment the first year by 25%
- With Student Success and Policy Committee members, found \$2M to lower student debt
- Negotiated \$400,000 from private developer to support student-led low-cost transit campaign

This next term, Thea will

- Work with her colleagues to deliver accreditation once again (2023)
- Support student-led Transit Team to secure transit passes
- Focus on keeping finances stable and growing enrollment

- Work to use unallocated FREE City funds to recruit students
- Form agreement with Building Trades for students to work on \$845M worth of CCSF construction projects

Endorsements include:

Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
 CA State Treasurer Fiona Ma
 Board of Equalization Malia Cohen
 Senator Scott Wiener
 Assemblymember Phil Ting
 Supervisors Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin, Myrna Melgar
 Human Rights Commissioner Leah Pimentel
 Small Business Advocate Henry Karnilowicz
 DCCC Member Nancy Tung
 Nonprofit Director Danny Sauter
 Sierra Club
 National United Health Workers
 Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 38

Thea Selby

SUSAN SOLOMON

My occupation is Retired Teacher.

My qualifications are:

I was born and raised in San Francisco, and retired last year from a career in education, beginning as a childcare provider and culminating as President of United Educators of San Francisco, leading educators safely through the first 15 months of the pandemic and unprecedented attacks on public education. I attended public schools, kindergarten through college, and have lived in the Fillmore District most of my life.

My Master's degree in Early Childhood Education began with a Child Development class at City College. I taught preschool and elementary school for nearly three decades.

City College must serve everyone: students planning to matriculate; planning to go on to four-year colleges; acquiring technical/industry certifications; taking classes to learn skills they need for jobs; and dual-enrolled high school students and lifelong learners.

Supporting all students in our beloved community college – working students, immigrants, and students of color– is an essential investment in our democracy. I will devote all that I have learned from my many years of public education advocacy to working as a City College Trustee.

Partial endorsement list:

San Francisco Labor Council

American Federation of Teachers, 2121

United Educators of San Francisco

International Longshore and Warehouse Union NCDC

Board of Supervisors:

- Shamann Walton, President
- Connie Chan
- Dean Preston

John Avalos, Council of Community Housing Organizations

Bevan Dufty, BART Board Director

Susan Solomon

WILLIAM WALKER

My occupation is Teacher.

My qualifications are:

As a born and raised San Franciscan graduate of Wallenberg High, CCSF and UC Berkeley, and the former Student Trustee who served on the Board during re-accreditation, I'm experienced in engaging the community to make CCSF the powerhouse it once was when I first enrolled, when CCSF boasted a 110,000 student enrollment.

I will, if elected:

- Grow CCSF enrollment.

- Partner with employers to identify courses that will make students viable candidates for existing job openings.
- Expand nursing degree and job apprenticeship programs.
- Expand Cantonese, English language and Ethnic Studies courses.
- Expand nursing degree and job apprenticeship programs.
- Support the Chancellor in updating CCSF courses to ensure more courses are transferable.
- Introduce new programs that expose students to growing fields, such as urban planning and data science.
- Expand high school concurrent enrollment, older adult learning and other programs based upon community need.
- Expand partnerships with SFDHR, SFMTA and other City departments to utilize CCSF as the training institution of record.

With 28 years of community development and student services experience, I will bring skills to the Board that are lacking. Students deserve true leadership. I humbly request your vote.

Vote William Walker!

Let's rebuild City College!

Visit ccsfwill.com.

William Walker

JILL YEE

My occupation is Academic Dean.

My qualifications are:

I believe in the promise of City College of San Francisco.

My parents were immigrants from China, and our entire family lived in the back of our dry-cleaning business in the Western Addition. We didn't have much, but my parents impressed upon us the importance of education.

City College was a gateway of opportunity for me. I attended CCSF for 2 years, then transferred to U.C. Berkeley and earned my bachelor's degree. I received my master's from S.F. State, and my law degree from Golden Gate University.

In my professional life, I had the honor of being a professor at City College for 25 years, where I served as the Chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department. At CCSF, I founded the Department of Asian American Studies, and worked as an Academic Dean.

I understand the challenges facing CCSF, and stand ready with solutions.

If elected, I pledge to:

- Make changes to ensure fiscal accountability.
- Promote equity of opportunity for ALL students.
- Align programs with jobs that pay a living wage.
- Build student and faculty housing.

I hope you will join Mayor London Breed, community leaders, and over 100 CCSF students, alumni, faculty, and staff in supporting my candidacy.

www.jillyee.com

Jill Yee

JASON CHUYUAN ZENG

My occupation is Data Engineer.

My qualifications are:

Everyone has the right to their own body and a fair chance at a dignified life. Our country strives for equity, but many people do get

left behind. That's why I believe City College should always be free for all San Franciscans, because it gives everyone in our city a chance to fight for a dignified life, no matter their background, age, or history. Removing barriers to education is the only way to help people out of the poverty trap.

To accomplish this, City College needs to meet its due diligence. City College isn't a destination, it's a stepping stone to the rest of your life. Investments in the fundamentals of academics and student services are key, but so is the growth of support staff such as academic advisors. Many people who first enter City College do not have an idea of what they want out of the experience, and having someone to guide them through will reduce the time spent at City College and more on enjoying a boundless life afterwards.

I intend to keep City College free for San Franciscans forever and always, streamline requirements for graduation, and increase access to physical and digital classrooms.

Jason Chuyuan Zeng

Candidates for Community College Board (remainder of the current term ending January 8, 2025)

MURRELL GREEN

My occupation is Community College Dean.

My qualifications are:

Born and raised in San Francisco, after graduating from the San Francisco Unified School District with honors, I pursued a Bachelor's Degree (Psychology), Master's degree (Counseling - College and School), and a Doctorate (Educational Leadership and Management – Higher Education). Additionally, I have 16 years of direct experience

in the California Community Colleges as an Adjunct Instructor, Tenured Counseling Faculty, Department Chair, and Student Services Dean. Beyond my career, I have dedicated my life to helping others through the auspices of education and social justice with a specialized focus on underrepresented populations including: African American/Black, Asian American-Pacific Islander, Disabled, Financial Aid, First-Generation, Foster Youth, Incarcerated, Latinx, LGBTQIA2S+, Low-Income, Undocumented, Veterans, and Women.

I currently serve on the board of directors/advisors for the following organizations: African American Male Education Network & Development, Alive & Free – Omega Boys Club, The Coalition: Asian/Latinx/Black Radical Leaders, The Black Advisory Panel of the California Community Colleges, and Bayview-Hunter’s Point YMCA. If re-elected, I will continue my student-centered focus on board relations, chancellor oversight, Covid 19 response, diversity equity and inclusion, educational student success, employee stability, and financial responsibility.

Endorsements:

Lieutenant Governor – Eleni Kounalakis

Mayor – London Breed

Board of Supervisors President – Shamman Walton

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Murrell Green

DANIEL LANDRY

My occupation is Director, Arts Nonprofit.

My qualifications are:

I’m running because I believe education is a human right for all San Franciscans. Born and raised in San Francisco I have been working now as an advocate for over 29 years.

Some of my past experiences includes:

An assistant teacher for SF Educational Services in 1995, a candidate in 2020 for supervisor for District 5, crafting Prop. F initiative for Bayview/HP in 2008, and a member of the (RAB) of the US Navy also in 2008. Lastly I was a coordinator and member for the SF Fire Department's NERT in 2007.

Currently I'm a member of the SF Human Rights Commission's Reparations Task Force Advisory Committee.

- Political Science & Communication Studies at CCSF
- Founder of SF CATS Academy, Inc.
- Member Justice for Mario Woods Coalition
- Community Policing Relations Board

My priorities include:

- Support students and teachers' needs
- Mandate fiscal oversight
- Maintain tuition-free CCSF
- Ensuring CCSF keeps its accreditation

Endorsements:

David Campos, California Democratic Party

De'Anthony Jones, SF Human Rights

Leonard Priestley, SF Special Police Officers Association

I would be honored to serve as your trustee for the CCSF.

Daniel Landry

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Daniel Landry

ADOLFO VELASQUEZ

My occupation is Retired Chair / Counselor.

My qualifications are:

30 years ago I earned my first degree, General Studies, at City

College of San Francisco (CCSF.) A year ago, I earned a degree in Critical Middle Eastern Studies. As a lifelong resident and learner of San Francisco, I am City College! With my candidacy for a seat on the CCSF Board of Trustees, my history with CCSF speaks for itself first as a student, then returning to work as a Career Counselor, Academic Counselor in Educational Opportunity Program & Services (EOP&S) before retiring as Chair of EOP&S in 2021. While working part-time at CCSF I served as an Academic Counselor at San Francisco State University, where I worked with many CCSF transfer students.

As a former student, counselor and chair at CCSF for 20 years, I understand the inner workings of the school from the perspective of a student to management. All my experiences at CCSF, has provided me with the required knowledge and insight required to be an effective board member to address the many issues that CCSF has faced beginning with the accreditation crisis in 2012 to the present financial predicament. Additionally, I would bring an insider's perspective to the board when making decisions with policies and budget, decisions to make CCSF a stronger and sought after educational institution, while keeping it a Community College.

www.adolfov4collegeboardtrustee.com

Adolfo Velasquez

Candidate for BART Director, District 8

JANICE LI

My occupation is BART Board Director.

My qualifications are:

I am proud to be a westside San Franciscan living in the Richmond District with a lifelong love of public transit.

Like many westsiders, I live miles away from the nearest BART station but still pay into the system. When I was elected in 2018, I committed to cleaning up the system, making our trains and stations safer places, and putting riders first with high-quality service.

During my four years on the BART Board, we dramatically increased cleaning staff and safety presence at BART, especially aboard trains. We reopened bathrooms that had been closed for decades. We created BART's first ever low-income fare program to keep essential service affordable for those who need it the most. During the pandemic, we brought back service to nearly pre-pandemic levels. My continued leadership will ensure BART continues to put riders first.

There's so much more work to do, and I will keep listening and working collaboratively to continue this progress.

I am proudly endorsed by:

Senator Scott Wiener

Assemblymember Matt Haney

Assemblymember Phil Ting

Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton

Board of Education President Jenny Lam

I would be honored to have your vote.

Janice Li

janiceforbart.com

Janice Li

Candidate for Assessor-Recorder

JOAQUÍN TORRES

My occupation is Assessor-Recorder.

My qualifications are:

Since my election I've worked hard to ensure the Assessor's office

provides high-quality services residents and businesses depend on, and secure the financial resources that fund our city services.

To improve online access we're uploading 3.7 million additional records, expanding access to documents back to 1980.

To better serve the public, provide transparency, and reduce revenue at risk, our office has launched technology upgrades and a community portal for views into assessments.

Our transfer tax audit program ensures large corporations pay their fair share, recovering millions of dollars annually.

To strengthen financial resilience for low- and moderate-income communities, and monolingual and immigrant families, we've expanded online educational resources with the Family Wealth Series.

To help Black, brown, and AAPI communities harmed by historic zoning and lending discrimination, our office created an Estate Plan Program, providing 100 free to low-cost plans to underserved neighborhoods, helping residents build equity and assets for generations.

I ask for your vote to continue serving the people of San Francisco, ensuring quality customer service, and increased transparency, integrity, and equity.

I'm endorsed by:

Speaker Nancy Pelosi

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

Governor Gavin Newsom

State Treasurer Fiona Ma

Mayor London Breed

Senator Scott Wiener

Assemblymember Phil Ting

Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton

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Joaquín Torres

Candidates for District Attorney

MAURICE CHENIER

My occupation is Attorney at Law.

My qualifications are:

I am a native of San Francisco. I attended St. Ignatius H.S., SFSU, the University of San Francisco and law school at Santa Clara University (1992). While in law school, I served as a law clerk for the CA DOJ, Antitrust division. I also served as a law clerk for the Federal Public Defender's office in SJ, CA. After graduation I served as a law clerk to a Federal District Judge where I was sworn in as a lawyer in CA in 1993. Since that time, I have continuously practiced law for 29 years. I am now a 29 year litigation and trial attorney. My practice has included indigent criminal defense, insurance defense, employment litigation, civil rights litigation, business litigation and general civil litigation. If elected as the SF DA I plan to implement an aggressive approach to charging crimes, prosecuting crimes and sentencing. I plan to aggressively enforce the law as a response to the tidal wave of crime that has plagued our City for the past 20 years. I plan to end crime as it currently known and restore law and order, making the City safe for all.

Maurice Chenier

JOHN HAMASAKI

My occupation is Attorney.

My qualifications are:

As a former San Francisco Police Commissioner, public safety is my #1 mission. As District Attorney, I will hold everyone accountable: from those selling fentanyl in the Tenderloin to those selling influence in City Hall.

San Francisco needs an independent District Attorney, standing up to the powerful and fighting for the people. I will be independent of the political machine running San Francisco, accountable only to you because I will be “appointed” by you.

As a victim of anti-Asian violence, I understand firsthand our community’s fears. As President of the Asian American Bar Association, I confronted the rise in anti-Asian violence during the pandemic. As District Attorney, I will fight for the safety of seniors and other vulnerable victims.

To those hurting our residents or abusing the public trust, there will be consequences, including jail. No one is above the law.

For years, I have represented victims of crime seeking justice. I know we can work together to make our City safe and just again, without returning to mass incarceration-focused prosecution, by holding everyone accountable for their actions.

Please join our early supporters in fighting for San Francisco:

- Mark Leno, Former California State Senator
- Tom Ammiano, former California Assemblymember
- Norman Yee, former President of the Board of Supervisors
- Matt Gonzalez, former President of the Board of Supervisors
- Dean Preston, San Francisco Supervisor
- Sandra Lee Fewer, former San Francisco Supervisor
- Angela Chan, former San Francisco Police Commissioner
- Petra de Jesus, former San Francisco Police Commissioner

www.JohnHamasaki.com

John Hamasaki

BROOKE JENKINS

My occupation is District Attorney.

My qualifications are:

Before becoming District Attorney, I served for seven years as a prosecutor in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. I prosecuted hate crimes, sexual assault, and homicide cases while fighting for justice for victims.

For too long, San Franciscans' concerns about public safety have gone unheard. Violent and repeat offenders will no longer victimize our city without consequences. Property crime will no longer be chalked up as part of "big city life." Open-air drug markets won't be tolerated. Our AAPI community shouldn't live in fear of hate and violence.

As a Black and Latina woman, I know what true reform can look like. The inequities in the criminal justice system are not theoretical for me — my family has experienced the impacts of police violence and misconduct.

I believe San Francisco can have both criminal justice reform, and public safety. My office will work as one team advocating for victims, while advancing reforms and safety.

I will listen to the diverse voices in every neighborhood while working every day to make our city a safer, more just place to live.

For safety, reform, and justice, join us:
www.BrookeJenkinsSF.com

Endorsed by:

Mayor London Breed

Senator Scott Wiener

State Treasurer Fiona Ma

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Ahsha Safaí

Brooke Jenkins

JOE ALIOTO VERONESE

My occupation is Civil Rights Attorney.

My qualifications are:

As your next District Attorney, I will make San Francisco a safer city to live, work and raise a family.

Just a few short years ago, San Francisco was voted America's favorite City — to live and to visit. We were proud of our progressive values, and we felt safe in our homes and our neighborhoods.

Now, San Francisco has changed. Politicians got involved with San Francisco's justice system — rewarding criminal behavior while ignoring its victims. Random, violent crime is up. Property crimes are up. We no longer feel safe in San Francisco.

As your District Attorney, that will change.

My priorities are getting violent, repeat offenders off of our streets while delivering a 21st-century criminal justice system that will keep us safe while serving victims of crime.

The people of San Francisco expect their District Attorney to be able to reform a justice system that has disproportionately affected people of color and low income while still keeping our neighborhoods safe.

I am running for district attorney because I am qualified to deliver a justice system that is fair, equitable, and accountable to each of us.

Thank you for your support.

Joe Alioto Veronese

Candidates for Public Defender

MANO RAJU

My occupation is Incumbent Public Defender.

My qualifications are:

As your elected Public Defender, I have given my heart and soul to providing San Franciscans with high quality legal representation.

I'm proud of furthering former Public Defender Jeff Adachi's legacy by: expanding trial staff to record levels, developing a police accountability database, expanding immigration representation, and establishing innovative projects that liberate those improperly sentenced to prison.

My successful initiatives include: paying low income jurors to increase jury diversity; eliminating excessive probation terms that impede reintegration into society; and tripling our capacity to "clean up" criminal records—enabling housing, economic and educational opportunities.

I've elevated more women and people of color to serve in leadership positions than ever before.

My parents immigrated from a farming village in India. Their empathy and courage prepared me for a lifetime of litigating tough jury trials and training defenders to protect the constitutional rights of San Franciscans.

Endorsements:

- San Francisco Democratic Party
- San Francisco Labor Council
- San Francisco Tenants Union
- San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association
- South Asian Bar Association of Northern California
- Rose Pak Democratic Club

- Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
- Congresswoman Jackie Speier
- Mayor London Breed
- Senator Scott Wiener
- California Treasurer Fiona Ma
- Assemblymember Phil Ting
- Assemblymember Matt Haney
- Former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
- Former Senator Mark Leno
- Mutsuko Adachi

Board of Supervisors:

- President Shamann Walton
- Connie Chan
- Gordon Mar
- Myrna Melgar
- Aaron Peskin
- Dean Preston
- Hillary Ronen

Former Supervisors:

- Norman Yee
- Jane Kim
- Matt Gonzalez
- John Avalos
- Eric Mar

Public Defender Managers:

- Patricia Lee
- Former Police Commissioner Angela Chan
- Jacque Wilson
- Sandy Feinland

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Mano Raju

REBECCA SUSAN FENG YOUNG

My occupation is Criminal Justice Attorney.

My qualifications are:

The daughter of a first-generation Chinese father, I grew up in Harlem, and a small town in New York. The prejudice and exclusion my family experienced cemented my dedication to racial justice and equality.

With your vote, I'll be the first woman and the first Chinese-American to be elected as San Francisco Public Defender. I'm honored for the opportunity to reinvigorate the standards of excellence San Francisco deserves.

Since graduating from Golden Gate University Law School, I've dedicated myself to defending San Francisco's most vulnerable — 16 years in private practice, 19 with the Public Defender Office. I've tried 60+ cases, co-managed 52 felony attorneys and helped revolutionize the San Francisco Public Defender Office under Jeff Adachi. I launched the Bail & Homicide Units and innovated programs to support clients and combat racial injustice.

Currently, junior attorneys are made managers over veteran trial attorneys, who are battling skyrocketing caseloads. Transparency and equity have vanished. The office is bitterly divided. The result? Attorneys and staff are demoralized and unprepared. Our community members lack fair representation.

I'm running for Public Defender to make deep, lasting change. My extensive trial, management, mentoring and policy experience will renew Office diversity, ensure equity from within & restore fierce representation for our community.

Rebeccayoung4publicdefender.com

Endorsed by:

Geoffrey Francis Brown, San Francisco Public Defender, 1978-2001

Rebecca Susan Feng Young

Candidate for Board of Supervisors, District 2

CATHERINE STEFANI

My occupation is District 2 Supervisor.

My qualifications are:

Catherine Stefani, Supervisor

I have been standing up for our neighborhoods at City Hall — fighting for a safer, cleaner and fiscally responsible city. I ask for your support to continue this fight.

As your Supervisor, I:

- Fought to preserve \$10 million for the police department's academy classes and overtime for foot patrols to protect our neighborhoods from car break-ins and property crimes.
- Secured more than \$20 million for small businesses facing extinction during the pandemic, and championed expanded outdoor dining.
- Created our local gun violence restraining order to remove firearms from individuals who intend to harm themselves or others.
- Authored a comprehensive anti-corruption legislative package to reform contracts, grants and the Behavioral Health Commission.
- Created a new, consolidated Office of Victims Rights to reduce red tape and ensure all victims of crime receive supportive services.
- Established a right to legal counsel for victims of domestic violence and authored legislation to hold agencies accountable for failing to properly charge domestic violence cases.

I'm proud to have the support of many including Mayor London Breed, Planned Parenthood and San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 and to be a Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate.

I will continue to work to keep our neighborhoods safe, reduce property crimes, support local businesses, stop government corruption and end gun violence.

SupervisorStefani.com

Catherine Stefani

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 4

JOEL ENGARDIO

My occupation is Nonprofit Director / Journalist.

My qualifications are:

I still believe in San Francisco, but we're off track. We desperately need safer streets, better schools, more middle-income housing, and vibrant small businesses.

What does City Hall deliver? Infighting and sideshows.

We deserve forward-thinking and outcome-focused leadership. Here's how I'm already doing the work:

- **Education:** I helped lead the recall of an incompetent school board because our kids were suffering. Local media said my work was "key to the school board recall's smashing success."
- **Public Safety:** I lead Stop Crime SF, a group working to stop anti-Asian discrimination and attacks on Asian seniors. My in-laws are Chinese and they're afraid to visit San Francisco. I support criminal justice reform. For it to succeed, people must feel safe and victims cannot be ignored.

- **Advocacy:** As a journalist for over 20 years, I know how to hold the government accountable and give residents a voice.

San Francisco's budget doubled the past decade. If \$14 billion isn't enough to have twice-as-clean sidewalks and twice-as-fast Muni, we need to change how the money is being spent.

We deserve a City Hall that is transparent, free from corruption, fiscally responsible, and embraces innovation.

Join me to create our best San Francisco.

www.engardio.com

Joel Engardio

GORDON MAR

My occupation is Member, Board of Supervisors.

My qualifications are:

I've been honored to represent the Sunset on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Together, we've made progress to expand affordable housing, keep streets safe, improve public schools, and address the causes of homelessness, but there's more to do.

That's why I ask your vote for District 4 Supervisors.

Strengthening public safety has been my top priority. That's why I created the Five-Point Sunset District Community Safety Plan and the Crime Prevention through Community Policing Act. If re-elected, I'll keep increasing the numbers of SFPD foot and bike patrols, community safety ambassadors, and senior escorts.

I championed the first affordable housing projects in Sunset history for teachers and working families, and cut red tape so homeowners can expand their homes and create new housing. I helped house homeless

veterans and expand mental health services, and I'll keep working to get our neighbors off the street and into permanent housing.

Finally, I'll always promote quality public education for all, building on my work to guarantee Free City College for 10 years, fund STEAM programs at every Sunset school, and expand before-and after-school care and college readiness programs citywide.

Please join San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798, California Nurses Association, Assemblymember Phil Ting and thousands of neighbors in re-electing me as your Supervisor.

www.GordonMar.com

Gordon Mar

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 6

MS BILLIE COOPER

My occupation is

My qualifications are:

I Ms Billie Cooper am running for San Francisco District 6 supervisor seat - I've been a community stakeholder for 35 years in District 6 - I'm a community Activist and Advocate - I'm honest I also am a long term survivor of HIV+ I'm a person in recovery for 20 years I'm a United States Navy Veteran I've always stood with my District 6 community in solidarity giving love and support whenever we're rallying for Equity and Equality I'm also a Cancer Survivor

Ms Billie Cooper

MATT DORSEY

My occupation is Appointed Member, Board of Supervisors.

My qualifications are:

It was the convergence of San Francisco's record-shattering crisis in fatal drug overdoses and my own personal journey in recovery from drug addiction that moved me to ask Mayor London Breed to consider me as her appointee to a Board of Supervisors vacancy last May.

Fulfilling the promise of recovery for all who need it remains a personal priority for me in City Hall. My 30+ years of work in local government, LGBTQ+ equality, HIV/AIDS advocacy, police reform and public safety also prepares me well to continue serving as a fearless and effective supervisor for District 6.

- I'm fighting for a safer city and to solve our police staffing shortage responsibly — standing up to reckless calls to defund and even abolish SFPD.
- I'm continuing the work I did for 14 years on the San Francisco City Attorney's Office's leadership team — protecting renters and fighting for working families.
- I'm championing the Affordable Homes Now charter amendment — to streamline housing production at all income levels, in every San Francisco neighborhood.

I'm proudly endorsed by Mayor London Breed, State Senator Scott Wiener, State Treasurer Fiona Ma, former City Attorney Dennis Herrera, and the Nor Cal Carpenters Union, among many others.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Learn more at <https://www.mattdorsey.org>.

Matt Dorsey

CHERELLE JACKSON

My occupation is Director of Communications.

My qualifications are:

Candidate Statement of Qualifications:

My qualifications are: My name is Cherelle Jackson. My mission, and my commitment lies with representing the voices of the underserved, and marginalized. I am committed to representing the disempowered, and unprotected. I received a Masters Degree in Political Science Public Policy & Public Administration including my Bachelors of Arts in Psychology Concentration Sociology. I have served as a community activist for marginalized, and underserved communities. I have had the privilege of working with seniors, veterans, and individuals experiencing homelessness. I have served as an educator working with diverse student populations including immigrants. I am also an executive producer for Rose Milk Podcast. I am author. 2020-2021 Influencer of the Year for International Association of Women. Director of Communications for Justice Equity Inclusion Committee. Co-Chair of Workers With Disabilities Committee, member of LGBTQIA+ Lavendar committee, and the Women's committee. I was Top 5 in my group for Jet Set Magazine. I served as an essential worker during the pandemic, keynote speaker, and panelist, supports small businesses, and continues to set the tone, and standard for thriving women, and all communities. Together we will restore our communities, get intentional about the work we do, and lead with grace.

Cherelle Jackson

HONEY MAHOGANY

My occupation is Social Worker.

My qualifications are:

STOP CRIME

I grew up in San Francisco in a family of African immigrants, and I know what it's like to feel unsafe in our city. You have my word that

I'll fight like hell to ensure that our streets are safe and that people who commit crimes face consequences.

TOUGH LOVE

I have a Master's in Social Work from Berkeley, and for 20 years, I've worked to get homeless people off the streets, get people with addiction sober, and get people who've committed crimes to take responsibility.

BUILD HOUSING

Let's stop arguing about housing and just build it. I have real experience building housing at all levels. As Chief of Staff to Supervisor Matt Haney, I oversaw the approval of 9000+ units of housing in District 6...more than all other districts combined.

INDEPENDENCE

I have years of experience in City Hall, but I'm not part of any political faction. I believe in respectful communication, building bridges, and reaching across the aisle. And I refuse to be a yes man for a government that isn't doing its job... sometimes City Departments need tough love too.

ENDORSEMENTS

Assemblymember Matt Haney
Board of Supervisor President Shammon Walton
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Gordon Mar
Bart Director Janice Li
Bart Director Devan Dufty
Board of City College Trustee Shanell Williams
San Francisco Teachers (UESF)

Honey Mahogany

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 8

RAFAEL MANDELMAN

My occupation is District 8 Supervisor.

My qualifications are:

It's been the honor of my life to represent our neighborhoods on the Board of Supervisors. I'm proud of the work we've done, but there is much more to do.

On the Board, I have:

- Authored legislation to implement conservatorships for unhoused individuals suffering from severe mental illness and substance use disorders
- Championed funding for police training, community foot patrols, and diversity hiring
- Authored legislation to curb monster homes while allowing fourplexes citywide to create more housing affordable to everyday San Franciscans

With your vote, we can make more progress in the next four years by:

- Providing compassionate ways off the streets for unhoused folks while ensuring everyone can use — and be proud of — our shared public spaces
- Reforming our criminal justice system to reduce rates of unjust incarceration while holding people accountable who commit property crimes and serious offenses
- Protecting the character of our neighborhoods while creating affordable housing opportunities for current and new residents

Join us in supporting Rafael for Supervisor!

Former District 8 Supervisors: Mark Leno, Bevan Dufty, and Scott Wiener

San Francisco Labor Council

Sophie Constantinou, College Hill Neighborhood Association*
Meredith Dodson, SF Parent Coalition*
Dave Karraker and Terrance Alan, Castro Merchants Association*
Chris Keene, Friends of Slow Sanchez*
Carolyn Kenady, Dolores Heights Improvement Club*
Debra Niemann, Noe Valley Association*
Dan Slaughter, Mt. Olympus Neighborhood Association*
Janet Tarlov, Glen Park Business Owner*
Frank Tizedes, Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association*
Stephen Torres, Castro LGBTQ Cultural District*

*For identification purposes only

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Rafael Mandelman

KATE STOIA

My occupation is Lawyer.

My qualifications are:

I'm a parent (2 biological + 1 foster), a lawyer, and a proud San Franciscan. I've lived in D8 for more than 30 years.

Despite our challenges, we all know San Francisco is a special place. I want to make it better. City government should serve us, not work against us. It's become too hard to get anything done here — from opening a business, to creating housing, to helping the homeless and the mentally ill. Let's change that. Join me in building a city government that works for everyone.

I have degrees from UC Berkeley's Law School and Goldman School of Public Policy. I've spent 32 years working to make SF a better place: from my first job, with the STOP AIDS Project, to suing the SF Sheriff on behalf of a transgender client, to creating a strong foundation and bright future for a LGBTQ+ BIPOC theatre group, to raising funds to support social workers in our public schools.

My priorities are: eliminating corruption. Housing. More housing. Clean streets. Streamlining small business permitting. Building a safer and more responsive life for all San Franciscans.

As your Supervisor, I'll work every day to make life better for every resident of D8.

Kate Stoia

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 10

BRIAN SAM ADAM

My occupation is Technical Writer.

My qualifications are:

7 years in tech and almost two years with the City and County of San Francisco. I have worked with diverse teams to troubleshoot and solve problems. At the same time, I never forgot my coworkers. When we made improvements, their families, health, and safety were top of mind.

I am the right mix of know-how and energy to bring clarity to District 10. Working in the City, I have seen a lot of good, but I have also learned a lot about its shortcomings. A report in 2008-2009 highlighted the potential corruption and lack of competition from nonprofit organizations working with the City. A 2016 report detailed car break-ins on the Embarcadero and across the City. People were ready to point fingers, not present solutions. A 2020 report highlighted opportunities to reduce crime by moving police to different districts. No cops moved!

A successful supervisor will listen to their constituents and solve problems; help make their neighborhoods greener and more beautiful; make San Francisco thrive — a city you can have a family

in! We throw out what does not work. We elevate what does. I will be the one to listen, work hard every day, and bring results.

Brian Sam Adam

SHAMANN WALTON

My occupation is President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

My qualifications are:

As the first Black man serving as President of the Board of Supervisors, I've fought hard to ensure that our vulnerable neighbors and working families have a voice in City Hall. As your Supervisor, I will continue to deliver resources to improve our neighborhoods and serve every San Franciscan.

I believe everyone deserves a stable income, a clean and safe neighborhood, and an affordable place to live. That's why I've led on tough issues that make a real impact in San Franciscans' lives. I secured over \$20 million for rent relief and affordable housing, led the creation of the Dream Keeper Initiative to reinvest \$120 million into our city's Black community, fought against AAPI hate crimes, and mediated the process to reopen schools during the pandemic.

Born in San Francisco, I grew up in public housing in Bayview and Potrero Hill. I have worked in District 10 for decades, previously serving on the San Francisco Board of Education and as the Executive Director of Young Community Developers.

My supporters include:

Senator Scott Wiener

Assemblymembers: Phil Ting, Matt Haney

Supervisors: Connie Chan, Catherine Stefani, Aaron Peskin, Gordon Mar, Dean Preston, Myrna Melga, Rafael Mandelman, Hillary Ronen, Ahsha Safai

Public Defender Mano Raju

Assessor-Recorder Joaquín Torres

Honey Mahogany
BART Director Bevan Dufty
City College Trustees: Aliya Chisti, Alan Wong
San Francisco Labor Council
United Educators of San Francisco
SEIU 1021
IFPTE Local 21

<https://shamannwalton.com/>

Shamann Walton

Frequently Asked Questions about Registration and Voting in San Francisco

Answered by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Registration FAQs

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 November 8 election is October 24, 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 October 24, 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 or update your address at 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 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 or 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.

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Delivery FAQs

Will I receive my ballot in the mail? Per state law, all voters receive ballots in the mail. Any voter may choose to cast a ballot arriving in the mail or vote in person in the November 8, 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. 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 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 November 2, go to *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*. 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*. Or, sign up to receive ballot notifications via email, text, or voice message at *wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov*. Alternatively, you may call or email the Department of Elections.

Vote-By-Mail Ballot Return FAQs

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, November 8. 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*.

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*. 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 October 10 to November 7, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box or the City Hall Voting Center. On Election Day, November 8, 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 or call (415) 554-4375.

In-Person Voting FAQs

Can I vote early in person in the November 8 election? The City Hall Voting Center will be open at these times:

- Every weekday, October 11–November 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Last two weekends, October 29–30 and November 5–6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and
- Election Day, November 8, 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 approximately 500 polling places open for in-person voting and vote-by-mail ballot drop off on Election Day, November 8, 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.

Words You Need to Know

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Affordable Housing: Housing defined as affordable for households at certain income levels. The rates or prices of this housing generally aim for the household to pay approximately 30% of its income toward housing costs.

Apprentice: A person learning a trade from a skilled employer.

Apprenticeship Program: A program that trains a person to be skilled in a particular trade and may include hands-on training and classroom learning.

Area Median Income (AMI): A measurement of income level in San Francisco. More detailed information available at: sfmohcd.org/ami-levels.

City College: City College of San Francisco, a public, two-year community college.

Discretionary Approvals: An approval that requires the exercise of judgment or deliberation, as opposed to approvals that determine whether fixed standards have been satisfied.

Discretionary Revenues: Revenues that are unrestricted and that the City could use for any lawful purpose.

Fiscal Year: The City's 12-month budget period, starting July 1 and ending June 30 of the following calendar year.

General Fund: The part of The City's annual budget that can be used for any City purpose. Each year, the mayor and the Board of Supervisors decide how the General Fund will be used. Money for the General Fund comes from property, business, sales, and other taxes and fees.

Great Highway: A four-lane public roadway that runs along Ocean Beach starting at Point Lobos Avenue and ending at Skyline Boulevard.

Gross Receipts: The total amount of money a business receives, in whatever form, for its products and services.

Guaranteed Income Program: Guaranteed income provides direct, often recurring cash assistance to individuals or households, with no conditions or restrictions. Recipients are empowered and trusted to make their own choices about how best to use their money.

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.

John F. Kennedy Drive: A public street that runs through Golden Gate Park starting east at Stanyan Street, passing the Conservatory of Flowers, the de Young Museum, Speedway Meadow, the Bison Paddock and ending at the Great Highway.

Music Concourse: An open-air plaza within Golden Gate Park. The oval-shaped concourse is between the de Young Museum and the California Academy of Sciences.

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

Oversight: Monitoring activities to ensure that the purposes of a program are followed.

Parcel Tax: A tax on land and structures in the City.

Prevailing Wages: Wages that reflect the wages generally available in the local workforce and are set by the Board of Supervisors.

Repeal: To eliminate a law, so that it no longer has any effect.

Revenues: Amounts received by the City, including proceeds from most taxes for the City.

School District: The San Francisco Unified School District, a public agency that is separate from the City and operates the San Francisco public school system through 12th grade.

SFERS: The San Francisco Employees' Retirement System, which manages retirement and deferred compensation plans for City employees.

Skilled and Trained Workforce: Workforce that employs building and construction workers who are in, or have graduated from, a state-approved apprenticeship program.

Local Ballot Measure and Argument Information

Pursuant to local law, the main printed version of 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).

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.

Revenue Bonds are used to pay for projects such as major improvements to an airport, water system, garage or other large facility 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 2021–2022 property taxpayers in the City paid approximately \$579 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 18.25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or an estimated \$1,082 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 \$9.86 billion. Voters give the City *authorization* to issue bonds. Those bonds that have been issued and not yet repaid are considered to be *outstanding*. As of July 1, 2022, there was \$2.63 billion in outstanding general obligation bonds, which is equal to 0.80% 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 1.25% 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 1.25% 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

Proposition A – Retiree Supplemental Cost of Living Adjustment; Retirement Board Contract with Executive Director

Shall the City amend the Charter to allow City employees who retired before November 6, 1996, to receive a supplemental cost of living adjustment to their pensions even if the retirement system is not fully funded and allow the Retirement Board to have an individual employment contract with its executive director?

YES

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NO

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City provides its employees with pension benefits through the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System (SFERS). In the November 6, 1996, election, the voters approved a supplemental cost of living adjustment (COLA) for retirees. City employees who retired before November 6, 1996, are eligible for this supplemental COLA if the SFERS investments meet their expected rate of return and can pay for all the accrued pension benefits owed to City retirees and employees (fully funded).

The City's Retirement Board (Board) oversees the SFERS and appoints and removes its executive director. When hiring an executive director, the Board may not enter into an individual employment contract. Instead, the Board must follow City civil service hiring rules, which limit the salary and benefits the Board can offer.

The Proposal: Proposition A would make City employees who retired before November 6, 1996, eligible for a supplemental COLA, even if SFERS is not fully funded. In years when SFERS is not fully funded, the supplemental COLA would be limited to \$200 per month for retirees who have an annual City pension of more than \$50,000.

Proposition A would also allow the Board to enter into an individual employment contract with any executive director hired on or after January 1, 2023, without regard to City civil service salary, benefits and other limits.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to allow City employees who retired before November 6, 1996, to receive a supplemental cost of living adjustment to their pensions even if the retirement system is not fully funded and allow the Retirement Board to have an individual employment contract with its executive director.

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

Controller's Statement on "A"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government. Based on the Retirement System's current actuarial assumptions and policies, the measure would result in expected costs to the City of approximately \$8 million annually for ten years, of which \$5 million would be paid from the General Fund.

The current Charter dictates that a portion of the cost of living adjustment (COLA) paid to members of the San Francisco Employee Retirement System (SFERS) that retired before November 1996 are paid only when certain conditions are met and the pension system is fully funded. The proposed Charter amendment would eliminate the full-funding requirement for these members and their qualified survivors and beneficiaries in future years. In addition, the measure would increase these monthly COLAs, going forward, to account for five prior years when they would have been added to these members base pension payments but for the fully-funded requirement. Any future annual COLA adjustments enabled by the measure would be limited to \$200 per month (or \$2,400 annually).

The amendment also allows the Retirement Board to enter into an individual contract with SFERS executive directors hired on or after January 1, 2023. Currently, the Retirement Board must follow terms set out by the Civil Service Commission, the San Francisco Charter and Administrative Code, and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipal Executives Association.

How "A" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition A on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition A

Let's Protect San Francisco's Retirees

Yes on Proposition A to Ensure Retirement Security

Costs are rising and San Francisco has always been expensive. That's why retirees of the City and County of San Francisco were provided a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to their annual pension. This modest increase for the lowest wage retirees means the ability to afford housing and basic necessities like food and transportation.

In 1996, voters approved a measure, Proposition C, to provide this modest COLA to these retirees. In 2011, the COLA was removed in the years seniors need it the most. Today, about 4,400 retirees don't know from year to year whether they will get a modest increase as they plan for their futures.

The retirees impacted by this situation are generally older, including many above the age of 75. An overwhelming majority make less than \$50,000 per year. Restoring the cost of living benefit would ensure

equity for low wage workers that served the City and County of San Francisco.

You can help retirees so they don't have to choose between paying for food, housing, or prescription drugs due to the modest pension they receive and the high cost of living. That's why the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to place this measure on the ballot.

Voting Yes on Prop A would mean restoring a benefit that these senior retired city workers earned throughout their years of service. It's the right thing to do!

Please join us in voting Yes on Prop A.

Supervisor Ahsha Safaí

Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton

Supervisor Connie Chan

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Supervisor Shamann Walton

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

Proposition B – Public Works

Department and Commission, Sanitation and Streets Department and Commission

Shall the City amend the Charter to eliminate the Department of Sanitation and Streets and transfer its duties back to the Department of Public Works and to retain the Sanitation and Streets Commission and Public Works Commission?

YES

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NO

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The Department of Public Works (DPW) is generally responsible for designing, constructing, maintaining and cleaning the City's infrastructure, including buildings, streets, sidewalks, bridges and public facilities.

In November 2020, the voters approved a Charter amendment authorizing creation of a Department of Sanitation and Streets.

The Charter amendment also required the City to create two commissions: a Sanitation and Streets Commission to oversee the Department of Sanitation and Streets and a Public Works Commission to oversee the DPW.

The Proposal: Proposition B would eliminate the Department of Sanitation and Streets and transfer its duties back to the Department of Public Works.

Proposition B would retain both the Public Works Commission and the Sanitation and Streets Commission. The Sanitation and Streets Commission would hold public hearings and set policies on sanitation issues for the Department of Public Works.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to eliminate the Department of Sanitation and Streets and transfer its duties back to the Department of Public Works. You also want to retain both commissions.

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

Controller's Statement on "B"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would significantly reduce the cost of government.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022–23 (FY23), estimated savings would start at approximately \$3.5 million and decrease to \$2.5 million in FY24. Cost savings under this amendment would likely increase in future years if the Board were to authorize independent administrative support for Department of Sanitation and Streets (SAS).

This amendment will make changes to Proposition B, a Charter amendment approved by voters in November 2020 to separate the Department of Public Works (DPW) into two separate departments and establish a commission for each.

The proposed Charter amendment would transfer the responsibilities of the SAS back to DPW, eliminating the newly created SAS.

Approximately 765 full-time equivalent employees would be moved from SAS to DPW. Recombining departments would reduce the number of staff needed to perform administrative functions for both departments by 9.7 full-time equivalent employees in FY23 and 12 full-time equivalent employees in FY24. DPW would no longer need additional accounting, contracts and information technology staff and SAS would no longer need a department head or adminis-

trative staff. Additionally, the proposed amendment would create other one-time and ongoing costs savings including reductions to administrative services, equipment, and professional services.

The amendment also will remove the requirement for the Controller to conduct an annual audit regarding waste and inefficiency in the two departments, however the Controller will retain the authority to audit DPW. Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller's Office, which has prepared this statement.

How "B" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 8 to 3 to place Proposition B on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani.

No: Mar, Safai, Walton.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition B

Proposition B Mandates Focus On Cleaner Streets, Not More Government Bureaucracy.

With everything costing more these days, our city government must work harder to use your taxpayer money where it can do the most good. This initiative improves upon the measure approved by voters two years ago to split up the Department of Public Works and create the Department of Sanitation and Streets with the promise of prioritizing street cleaning. The problem with that plan? A careful analysis by the City Administrator found that it would cost \$6 million in the first two years, and approximately \$10 million every year thereafter to run a new bureaucracy with zero additional dollars going to street cleaning. Why spend money on more middle-managers, clerks and accountants instead of the people who power wash and sweep our sidewalks, paint out graffiti and pick up illegal dumping?

Proposition B Is Oversight Done Right.

Now, voters have the chance to get it right. Proposition B will keep Public Works as one department, **saving millions of dollars every year** — money that instead can be used to expand street cleaning services in neighborhoods across San Francisco. The accountability demanded by voters in November 2020 remains and is strengthened.

Proposition B retains both oversight commissions: Sanitation and Streets Commission will set street cleaning policy while the Public Works Commission will provide transparency and critical guardrails against corruption and misconduct.

Proposition B Preserves Good Union Jobs.

Proposition B won't eliminate a single city job. It will allow Public Works to dedicate maximum time and resources to cleaning our streets and implementing reforms, not wasting time and money on more bureaucracy. We have a second chance to improve this essential department without needlessly spending money on red tape.

Learn more at: OversightDoneRight.com

Vote Yes on Proposition B to clean our streets, strengthen government accountability and save jobs!

Mayor London Breed

City Administrator Carmen Chu

Supervisors Connie Chan

Catherine Stefani

Aaron Peskin

Dean Preston

Matt Dorsey

Rafael Mandelman

Hillary Ronen

Former Supervisor Norman Yee

San Francisco Democratic Party

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition B

We are the workers who clean your streets... we get up most days before dawn to collect your garbage, power wash the sidewalks and pick up trash. We disagree with the Board of Supervisors and believe that Prop B will be disastrous for our streets and sidewalks.

In 2020, voters sick of dirty streets voted to create a Department of Sanitation independent from political interference from the Mayor or Board of Supervisors. Only two years later the Mayor and Board of Supervisors are trying to kill the Department of Sanitation and take those powers back.

Prop B kills the Department of Sanitation and turns street cleaning back over to the Department of Public Works which is currently being investigated by the FBI. And whose former director Mohammed Nuru was arrested for accepting bribes for \$900,000 dollars worth of contracts. This measure would eliminate the reforms implemented by voters just two years ago, and open up the department to corruption again.

With all due respect to the Board of Supervisors who put Prop B on the ballot... this measure is bad policy that will only make our city dirtier. Please listen to the street cleaning experts and not politicians with an agenda. Vote No on B.

DeShelia Mixon

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition B

DON'T KILL THE DEPT. OF SANITATION

Yes, this measure is as crazy as it sounds...

San Francisco's streets are some of the dirtiest in America. This measure takes the nonsensical step of entirely eliminating the brand new Department of Sanitation that residents literally just voted to create.

This measure is the worst type of City Hall dysfunction, and it will only lead to more trash and human waste on your sidewalks.

Don't be fooled into thinking this is about saving money... we're the second wealthiest city in America, and the Department will cost a minuscule fraction of our \$14 billion budget. There's no reason we shouldn't have a Department of Sanitation like nearly every other major city in the country.

This is about politicians wanting power and maintaining the status quo. Two years ago, after multiple FBI arrests at the Department of Public Works, voters told City Hall they'd had enough of the corruption. You voted to take the broken system out of the hands of politicians and create an independent Department of Sanitation to clean up the streets.

Now instead of doing their jobs, some politicians want a do-over. They're going back to the ballot to kill the Department of Sanitation and take back the power to decide which streets get cleaned and which are left covered in trash. We can't go backward.

Let the independent Department of Sanitation do what it was created to do: power wash your sidewalks, clean up your streets, and open up new public restrooms... with real focus and accountability, and without the meddling of politicians.

Please join me and the frontline workers who clean your streets and vote:

NO ON PROP B

Assemblymember Matt Haney

Our City's Frontline Sanitation Workers - Laborers Local 261

Garbage Collectors

Street Cleaners

Sidewalk Power Washers

Vermin and Pest Controllers

Homeless Encampment Management

Graffiti Abatement Workers
Gardeners & Landscapers
Sewer Workers
Public Building Maintenance
Sidewalk Construction & Repair

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition B

We all want cleaner streets, but this comes down to a simple question — do we want to waste a minimum of \$60 million each decade or not?

It is not unusual for a politician to argue for more bureaucracy — which is exactly what the opponents are asking for here. But simply hiring more bureaucrats accomplishes nothing but wasting money and ultimately requiring higher taxes. That's why a diverse coalition of civic leaders believes that we have an opportunity for Oversight Done Right.

We need Oversight Done Right. San Francisco city government has been shamed by a series of corruption scandals. The answer is focused oversight to make sure your tax dollars are not wasted or stolen, not another new city department.

Independent auditors (not politicians!) estimate that creating yet another department will waste at least \$60 million dollars each decade if we don't make this change.

You could clean a lot of streets for \$60 million. And that's the choice here — do we want paper pushers or broom pushers? Do we want our hard-earned dollars going to people working at desks or people working to clean up San Francisco?

The opponents say nearly all other large cities have Sanitation Departments—not true. Of the largest cities in the country only a few have Sanitation Departments and where they have them their primary role is garbage collection—not cleaning streets.

Our city government should be doing a better job of picking up waste on our streets - not wasting our money. That's why we urge you to join the extraordinary coalition of neighborhood groups and leaders in support of Proposition B.

Former City Controller Ed Harrington

City Administrator Carmen Chu

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Supervisor Connie Chan

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Proposition C – Homelessness Oversight Commission

Shall the City amend the Charter to establish a Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and require the City Controller to conduct audits of services for people experiencing homelessness?

YES

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NO

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: In 2016, the City established a Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (Department). The Department manages and directs housing, programs and services for persons experiencing homelessness, including street outreach, homeless shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing.

The mayor appoints and may remove the director of the Department. The City Charter does not require audits of homelessness services, and a City commission does not oversee the Department.

The City's Local Homeless Coordinating Board and other advisory bodies make recommendations on homeless policy and budget allocations. The mayor, the Board of Supervisors (Board) and the controller appoint members to the advisory bodies.

The Proposal: Proposition C would create a Homelessness Oversight Commission (Commission) to oversee the Department.

The Commission would have seven members who would serve four-year terms. The mayor would appoint four members, and the Board of Supervisors would appoint three. The mayor's appointees would be subject to Board approval.

The mayor's four appointees must have the following qualifications:

- one seat would be for a person who has experienced homelessness;
- one seat would be for a person with significant experience providing services to or engaging in advocacy on behalf of persons experiencing homelessness;
- one seat would be for a person with expertise in providing mental health services or substance abuse treatment; and
- one seat would be for a person who has participated in a merchants' or small-business association, or a neighborhood association.

In addition to these qualifications, at least one of the mayor's appointees must also have experience in budgeting, finance and auditing.

The Board's appointees must have the following qualifications:

- one seat would be for a person who has personally experienced homelessness;
- one seat would be for a person with significant experience working with homeless families with children or homeless youth; and
- one seat would be for a person with significant experience providing services to or engaging in advocacy on behalf of persons experiencing homelessness.

Proposition C would require the City controller to conduct audits of homelessness services.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to establish a Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and require the City controller to conduct audits of homelessness services.

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

Controller's Statement on "C"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The proposed Charter amendment would create the Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH). The Commission would appoint the members of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board and the Shelter Monitoring Committee. The Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee would advise the Commission on the administration of the Our City, Our Home fund.

The Commission's duties would include reviewing and approving HSH's budget, formulating goals consistent with the objectives of the City and County, and holding hearings and taking testimony. The Commission may conduct public education and outreach of homelessness programs and issues. Annual salary and operating costs for the Commission would be approximately \$350,000.

The proposed Charter amendment would specify that services relating to homelessness are subject to audit by the Controller. Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller's Office, which has prepared this statement.

How "C" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition C on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition C

Homelessness Accountability Starts Now!

In 2016, city government created the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to help homeless people find permanent housing and connect individuals and families to critical supportive services.

In 2017, there were 6,858 homeless people counted in the Point-in-Time Count. Today, that same report says there are 7,754—an increase of 13%.

The departmental budget more than doubled from \$250 million in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to \$672 million in 2022-2023, including Proposition C funding from 2018. Yet for many people, conditions have worsened.

In 2022, the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury stated that "[t]he Jury is not alone in its concern that the city's eighth largest government department lacks comprehensive outside governance"

There is no Charter requirement that the Controller audit departmental spending or performance. Many decisions are made without community input, public meetings, or independent review.

To end homelessness, we must ensure that every federal, state, and local dollar is spent effectively. Proposition C does just that. The measure:

Ensures that the City Controller audits homeless services;

Establishes a Commission that would hold public meetings and investigate departmental activities; and

Requires the Commission to set clear goals for success.

The Commission will ensure that major policy, budget, and contracting decisions are data driven and made in the light of day.

The Mayor and Board of Supervisors appoint commissioners who must meet stringent qualifications and would be approved only after a public hearing and vote.

Voting Yes on Proposition C is a meaningful step to provide essential oversight and accountability to current federal, state, and local homeless programs without raising taxes.

Please join us in voting Yes on Proposition C.

Supervisor Ahsha Safaí

Assemblymember Matt Haney

Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Gordon Mar

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

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

Proposition D – Affordable Housing – Initiative Petition

Shall the City amend the Charter to streamline approval of affordable housing that provides (1) housing for households with income up to 140% of area median income (AMI) but where the average household income is no more than 120% of AMI, (2) additional affordable housing units equal to 15% of the required number of affordable on-site units, or (3) housing for households that include at least one School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions; and to no longer require Board of Supervisors' approval for those types of projects if they use City property or financing?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: Under City law, various City boards, commissions and officials generally must review and make decisions to approve or deny the development of new housing. Development of new housing must comply with the City’s Planning and Building codes. State law generally requires the project to be evaluated for impacts on the environment.

The City has affordable housing programs that offer housing for sale or rent at below market rates. Affordable housing has restrictions on eligibility for households, such as maximum household income.

As of July 2022, the area median income (AMI) by household size is:

Income Level	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person
80% of AMI	\$77,600	\$88,700	\$99,750	\$110,850
100% of AMI	\$97,000	\$110,850	\$124,700	\$138,550

120% of AMI	\$116,400	\$133,000	\$149,650	\$166,250
140% of AMI	\$135,800	\$155,200	\$174,600	\$193,950

The Proposal: Proposition D would streamline the approval process by exempting certain affordable housing developments from a number of approvals by the City if those developments comply with the Planning and Building codes. When the City leases its property or provides financing for these housing projects, the Board of Supervisors approval would not be required.

Proposition D would streamline approval of three types of multifamily affordable housing:

- Multifamily housing where all residential units are affordable for households with income up to 140% of AMI. The average household income of all residential units can be no more than 120% of AMI.
- Multifamily housing with 10 or more residential units and that provides on-site affordable units required by City law, plus additional affordable housing units equal to at least 15% of the number of affordable on-site units required. For example, as of July 2022, if a project has 100 residential rental units, the project must include 22 affordable units on-site. Under this measure, the project must provide 3 additional affordable housing units on-site, which is 15% of the 22 on-site affordable units for a total of 25 affordable units.
- Multifamily housing, or a development that includes housing and other commercial uses, where all residential units are for households that include at least one San Francisco Unified School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions.

Under the measure, the City would have five to eight months to approve these developments, depending on the number of units.

This measure may also allow these developments to proceed without environmental review under state law.

Under this proposition, the Board of Supervisors could amend City law to apply these streamlined approvals to additional types of housing projects.

Contractors who build projects under this measure must pay their employees prevailing wages. Contractors who build projects with 40 or more units must also provide health care benefits and offer apprenticeship opportunities.

If Proposition D passes with more votes than Proposition E, then Proposition E would have no legal effect.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to streamline approval of affordable housing projects that provide:

- multifamily housing where all units are for households with income up to 140% of area median income and the average household income of all residential units can be no more than 120% of AMI;
- additional affordable housing units equal to at least 15% of the number of affordable on-site units required; or
- that all residential units are for households that include at least one San Francisco Unified School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions.

Projects that use City property or City financing would no longer require Board of Supervisors' approval.

The Board of Supervisors could amend City law to apply these streamlined approvals to additional types of housing projects.

In certain projects, contractors must provide health care benefits and offer apprenticeship opportunities.

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

Controller's Statement on "D"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment and initiative be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would minimally impact the cost of government.

The proposed Charter amendment would expedite approval of multi-family housing in three cases: where 100 percent of the residential units are affordable; with 10 or more residential units and at least 15 percent on-site affordable housing more than required by City law; and where 100 percent of residential units are for households that include at least one San Francisco Unified School District or City College employee, and where at least 80 percent of the residential units are affordable.

The proposed Charter amendment would exempt these affordable housing developments from any discretionary approvals if they comply with the Planning Code and would allow developments to proceed without environmental review under State law. San Francisco would have five to eight months to approve these developments, depending on the number of units.

To the extent that this Charter amendment shortens the approval process, the City's affordable housing projects could see cost savings due to shorter development and construction timelines on project costs. To the extent the Charter amendment results in an increase in affordable versus market rate housing production, either at lower assessed values or as tax-exempt properties, it could result in a future loss of property tax revenues. We consider it likely that both of these impacts will be modest given likely ranges of projects that would be eligible for the measure's accelerated review.

The Charter amendment also requires sponsors of projects with 10 or more residential units to pay prevailing wages. For projects of 40 or more residential units, project sponsors must pay for health coverage and have an apprenticeship program. This would require the City to adopt an ordinance to allow the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement to enforce these requirements.

How "D" Got on the Ballot

On July 13, 2022, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition D to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

49,794 signatures were required to place an initiative Charter Amendment on the ballot. This number is equal to 10% of the registered voters at the time a "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" was published. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 11, 2022, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition D

Prop D, Affordable Homes Now, will make it faster and easier to build new homes in San Francisco affordable to low- and middle-income San Franciscans and public school teachers.

We believe more San Franciscans at all income levels should be able to live in affordable homes and earn family-supporting wages. We are strongly supporting Prop D, the only measure on the November ballot that will truly speed up the construction of much-needed affordable homes.

San Francisco has a severe shortage of affordable housing because it takes four to seven years for the City to approve permits for new homes. The bureaucracy and politics are driving up the overall cost of housing and delaying new construction, making the City even more unaffordable.

Prop D is the only measure that removes bureaucratic roadblocks and political posturing.

Prop D is the only measure on the ballot that actually makes it easier to build housing by removing bureaucratic roadblocks that the Board of Supervisors have used to stop new construction of projects like 469 Stevenson, which would have added about 100 new affordable homes by redeveloping a vacant downtown valet parking lot.

Prop D streamlines affordable and middle-income housing for lower and middle income workers.

By streamlining the permitting and approval process, Prop D creates affordable and middle-income housing for our lower and middle

income workers such as teachers, nurses, firefighters, small business owners, and nonprofit workers.

Prop D requires prevailing wages and healthcare.

Prop D requires that builders pay construction workers family-supporting prevailing wages and cover healthcare costs for workers and their families. It requires contractors to create opportunities for apprentices to build a strong, stable, and inclusive workforce.

Join us in supporting Prop D — the only housing measure on the ballot that will truly build more affordable housing quickly.

www.AffordableHomesNow.org

*Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco
Nor Cal Carpenters Union*

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition D

Prop D Stands for Deception, Dishonesty and Developer Giveaways.

FACT: Prop D is Deceptive.

Prop D redefines "affordable" as housing that costs **MORE** than market rate. Over the past eight years, San Francisco has built **more** than its housing development goals. Yet, housing prices keep skyrocketing because nearly all of this new housing is **market rate**.

FACT: Prop D is Dishonest.

The project they highlight, 469 Stevenson, would not have qualified for Prop D expedited review! And, its units were **market rate**, NOT affordable. It's dishonest to pretend any outcome on this project would be different under Prop D — it would not.

FACT: Prop D is a Developer Giveaway.

Prop D provides developers with millions in benefits from expedited review, but no requirements for family housing, affordability, or even

for the housing to get built. This does nothing to solve our housing crisis, but it does line the pockets of billionaire investors.

Don't be Deceived by Developers!

Prop D says it provides affordable housing, but is **opposed** by nonprofit affordable housing developers.

Prop D says it provides "educator housing," but is **opposed** by teachers.

Prop D is even **opposed** by the Building Trades — the people who would build this housing.

Prop D does not require developers to build anything and will deliver NO housing that working people and families can afford.

Stop the Deception, Dishonesty and Developer Giveaway! Vote NO on Prop D!

Race & Equity in All Planning Coalition

San Francisco Building Trades

San Francisco Labor Council

United Educators of San Francisco

San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition

Council of Community Housing Organizations

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition D

We all thrive when San Francisco builds diverse communities, affordable housing, and equitable access to resources and opportunities. Proposition D works directly against this vision.

Proposition D is deceptive and would make housing MORE expensive. We need to build more **affordable** housing to address our housing crisis. Over the past eight years, San Francisco built 10,000 more market rate units than the State required, but fell tragically short on affordable units. Relying solely on market rate housing has only caused increased evictions, homelessness, and inequality.

Proposition D would make our housing crisis worse. By increasing the income qualifications for "affordable housing" it will cost **MORE** to

rent or own “affordable” units than market rate. A one bedroom apartment costing nearly \$4,000 a month would be considered “affordable housing”, whereas today's market rate is \$3,095 per month.

Proposition D is a developer giveaway under the guise of “affordable housing”. Under this proposition, once developers receive project approvals, they have no requirement to actually build desperately needed affordable units. They can simply sell the land and make millions of dollars of profit.

Proposition D has no requirement to build two or three bedroom units, meaning developers won't build the housing San Francisco families desperately need. Proposition D destroys public oversight and transparency, making it more difficult for residents to be a part of the decision-making process on how their communities change and grow. You will never be able to speak at a development’s public hearing to demand real affordable housing or other community needs.

Proposition D means more expensive condos throughout San Francisco. Wealthy real estate developers and investors will profit and working families will continue to be priced out.
If you want affordable housing now, vote NO on Proposition D.

Race & Equity in All Planning Coalition

San Francisco Building Trades

San Francisco Labor Council

United Educators of San Francisco

San Francisco Democratic Party

San Francisco Tenants Union

Anti-Displacement Coalition

Council of Community Housing Organizations (CCHO)

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition D

The members of the Board of Supervisors opposing Prop D, Affordable Homes Now, have repeatedly opposed efforts to speed up construction of new homes to meet the overwhelming need of San Franciscans.

It's no surprise they are opposing Prop D, a pro-housing measure supported by strong pro-housing elected leaders and non-profits including Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco and the Nor Cal Carpenters Union, whose mission is to build housing for working families.

San Francisco is facing the difficult reality that we must build over 82,000 new homes before 2031. We need to show the state that we are removing barriers to construction, or we risk losing out on hundreds of millions of dollars in state and federal grants for affordable housing and transportation. We can't expect a better future unless we are willing to make changes to build more housing faster.

Prop D will create more housing in San Francisco than the competing measure, including more affordable housing. By eliminating unnecessary hearings that delay projects, our city leaders can focus on building the housing our city needs. It's also important to understand that only projects that follow local rules set by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors will be accelerated under this measure.

Prop D ensures a strong workforce that is paid enough to actually live in the housing that they are building. **By requiring family-supporting wages, health care coverage, and apprenticeship opportunities, our organized labor force will be back at work building for the future.**

Remove the bureaucracy that is stopping more affordable homes.
Vote Yes on Prop D.

*Senator Scott Wiener
Mayor London Breed
Supervisor Matt Dorsey*

Proposition E – Affordable Housing – Board of Supervisors

Shall the City amend the Charter to streamline approval of affordable housing that provides (1) housing for households with income up to 120% of area median income (AMI) but where the average household income is no more than 80% of AMI, (2) additional affordable housing units equal to 8% of the total number of units in the entire project, or (3) housing for households that include at least one School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions; and to continue requiring Board of Supervisors' approval for those types of projects if they use City property or financing?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: Under City law, various City boards, commissions and officials generally must review and make decisions to approve or deny the development of new housing. Development of new housing must comply with the City's Planning and Building codes. State law generally requires the project to be evaluated for impacts on the environment.

The City has affordable housing programs that offer housing for sale or rent at below market rates. Affordable housing has restrictions on eligibility for households, such as maximum household income.

As of July 2022, the area median income (AMI) by household size is:

Income Level	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person
80% of AMI	\$77,600	\$88,700	\$99,750	\$110,850
100% of AMI	\$97,000	\$110,850	\$124,700	\$138,550

120% of AMI	\$116,400	\$133,000	\$149,650	\$166,250
140% of AMI	\$135,800	\$155,200	\$174,600	\$193,950

The Proposal: Proposition E would streamline the approval process by exempting certain affordable housing developments from a number of approvals by the City if those developments comply with the Planning and Building codes. When the City leases its property or provides financing for these housing projects, approval by the Board of Supervisors may be necessary.

Proposition E would streamline approval of three types of multifamily affordable housing:

- Multifamily housing where all residential units are affordable for households with income up to 120% of AMI. The average household income for all residential units can be no more than 80% of AMI.
- Multifamily housing with 10 or more residential units and that provides on-site affordable units required by City law, plus additional affordable housing units equal to at least 8% of the total number of units in the entire project. This 8% would include requirements for two- and three-bedroom units. For example, as of July 2022, if a project has 100 residential rental units, the project must include 22 affordable units on-site. Under this measure, the project must provide 8 additional affordable housing units on-site, which is 8% of the total units of the entire project for a total of 30 affordable units. Additionally, the Planning Department approval will expire if the developer does not begin construction within 24 months.
- Multifamily housing, or a development that includes housing and other commercial uses, where all residential units are for households that include at least one San Francisco Unified School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions.

Under the measure, the City would have six months to approve these developments, in addition to the time required for any Board of Supervisors' approvals, if necessary.

This measure may also allow these developments to proceed without environmental review under state law.

This measure requires the mayor to provide annual affordable housing reports with the mayor's proposed budget.

Under this proposition, the Board of Supervisors could not amend City law to apply these streamlined approvals to additional types of housing projects.

Contractors who build projects under this measure must pay their employees prevailing wages. Contractors who build projects for educators or projects of 25 units or more that provide additional affordable housing units must also use a skilled and trained workforce that includes a certain percentage of workers who have graduated from apprenticeship programs.

If Proposition E passes with more votes than Proposition D, then Proposition D would have no legal effect.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to streamline approval of affordable housing projects that provide:

- multifamily housing where all units are for households with income up to 120% of area median income and the average household income for all residential units can be no more than 80% of AMI;
- additional on-site affordable units equal to 8% of the total number of units in the entire project; or
- that all residential units are for households that include at least one San Francisco Unified School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions.

Projects that use City property or City financing would continue to require Board of Supervisors' approval.

The Board of Supervisors could not amend City law to apply these streamlined approvals to additional types of housing projects.

In certain projects, contractors must use a skilled and trained workforce that includes workers who have graduated from apprenticeship programs.

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

Controller's Statement on "E"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment and initiative be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would minimally impact the cost of government.

The proposed Charter amendment would provide for accelerated review and approval of eligible 100% affordable housing projects, educator housing projects, and market-rate projects that provide significant increased affordability. The Planning Department would provide ministerial review for these projects instead of certain approvals, which are currently required, by the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Arts commission, Boards of Supervisors, and Board of Appeals.

To the extent that this Charter amendment shortens the approval process, the City's affordable housing projects could see cost savings due to shorter development and construction timelines on project costs. To the extent the Charter amendment results in an increase in affordable versus market rate housing production, either at lower assessed values or as tax-exempt properties, it could result in a future loss of property tax revenues. We consider it likely that both of these impacts will be modest given likely ranges of projects that would be eligible for the measure's accelerated review.

The amendment also requires sponsors of projects to pay prevailing wages during construction on 100% Affordable Housing Projects, Educator Housing Projects, Increased Affordability Housing Projects of

10 or more units. Educator Housing Projects and Increased Affordability Housing Projects of 25 or more units would also be required to use a skilled and trained workforce. This would require the City to adopt an ordinance to allow the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement to enforce these requirements.

How "E" Got on the Ballot

On July 26, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 7 to 4 to place Proposition E on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Chan, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Walton.

No: Dorsey, Mandelman, Melgar, Stefani.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition E

San Francisco has a housing crisis. Proposition E will help us build more housing that San Franciscans can afford.

The lack of affordable housing is holding our city back. Workers are struggling to stay here, Families are leaving the city they love. And some residents are being pushed into homelessness.

Proposition E will give us the tools to confront this challenge.

Proposition E will expedite approvals for housing developments that include more affordable housing for very low-income, low-income and middle-income San Franciscans. Proposition E will provide more family housing, including affordable two- and three-bedrooms in new buildings. Proposition E will also support our workforce by requiring skilled and trained employment and require workers to be paid a prevailing wage so those who build housing can afford to live in it.

Proposition E will also bring greater transparency and accountability into how the city spends affordable housing funds by requiring an annual report through the budget process. And it will provide incentives to begin construction immediately, because we need more affordable housing.

Proposition E does not redefine affordability, ensuring that those who need affordable housing the most can access it.

Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton

Supervisor Connie Chan

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Supervisor Gordon Mar

San Francisco Building Trades

San Francisco Labor Council

United Educators of San Francisco

Unite HERE Local 2

San Francisco Democratic Party

Council of Community Housing Organizations

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition E

Proposition E Won't Fix Our Housing Crisis

We are in a housing crisis.

Much of the reason we are in that housing crisis is due to the members of the Board of Supervisors who placed Prop E on the ballot.

They have repeatedly voted against projects that would have streamlined affordable and teacher housing that came before them at the Board of Supervisors.

It's because of their anti-housing actions that Prop D - the Pro Housing Measure supported by Habitat for Humanity, Mayor London Breed and Senator Scott Wiener - was placed on the ballot through signatures of over **80,000 San Franciscans who want more housing**.

Prop E was placed on the ballot by these anti-housing Supervisors only to confuse voters. Don't be fooled - Prop E won't streamline affordable housing because the *Board of Supervisors will STILL have veto power over affordable housing projects* such as the

469 Stevenson project they killed that would have built 495 units of housing on a Nordstrom valet parking lot.

Prop E, the anti-housing measure, was placed on the ballot by Supervisors who consistently block new housing just to confuse you, the voter. Don't trust them, trust Prop D, the real Affordable Homes Now Measure that will help solve our housing crisis by streamlining new housing.

Nor Cal Carpenters Union

Housing Action Coalition

SPUR

YIMBY Action

GrowSF

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition E

Proposition E Poison Pills Block Affordable Housing

Prop E, put on the ballot by Supervisors Connie Chan and Aaron Peskin, is filled with poison pill provisions that prevent new construction. Prop E contains a loophole that allows the Board of Supervisors to continue to kill housing by holding up projects they don't like.

Prop E's poison pills demonstrate that Supervisors Chan and Peskin will continue to exert control and block desperately needed new housing for San Franciscans.

Poison Pill #1 — Bureaucratic Roadblocks

Prop E, the Chan-Peskin measure subjects 100% affordable projects to CEQA review and litigation, more of the same bureaucratic roadblocks that have stopped affordable housing such as the 469 Stevenson Project that would have built 495 units of housing on a valet parking lot, but was opposed by these same Supervisors.

Poison Pill #2 — Infeasible

According to the City's Planning Department Housing Affordability Strategies Feasibility Study, the number of affordable units required

under Prop E is infeasible. Supervisors Chan and Peskin are aware the amount required in their measure will prevent housing from being built.

Poison Pill #3 — Exclusionary Workforce Criteria Blocks Housing

Prop E requires contractors to apply exclusionary workforce criteria to mixed-income housing projects. Large percentages of workers must have completed apprenticeships. Statewide, less than 1 in 10 residential construction workers qualify. State streamlining law containing this requirement for mixed-income housing has been in effect for nearly 5 years, and not a single unit has been built to date.

We are longtime advocates for affordable housing who oppose Prop E, the Chan-Peskin anti-housing measure.

Please join us in opposing this misleading measure.

GrowSF
Housing Action Coalition
Nor Cal Carpenters Union
SPUR
YIMBY Action

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition E

Proposition E is for Everyone

Proposition E is led by the community — tenants, teachers, fire fighters, and construction workers — because they need affordable housing the most. **The opponents of Proposition E are putting developer profits ahead of housing that works for working class San Franciscans.**

The opponents of Proposition E want to give private developers millions in benefits with NO guarantee of oversight, NO guarantee of affordability, NO guarantee of construction, and NO labor requirements.

Our city has seen several new projects breaking ground that offer over 30% affordable units — like 681 Florida, which includes 42%

affordable units (including two-bedroom units) and 5M, which features 33% affordable units (including senior and family housing).

We can also build more affordable housing faster with good paying union jobs. 1629 Market Street will provide 500 units of housing and 100 affordable units, while creating 1,800 union jobs. Proposition E will build more affordable housing, and employ thousands of union workers.

Opponents of Proposition E have repeatedly attempted to block housing projects through CEQA appeals. Yet, they blame others for delays in housing. This double standard illustrates that their main goal isn't the creation of housing, but maximizing profits.

Workers support Proposition E because Proposition E supports workers, not billionaire investors.

*Supervisor Connie Chan
Board President Shamann Walton
Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
San Francisco Labor Council
San Francisco Building Trades
San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798
United Educators of San Francisco
Unite HERE Local 2*

Proposition F – Library Preservation Fund

Shall the City amend the Charter to renew the Library Preservation Fund for 25 years, allow the City to temporarily freeze the annual minimum funding for the Library when the City anticipates a budget deficit over \$300 million, and require the Library to increase the minimum hours the Main Library and its branches must be open per week?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City Charter establishes a Library Preservation Fund (Fund), set to expire on June 30, 2023. The Fund pays for library services and construction and maintenance of library facilities at the Main Library and its 27 branches (Library). The City dedicates a portion of its annual property taxes to the Fund at a rate of 2½ cents per \$100 of assessed property value.

The Fund supports the Library in addition to minimum funding that the Charter requires the City to provide each year. This minimum funding was originally set as the amount the City provided in the 2006–07 fiscal year and has since been adjusted based on changes in the City’s discretionary revenues.

The Charter requires the Library to be open to the public for at least 1,211 hours every week. To change the total number of hours that libraries must be open, the Library Commission must hold public hearings in the district of each member of the Board of Supervisors.

The Proposal: Proposition F is a Charter amendment that would renew the Fund for 25 years, until June 2048. The money in the Fund would still come from the same annual property tax, with no increase in the tax rate. The Fund would continue to pay for library services and construction and maintenance of the facilities of the Library.

Proposition F would also:

- allow the City to temporarily freeze increases to the annual minimum funding when the City anticipates a budget deficit over \$300 million; and
- require the Main Library and its branches to be open for at least 1,400 hours per week. After July 1, 2028, the Library Commission may modify these hours every five years, after holding public hearings in the district of each member of the Board of Supervisors.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to renew the Library Preservation Fund for 25 years, allow the City to temporarily freeze the annual minimum funding for the Library when the City anticipates a budget deficit over \$300 million, and require the Main Library and its branches to increase the minimum hours they must be open per week.

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

Controller's Statement on "F"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government. It would renew existing uses of property tax funds and other city revenues for the Library.

The amendment renews a voter-approved Charter requirement that property tax revenues in the amount of 2.5 cents out of every \$100 of assessed valuation be used exclusively by the Library for services and materials. The amendment extends the period of the property tax set-aside for twenty-five years, through fiscal year (FY) 2047–2048. Property tax revenues provide the Library with approximately \$83.1 million annually in FY 2022–23.

In addition, the amendment extends the current baseline requirement that the City maintain and increase discretionary revenues allocated for library services. The baseline amount is approximately \$112.8 million annually in FY 2022–23 and would change in future years given changes in overall discretionary revenues. The amendment would allow the City to temporarily freeze increases to baseline funding in years when the City projects a budget deficit in the upcoming year of more than \$300 million.

The Charter amendment would also require the Library to continue to provide at least 1,400 permanent system-wide service hours and existing permanent branch hours until 2028.

How "F" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition F on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition F

PROTECT OUR LIBRARIES, VOTE TO RENEW THE LIBRARY PRESERVATION FUND

Our public libraries are a critical part of our city. They are essential to families, youth, and all San Franciscans who rely on the library's free resources. We have a world-class library system as the result of the Library Preservation Fund, originally passed by voters in 1994 and renewed in 2007.

The Library Preservation Fund has allowed the library system to:

- Expand to 27 neighborhood branches and keep libraries open seven days a week

- Triple its print and online book collections
- Create the city's largest free WIFI network and provide 1,000 computer stations
- Maintain a staff of Librarians at every location
- Expand literacy and learning support for K-12 students, adults, and non-English speakers
- Help residents find jobs and open small businesses

The Library Preservation Fund makes up 97% of the Library's annual budget and will expire in 2023. Voting Yes on Proposition F will renew the Library Preservation Fund for 25 years with no new taxes. It will allow the Library to expand its wide-ranging services and respond to the needs of the community. Without Proposition F, library hours and resources will be slashed and branches will close.

Voting Yes on Proposition F will:

- Require the Main Library and all 27 branch libraries to stay open and increase the minimum number of hours.
- Ensure that we maintain library infrastructure with renovations, support new construction, and respond to public emergencies.
- Provide a consistent source of funding for our libraries for 25 years **without raising taxes.**

Vote Yes on Proposition F so the San Francisco Public Library can continue to provide vital education and literacy services, employment resources, and computer access for all San Franciscans for generations to come.

Mayor London Breed

Supervisor Shamann Walton, Board President

Supervisor Connie Chan

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Gordon Mar

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Hilary Ronen
Supervisor Ahsha Safai

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

Proposition G – Student Success Fund – Grants to the San Francisco Unified School District

Shall the City amend the Charter to provide additional funding for grants to the San Francisco Unified School District for 15 years to improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness?

YES

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NO

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Unified School District (School District) is a public agency that is separate from the City and operates the San Francisco public school system through 12th grade.

The City Charter establishes the Public Education Enrichment Fund. Each year the City must contribute a certain amount of money from the general fund for the School District to use for preschool and general education programs, as well as programs for art, music, sports and libraries. In the current fiscal year, the City contributes approximately \$101 million.

At their discretion, the mayor and Board of Supervisors may provide additional funding to the School District.

Under state law, the School District and City College of San Francisco (City College) receive a portion of local property tax revenues from the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund. If any money remains after the School District and City College receive their funding, the City receives most of the remaining money. In the current fiscal year, the City receives approximately \$329 million. That amount could change in future years.

The Proposal: Proposition G would amend the Charter to provide additional money for the School District from existing City funds, to be placed in a new Student Success Fund (Fund).

The Fund would provide grants to individual schools for programs that improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness. Programs could include academic tutoring, math and literacy specialists, additional social workers, arts and science programming, or afterschool and summer enrichment.

Schools can apply for grants of up to \$1 million per year. To be eligible for these grants, a school must have a school site council with participation required from parents, students, community members and school staff, as well as commit to hiring a full-time coordinator. The City could later further define which schools would be eligible for these grants, specify priorities for grant distribution and establish the grant application process.

The Fund would also pay for potential grants to the School District to establish programs that improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness at a school or group of schools.

Under Proposition G, each year the City would place money in the Fund, as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2023–2024	\$11 million
2024–2025	\$35 million
2025–2026	\$45 million
2026–2027	\$60 million

The City would make contributions to the Fund through fiscal year 2037–38 and the amounts would be adjusted annually.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to provide additional funding for grants to the San Francisco Unified School District for 15 years to improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness.

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

Controller's Statement on "G"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government in that it would reallocate funds that would otherwise be available to the General Fund.

The proposed Charter amendment would establish a new set-aside fund in the Charter called the Student Success Fund (Fund). The Student Success Fund would pay for grants from the City to eligible schools in the San Francisco Unified School District that apply. The grants would support academic achievement and social/emotional wellness of students through a community school approach, which may include school nurses, in-classroom tutors, literacy and math specialists, academic coaches, social workers, specialized curriculum, and school psychologists.

The Charter amendment would require the City to appropriate specified amounts of money to the Fund each year. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023–2024, the City would appropriate \$11 million to the Fund, \$35 million in FY 2024–25, and \$45 million in FY2025–26. The City would continue to appropriate \$60 million to the fund through FY2037–38, adjusting allocations in each year given changes in overall City discretionary revenues by no more than 3% per fiscal year. The measure includes an allowance for the Mayor and Board to reduce appropriations to the fund to at least \$35 million in years when either the City projects a budget deficit in excess of \$200 million or when the excess Educational Reserve Augmentation money is either 50% less than in the preceding fiscal year or in the fiscal year three years earlier.

The proposed amendment would require any uncommitted money appropriated to the Fund at the end of each fiscal year be deposited in

a special reserve account that could hold no more than \$40 million at any time. At the end of each fiscal year, funds the special reserve account in excess of \$40 million in would be returned to the General Fund. In deficit years as described above, the City would appropriate funds from the special reserve account, the City's Budget Stabilization Reserve account, or other budgetary reserve accounts to the Fund to meet the required \$35 million appropriation each year.

The proposed amendment is not in compliance with a non-binding, voter-adopted city policy regarding set-asides. The policy seeks to limit set-asides which reduce General Fund dollars that could otherwise be allocated by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in the annual budget process.

How "G" Got on the Ballot

On July 26, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition G on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition G

Proposition G is an opportunity for San Francisco to come together and unite behind an initiative that will give our students a boost and help them find a path to success.

San Francisco schools suffer from underfunding and long-term inequalities. Too many students are experiencing unmet mental health challenges and other barriers to learning; struggling in core academic subject areas and testing below grade level. The pandemic has only made this situation worse.

The Student Success fund is a results-oriented initiative to help struggling students without raising taxes:

- **Dedicates up to \$60 million per year from existing city funds to programs that improve academic success and social/emotional wellness.**
- **Allows individual schools to apply for grants up to \$1 million while requiring participation from parents, teachers, community members and school staff.**
- **Programs could include academic tutoring, math and literacy coaches, arts and science programs, nurses and social workers, mental health programs and nonprofit partnerships.**

Proposition G will **not** raise taxes. It will be paid for by already existing city funds. Guarantees are built in to ensure that vital city services will not be negatively impacted during a recession or budget deficit.

The school-specific grant program ensures that programs meet the needs of each school community.

The Student Success Fund will be a game changer for San Francisco's public school students. That's why it has earned the support of a united educational community, a unanimous Board of Supervisors, mental health advocates, health care professionals, teachers, parents groups and community organizations.

Please join us in helping students succeed. Vote YES on G.

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

School Board President Jenny Lam

San Francisco Democratic Party

United Educators of San Francisco

National Union of Healthcare Workers

San Francisco Beacon Initiative

Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth

Faith in Action Bay Area

sfstudentsuccess.com

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

Proposition H – City Elections in Even-Numbered Years

Shall the City amend the Charter to hold elections for Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer in November of presidential election years, extend the current terms of these officials by one year to January 2025, provide that there would be no regularly scheduled election in 2023, hold elections for local ballot measures only in even-numbered years or in special elections, and change the minimum number of signatures required for voters to place ordinances and declarations of policy on the ballot?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City holds elections for local offices in even- and odd-numbered years. The mayor, sheriff, district attorney, city attorney and treasurer are elected every four years in November of odd-numbered years. The last regular election for these offices was in November 2019, and the next scheduled election for these offices will be in November 2023.

The City holds elections for assessor-recorder, public defender, members of the Board of Supervisors, School Board and City College Board every four years in November of even-numbered years. Elections for state and federal offices are also held in even-numbered years.

Local ballot measures can be on the ballot in both even- and odd-numbered years. Voters may place a City ordinance or declaration of policy on the ballot by submitting enough signatures from San Francisco voters on an initiative petition. To qualify for the ballot, the petition must include signatures from San Francisco voters equaling at least 5% of the votes cast for all candidates in the preceding election for mayor. As of July 2022, these petitions require a minimum of 8,979 signatures.

The Proposal: Proposition H would require that the City hold elections for the mayor, sheriff, district attorney, city attorney and treasurer in November of presidential election years. As a result, the City would hold elections for all local offices in even-numbered years only.

If this proposal is approved, there would be no regularly scheduled 2023 election. The current terms of the mayor, sheriff, district attorney, city attorney and treasurer would be extended by one year. The next election for these offices would be in November 2024. The City would then hold elections for those offices every four years.

Under Proposition H, the City could place measures on the ballot only in even-numbered years or in special elections.

Proposition H would also change the minimum number of signatures required for City initiative ordinances and declarations of policy from 5% of the votes cast in the last mayoral election to 2% of registered voters in San Francisco, which was 9,948 as of July 2022.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to hold elections for mayor, sheriff, district attorney, city attorney and treasurer in November of presidential election years, to hold elections for local ballot measures only in even-numbered years or in special elections, and to change the minimum number of signatures required for voters to place ordinances and declarations of policy on the ballot. There would be no regularly scheduled 2023 election, and the current terms of the mayor, sheriff, district attorney, city attorney and treasurer would be extended by one year.

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

Controller's Statement on "H"

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

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would decrease the cost of government by approximately \$6.9 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023–2024 and in subsequent odd-numbered years, by consolidating elections and eliminating municipal elections in odd-numbered years. However, these savings would be reduced or eliminated if a special election is required in an odd-numbered year.

The proposed Charter amendment would require elections for Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer to be held in even-numbered years. To do so, the amendments provides that the people elected to these offices in 2019 would serve a five-year term. The next election for these offices would be in November 2024 followed by elections for these offices every four years in even-numbered years.

These changes would save the City approximately \$9 million for the cost of running general municipal elections in odd-numbered years, offset by approximately \$2.1 million for the cost of printing and mailing ballot cards and voter information pamphlets, temporary staffing costs, and other materials and services that would be shifted from one year to the next, for a net savings of \$6.9 million over two years beginning in FY 2023–24.

The amendment would also change the signature threshold for initiative ordinances to two percent of the last number of registered voters in San Francisco, instead of five percent of the turnout in the last mayoral election.

How "H" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 7 to 4 to place Proposition H on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Chan, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani.

No: Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Walton.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition H

Prop H has the potential to double voter participation in San Francisco for important local offices and save the city millions of dollars.

At a time when voting rights and democracy are under attack, Prop H is a simple solution to ensure that more San Franciscans have a voice in our democracy.

This non-partisan, good government measure moves the elections for Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, and Treasurer—currently in odd years— to even years.

Yes on H updates the city Charter to align with a state law prohibiting cities from holding off-cycle elections if doing so significantly lowers voter turnout. Already 50+ cities have made this change in California, including Los Angeles, San Bruno, Modesto, and San Mateo. It's time for San Francisco to codify the democratic ideals of our state and city!

Over the last decade, voter turnout in San Francisco has averaged 43% in odd year elections and 80% in presidential cycles; with the lowest odd-year voter participation amongst communities of color, the working class, and young voters. Prop H isn't just about increasing voter turnout but also ensuring that more voters will have a say in city elections.

Consolidating next year's election into the 2024 ballot will save about \$7 million dollars which can be spent instead on urgent needs such as homelessness, housing, and public safety.

Can you imagine what our local elections would look like if more voters participated? It's time to join the other California cities who have already made this important change to increase voter participation.

Please join us and Vote Yes on Prop H.

*California Common Cause
League of Women Voters of San Francisco
San Francisco Democratic Party*

RepresentUs

Asian Americans Advancing Justice- Asian Law Caucus

Sierra Club

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition H

Throughout our history, San Francisco has condemned attempts by extremists around the world to seize power, exclude diverse voices and suppress the right to vote. But cancel elections right here? Unprecedented!

Proposition H was crafted by the City's most left-wing movement socialists. Standing against this ballot measure is Mayor London Breed, along with advocates and leaders across community, education, business, nonprofit and grassroots organizations. We recognize this dangerous ploy by Supervisor Dean Preston to drive like-minded radical allies into office regardless of the will of the voters.

Proposition H will simply eliminate the 2023 election for several elected offices. Everyone stays in office. Don't like the choices four years ago? Sorry! It's not up to the voters any more. What about our rights? This is voter suppression!

Earlier this year, San Francisco celebrated democracy with the School Board and District Attorney recalls (which I advocated strongly). Dean Preston and his allies staunchly opposed recalls - and would have given Chesa Boudin a five year term if he was not ousted!

In San Francisco, more Chinese, Filipino, Latino and lower income voters will cast ballots in 2022 than any year in our history, due to governor Gavin Newsom's mail-in ballot executive order. 2023 will again break records if we continue the political engagement of diverse voices -- Yet Dean Preston wants to break this momentum and actually suppress the vote.

Annual elections are an important San Francisco democratic tradition that increases opportunities for citizens to vote. Vote NO on H because it undermines our democratic norms.

Richie Greenberg

RichieGreenberg.org

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition H

Cancel the 2023 elections? Seriously?

Failing politicians around the world scheme to extend their hold on power by challenging, canceling, nullifying or postponing elections. It's one of the most jaw-dropping hallmarks of a tyrannical, undemocratic regime. Despots justify their refusal to transition power to the next duly elected government official.

Trump tried this in 2020. We've seen this fiasco before.

In this past June 2022 election, the propagandists said the recall of Chesa Boudin was the end of Democracy. That Chesa earned four years in office, they said, wait for the elections! Now the same people want to cancel the 2023 elections entirely. Hypocrisy!

Corrupt tyrants, Putin and other terrorist-linked regimes cancel elections. Insurrectionists prevent legitimate elections.

The author of this horrendous, undemocratic power-grab is Dean Preston, himself a colossal failure as supervisor (city councilman) who ignored the role of drugs and mental illness in San Francisco's homelessness crisis. He wants to funnel more taxpayer money into wasteful projects and contracts that pay off for his Democratic Socialists for America movement - that's why he wants to extend the term of his allies in office, and boost radical left turnout in the next election for Mayor and District Attorney. This is the stuff corrupt banana republic, 3rd world military-rule dictators are famous for. Vote NO on Proposition H.

Richie Greenberg

RichieGreenberg.org

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition H

Prop H is about doubling voter participation in electing key local officials, including Mayor. **It is a nonpartisan, pro-democracy measure supported by both California Common Cause and the San Francisco League of Women Voters.**

Right now, San Francisco holds a single odd-year election with an average 43% turnout rate, every 4 years, to elect just 5 of the most important positions in our city: Mayor, District Attorney, City Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer.

Prop H reschedules this election once in 2023 in order to move it an even year 2024. That permanent move to an even year is projected to DOUBLE voter turnout and ensure a broader cross-section of voters participate in every election afterwards— simply by moving to higher-turnout presidential year election cycles.

Opponents of Proposition H want you to believe that it is better for San Francisco if FEWER people vote. Prop H ensures more voters, especially those from marginalized communities, make their voices heard in our political process. **As a city that leads the state and nation in bold ideas, we need to do our part to ensure we make voting as easy and accessible as possible. Join us and vote YES on H.**

*Former Mayor Art Agnos
San Francisco Democratic Party
RepresentUs
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club
San Francisco Women's Political Committee
San Francisco Labor Council
Sierra Club*

Proposition I – Vehicles on JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway

Shall the City allow private motor vehicles on John F. Kennedy Drive and connector streets in Golden Gate Park at all times except from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays year-round, as well as on Saturdays in April through September, allow motor vehicles in both directions at all times on the Great Highway and not allow the City to remove the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards as proposed?

YES

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NO

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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

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

The Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard is closed to motor vehicles, with limited exceptions, from noon Fridays to 6 a.m. Mondays and on holidays. The City proposes to remove the Great Highway between Sloat Boulevard and Skyline Boulevard to protect City infrastructure from damage caused by sea level rise. The City would redirect vehicles along Skyline, Sunset and Sloat boulevards.

The Proposal: Proposition I would restrict the City's ability to limit private vehicle use of JFK Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway.

Proposition I would repeal the Board's May 2022 ordinance and require the City to allow private motor vehicles to use JFK Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park at all times except from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays year-round, as well as on Saturdays in April through September.

Proposition I would require the City to allow motor vehicle use in both directions at all times on the Great Highway and would not allow the City to remove the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards as proposed.

For both the Great Highway and JFK Drive along with the other affected streets in Golden Gate Park, the City could temporarily limit access to these roads to respond to emergencies, for street repairs and for community events.

If Proposition I passes, the Board may later amend this ordinance by a two-thirds vote, only if the amendments are either consistent with the measure's purposes or required by a court.

If Proposition I passes with more votes than Proposition J, then Proposition J would have no legal effect.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to require the City to allow private motor vehicles on John F. Kennedy Drive and connector streets in Golden Gate Park at all times except from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays year-round, as well as on Saturdays in April through September. You also want to require the City to allow motor vehicles in both directions at all times on the Great Highway and not allow the City to remove the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards as proposed.

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

Controller's Statement on "I"

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

The cost of the proposed ordinance, should it be approved by the voters, is dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make 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 implementing the proposed measure, should future policymakers do so, is likely to be significant. If approved and funded, the ordinance would require changes to the City's current plans to address erosion and climate change impacts to the Great Highway. While lower-cost interim measures could likely be put in place to maintain the use of the roadway for vehicular traffic in the shorter-term, more significant investments would likely be required in the future as erosion occurs. The City is currently assessing a number of these project alternatives, with estimated costs ranging to as much as \$80 million in increased project costs over the coming 20 years.

The proposed ordinance would require private motor vehicle traffic portions of both John F. Kennedy Drive ("JFK Drive") in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway along Ocean Beach during specified times and would prohibit the use of the Great Highway as open space for recreational purposes.

The Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project ("Project") is a multi-agency initiative led by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to implement a comprehensive shoreline management and protection plan to address sea level rise, remove shoreline armoring, improve public access and recreation, and construct a low-profile seawall to protect critical wastewater infrastructure. The City's current preferred Project to meet these goals, subject to additional review and approvals, requires the closure of a portion of the Great Highway to vehicular traffic.

The proposed ordinance would likely require a different project approach, to permit the long-term use of the roadway for vehicular traffic. While several alternatives are currently under review, the most likely alternative requires construction of a conventional seawall along the South Ocean Beach shoreline. This alternative is estimated to cost approximately \$80 million more than the current preferred Project. This estimate is based on current planning assumptions and may change due to future policy and funding decisions by future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors.

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department currently manages the Great Highway and maintains the multi-use recreational trail along the Upper Great Highway. The proposed ordinance would require the Department of Public Works to manage the Great Highway. Depending on the implementation decisions made by the Department of Public Works, the cost to maintain the Great Highway may increase, however any increase would be determined by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors through the normal budget process.

The proposed ordinance may require changes to future capital improvement projects planned for JFK Drive including access improvements, long term planning, and traffic engineering improvements which could result in moderate cost savings, starting at approximately \$400,000 in one-time costs. Additionally, the proposed ordinance would likely reduce the frequency of the Golden Gate Park Free Shuttle service from 7 days to 1 day per week, resulting in ongoing cost savings of approximately \$250,000 annually.

How "I" Got on the Ballot

On July 15, 2022, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition I to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

8,979 signatures were required to place an initiative ordinance on the ballot. This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who

voted for Mayor in 2019. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 11, 2022, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition I

Prop I is the only measure that ensures access for all to Golden Gate Park and prevents the permanent closure of the Great Highway.

The city closed JFK Drive and the Great Highway to cars during the pandemic as a temporary measure, but these closures have hurt people with disabilities, seniors, and families. The closures have also pushed traffic into our neighborhoods, turning small local streets into high-traffic roads.

Prop I will move cars back to major roadways and off local streets that are not designed for high-volume traffic, reducing accidents and pollution, and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Prop I will ensure that people with disabilities, seniors, families, and those who do not live close by have access to Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach.

Prop I allows for shared and equitable access of Golden Gate Park, with JFK Drive remaining closed to cars on Sundays, holidays and some Saturdays, as pre-pandemic.

The closure of JFK Drive has eliminated nearly 1,000 free public parking spaces in Golden Gate Park, including ADA parking spaces closest to beloved destinations, such as the Conservatory of Flowers, deYoung Museum, and California Academy of Sciences.

Driving is the only realistic choice for San Franciscans from further neighborhoods such as Bayview, Hunters Point, Excelsior, and Crocker-Amazon, especially families with seniors, disabled people, and children. The car ban has effectively shut many of them out of Golden Gate Park without a viable alternative.

The Great Highway also faces the risk of permanent closure that voters never agreed to. Nearly 20,000 drivers per day used the Great Highway to commute to and from work, school, the VA Hospital, and more. Prop I guarantees it will remain open as an essential roadway in San Francisco.

It's time to restore access for all. Prop I reopens the Great Highway and restores Sunday, holiday, and partial Saturday closures of JFK Drive to allow for equitable access to Golden Gate Park.

Howard Chabner, Disability Rights Advocate
Richard Corriea, Retired SF Police Commander
San Francisco Labor Council
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
*Anni Chung, President, Self-Help for the Elderly**
*Frank Noto, President, SHARP**
Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer

*For identification purposes only; author is signing as an individual and not on behalf of an organization.

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition I

Prop I will cost San Francisco Taxpayers \$80 million.

Prop I, the Dede Wilsey-funded measure, blocks the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Plan adopted by the City ten years ago to protect the westside's sewage treatment facilities that are at risk of falling into the sea from climate change-induced coastal erosion.

According to the City Controller's report on the fiscal impact of Proposition I, taxpayers will be on the hook for \$80 million in additional costs over 20 years to pay for a new plan to stop the coastal erosion.

Prop I will force the City to change a multi-agency comprehensive shoreline management and protection plan to address sea level rise, improve public access and recreation, and construct a low-profile seawall to protect critical wastewater infrastructure.

Dede Wilsey's ill-conceived measure irresponsibly overturns critical climate change-induced and essential infrastructure improvements that are meant to protect westside residents and visitors from coastal erosion.

Prop I would also overturn the current Great Highway compromise, which provides for use of the roadway by cars Monday through Friday, and safe, protected use by people on the weekends, requiring the city to allow cars every day of the week. Our City needs more safe, protected open space, not less.

We urge you to vote NO on Prop I, NO to \$80 million more in taxes.

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Gordon Mar

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Hilary Ronen

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition I

Vote No on Prop I — Keep JFK Promenade Safe and Accessible for All!

The JFK Promenade was a consensus measure introduced by Mayor London Breed and passed by seven members of the Board of Supervisors in April 2022.

One person, Dede Wilsey, funded signatures to place on the ballot a measure that would overturn legislation that created the JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park, a protected, safe open space for recreational use by all visitors. The Promenade is an incredibly popular space for walkers, runners, dog walkers, roller skaters — especially the Church of 8 wheels! — tai chi, and children learning to ride a bike.

Prop I, the Wilsey-funded measure, would return what is now permanently safe open space for people of all ages and abilities, the DeYoung Museum, the Academy of Sciences, Japanese Tea Garden, and other civic institutions, back into a dangerous road choked with traffic.

Prop I, the Wilsey-funded measure, also contains a serious flaw that will cost taxpayers millions and endangers our city's critical infrastructure by halting the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Plan adopted a decade ago to protect the Westside's sewage treatment facilities that are at risk of falling into the sea from climate change-induced coastal erosion. Prop I will force the City to reverse course at the 11th hour, threatening critical infrastructure at enormous cost to taxpayers instead of following our long-established resilience plan to address the impacts of climate change.

Prop I would also overturn the current Great Highway compromise, which provides for use of the roadway by cars Monday through Friday, and safe, protected use by people on the weekends, requiring the city to allow cars every day of the week. Our City needs more safe, protected open space, not less.

Don't allow one person to dictate how we use our parks and open spaces. Vote No on Prop I.

*Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Supervisor Gordon Mar
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Hilary Ronen*

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition I

Everyone deserves access to Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway. Permanent closure of these roads makes it harder for seniors, people with disabilities and families to access the park or get to work, school or home.

We urge you to support Prop I to bring back the compromise that has existed for decades — JFK Drive opened to cars on weekdays with protected bike and pedestrian lanes, and closed on Sundays, some Saturdays, and holidays.

This compromise came about for a reason — it's the best way we can protect open space for all, ensure access to Golden Gate Park, and support families, seniors and persons with disabilities.

Both roads have safety measures for bicyclists and pedestrians with extensive protected bike paths and walkways.

The Great Highway had more than 20,000 commuters daily before its closure. Where are those drivers supposed to go? The closure has pushed vehicle traffic onto small, residential streets not intended for thousands of vehicles a day, creating congestion and unsafe conditions.

The City does not need to close any part of the Great Highway to respond to coastal erosion, and closure costs us far more in traffic delays, congestion and air pollution.

Restoring these streets to pre-pandemic conditions and returning the Great Highway back to its intended use will make surrounding streets safer, and return access to people with disabilities, families, and seniors so that everyone can enjoy the park and can commute safely.

We urge you to Vote Yes on Prop I.

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN)

District 11 Council

Concerned Residents of the Sunset (CRS)

East Mission Improvement Association (EMIA)

Save Our Amazing Richmond (SOAR)

OMI Cultural Participation Project

OMI Neighbors in Action

Richard Corriea

Proposition J – Recreational Use of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park

Shall the City affirm the ordinance the Board of Supervisors adopted in May 2022 reserving portions of John F. Kennedy Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park as open recreation spaces, closing those streets seven days a week to private motor vehicles with limited exceptions?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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

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

The Proposal: Proposition J would affirm by voter approval the Ordinance the Board adopted in May 2022.

If Proposition J passes, the Board may later amend the Ordinance by a majority vote.

If Proposition J passes with more votes than Proposition I, then Proposition I would have no legal effect.

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

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

Controller's Statement on "J"

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

The cost of the proposed ordinance, should it be approved by the voters, is dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make 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 Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program in the proposed measure, should future policymakers do so, is likely to be moderate. There may be future costs associated with needed capital projects to support the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program.

The ordinance will affirm the Board of Supervisors prior approval of the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program ("Program"), which established new recreation and open space in Golden Gate Park by limiting private vehicles on John F. Kennedy Drive and other street segments, making certain street segments one-way, establishing bicycle lanes, and urging additional changes to improve public access to Golden Gate Park.

While not required by the ordinance, future capital improvements may include access improvements, long term planning, and traffic engineering improvements that may moderately increase the cost of government, starting at approximately \$400,000 in one-time costs. Since the Program was established, the frequency of the Golden Gate Park Free Shuttle was increased to 7 days a week, costing approximately \$250,000 annually, which would continue under the ordinance.

Any additional capital improvement or future operational costs associated with the ordinance would be determined by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors through the normal budget process.

How "J" Got on the Ballot

On June 21, 2022, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by the following Supervisors: Dorsey, Mandelman, Melgar, Ronen.

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

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition J

Proposition J — the Safe Parks for All measure — affirms the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in April 2022, making JFK Promenade a permanent, safe, and accessible public space in Golden Gate Park. This legislation was the culmination of nearly two years of an extensive public outreach process showing wide-ranging public support.

GREAT REASONS TO SUPPORT PROP J — SAFE, ACCESSIBLE PARKS FOR ALL!

- San Franciscans love the JFK Promenade. Visits to the park are up 36% over the period before the pandemic and 70% of people surveyed approve of a permanent JFK Promenade.
- JFK was on San Francisco's High Injury Network prior to the pandemic, meaning it was one of the top 13% most-dangerous streets — a deathtrap for children, seniors, people with disabilities, runners, walkers, and people on scooters and bikes. Now, it's a safe, accessible space for all to enjoy without concern.
- JFK Promenade provides expanded access for everyone by opening park roads safely for all to enjoy on foot, bikes, and scooters, with expanded parking for seniors and those with disabilities.

- Parks and open space are crucial to the health of our city. Removing these dozens of acres of park land would rob residents of much-needed and highly-used protected open space.
- No matter how visitors choose to get to Golden Gate Park, there's a space for them, with improved Muni service to the park, over 5,000 parking spaces inside the park, 18 open roads to drive in/out of the park, a newly-built ADA accessible parking lot, and the City's 21-point accessibility program.
- A new park shuttle runs every 15 minutes along JFK Promenade, connecting all major park attractions to Muni.

We urge you to vote Yes on Prop J to support Safe, Accessible Parks for All!

Learn more at SafeParksForAll.com.

Kid Safe SF

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition J

For decades, San Franciscans have enjoyed a compromise that allowed everyone access to JFK Drive. The road has been open to cars on weekdays with protected bike lanes and pedestrian walkways and closed on Sundays, holidays and some Saturdays.

Permanent closure of JFK Drive is not progressive or inclusive. Golden Gate Park has over 1,000 acres of open space and miles of trails. Nine roadways in the Park have already been permanently converted into recreational spaces. Closing the most crucial access route is not a way to expand open space; it is a way to limit access to the existing attractions. **A road is not a park; it is how people can access the park.**

The closure has also eliminated nearly 1,000 free public parking spaces and pushed traffic into the neighborhoods surrounding the park. These small, residential streets are now clogged with cars and unsafe for residents to walk or bike on.

Closing JFK Drive is not the way to improve street safety, in fact, it has only increased bicycle on pedestrian incidents. Closing the road and denying access doesn't make sense when there are other simple solutions like reducing speed limits and adding protected crosswalks and speed bumps.

San Francisco is a city of inclusion, yet the closure of JFK Drive has left seniors, people with disabilities, families and residents who live far from the park out in the cold. Golden Gate Park belongs to all of us.

We urge you to vote No on Prop J.

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN)

Concerned Residents of the Sunset (CRS)

District 11 Council

East Mission Improvement Association (EMIA)

Save Our Amazing Richmond (SOAR)

OMI Cultural Participation Project

OMI Neighbors in Action

Howard Chabner

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition J

Vote No on Prop J to stop the permanent closure of JFK Drive and restore access to Golden Gate Park for seniors, people with disabilities, families, and residents throughout San Francisco.

The city closed JFK Drive to cars 24/7 during the pandemic as a temporary measure, but now it's time to restore access for all. We must return to closures only on Sundays, holidays, and some Saturdays, to allow for equitable access and use of Golden Gate Park.

The road closures in Golden Gate Park eliminated nearly 1,000 free parking spaces, including ADA parking spaces, and blocked essential access. By closing more roads in Golden Gate Park to cars, visitors are forced to drive and park on residential streets near the park, disrupting nearby neighborhoods and creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

JFK Drive has protected bike lanes and wide pedestrian pathways on both sides of the road, and recreational trails. This isn't about being pro-bike or pro-car; it's about keeping everyone safe and ensuring Golden Gate Park is accessible for all.

Because of these closures, families, seniors, and people with disabilities have reduced access to Golden Gate Park and the museums and attractions in it. Attendance at these institutions has suffered significantly. As we emerge from the pandemic, we need to support our arts and cultural institutions, which is critical to the economic recovery of San Francisco.

That's why advocates for seniors and people with disabilities are joining together with neighborhood activists and city leaders to urge you to vote No on Prop J. Restore access for all.

Howard Chabner, Disability Rights Advocate
*Anni Chung, President, Self-Help for the Elderly**
Richard Corriea, Retired SF Police Commander
*Frank Noto, President, SHARP**
San Francisco Labor Council
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

*For identification purposes only; author is signing as an individual and not on behalf of an organization.

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition J

Because of the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program, the park is safer and more accessible for people of all ages and abilities than ever before.

The JFK promenade is the result of years of outreach and consensus creating a permanently safe, open space for people of all ages and abilities, the De Young Museum, the Academy of Sciences, Japanese Tea Gardens and other civic institutions,

The park is safer and more accessible than ever. Over the past few years, improvements to the park have made it safer than ever before for people walking and biking, kids, seniors, and those with disabilities.

The number of ADA parking spaces in Golden Gate Park has increased since the implementation of JFK Promenade. The city has added 29 new ADA spaces, including a new dedicated parking lot behind the Music Concourse bandshell for a net increase in parking throughout the park.

A new park shuttle runs every 15 minutes along JFK Promenade, and connects all major park attractions to Muni.

Keep our protected open space for a people of all ages and abilities.
Vote Yes on Prop J.

Mayor London Breed
Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Gordon Mar

**Proposition K was removed from the ballot by
order of the San Francisco Superior Court.**

Proposition L – Sales Tax for Transportation Projects

Shall the City continue a one-half cent sales tax to 2053 and generate estimated annual revenue of \$100–236 million to pay for transportation projects described in a new 30-year spending plan, allow the Transportation Authority to issue up to \$1.91 billion in bonds to pay for these projects, and increase the total amount of money the Transportation Authority may spend each year for the next four years?

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

This measure requires 66⅔% affirmative votes to pass.

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The Way It Is Now: The City has a one-half cent sales tax to pay for transportation projects under a 30-year transportation spending plan approved by the voters in the November 4, 2003, election. The tax will expire on March 31, 2034.

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority) oversees the use of these sales tax revenues. The Transportation Authority may issue up to \$1.88 billion in bonds to be repaid from the tax revenues.

State law limits the amount of revenue, including tax revenue, the Transportation Authority can spend each year. State law authorizes San Francisco voters to approve increases to this limit for up to four years.

The Proposal: Proposition L would continue the one-half cent sales tax into 2053.

Proposition L would replace the current transportation spending plan with a new 30-year plan. The new plan would begin in 2023 and continue into 2053. After the completion of any required environmental review, the new plan would fund:

- maintenance and improvements for streets, pedestrian safety, bicycle facilities, and traffic signs and signals;
- maintenance and improvements for Muni, BART and Caltrain;
- a Caltrain downtown rail extension to the Salesforce Transit Center;
- construction of a Bayview Caltrain station and a Mission Bay ferry landing;
- support for paratransit services for seniors and persons with disabilities;
- community-based projects, including those in underserved neighborhoods and areas with vulnerable populations; and
- projects to improve freeway safety.

Under Proposition L, the Transportation Authority may issue up to \$1.91 billion in bonds to pay for these projects. These bonds will be repaid from sales tax revenues.

Proposition L would increase the Transportation Authority's spending limit, set by state law, for four years.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to continue the one-half cent sales tax into 2053 to pay for transportation projects described in a new 30-year spending plan, allow the Transportation Authority to issue up to \$1.91 billion in bonds to pay for these projects, and increase the total amount of money the Transportation Authority may spend each year for the next four years.

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

Controller's Statement on "L"

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

Should the proposed initiative ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would generate approximately \$100 million per year in tax revenue, increasing to approximately \$236 million per year by Fiscal Year 2052–2053.

The initiative ordinance would continue the existing sales tax at the current rate of 0.5% for 30 years and authorize the Transportation Authority to issue up to \$1,910,000,000 in bonds to be repaid with the proceeds of the tax.

Revenue from this tax would fund transportation improvements under the 2022 Transportation Expenditure Plan, including transit projects, transit maintenance, paratransit services, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, congestion reduction projects, and other improvements.

If this initiative ordinance does not pass, the 0.5% sales tax rate will continue under the 2003 authorization until March 31, 2034, unless future action is taken to adopt a new or updated transportation expenditure plan funded by the continuation of the tax. If this initiative ordinance does not pass, there will be no funding for the 2022 Transportation Expenditure Plan.

How "L" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition L on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition L

For Better Roads and Transit, without raising taxes, vote YES on L.

Prop L is about keeping SF moving. We need smoother and safer streets, on-time and reliable transit, and alternatives to driving that can help reduce the emissions that cause global warming.

It is also critical to our economic recovery, bringing workers back to downtown, generating construction jobs and strengthening access to small business.

For 30 years, transportation sales tax revenue has improved our streets and transit systems, and leveraged billions of dollars in state and federal matching funds.

Yes on L will help San Francisco continue to:

- **Repair and rebuild our roads and sidewalks** to make transportation safer and more convenient for all travelers;
- **Improve pedestrian safety** with traffic calming, crosswalk striping and upgraded traffic signals;
- **Provide fast and reliable buses** for Muni and modernize Muni, BART and Caltrain;
- **Strengthen paratransit services** for seniors and people with disabilities;
- **Generate billions in matching funds** from state and federal transit/infrastructure funding; and
- **Fight global warming** by electrifying transit and improving transit, walking and bicycle routes.

To ensure that funds are spent equitably in every San Francisco neighborhood, the expenditure plan was crafted by a coalition of community members from across the city.

Prop L is supported by first responders who rely on well-maintained streets to save lives, by Muni, BART and Caltrain riders, bicyclists, Muni drivers, and advocates for pedestrian safety, seniors and people with disabilities.

Please join us. Vote YES on L.

Mayor London Breed

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Chair, San Francisco County

Transportation Authority

San Francisco Democratic Party

Firefighters Local 798

San Francisco Transit Riders

San Francisco Bicycle Coalition

Walk San Francisco

*Senior and Disability Action
San Francisco Labor Council
San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council
TWU Local 250A (Muni drivers)
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Sierra Club*

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition L

Vote NO on Proposition L ...

\$3.2 billion in regressive Sales Taxes over 30 years. One of the largest tax measures in San Francisco history. Taxing the poor and elderly.

1/2 cent Sales Tax already continues until 2033: 10 more years.
Transportation funding is long-term and secure.

Will San Francisco someday enjoy a lower Sales Tax?

SFCTA's Executive Director says San Francisco has "fallen behind" because we haven't doubled the Sales Tax! Do voters have a say?

Proposition L's first big project connects downtown to "high speed rail" Los Angeles. A post-pandemic plan?

No funding for rider safety from violent or hate crime.

San Francisco suffers because of SFMTA's failed policies. Whole neighborhoods at risk. Twin Peaks Boulevard cut in half. Mt. Sutro, crime ridden. Slow Streets overwhelm surrounding roads.

Throwing money at complex problems — City Hall's standard operating procedure pre-pandemic. Nothing has changed.

Proposition L means more bad service, costlier permits, higher fares. Buses that run slower every year. Exploding project costs due to administrative ineptitude and misplaced priorities.

Look at Chinatown Central Subway, rehabilitation of Twin Peaks Tunnel, and other **fiascos funded by Sales Taxes!**

Voters just rejected Proposition A (\$400 million MUNI bond).

City Hall didn't listen!

Tear up the 2019 plan. Go back to the drawing board.

Do what San Francisco does best:

Lead the nation on post-pandemic mass transit!

Become a model for innovative, financially responsible transportation, responsive to the needs of San Francisco today.

*Larry Marso,
George Wooding
and the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

PLEASE VISIT slowtaxes.com

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition L

Vote NO on Proposition L ...

This shouldn't be on the ballot.

The 1/2 cent sales tax we have already continues until 2033: 10 more years. Transportation funding is long-term and secure.

Why renew it early? New priorities? No, the City can direct sales taxes to new projects next year without voter approval, according the Controller.

The reason? **TO BORROW MORE MONEY.** Right now, the SFCTA can only borrow against the next 10 years of sales taxes. Last year, the tax raised \$85 million, but obligations ballooned to \$560 million! Spending is out of control, and the SFCTA has maxed out its credit card.

Proposition L authorizes borrowing another \$1.91 billion. Fiscal insanity! San Francisco's entire debt is under \$3 billion.

Doesn't raise taxes? If we raise the limit, keep borrowing, make only minimum payments ... eventually, the City must raise taxes.

Voters just rejected the \$400 million MUNI bond. The politicians came right back and quadrupled down. City Hall is not listening to voters!

Proposition L continues a pattern of colossal overreach, cost overruns and failure that results in transit fiascos.

This is a regressive tax, afflicting the lowest income San Franciscans, at a time of recession and struggle on our streets.

The "federal grants" pitch is false marketing. In 2003, they said "\$5 for every \$1!" Now a preposterous "\$9". It flopped then, it will flop again. The \$550 billion federal infrastructure bill is not adjusted for inflation. Not a single San Francisco project selected, so far. A new Congress beckons.

Send a message to City Hall: adapt and retool transit for post-pandemic work-from-home, reduced commutes, ridership and tourism.

1/3 of the voters can defeat this.

Larry Marso,

George Wooding

and the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition L

Yes on L is about fixing roads, improving pedestrian safety and keeping San Francisco moving. Opponents, however, seem to prefer that San Francisco comes to a screeching halt.

Opponents say we should wait 10 long years before we improve our roads and transportation. Their delay would put more pedestrian lives at risk. It would severely cut paratransit services and cost San Francisco billions in federal and state matching funds.

Opponents throw out a lot of big numbers, but here are the facts:

- Waiting 10 years to pass Prop L could cause San Francisco to lose out on billions of dollars in federal matching funds, forcing taxpayers to pay even more.
- Prop L does NOT raise taxes. It extends the current 1/2 cent sales tax approved by voters first in 1989 and again in 2003, which has been critical to improving our transportation system.
- Prop L is fiscally responsible. Borrowing has been just 13% of what is authorized. And Prop L increases bonding authority by just 1.6% — not the billions claimed by opponents.

Prop L was written by a diverse group of San Franciscans from every corner of the city, ensuring that every neighborhood - north, south, east, and west — benefits with better roads and safer, more efficient transportation.

Please join us in moving San Francisco forwards, not backwards. Vote YES on L!

*Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Chair, San Francisco County
Transportation Authority
San Francisco Democratic Party
Firefighters Local 798
San Francisco Transit Riders
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Walk San Francisco
Senior and Disability Action
San Francisco Labor Council
San Francisco Building Trades Council
TWU Local 250A (Muni operators)
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco League of Conservation Voters
Sierra Club*

Proposition M – Tax on Keeping Residential Units Vacant

Shall the City tax owners of vacant residential units in buildings with three or more units, if those owners have kept those units vacant for more than 182 days in a calendar year, at a rate between \$2,500–5,000 per vacant unit in 2024 and up to \$20,000 in later years with adjustments for inflation, to generate estimated annual revenue of \$20–37 million, with the tax continuing until December 31, 2053, and use those funds for rent subsidies and affordable housing?

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

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

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The Way It Is Now: The City does not tax owners of apartments, condominiums or other residential properties for keeping these properties vacant.

The Proposal: Starting on January 1, 2024, Proposition M would tax owners of vacant residential units in buildings with three or more units if those owners have kept those units vacant for more than 182 days in a calendar year and where no exemption applies. The tax would not apply to units intended for travelers, vacationers and other short-term occupants or units in a nursing home or residential care facility. This tax would also not apply to units owned by nonprofit organizations or government agencies. This proposed tax would expire on December 31, 2053.

Proposition M provides exemptions for a primary residence where the owner has a homeowner property tax exemption and a property with an existing residential lease. Proposition M also allows additional time to fill vacant units before the tax applies in some circumstances, including repair of an existing unit, new construction, a natural disaster or death of the owner.

Under Proposition M, in 2024, the tax would range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per vacant unit, depending on the unit's size. In later years, the tax would increase to a maximum of \$20,000 if the same owner kept that unit vacant for consecutive years. The tax would also be adjusted for inflation.

The City would deposit these tax revenues into a Housing Activation Fund that would primarily fund two programs. One program would provide rent subsidies for people age 60 or older and for low-income households. The other program would fund acquiring and rehabilitating unoccupied buildings for affordable housing, and later operating those buildings. The City could also use these tax revenues to repay bonds the City may issue for projects funded under either program.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to tax owners of vacant residential units in buildings with three or more units, if those owners have kept those units vacant for more than 182 days in a calendar year, and use those tax funds for rent subsidies and affordable housing.

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

Controller's Statement on "M"

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

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it could result in additional revenue to the City exceeding \$20 million annually.

If the number of residential vacancies were similar to average vacancies from 2011 to 2020, and if this measure did not induce property owners to fill vacant residential units more quickly than they did during this period, we estimate it would result in an annual revenue increase to the City of \$20 million in tax year 2024, \$30 million in tax year 2025, and \$37 million in tax year 2026. However, if

the tax achieves its stated purpose of reducing the number of residential vacancies, it will result in lower revenue. The proposed tax is a dedicated tax and proceeds would be deposited into the Housing Activation Fund.

The proposed ordinance would amend the City's Business and Tax Regulations Code and Administrative code to impose an excise tax on owners of vacant residential units in buildings with three or more units if those owners have kept those units vacant for more than 182 days in a tax year. Starting in 2024, the tax would be \$2,500 to \$5,000, depending on the size of the unit. In 2025, the tax would increase to \$2,500 to \$10,000, depending on the size of the unit and whether the owner kept the property vacant in the prior year. In 2026, the tax rate would increase to a maximum of \$20,000 if the owner kept that same unit vacant for three consecutive years. The tax rate would be adjusted annually in accordance with the increase in the Consumer Price Index and would expire on December 31, 2053.

The proposed ordinance would establish the Housing Activation Fund. The Fund would provide rental subsidies and fund the acquisition, rehabilitation, and operation of multi-unit buildings for affordable housing.

How "M" Got on the Ballot

On July 14, 2022, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition M to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

8,979 signatures were required to place an initiative ordinance on the ballot. This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who voted for Mayor in 2019. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 11, 2022, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition M

Prop M will help fix San Francisco's Hidden Housing Crisis: 40,000 Vacant Homes

According to a pre-pandemic report by the city's Budget and Legislative Analyst, based on US Census data and other sources, 40,000 units sit vacant in San Francisco. Let that sink in.

From the highrises downtown, to the new construction in SOMA, and the controversial towers in the Mission, 40,000 homes remain empty while our housing and homelessness crisis rages on.

The fact is, if we reduce vacancies we will have more housing. Other cities that have implemented a vacancy tax, such as Vancouver, Canada, have seen up to 10% of their vacant units become occupied after their vacancy tax became operational.

Here's how it works:

- In buildings of 3 units or more, any units that remain vacant more than 6 months will be taxed.
- The tax will increase the longer a unit stays vacant.
- Revenue collected will be dedicated to an affordable housing fund and rental subsidies for low-income families and seniors.
- Single family homes and duplexes are exempt, as are units vacant due to repairs, new construction, disaster or death of the owner.

Prop M isn't about taxing those who call San Francisco home. It's about tackling the large, corporate landlords keeping units vacant, and those wealthy individuals who purchase units but don't use them.

In the first year alone, it is expected that 4,500 new units will return on the market — more than our annual goals — with no increase in taxes, no construction time, no multi-million dollar price tag, and no waiting.

Please join us in supporting Prop M and fix our hidden housing vacancy crisis.

*San Francisco Democratic Party
Council of Community Housing Organizations
United Educators of San Francisco
Faith in Action - Bay Area
Senior and Disability Action
Affordable Housing Alliance
Community Tenants Association*

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition M

Proponents of Prop M will tell you that there are 40,000 vacant homes in San Francisco.

What they won't tell you is that their residential vacancy tax is a feeble and ineffectual policy that won't meaningfully address our housing crisis or bring many more homes to the market citywide.

They also won't tell you that about 10,000 of those "vacant homes" they claim are already on the market and available for rent, or a tenant has rented the home and is in the process of moving in.

An additional 9,300 are in the process of being sold, or have been sold and a new owner is in the process of moving in.

These homes would not be subject to the residential vacancy tax—**because they're not truly vacant.**

Many of the remaining units in the proponents' trumped-up 40,000 figure aren't even subject to the tax either.

The proponents of this new punitive taxation scheme have purposefully exempted wealthy single-family homeowners with truly unoccupied pied-a-terres in a cynical move to win votes and deceive voters.

So why misrepresent the total number of vacancies citywide?

Why write a tax measure that picks and chooses which types of homes it taxes?

Our leadership has failed to address the housing crisis and refuses to allow new housing to be built, continuously voting down projects which would create hundreds of affordable housing units.

Voters should reject the vacancy tax and demand real solutions which truly address our housing crisis.

Vote No on M.

San Francisco Apartment Association

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition M

Prop M is a feeble, misguided attempt at housing policy from the Board of Supervisors who refuses to take our housing crisis seriously. This anti-housing Board is creating a problem that doesn't exist in order to raise more taxes on San Franciscans.

Proposition M:

- Uses trumped-up, overstated statistics that manipulate the perceived number of vacancies citywide
- Targets small property owners and intergenerational households, not corporate landlords
- Was sponsored by the Democratic Socialists of America and Supervisor Dean Preston, who has blocked the construction of thousands of homes, many of them affordable. His measure is cynically written to exempt some homeowners like himself, while punishing small mom-and-pop property owners and intergenerational households
- Encourages neighbors to report each other's whereabouts to the government
- Is representative of the City's attempt to raise more taxes without increasing city services.

Prop M purports to target large property owners "intentionally" leaving units unrented. But any condo owner in a building with 3+ units will be subject to punitive fines should your home have to be

unoccupied for 183+ days a year for any reason — if you are hospitalized, traveling for work, staying with your partner, or caring for family members — you will be fined.

The measure is even written so that intergenerational households and relatives living under one roof would be fined in a building that isn't vacant at all.

Moreover, Prop M is a Trojan Horse, pretending to do one thing and allowing the Board of Supervisors to expand aspects of the law WITHOUT approval by the voters. The proponents have already stated that they plan to extend this measure to duplexes and single-family homes if the law is passed; this measure isn't about going after corporate landlords.

Enough with the Board of Supervisors' power-grab and schemes to penalize everyday San Franciscans.

Vote No on Prop M if you want to maintain control of your own home.

San Francisco Apartment Association

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition M

Opponents say there's no vacancy problem in San Francisco. Yet they claim that Prop M raises taxes. They can't have it both ways: No vacancies means there will be no taxes. So what are they trying to hide?

The City's Budget and Legislative Analyst conducted an extensive report based on US Census data documenting that there are 40,000 vacant residential units. Opponents offer no research to back up their assertions.

Vancouver's similar measure resulted in a 10% reduction in vacant homes. In San Francisco, that means 4,500 new homes, almost immediately — with no construction costs, or permit delays.

Vacant units are overwhelmingly found in large buildings owned by corporate landlords. They are holding units vacant, waiting to flip

them for profit years down the road. It isn't surprising they want to keep the status quo that allows them to do this with no consequence.

We hope no one pays this tax. We want every vacant unit filled with people who need homes. Prop M is a carefully drafted citizens initiative, ensuring units which are being repaired, rehabilitated, or where the owner is in care or has died, are exempted. In an effort to scare voters, the landlord opposition statement ignores these and other exemptions that prevent the tax from applying to any reasonable vacancy.

Prop M is our best weapon against San Francisco's hidden housing crisis: prolonged vacancies. It targets the large corporate landlords hoarding units as investments, not mom and pop owners. Join us, support Prop M.

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United Educators of San Francisco
Faith in Action Bay Area
Senior and Disability Action
Affordable Housing Alliance
Community Tenants Association*

Proposition N – Golden Gate Park Underground Parking Facility; Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority

Shall the City be allowed to use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the underground parking garage below the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park, and direct the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority to dissolve, transferring management of the garage to the City's Recreation and Park Commission?

YES

☐

NO

☐

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The Recreation and Park Commission (Commission) oversees and sets policies for the Recreation and Park Department. The Recreation and Park Department manages City parks, playgrounds and recreation centers.

In June 1998, the voters approved a measure creating a nonprofit organization called the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority (Authority) with responsibility for the construction of an underground parking garage below the Music Concourse using no public funds. The measure did not address the use of public funds to operate the garage.

The Authority and the Commission leased the space for the underground parking garage to a nonprofit organization, which manages the garage and uses parking revenues to fund operating expenses and pay off the construction loan. The Board of Supervisors sets the parking rates.

The Proposal: Proposition N would allow the City to use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the underground parking garage below the Music Concourse.

Proposition N would also direct the Authority to dissolve, resulting in the transfer of its responsibilities to the Commission.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to allow the City to use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the underground parking garage below the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park, and direct the Authority to dissolve.

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

Controller's Statement on "N"

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

Should the proposed initiative ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it may reduce the cost of government, as the ordinance would permit the City to refinance existing Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority debt which may result in future cost savings to the City.

The ordinance would amend the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998 to allow the City to use public funds to acquire, operate, or subsidize public parking in the Golden Gate Park Concourse Underground Parking Facility. Uses of public funds for the parking facility are not specified in the proposed ordinance and would be determined by the Mayor and Board of Supervisor through the normal budget process.

The ordinance would also dissolve the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority and transfer jurisdiction of the parking facility and other Concourse Authority property to the Recreation and Parks Department.

How "N" Got on the Ballot

On June 21, 2022, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by Mayor Breed.

The Municipal Elections Code allows the Mayor to place an ordinance on the ballot in this manner.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition N

Support Proposition N for Improved Accessibility and Reduced Traffic Congestion in Golden Gate Park

Proposition N will support improved accessibility to Golden Gate Park for people who depend on driving by giving the City more flexibility over the management and parking rates in Golden Gate Park Music Concourse parking garage.

As it stands now, the parking garage under Golden Gate Park's Music Concourse isn't fully meeting the public's needs. The price of parking is set at high rates while the garage sits vacant throughout most of the year.

Why Proposition N is on the Ballot

Proposition N allows the City to spend public dollars on the garage which creates flexibility in management, setting parking rates, and helps the City achieve policy priorities including improving access for visitors who rely on cars to enjoy Golden Gate Park. The City could spend funds on the Garage to achieve policy goals including but not limited to:

- Subsidized parking for visitors with disabilities
- Subsidized parking for low-income visitors
- Optimized pricing to meet financial obligations while ensuring the Garage remains affordable for visitors

Proposition N would also allow for improved parking management and more flexible pricing. These changes would help ensure parking

spots are readily available and affordable, and thereby reduce congestion in the garage and on our streets. Additionally, better management and flexible pricing will help to pay down the outstanding debt from the garage's construction.

I urge you to vote Yes on Proposition N for improved Accessibility and Reduced Traffic Congestion in Golden Gate Park.

Mayor London Breed

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

Proposition O – Additional Parcel Tax for City College

Shall the City establish an additional parcel tax on some San Francisco property owners based on the square footage and use of their properties, at rates between \$150–4,000 per parcel with adjustments for inflation, to generate approximately \$37 million in annual revenue, beginning on July 1, 2023 and continuing until June 30, 2043, and transfer those funds to City College for student and workforce development programs?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: City College of San Francisco (City College) is a public, two-year community college that receives funding from the state, the federal government and the City.

San Francisco property owners pay an annual flat tax of \$99 per parcel to help fund City College. These tax revenues include funding for teachers, counselors and libraries. This tax will expire on June 30, 2032.

State law limits the amount of revenue, including tax revenue, that the City can spend each year. State law authorizes San Francisco voters to approve increases to this limit for up to four years.

The Proposal: Proposition O would establish a parcel tax in addition to the current \$99 flat tax on San Francisco property owners beginning on July 1, 2023, and continuing until June 30, 2043. The tax would be adjusted annually for inflation. The proposed 2023 tax rates would be:

Property Type	Rate
Single-family residential	\$150
Residential, one residential unit (for example, a one-unit condominium)	\$150
Residential, two or more residential units	\$75 per unit
Nonresidential, under 5,000 square feet	\$150
Nonresidential, 5,000–24,999 square feet	\$1,250
Nonresidential, 25,000–100,000 square feet	\$2,500
Nonresidential, over 100,000 square feet	\$4,000

The rates are based on the square footage of the buildings or the square footage of an undeveloped parcel. For properties with mixed residential and commercial uses, different rates would apply.

The tax would not apply to two types of properties:

- properties in which a person at least 65 years old before July 1 of the fiscal year has an ownership interest and lives at that property; and
- properties not required to pay standard property taxes, such as parcels owned and used by certain nonprofits.

Proposition O would require the City to collect and transfer all revenue from the additional parcel tax to City College that must use these tax revenues for the following purposes:

- 25% for services and programs that support student enrollment, basic needs, retention and job placement;
- 25% for programs that address basic-skills needs, including supporting English proficiency and technology use and obtaining United States citizenship;
- 25% for workforce development programs that support job training and placement; and

- 25% for programs that support the academic success and leadership development of historically underrepresented students.

Before receiving these tax revenues, City College must submit an expenditure plan to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Proposition O would require the City Controller to perform annual audits for the first five years of the tax and periodically thereafter. The Mayor or Board of Supervisors may suspend the transfer of revenues from the additional tax if City College has not adopted the Controller's audit recommendations.

Proposition O would require City College to establish an independent oversight committee to ensure that tax revenues are used only for designated purposes.

Proposition O would increase the City's spending limit, set by state law, for four years.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to establish an additional parcel tax on some San Francisco property owners based on the square footage and use of their properties and transfer those tax funds to City College for student and workforce development programs.

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

Controller's Statement on "O"

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

Should the proposed parcel tax be approved by the voters, in my opinion, based on currently available parcel data it would generate approximately \$37 million annually, and would increase over time as the per parcel rates are adjusted for inflation each year. The cost to government to administer this parcel tax would exceed the one percent administrative cost allowance by \$6 million in one-time spending and \$3 million per year to administer.

Revenues would be deposited into the San Francisco Workforce Education and Reinvestment in Community Success Fund, a new fund established by the measure. Revenues would be transferred to the San Francisco Community College District and must be spent on for wraparound services to support students, basic-skills needs of City residents, workforce development programs, and equity and social justice programs.

The proposed tax of \$150 to \$4,000 per parcel or unit, varying by square footage, would be imposed beginning July 1, 2023 and continue until June 30, 2043. Properties that are exempt from ad valorem property taxes, as well as residential properties whose owners are sixty-five or older and occupy the property as a primary residence, would be exempt from the parcel tax. The City does not currently use square footage, parcel use type, or unit number data as a basis for taxation. The cost to validate and maintain these data, establish and maintain senior exemptions, and conduct the auditing and other administrative tasks required by the measure would increase the cost of government by approximately \$6 million on a one-time basis and \$3 million on an ongoing, annual basis, which is the amount that exceeds the one percent administrative cost allowance in the measure. The time required to obtain and validate parcel data may delay the imposition of the tax and receipt of proceeds.

How "O" Got on the Ballot

On July 14, 2022, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition O to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

8,979 signatures were required to place an initiative ordinance on the ballot. This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who voted for Mayor in 2019. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 11, 2022, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition O

Prop O is the ultimate in economic recovery: it opens doors for better jobs for all San Franciscans at City College.

City College is the largest job and skills trainer in San Francisco, and offers free tuition for all San Francisco residents. City College serves tens of thousands of students annually, providing an affordable opportunity to earn degrees and receive valuable workforce training for careers in nursing, firefighting, engineering/ technology, custodial work and construction — the jobs that make our city work. These skills, careers and opportunities are the leg up that struggling communities need.

Students of all backgrounds can learn basic skills such as English as a second language and literacy, or take citizenship classes.

City College also provides critical wraparound support services in counseling, job placement, and mental health.

Pre-pandemic, City College had steady enrollment, but following an increase in class cuts after 2019, enrollment began declining rapidly. Cuts and declines— now compounded by the pandemic — are continuing and are denying education to those who need it most. To restore classes and services and meet education demands, \$37 million a year is needed to guarantee San Franciscans are not left behind.

Prop O proposes a temporary, twenty-year tiered parcel tax, with the highest tax rates on the largest commercial properties while homeowners pay just \$150 per year or \$75 per unit, a fair price to pay to invest in such a tremendous asset for San Francisco: a true resource for economic mobility and life skills without student debt.

We all know the value of a good education — especially for those who cannot afford a four-year degree. The benefits ripple throughout the community for generations.

Please join us in supporting Yes on O!

City College Faculty (AFT 2121)
City College Staff (SEIU 1021)
Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton
San Francisco Democratic Party
United Educators of San Francisco
San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club
Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth

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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument in Favor of Proposition O

While we all value the educational opportunities City College offers, let's review recent history.

In the past 20 years, we've approved nearly \$1.3 billion in bonds for the school's facilities and allocated money from the City's General Fund to make City College classes tuition free.

In the past eight years, City College has had NINE chancellors, a never-ending series of budget nightmares, and came very close to losing its accreditation.

This is the third parcel tax proposed for City College in the past 10 years. The one we're currently paying doesn't expire until 2032!

Now we're asked to approve another that's much, much higher and that will increase annually for the next 20 years, in addition to the one we're already paying.

The Controller determined that the City's costs for collecting and managing the tax will exceed the administrative allowance the measure provides. "The cost to government to administer this parcel tax would exceed the one percent administrative cost allowance by \$6 million in one-time spending and \$3 million per year to administer."

And there isn't even a plan for how City College will spend the additional funds!

Enough is enough.

It's time for the trustees and administrators to demonstrate they're capable of providing the leadership, foresight and financial stability desperately needed, before coming to the voters for yet another bailout. It's time to hold them accountable.

It's not the time for Proposition O. Vote No.

Mayor London Breed

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Judge Quentin Kopp (ret.)

Opponent's Argument Against Proposition O

Note No on O, the bailout (again) for City College

San Franciscans have repeatedly been asked to tax themselves to save City College from terrible fiscal mismanagement and oversight. We've given them the resources and the funding, but City College still can't manage their finances or turn their organization around.

Now, City College is back, asking residents for significantly more money at a time where small businesses, tenants, and homeowners are struggling to recover financially from the pandemic.

City College is laying off faculty and cutting classes, but they still want every apartment dweller to pay a per-unit fee of \$75, more than what it costs for many residents to enroll in the College itself.

It's time that the citizens of San Francisco stop approving blank-check funding for a failing institution. It's time that the citizens stop approving slush-fund spending without accountability.

Vote No on O.

City College needs to show San Franciscans that it can manage its finances and its spending before we give them millions of extra dollars in funding.

San Francisco Apartment Association

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument Against Proposition O

Proposition O opens doors to better jobs for San Franciscans, helping more people benefit from City College to find opportunity and earn a living wage.

But the huge corporate landlords who oppose Prop O don't seem to care. Despite receiving hundreds of millions in rent profits, these landlords oppose paying a fair share.

The real reason? It's because Prop O is a tiered parcel tax, which charges property owners who own bigger, more expensive buildings a higher rate, allowing small property owners and homeowners to pay less. Vulnerable groups like seniors are exempt.

Don't believe their lies: It is illegal for landlords to pass on this cost to their tenants.

Prop O revenue will be overseen by an independent oversight committee and subject to audits from the controller to ensure every dollar is spent to fund the following needs:

- 25% to workforce development, job training, and career placement
- 25% to student enrollment, basic needs, retention, and job placement
- 25% to literacy, English as a second language, and citizenship classes
- 25% to academic success and leadership programs for historically underrepresented students

Prop O is a modest and smart investment in City College — the largest job and skills trainer in the city, providing free job training and workforce skills to all San Franciscans, including firefighting, nursing, and construction.

Invest in City College for a brighter San Francisco! Join us in supporting Prop O.

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San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
United Educators of San Francisco
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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 or by contacting the Department of Elections.

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

The deadline to (re)register online or by mail for the November 8, 2022 election is October 24, 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.

Questions?

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

Weekdays

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the two weekends before Election Day

October 29–30 and November 5–6
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Election Day

6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Phone:

English: (415) 554-4375

Español: (415) 554-4366

中文: (415) 554-4367

Filipino: (415) 554-4310

TTY: (415) 554-4386

Mail:

Department of Elections
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 48
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email:

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**
- Find out if your voting districts have changed at: **sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict**
- Sign up for ballot tracking notifications via email, text, or voice message at: **wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov**
- Map out your voting plan for the November 8 election at: **sfelections.org/myelectionnavigator**
- Learn about ranked-choice voting (RCV) and try our RCV practice tool at: **sfelections.org/rcv**
- Find ballot drop box locations at: **sfelections.org/balлотdropoff**
- Confirm your polling place location and check the wait time at: **sfelections.org/myvotinglocation**
- Register to vote or update your registration at: **registertovote.ca.gov**

Important Dates

October 10	Ballots begin arriving to voters' mailboxes. Accessible Vote-by-Mail (AVBM) system opens to all local registered voters. 34 official ballot drop boxes are open in neighborhoods across San Francisco.
October 11	The City Hall Voting Center opens for in-person voting and ballot drop-off.
October 24	Last day to register to vote and receive a ballot in the mail. After October 24, 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.
October 29–30 and November 5–6	The City Hall Voting Center opens during the two weekends before Election Day. Weekend hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, November 8	<p>All polling places are open for vote-by-mail ballot drop-off and in-person voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>To be counted, ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before November 8, 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, November 8.</p>