

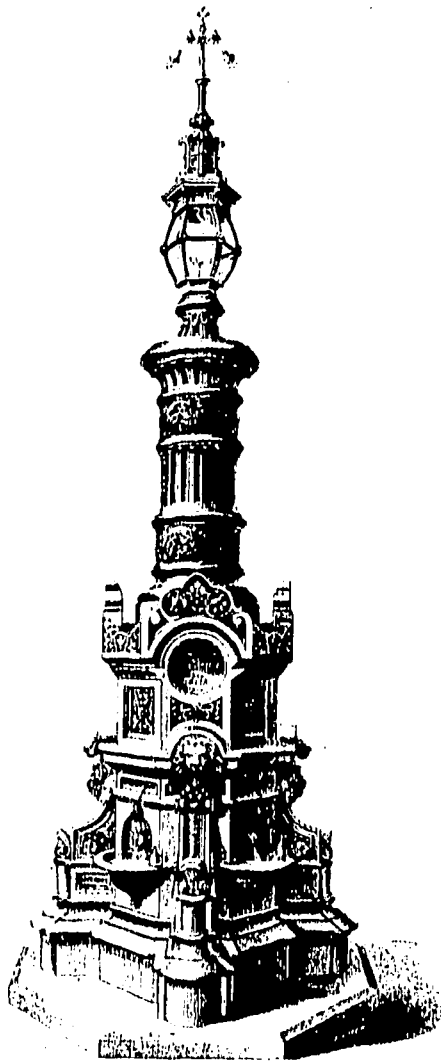
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**Consolidated Presidential
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**Check the back cover of this
pamphlet for your polling
place address**

欲知你的投票站的地
址和缺席選票申請表
請查閱此手冊的封底

Prepared by the Department of Elections
City and County of San Francisco

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**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU
WHO SERVED AS
POLL WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS
IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS**

The Department of Elections wants to take this opportunity to thank all the poll workers and other volunteers who participated in the November 2, 1999 Consolidated General Election and December 14, 1999 Runoff Election for their outstanding community service. Their personal contributions, commitment and dedication to the electoral process are greatly appreciated. Please join us in acknowledging their outstanding community service.

Volunteer poll workers are needed in your neighborhood for upcoming elections. A poll worker is required to attend a training session before each election. On Election Day, poll workers start at 6:30a.m. and finish at approximately 9:00p.m. The poll worker who is responsible for picking up supplies, delivering the ballot box and acting as supervisor of a polling site is reimbursed \$105 for the day. The other poll workers are reimbursed \$82 for the day. We urge all of you to make time to volunteer your services to this fundamental aspect of democracy.

EQUAL CIVIC DUTY OPPORTUNITY - SIGN UP TODAY

DEMOCRACY NEEDS YOU



DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS — POLL WORKER APPLICATION

I am a resident of San Francisco and a **REGISTERED VOTER of San Francisco**. I hereby request to be a poll worker for the Consolidated Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. If I am not currently registered to vote, my registration form is attached. **BRING THIS FORM IN PERSON TO: Department of Elections, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 46.**

Sign Here

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Today's Date

DATE of BIRTH

(Month/Day/Year)

FIRST NAME

M.I.

LAST NAME

ADDRESS

San Francisco, CA

ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

EVENING PHONE

I HAVE A CAR:

Yes

No



What language do you speak in addition to English?



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March 2000

Dear Voter,

The March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary election is an Open Primary election. It will be the first time that we will use the open primary system for the office of United States President. In January 2000, we issued a news release concerning the open primary selection process for U.S. President. We informed voters at that time that if you want to vote for a specific presidential candidate and want to make sure that your vote is counted, you might need to re-register with the party of that candidate. The deadline for re-registering for the March 7 election is February 7, 2000. I am repeating below the information that we sent you in January. Please call our office at 554-4375 if you have any questions about the presidential open primary election.

What is an Open Primary?

Proposition 198 created the Open Primary in California in 1996; it was first implemented in the 1998 Primary Election. Under this system any registered voter, regardless of his or her political party, may vote for any candidate listed on the ballot. Before the Open Primary, voters could vote only for candidates in their political party. For example, a person registered as a Republican could vote only for a Republican candidate.

What's new about the March 7, 2000 Open Primary?

When Californians vote on March 7th, it will be the first time that we use the "open" primary system for the office of U.S. President. Voting for the office of president is different than voting for other offices because the national political parties have their own rules as to how their party's nominee is selected.

How will Presidential delegates be selected under California's Open Primary?

In general, national political party rules require that only party members may vote for presidential candidates to whom delegates to the party's presidential nominating convention are pledged. In fact, the political parties could have chosen to by-pass the California primary election altogether, and nominated their presidential candidate by closed caucuses or conventions of exclusively party members. So, the California Legislature enacted a compromise. When you go to vote on Election Day, you will be able to vote for any candidate, regardless of the political party of that candidate. And to ensure that California meets the requirements of the national parties, elections officials will also display the results so that we can see how voters of each political party voted. The national political parties will be able to see the results displayed in both ways, and it will be their choice which to use to determine who will be their nominee.

New Voting System

The March 7 election will hopefully be the last election in which you vote using the current "Votomatic" system. As many of you are probably aware, we started the process of selecting a new voting system more than two years ago. In 1997, we conducted extensive community outreach and education; in December 1997, we held a two-day demonstration of various voting systems to which the public was invited. In February 1998, we issued a request for proposals and selected two vendors to participate in Pilot Phases I & II. In the June 1998 primary election (Pilot Phase I), we created a customer service survey ballot for voters to test in our office. In the November 1998 election (Pilot Phase II), voters in 50 precincts voted using the "optical scan" voting system. The Department selected a vendor in 1999.

We hope to secure funding for a new system that will be used in the November 2000 election. We'll keep you updated!

Naomi Nishioka
Acting Director of Elections

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The Ballot Simplification Committee prepares summaries ("The Way It Is Now," "The Proposal," "A Yes Vote Means," and "A No Vote Means") of measures placed on the ballot each election. The Committee also prepares a table of contents, an index of candidates and measures, a brief explanation of the ballot pamphlet, definitions of terms in the pamphlet, a summary of voters' basic rights, and a statement as to the term, compensation and duties of each local elective office.

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The Citizens Advisory Committee on Elections studies and makes advisory recommendations to the officers of the City and County on all matters relating to voter registration, elections and the administration of the Department of Elections. It investigates compliance with the requirements of Federal, State and local election and campaign reporting, disclosure laws and other statutes relating to the conduct of elections in San Francisco, promotes citizen participation in the electoral process, and studies and reports on all election matters referred to it by various officers of the City and County.



Mail Delivery of Voter Pamphlets

The San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet and Sample Ballot is scheduled to be mailed at the end of January. If you registered to vote on or before January 7, 2000 you should receive your Voter Information Pamphlet by the middle of February.

If you registered to vote or changed your registration after January 7, your Voter Information Pamphlet will be mailed after February 14.

If you do not receive your Voter Information Pamphlet in a timely manner, please notify your local Post Office.



PURPOSE OF THE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

This Voter Information Pamphlet provides voters with information about the March 7, 2000 Consolidated Presidential Primary Election. The pamphlet includes:

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Your Rights as a Voter

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Q — Who can vote?

A — U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who are registered to vote in San Francisco on or before February 7, 2000.

Q — My 18th birthday is after February 7, 2000 but on or before March 7. May I vote in the March 7 election?

A — Yes, if your 18th birthday is on or before March 7, but after February 7, you can register to vote on or before February 7 and vote March 7 — even though you were not 18 at the time you registered to vote.

Q — If I was arrested or convicted of a crime can I still vote?

A — You can vote as long as you are not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction. You must be registered to vote.

Q — I have just become a U.S. citizen. Can I vote in the March 7 election?

A — If you became a U.S. citizen on or before February 7, you may vote in the election, but you must register to vote by February 7.

OR

If you became a U.S. citizen after February 7, but on or before February 29, you may register and vote at the Department of Elections office with proof of citizenship and proof of San Francisco residency.

Q — I have moved within the county but have not re-registered. Can I vote in this election?

A — Yes, but you must go to your new polling place and show proof of current residence.

Q — When do I vote?

A — Election Day is Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Your polling place will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Q — Where do I go to vote?

A — Go to your polling place. The address is on the back cover of this book.

Q — What do I do if my polling place is not open?

A — Check the label on the back of this book to make sure you have gone to the right place. Polling places often change. If you *are* at the right place, call the Department of Elections at 554-4375 to let them know the polling place is not open.

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

A — Yes, the poll workers at the polling place will help you.

Q — Can I take my sample ballot or my own written list into the voting booth?

A — Yes. Deciding your votes before you get to the polls will help. You may wish to use the Voter's Quick Reference Page, which is located toward the back of this pamphlet.

Q — Is there any way to vote instead of going to the polling place on Election Day?

A — Yes, you can vote before March 7 if you:

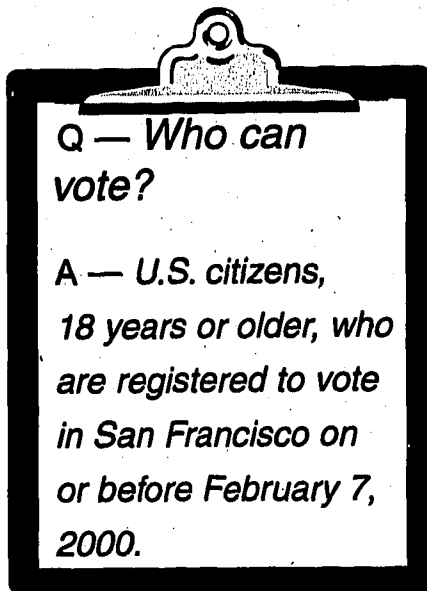
Fill out and mail the Absentee Ballot application printed on the back cover of this book. Within three days after we receive your request, a vote-by-mail ballot will be sent to you. Your request must be *received* by the Department of Elections no later than February 29, 2000;

OR

Go to the Office of the Department of Elections at City Hall, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48 from February 7 through March 7 (except Monday, February 21). The office hours are: from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the weekend before the election; and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 7.

Q — If I don't use an application form, can I get an Absentee Ballot some other way?

A — You can send a note, preferably on a postcard, to the Department of Elections asking for a ballot. This note must include: your printed home address, the address where you want the ballot mailed, your birthdate, your printed name and your *signature*. Mail your request or fax it to (415) 554-4372. Your request must be received by the Department of Elections no later than February 29, 2000.





Early Voting

(In person or by mail)

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

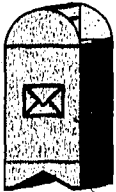
Office hours for early voting are as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Monday, February 21 (beginning February 7 at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48);
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and March 5;
- 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 7 at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Any voter may request an absentee ballot. You can request a ballot by mail, using the application form provided on the back of this pamphlet. You may also request a ballot by sending a short note or postcard to the Department of Elections. When making such a request, remember to include your home address, the address to which you want the ballot mailed, your birthdate, name and signature. **Your signature must be included!** (Mail your request or fax it to (415) 554-4372.)

NOTE: You no longer need a reason such as illness or travel to qualify to cast your ballot prior to Election Day. Any registered voter may vote early.



HERE'S HOW TO GET YOUR BALLOT BY MAIL:

To request an absentee ballot by mail, **complete the application card on the back cover of this pamphlet** and return it to the Department of Elections so that it is received no later than February 29, 2000. Within three days after we receive your request, a vote-by-mail ballot will be sent to you.



Access for the Disabled Voter

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

ABSENTEE VOTING — All voters may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to them, or they may vote in person at the Department of Elections, City Hall, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48, from February 7 through March 7. The office hours are:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Monday, February 21;
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and March 5;
- 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 7.

In addition, voters with at least one of the specified disabilities listed on page 6 may apply to become Permanent Absentee Voters. Ballots for all future elections will automatically be mailed to Permanent Absentee Voters.

TAPE RECORDINGS — The San Francisco Public Library for the Blind and Print Handicapped, 100 Larkin Street, produces and distributes tape-recorded copies of the Voter Information Pamphlet for use by visually impaired voters.

TDD (TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF) — Hearing-impaired or speech-impaired voters who have a TDD may communicate with the San Francisco Department of Elections office by calling 554-4386.

ON ELECTION DAY

ASSISTANCE — Persons unable to complete their ballot may bring one or two persons with them into the voting booth to assist them, or they may ask poll workers to provide assistance.

CURBSIDE VOTING — If architectural barriers prevent an elderly or disabled voter from entering the polling place, poll workers will bring the necessary voting materials to the voter in front of the polling place.

PARKING — If a polling place is situated in a residential garage, elderly and disabled voters may park in the driveway while voting, provided they do not block traffic.


READING TOOLS — Every polling place has large-print instructions on how to vote and special sheets to magnify the type on the ballot.

SEATED VOTING — Every polling place has at least one voting booth which allows voters to vote while sitting in a chair or a wheelchair.

VOTING TOOLS — Every precinct has an easy-grip pen for signing the roster and an easy-grip tool for punching the ballot.

Permanent Absentee Voter Qualifications

(Permanent Vote-by-Mail Qualifications)

 If you are physically disabled, you may apply to be a permanent absentee voter. Once you are on our permanent absentee voter mailing list, we will mail you an absentee ballot automatically for every election until you move, re-register, or do not vote. If you do not vote in a statewide election, you will no longer be a permanent absentee voter; however, you will remain on the voter roll unless this office has been informed that you no longer live at the address at which you are registered.

To qualify as a "Permanent Absentee Voter," you must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- Have lost use of one or more limbs;
- Have lost use of both hands;
- Be unable to move about without the aid of an assistance device (e.g. cane, crutches, walker, wheelchair);
- Be suffering from lung disease, blindness, or cardiovascular disease;
- Have significant limitation in the use of the lower extremities;
- Be suffering from a diagnosed disease or disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility;

OR

- Be a spouse or family member who resides with and is the primary caregiver to a voter with any of the conditions described above.

To receive an application for permanent absentee voting status, complete the Absentee Ballot application on the back cover and return it to the Department of Elections or call for an application at (415) 554-5665. **Be sure to check the box that says, "Please send me a Permanent Absentee Voter Application" and sign your name where it says, "Sign Here".**

If you move, re-register, or do not vote, you will need to re-apply for permanent absentee voter status. In all other cases, you do not need to re-apply.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS

If you have already registered as a permanent absentee voter, your ballot will be mailed by February 7. To find out if you are registered as a permanent absentee voter, please call the Department of Elections at 554-4411. If you have not received your absentee ballot by February 18, please call 554-4411.

How to Locate Your Polling Place

Back cover of this pamphlet (lower left corner):


NOTE:

Your polling place address is located in the lower left-hand corner of the back cover of this pamphlet. Please make a note of it. Even if you send in for an absentee ballot, you may still wish to turn in your ballot at your polling place on Election Day.

Your precinct number

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I certify under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct.


Sign Here 

We must have your signature - Do Not Print

Your Polling Place Address is:

100 Collingwood Street
Eureka Valley Playground
P12345678 NP 9702
PCT-3623

Polling Place Handicapped Accessible:



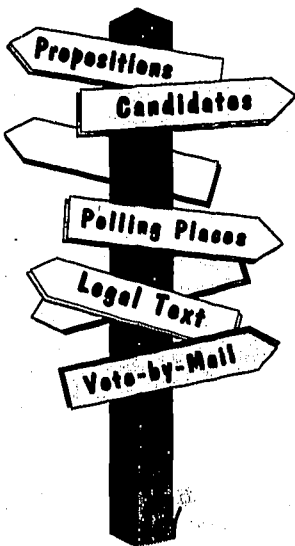
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Sometimes we get crossed up,
but when we do, we admit it...



With all the items that are included in the Voter Information Pamphlet, it is possible that we have made a mistake of some kind.

If we learn of any errors after the pamphlet has been printed and mailed out, we will publish a correction notice in three local newspapers in the days preceding the election.



Watch for our correction notices **February 25, 26 and 27** in the Public Notices sections of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Francisco Examiner* and *San Francisco Independent*.

HOW TO VOTE ON THE VOTOMATIC VOTE RECORDER

SPECIAL NOTE:

IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, RETURN
YOUR CARD AND GET ANOTHER

如何用自動投票機

請特別注意

如有錯誤，請向助理員換取新選票。

STEP 1

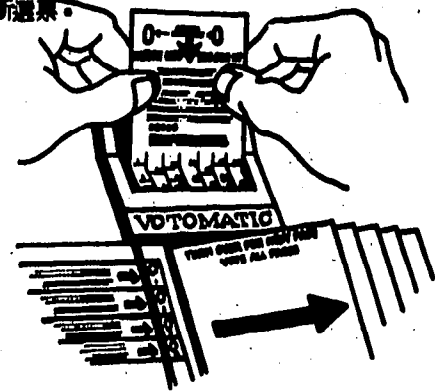
Nota: Si hace algun error, devuelva
su tarjeta de votar y obtenga otra.

USING BOTH HANDS
INSERT THE BALLOT CARD ALL THE
WAY INTO THE VOTOMATIC.

Usando las dos manos, mete la
boleta de votar completamente
dentro del "Votomatic."

第一步

請雙手持票向自動機將整張選票插入。



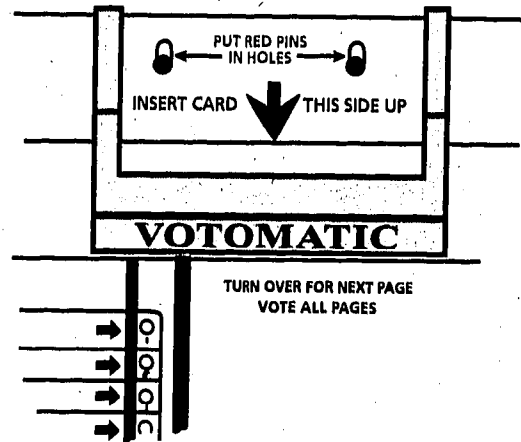
STEP 2

BE SURE THE TWO SLOTS IN THE
STUB OF YOUR CARD FIT DOWN
OVER THE TWO RED PINS.

Paso 2. Asegúrese de que las dos
orificios que hay al final de la boleta
coinciden con las dos cabecitas rojas.

第二步

請切記將選票插入時，票尾之二孔，接
合於二紅點之上。



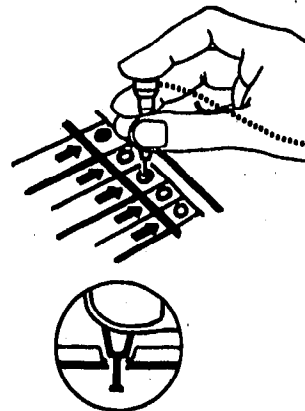
STEP 3

HOLD PUNCH VERTICAL (STRAIGHT
UP). PUNCH STRAIGHT DOWN
THROUGH THE BALLOT CARD TO
INDICATE YOUR CHOICE. DO NOT
USE PEN OR PENCIL.

Para votar, sostenga el instrumento
de votar y perforar la boleta de
votar en el lugar de los candidatos de
su preferencia. No use pluma ni lápiz.

第三步

請把帶鍊之選舉針，由小孔內垂直插入
打孔投票。



STEP 4

After voting, remove the ballot from the Votomatic, fold the ballot at
the perforation and return it to the precinct official.

第四步

投票之後，把選票取出，

Después de votar, saque la boleta del Votomatic,
doble la boleta a lo largo de las perforaciones y
entréguela en el lugar oficial de votación.

沿虛線摺起選票交給選舉站監選員。

SAMPLE BALLOT
Balota de muestra 選票樣本

Consolidated Presidential Primary Election, March 7, 2000
City and County of San Francisco

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

**NON-PARTISAN, AMERICAN INDEPENDENT,
GREEN, LIBERTARIAN, NATURAL LAW, REFORM**

BALLOT 001

8TH CONGRESSIONAL, 8TH STATE SENATE, 12TH ASSEMBLY

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote for a **CANDIDATE** whose name appears on the ballot, use the blue stylus to punch the hole opposite the name of the candidate preferred.

To vote for a qualified **WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**, write the person's name and office in the blank space provided for that purpose on the long stub of that ballot card; if you do not know how to do this, ask a poll worker for help.

To vote for any **MEASURE**, use the blue stylus to punch the hole opposite the "YES" or "NO" for that measure.

All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.

If you wrongly vote, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to the poll worker to obtain another.

After you have completed voting, remove the numbered stub. This is your receipt for voting. Clean the hanging paper chips from the back of the ballot and place it in the ballot box.

Pueden encontrarse instrucciones en español en el
reverso de la última página de la balota.

中文說明刊印在選票的最後一頁



PARA COMENZAR A VOTAR, VAYA A LA

請由選票的第一頁開始投票。

**TO START VOTING,
GO ON TO NEXT PAGE.**

SAMPLE BALLOT

Balota de muestra 選票樣本

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聯合總統初選
2000年3月7日

CONSOLIDATED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTION
MARCH 7, 2000

ELECCIONES PRIMARIAS PRESIDENCIALES
CONSOLIDADAS
7 DE MARZO DE 2000

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PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
President of the United States 美國總統

請選一名 Vote por Uno
Vote for One

AL GORE	艾爾·戈爾	民主黨 DEMOCRATIC DEMOCRATA	2	➡
GEORGE D. WEBER	喬治·韋伯	改革黨 REFORM REFORM	3	➡
DONALD J. TRUMP	唐納德·特朗普	改革黨 REFORM REFORM	4	➡
JOHN McCain	約翰·麥凱恩	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	5	➡
ROBERT BOWMAN	羅伯特·鮑曼	改革黨 REFORM REFORM	6	➡
HARRY BROWNE	哈里·布朗	自由黨 LIBERTARIAN LIBERTARIO	7	➡
BILL BRADLEY	比爾·布魯德利	民主黨 DEMOCRATIC DEMOCRATA	8	➡
GEORGE W. BUSH	喬治·布殊	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	9	➡
GARY BAUER	加里·鮑爾	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	10	➡
STEVE FORBES	史蒂夫·福布斯	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	11	➡
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RALPH NADER	拉爾夫·納德	綠黨 GREEN VERDE	13	➡
HOWARD PHILLIPS	霍華德·菲利浦斯	美國獨立黨 AMERICAN INDEPENDENT INDEPENDENTE AMERICANO	14	➡
CHARLES COLLINS	查爾斯·柯林斯	改革黨 REFORM REFORM	15	➡
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LARRY HINES	拉利·海恩斯	自由黨 LIBERTARIAN LIBERTARIO	17	➡
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ORRIN HATCH	奧林·哈奇	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	19	➡
L. NEIL SMITH	尼爾·史密斯	自由黨 LIBERTARIAN LIBERTARIO	20	➡
JOEL KOVEL	喬爾·科維爾	綠黨 GREEN VERDE	21	➡
ALAN KEYES	艾倫·凱斯	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	22	➡
KIP LEE	基普·李	自由黨 LIBERTARIAN LIBERTARIO	23	➡
LYNDON LaROUCHE	林登·拉羅治	民主黨 DEMOCRATIC DEMOCRATA	24	➡

SAMPLE BALLOT

Balota de muestra 選票樣本

Consolidated Presidential Primary Election, March 7, 2000
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United States Senator 美國參議員

請選一名 Vote por Uno
Vote for One

JAN B. TUCKER 簡·塔克 Licensed Private Investigator / Investigador Privado Licenciado/ 持證私家偵探	綠黨 GREEN VERDE	28	➔
JOHN M. BROWN 約翰·布朗 Telephone Equipment Salesman / Vendedor de Equipos Telefónicos / 電話設備銷售員	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	29	➔
MEDEA SUSAN BENJAMIN 梅迪·蘇珊·本杰明 Nonprofit Organization Director/Directora de una Organización sin Fines de Lucro/ 非牟利組織董事	綠黨 GREEN VERDE	30	➔
DIANNE FEINSTEIN 黛安·范士丹 United States Senator / Senadora de los Estados Unidos / 美國參議員	民主黨 DEMOCRATIC DEMOCRATA	31	➔
TOM CAMPBELL 湯姆·坎貝爾 Congressman/Educator / Congresista/Educador / 國會議員/教育工作者	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	32	➔
JOSE LUIS "JOE" CAMAHORT 何塞·路易斯·祖·科馬哈特 Research Scientist/Engineer / Científico de Investigaciones/Ingeniero / 研究科學家/工程師	改革黨 REFORM REFORM	33	➔
BILL HORN 比爾·霍恩 County Supervisor/Rancher / Supervisor del Condado/Ranchero / 縣參事/農場主	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	34	➔
RAY HAYNES 雷·海恩斯 California Senator / Senador de California / 加州參議員	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	35	➔
BRIAN M. REES 布賴安·里斯 Physician / Médico / 醫生	自然法黨 NATURAL LAW LEY NATURAL	36	➔
MICHAEL SCHMIER 邁克爾·希米爾 Attorney-at-Law / Abogado / 律師	民主黨 DEMOCRATIC DEMOCRATA	37	➔
VALLI "SHARP" SHARPE-GEISLER 瓦利·夏普·夏普-蓋斯勒 Educator/Technology Coordinator / Educador/Coordinador de Tecnología / 教育工作者/技術協調人	改革黨 REFORM REFORM	38	➔
GAIL KATHERINE LIGHTFOOT 蓋爾·凱瑟琳·萊特富特 Registered Nurse / Enfermera Registrada / 註冊護士	自由黨 LIBERTARIAN LIBERTARIO	39	➔
JP GOUGH JP 高夫 Businessman/Entrepreneur/ Hombre de Negocios/Empresario / 商人/企業家	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	40	➔
LINH DAO 凌·瀟 High-Tech Entrepreneur / Empresario de Alta Tecnología / 高科技企業	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	41	➔
DIANE BEALL TEMPLIN 黛安·比爾·坦普林 Attorney/Businesswoman / Abogada/Mujer de Negocios / 律師/女商人	美國獨立黨 AMERICAN INDEPENDENT INDEPENDENTE AMERICANO	42	➔

REPRESENTANTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, DISTRITO 8

United States Representative, District 8 美國眾議員, 第8區

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NANCY PELOSI 南希·佩洛西 Member of Congress / Miembro de Congreso / 國會議員	民主黨 DEMOCRATIC DEMOCRATA	45	➔
ADAM SPARKS 亞當·斯帕克斯 Businessman / Hombre de Negocios / 商人	共和黨 REPUBLICAN REPUBLICANO	46	➔
DAVID SMITHSTEIN 戴維·史密斯斯坦 Business Consultant / Asesor de Negocios / 商務顧問	自然法黨 NATURAL LAW LEY NATURAL	47	➔
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SENATOR ESTATAL, DISTRITO 8

State Senator, District 8 州參議員, 第8區

THIS OFFICE IS NOT UP FOR ELECTION UNTIL 2002
No hay elección para este puesto hasta 2002
這一職位要到2002年才選出

MIEMBRO DE ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, DISTRITO 12

Member, State Assembly, District 12 州眾議員, 第12區

請選一名 **Vote por Uno**
Vote for One

HOWARD EPSTEIN 霍華德·愛潑斯坦

Small Business Owner / Propietario de una Pequeña Empresa / 小商業東主

共和黨

REPUBLICAN
REPUBLICANO

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KEVIN SHELLEY 凱文·謝利

Member, California State Assembly/Miembro, Asamblea Estatal de California/加州眾議員

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 7, 2000
MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS – STATE PROPOSITIONS

1A

GAMBLING ON TRIBAL LANDS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Modifies existing gambling prohibitions to authorize Governor to negotiate compacts with federally recognized Indian tribes, subject to legislative ratification, for operation of slot machines, lottery games, and banking and percentage card games on Indian lands. Fiscal Impact: Uncertain fiscal effect on state and local tax revenues ranging from minor impact to significant annual increases. State gambling license fees of tens of millions of dollars annually.

YES 80



NO 81



12

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000. (THE VILLARAIGOSA-KEELEY ACT)

This act provides two billion one hundred million dollars (\$2,100,000,000) to protect land around lakes, rivers, and streams and the coast to improve water quality and ensure clean drinking water; to protect forests and plant trees to improve air quality; to preserve open space and farmland threatened by unplanned development; to protect wildlife habitats; and to repair and improve the safety of state and neighborhood parks. Fiscal Impact: State cost of \$3.6 billion over 25 years (average cost of about \$144 million per year) to repay bonds. State and local parks' operating costs of potentially tens of millions of dollars annually.

YES 86



NO 87



13

SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION, AND FLOOD PROTECTION BOND ACT. This act provides for a bond issue of one billion nine hundred seventy million dollars (\$1,970,000,000) to provide funds for a safe drinking water, water quality, flood protection, and water reliability program. Fiscal Impact: State cost of up to \$3.4 billion over 25 years (average cost of about \$135 million per year) to repay bonds. Potential unknown local project operation and maintenance costs.

YES 93



NO 94



14

CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2000. This act provides for a bond issue of three hundred fifty million dollars (\$350,000,000) to provide funds for the construction and renovation of public library facilities in order to expand access to reading and literacy programs in California's public education system and to expand access to public library services for all residents of California. Fiscal Impact: State cost of \$600 million over 25 years (average cost of about \$24 million per year) to repay bonds. One-time local matching costs of \$190 million, plus potential additional operating costs of over \$10 million annually.

YES 99



NO 100



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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 7, 2000
MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS – STATE PROPOSITIONS

15

THE HERTZBERG-POLANCO CRIME LABORATORIES CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT OF 1999. This act provides for a bond issue of two hundred twenty million dollars (\$220,000,000) to provide funds for a program for the construction, renovation, and infrastructure costs associated with the construction of new local forensic laboratories and the remodeling of existing local forensic laboratories. Fiscal Impact: State cost of \$377 million over 25 years (average cost of about \$15 million per year) to repay bonds. Local government costs of \$20 million (one-time) and potentially millions of dollars in annual operating costs.

YES 106

NO 107

16

VETERANS' HOMES BOND ACT OF 2000. Fiscal Impact: This proposition would allow the state to sell \$50 million in general obligation bonds to (1) replace \$24 million in currently authorized lease-payment bonds for new veterans' homes and (2) provide \$26 million in additional bonds for new or existing veterans' homes. This would result in a net state cost of about \$33 million over 25 years, with costs of around \$1 million per year.

YES 113

NO 114

17

LOTTERIES. CHARITABLE RAFFLES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Modifies current constitutional prohibition against private lotteries to permit legislative authorization of raffles conducted by private nonprofit organizations for beneficial and charitable purposes. Fiscal Impact: Probably no significant fiscal impact on state and local governments.

YES 119

NO 120

18

MURDER: SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT. Provides special circumstances warranting death penalty or life without parole exist for intentional murders committed in connection with kidnapping or arson or committed by "means of" rather than "while" lying in wait. Fiscal Impact: Unknown, probably minor, additional state costs.

YES 123

NO 124

19

MURDER. BART AND CSU PEACE OFFICERS. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT. Provides second degree murder of peace officer employed by BART or State University is punishable by life imprisonment without possibility of parole where aggravating circumstances are present. Fiscal Impact: Unknown, probably minor, additional state costs.

YES 127

NO 128











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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 7, 2000 **MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS – STATE PROPOSITIONS**

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| 20 | CALIFORNIA STATE LOTTERY. ALLOCATION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT. Provides one-half of any increase beyond the current amount allocated to public education from state lottery revenues be allocated for purchase of instructional materials. Fiscal Impact: In the near term, tens of millions of dollars in annual lottery revenues that go to public education would be earmarked for instructional materials, with unknown earmarked amounts in future years | YES 132
NO 133 | 
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| 21 | JUVENILE CRIME. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Increases punishment for gang-related felonies, home-invasion robbery, carjacking, witness intimidation and drive-by shootings; and creates crime of gang recruitment activities. Fiscal Impact: State costs of more than \$330 million annually; one-time costs of \$750 million. Potential local costs of up to more than \$100 million annually, and one-time costs of \$200 million to \$300 million. | YES 138
NO 139 | 
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| 22 | LIMIT ON MARRIAGES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Adds a provision to the Family Code providing that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Fiscal Impact: Probably no fiscal effect on the state or local governments. | YES 142
NO 143 | 
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| 23 | "NONE OF THE ABOVE" BALLOT OPTION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Provides that voters may vote for "none of the above," but such votes will not be counted in determining who wins election. Fiscal Impact: Generally minor costs to state and county governments. | YES 146
NO 147 | 
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| 24 | Proposition 24 removed by order of the California Supreme Court. | | |
| 25 | ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING LIMITS. PUBLIC FINANCING. DISCLOSURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Provides for public financing of candidate and ballot measure campaign costs, disclosure of top contributors and fund-raising time restrictions; establishes contribution, spending limits; and bans corporate contributions. Fiscal Impact: State costs of more than \$55 million annually offset to an unknown extent. Potential local government costs of several million dollars annually. | YES 152
NO 153 | 
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 7, 2000

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS – STATE PROPOSITIONS

26

SCHOOL FACILITIES. LOCAL MAJORITY VOTE. BONDS, TAXES.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Authorizes local voter approval by majority vote, not current two-thirds, for school construction and improvement bonds and property taxes in excess of 1% to pay bonds. Fiscal Impact: Local school costs-potentially in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually statewide within a decade-depending on results of voter action on future local school bond issues. Potential state savings in the longer run.

YES 158



NO 159



27

ELECTIONS. TERM LIMIT DECLARATIONS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Permits congressional candidates to voluntarily sign non-binding declaration of intention to serve no more than three terms in House of Representatives or two terms in the United States Senate. Requires placement of information on ballots and state-sponsored voter education materials when authorized by candidates. Candidates may appear on ballot without submitting declaration. Fiscal Impact: Unknown, but probably not significant, election costs to the state and counties.

YES 164



NO 165



28

REPEAL OF PROPOSITION 10 TOBACCO SURTAX. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals additional \$.50 per pack tax on cigarettes and equivalent increase in tax on tobacco products enacted by Proposition 10. Eliminates funding for Proposition 10 child development and anti-smoking programs. Fiscal Impact: Reduced state revenues and expenditures of \$670 million annually. Annual decreases in other state General Fund revenues of \$7 million and local government revenues of \$6 million. Loss of potential long-term state and local savings.

YES 170



NO 171



29

1998 INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS. REFERENDUM STATUTE. A "Yes" vote approves, a "No" vote rejects a 1998 law which authorized certain tribal-state gaming compacts, provided procedures for future negotiations with tribes, and designated the Governor to negotiate with tribes. Fiscal Impact: Probably no significant fiscal impacts on state and local governments.

YES 176



NO 177



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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 7, 2000
MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS – STATE PROPOSITIONS

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INSURANCE CLAIMS PRACTICES. CIVIL REMEDIES. REFERENDUM. "Yes" vote approves, "No" vote rejects legislation restoring right to sue another person's insurer for unfair claims settlement practices following judgment or award against other person; barring lawsuit if insurer agrees to arbitrate original claim against insured party. Fiscal Impact: Increase in state insurance gross premiums tax revenue, potentially several millions of dollars each year. Unknown net impact on state court costs.

YES 184 ➡

NO 185 ➡

31

INSURANCE CLAIMS PRACTICES. CIVIL REMEDY AMENDMENTS. REFERENDUM. A "Yes" vote approves, a "No" vote rejects statutory amendments limiting right of injured party to sue another's insurer for unfair claims practices and exempting specified insurers under certain circumstances. Fiscal Impact: This proposition would have a fiscal impact only if Proposition 30 is approved. In this case, the proposition would not significantly affect the state and local fiscal impacts of Proposition 30.

YES 190 ➡

NO 191 ➡

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 7, 2000
MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS – CITY AND COUNTY PROPOSITIONS

A

NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000. Shall the City and County incur \$110,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of recreation and park facilities and properties, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?

YES 210



NO 211



B

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000. Shall the City and County incur \$87,445,000 of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of certain improvements to the California Academy of Sciences, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?

YES 215



NO 216



C

Shall the City extend the Open Space Fund for 30 years, add new planning and budgeting requirements, and authorize the Board of Supervisors to issue revenue bonds secured by the Fund?

YES 220



NO 221



D

Shall members of the Board of Supervisors be added to the City's Employee Retirement System and shall the City be authorized to pay the full cost of health benefits for Board members?

YES 224



NO 225



E

Shall the City limit cash payments for certain public assistance programs to 15 percent of total benefits, add to the residency and fingerprinting requirements, and increase the penalties for fraud?

YES 228



NO 229



F

Shall it be City policy to waive taxes on certain residential property and on small businesses in Bayview Hunters Point for five years, and to appropriate \$150 million to create jobs for residents of the neighborhood?

YES 232



NO 233



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001, 002, 003 NON-PARTISAN, AMERICAN INDEPENDENT, GREEN, LIBERTARIAN, NATURAL LAW, REFORM

The following candidates' names are not on the ballot because there are fewer candidates than there are seats open. They will be considered elected to their respective county committees on March 7, 2000.

Los nombres de los siguientes candidatos no aparecen en la balota porque hay menos candidatos que puestos vacantes.

Se los considerará electos a sus respectivos comités el día 7 de marzo de 2000.

以下候選人的姓名不列在選票內，因為候選人數比席位為少。他們將在2000年3月7日選舉中被認為選入以下委員會中。

VERDE Green 綠黨 County Council	綠黨縣中央委員會 Consejo del Condado
MATT SPENCER 馬特·斯潘塞	
DON EICHELBERGER 唐·艾希爾伯格	
SUSAN KING 蘇珊·金	
HARRY DRIGGS 哈里·德里格斯	
BETTY L. TRAYNOR 貝蒂·特雷納	
ROSS MIRKARIMI 羅斯·米克里米	
NANCY MARMOL 南希·馬莫爾	
BARBARA BLONG 巴巴拉·布朗	
MEDEA SUSAN BENJAMIN 梅特·蘇珊·本杰明	
LIBERTARIO Libertarian 自由黨 County Central Committee, 13th District	自由黨縣中央委員會，第13區 Comité Central del Condado, Distrito 13
BAUMAN, ERIK 埃里克·鮑曼	
STARCHILD 斯塔察爾德	
LEY NATURAL Natural Law 自然法黨 County Central Committee, 12th District	自由法黨縣中央委員會，第12區 Comité Central del Condado, Distrito 12
DAVID SMITHSTEIN 戴維·史密斯坦	
County Central Committee, 13th District	自由法黨縣中央委員會，第13區 Comité Central del Condado, Distrito 13
RIFKIN YOUNG 里金·楊	
REFORM Reform 改革黨 County Central Committee, 12th District	改革黨中央委員會，第12區 Comité Central del Condado, Distrito 12
MARVIN HORTON 馬文·霍頓	
JOYCE DATTNER 喬伊斯·戴納	
CRAIG WILSON 克雷格·威爾遜	
County Central Committee, District 13	改革黨中央委員會，第13區 Comité Central del Condado, Distrito 13
WAYNE GOODMAN 韋恩·古德曼	
MARGE GOLDEN 馬吉·高爾頓	
ROBERT J. DOUGLAS 羅伯特·道格拉斯	
AUDRY N. DeLUCIA 奧德麗·狄魯西亞	
HELEN ABEL 海倫·艾貝爾	



WORDS YOU NEED TO KNOW

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

LISTED BELOW ARE DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

ABSENTEE BALLOTS (RIGHTS OF VOTERS) — Absentee Ballots are ballots that are mailed to voters, or given to voters in person at the Department of Elections. Absentee Ballots can be mailed back to the Department of Elections, deposited at the Department of Elections Office, or turned in at any San Francisco polling place.

BONDS (PROPOSITIONS A,B,C) — If the City needs money to pay for something such as a library, sewer line, or school, it may borrow the money by selling bonds. The City then pays back this money plus interest.

CASH ASSISTANCE LINKED TO MEDI-CAL (CALM) (PROPOSITION E) — Provides cash assistance for the elderly or disabled receiving Medi-Cal, but not eligible for Social Security. The current benefit level is \$364 a month.

CHARTER (PROPOSITIONS C,D) — The Charter is the City's constitution.

CHARTER AMENDMENT (PROPOSITIONS C,D) — The Charter is the City's constitution. The Charter cannot be changed without a vote of the people.

CONSORTIUM (PROPOSITION E) — A temporary partnership for a common purpose.

DECLARATION OF POLICY (PROPOSITION F) — A declaration is an expression of the will of the voters and not a law. If a majority of voters approves a declaration of policy, the Board of Supervisors must carry out the policy to the extent legally possible.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA) (PROPOSITION E) — Provides basic support for indigent county residents, mandated by state law. The current benefit level is \$294 a month.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (PROPOSITIONS A, B) — These bonds are used to pay for large public projects that do not raise revenue. For example, these bonds have been used to construct museums, police stations, jails, libraries, and other public facilities. A two-thirds majority of the voters must approve the sale of general obligation bonds. Once they are approved and sold, they are repaid by property taxes.

INITIATIVE (PROPOSITIONS E,F) — This is a way for voters to put a proposition on the ballot. It is placed on the ballot by having a certain number of voters sign a petition. Propositions passed by initiative can be changed only by another vote of the people.

ORDINANCE (PROPOSITION E) — A law of the City and County, which is passed by the Board of Supervisors, or passed by the voters in an election. Ordinances approved by the voters can only be changed by the voters.

PERSONAL ASSISTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (PAES) (PROPOSITION E) — Provides education, training, and supportive services necessary to obtain employment, and a cash stipend. The current benefit level is \$356 a month.

PRINCIPAL (PROPOSITIONS A,B) — The actual amount of borrowed money. Principal does not include interest charges.

REPARATIONS (PROPOSITION F) — Compensation for damages.

REVENUE BOND (PROPOSITION C) — If the City needs money to pay for something, such as a sewer line or convention hall, the City may borrow the money by selling bonds. The City pays back the money with interest. The money to pay back Revenue Bonds comes from revenue such as fees collected by the department which issued the bonds. These bonds are not repaid with tax money.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PENDING (SSIP) (PROPOSITION E) — Provides cash assistance for individuals who are applying, or have been determined eligible, for Social Security Income but who have not yet begun to receive SSI payments. The current benefit level is \$364 a month.

Rules for Arguments For and Against Ballot Measures

DIGEST AND ARGUMENT PAGES

On the following pages, you will find information about local ballot measures. For each measure, a digest has been prepared by the Ballot Simplification Committee. This digest includes a brief explanation of "The Way It is Now," what each proposal would do, what a "Yes" vote means, and what a "No" vote means. Also included is a statement by the City Controller about the fiscal impact or cost of each measure. There is also a statement of how the measure qualified to be on the ballot.

Following the ballot digest page, you will find arguments for and against each measure.

NOTE: All arguments are strictly the opinions of their authors. They have not been checked for accuracy by this office or any other City official or agency. Arguments and rebuttals are reproduced as they are submitted, including typographical, spelling and grammatical errors.

"PROPONENT'S" AND "OPPONENT'S" ARGUMENTS

For each measure, one argument in favor of the measure ("Proponent's Argument") and one argument against the measure ("Opponent's Argument") is printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet free of charge.

The designation, "Proponent's Argument" and "Opponent's Argument" indicates only that the arguments were selected in accordance with criteria in Section 540 of the San Francisco Municipal Elections Code and were printed free of charge. The Director of Elections does not edit the arguments, and the Director of Elections makes no claims as to the accuracy of statements in the arguments.

The "Proponent's Argument" and the "Opponent's Argument" are selected according to the following priorities:

PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT

1. The official proponent of an initiative petition; or the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, or four members of the Board, if the measure was submitted by same.

2. The Board of Supervisors, or any member or members designated by the Board.

3. The Mayor.

4. Any bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and association of citizens, any individual voter.



OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT

1. For a referendum, the person who files the referendum petition with the Board of Supervisors.

2. The Board of Supervisors, or any member or members designated by the Board.

3. The Mayor.

4. Any bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and association of citizens, any individual voter.

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS

The author of a "Proponent's Argument" or an "Opponent's Argument" may also prepare and submit a rebuttal argument. Rebuttals are also the opinions of the author and are not checked for accuracy by the Director of Elections or any other City official or agency. Rebuttal arguments are printed below the corresponding "Proponent's Argument" and "Opponent's Argument."

PAID ARGUMENTS

In addition to the "Proponent's Arguments" and "Opponent's Arguments" which are printed without charge, any eligible voter, group of voters, or association may submit paid arguments.

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

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An Overview of San Francisco's Debt

BACKGROUND

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

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

General obligation bonds are used to pay for projects that benefit citizens but do not raise revenue (for example, police stations or schools are not set up to pay for themselves). General obligation bonds must be approved by a two-thirds vote. When they are approved and sold, they are repaid by property taxes. The Recreation and Park and the California Academy of Sciences bonds on this ballot are general obligation bonds.

Revenue bonds are paid back from revenues generated by bond-financed projects. For example, the airport can finance a major expansion through revenue bonds which will be paid back from landing fees charged to airlines that use the improvements. There are no revenue bonds on this ballot.

WHAT IS LEASE FINANCING? The City sometimes asks the voters for permission to enter into lease financing arrangements. These exist when the City wants to borrow money, but intends to pay it back through its regular revenues. This means the City is not asking voters to increase their property taxes or other specific revenues like water bills to pay for this debt. For example, the City regularly enters into lease financing arrangements to buy police cars, fire trucks and other large equipment. We borrow the money, make lease payments for several years from the regular City budget and own the vehicles at the end of the lease. This allows the City to spread the cost of assets that will last several years or more.

At times, we enter into lease financing arrangements for major projects where new or increased revenues are expected to pay for the costs. For example, the new 911 Center lease financing was approved by voters with an expectation that a new 911 fee on phone service would repay most of the debt.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO BORROW? The City's cost to borrow money depends on the interest rate on the debt and the number of years over which it will be repaid. Large debt is usually paid off over a period of 10 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 dollar borrowed and 74 cents for the interest. These payments, however, are spread over the 20-year period. So the cost after adjusting for inflation reduces the effective cost 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 \$1.25 for every \$1 borrowed.

THE CITY'S CURRENT DEBT SITUATION

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 property in the City—or about \$2.1 billion. Voters give us authorization to issue bonds. Those bonds that have been issued and not yet repaid are considered to be outstanding. As of November 1, 1999, there were \$909 million in general obligation bonds outstanding, which is equal to 1.3% of the assessed value of property. There is an additional \$811 million in bonds that are authorized but unissued. If all of these bonds were issued and outstanding, the total debt burden would be 2.4% of the assessed value of property. **Under either scenario, the City is well within the 3% legal debt limit.**

Debt Payments. During 1999-2000 the City will pay \$95.5 million of principal and interest on outstanding general obligation bonds. This amounts to 13.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation or \$402 on a home worth \$300,000.

Prudent Debt Limit. Even though the City is well within its legal debt limit in issuing general obligation bonds, there is another "prudent" debt calculation used by bond rating agencies when they view the City's financial health. These agencies look at all debt using the City's tax base—our general obligation bonds, lease revenue bonds, and redevelopment agency debt. They then take that debt as a percentage of assessed value and the resulting percentage is called the debt ratio. Large cities in the United States have a median debt ratio of 4.7%—meaning half of the cities have less debt, half have more. The City currently has a debt ratio of 2.9%. **If voters approve the bonds on this ballot and the City issues these bonds plus bonds which were previously authorized, the City's debt ratio would increase to a maximum of 4.4% in 2000. While this is still under the median debt ratio of large cities, the City needs to set priorities for future debt to continue to maintain good credit ratings which, in turn, are a sign of good financial health.**

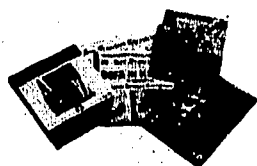
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白紙 • 彩色紙張 • 信紙 • 廣告郵件及傳單
Papel blanco • Papel de color •
Cartas • Correspondencia publicitaria



Dry food boxes • Packaging •
Paper bags & Cardboard
乾糧包裝盒 • 包裝紙 • 紙袋 • 紙箱
Cajas de cereal y otros comestibles
secos • Material de empaque • Bolsas
de Papel • Cartones

Containers • 容器 • Recipientes



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鐵/鋁/鋁罐 • 鋁箔/裝批(派)的鋁盤
Latas de acero/estaño/aluminio •
Hojas de aluminio



Glass bottles and jars •
#1 & #2 plastic bottles
玻璃瓶罐 • 一號及二號塑膠瓶
Botellas y frascos de vidrio •
Botellas de plástico números 1 y 2



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PROPOSITION A

NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000. Shall the City and County incur \$110,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of recreation and park facilities and properties, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?

YES 
NO 

Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The City operates and maintains numerous parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities, properties and programs. Many of these facilities and properties are deteriorating due to age and lack of maintenance.

The principal and interest on general obligation bonds are paid from property tax revenues.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition A would authorize the City to borrow \$110 million by issuing general obligation bonds to acquire, construct, or reconstruct recreation and park facilities and properties. Proposition A would require an increase in the property tax to pay for the bonds.

A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of Proposition A.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want the City to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$110 million to acquire, construct, or reconstruct recreation and park facilities and properties.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want the City to issue bonds for these purposes.

Controller's Statement on "A"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition A:

In my opinion, should the proposed bond issue be authorized and bonds issued at current interest rates, I estimate the approximate costs to be:

Bond Redemption	\$110,000,000
Bond Interest	82,543,500
Debt Service Requirement	\$192,543,500

Based on a single bond sale and level redemption schedules, the average annual debt requirements for twenty (20) years would be approximately \$9,627,175 which is equivalent to one and four-hundred-and-twenty thousandths cents (\$.01420) in the current tax rate. The increase in annual tax for the owner of a home with a net assessed value of \$300,000 would amount to approximately \$41.68 per year if all bonds were sold at the same time. It should be noted,

however, that the City typically does not issue all authorized bonds at one time; if these bonds are issued over several years, the actual effect on the tax rate would be less than the maximum amount shown above.

How Supervisors Voted on "A"

On November 22, 1999 the Board of Supervisors voted 11-0 to place Proposition A on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 66 2/3% AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS PAGE. THE FULL TEXT BEGINS ON PAGE 43.
SOME OF THE WORDS USED IN THE BALLOT DIGEST ARE EXPLAINED ON PAGE 29.

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PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

This Spring we have the chance to renew San Francisco's neighborhood parks by passing Proposition A.

After literally years of study and review including an extensive community input process with over 30 neighborhood meetings, the Board of Supervisors and neighborhood and community groups have united in support of Proposition A to restore neighborhood parks in every corner of San Francisco.

Proposition A will allow reconstruction of bathrooms, basketball courts, playgrounds and other structures. It will also fund renovation of playing fields, gardens, natural areas and other public open spaces.

Proposition A will not only help renovate fields and park facilities, it will help maintain and improve facilities that host vital services, improving the quality of life for all San Franciscans. These services include:

- Arts, recreation and sports programs for youth and adults
- After-school recreation programs for 'latch key' kids
- Park-based programs for senior citizens
- Increased lighting and security in parks

Funds will be spent on neighborhood parks throughout San Francisco, from McLaren Park to Washington Square, from the Sunset Playground to Mission Dolores Park. Parks in literally every San Francisco neighborhood will benefit from this long-overdue rehabilitation. Passage of Proposition A will also make possible more than \$30 million in state matching funds to help improve neighborhood park facilities.

Proposition A has been the subject of numerous public hearings, detailed analysis and three years of study. Working with neighborhood groups from throughout San Francisco, the city has built a list of vital needs that will be addressed by bond funds and a comprehensive capital plan.

Great neighborhood parks are the heart and soul of a great city. After years of neglect, Proposition A will put our parks on the road to recovery.

On March 7, please join with neighborhood park advocates from throughout San Francisco in support of Proposition A.

Board of Supervisors

REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES CALL FOR A HALT TO SAN FRANCISCO'S OVER-SPENDING AND THE MISUSE OF BONDS:

Lost in the angry charges of San Francisco's December 1999 Runoff for Mayor was one key fact: 1995 San Francisco annually spent \$1,500,000,000 less - and had 4,000 fewer governmental employees - than the 1999 City.

Routine capital improvements, such as here with the usual needs of the Recreation and Park Department, are no longer being paid for out of current taxes.

Interest-paying bonds are being wastefully used for normal needs.

Commented City Controller Edward Harrington: "...[S]hould... [Proposition A] be authorized...I estimate the approximate costs to be:

Bond Redemption	\$110,000,000
Bond Interest	<u>82,543,500</u>
Debt Service Requirement	\$192,543,500. . . "

"[T]he average annual debt requirements for twenty ... years would be approximately \$9,627,175. . . The increase in annual tax for the owner of a home with a net assessed value of \$300,000 would amount to approximately \$41.68 per year if all bonds were sold at one time."

Any questions???

Vote "NO".

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Past San Francisco Republican Party Chairman
State Senate Nominee (3rd Dist.)

Adam Sparks

Republican Congressional Nominee (8th Dist.)

Stephen Brewer

Republican Committeeman

Mike Garza

Past Republican Committeeman

Congressional Candidate (12th Dist.)

Albert Kildani

Republican Committee Candidate

Stephanie Jeong

Republican Committee Candidate

Margaret Onderdonk

Republican Committee Candidate

Denis Norrington

Republican Committee Candidate

Gail Neira

Republican State Assembly Candidate (13th Dist.)

David Winzer

Republican Committee Candidate

Shirley Bates

Republican Committee Candidate

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DURING ECONOMIC BOOM TIMES, BONDS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NORMAL REPAIRS

The repairs and construction associated with the \$110,000,000 in Recreation and Park Bonds should be paid out of *current tax revenue* — not interest-paying bonds.

These Recreation and Park Department expenses are long term creditable costs — Not sudden unexpected losses. They should be paid for out of the general funds of the City and County of San Francisco.

Credit card economics — with massive debt carrying costs — is both wasteful and unwise during good business times.

San Francisco should be paying-down its bonded indebtedness, making its repairs out of its normal tax revenue.

Admittedly, bonds are popular: There are a lot of commissions to be made by bond brokers. The expenses associated with the bonds — though massive — do not appear on the current budget of the City and County of San Francisco.

The truth is that San Francisco owes more money than many fair-sized foreign nations.

Vote **"NO"** on tax-wasting Proposition A.

Golden Gate Taxpayers Association

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Chairman of Golden Gate Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

SAN FRANCISCO HAS NOT MADE A MAJOR INVESTMENT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS IN OVER 50 YEARS.

1947 was the last time voters were asked to approve a city wide investment in our neighborhood parks. These sound economic times are exactly the moment to make another prudent investment in safe and clean neighborhood parks.

Property taxes are at their lowest level in over 8 years. Our economy is sound. After lengthy study and public review Proposition A, won the support of the mayor, all of the members of the Board of Supervisors and park and recreation groups and users from throughout San Francisco.

Park users see the need. Playing fields are deteriorating. Bathrooms and other buildings need restoration. Security lighting needs upgrading. Children's playgrounds and play structures need to be modernized. All our parks need a spring cleaning.

Safe and clean neighborhood parks pay dividends for all San Franciscans. Parks protect our investments in our homes, keep our neighborhoods safe, and give our kids an alternative to the streets. Our neighborhood parks also support numerous programs for children, teens and seniors. They are the heart and soul of our city.

For safe and clean neighborhood parks, vote YES ON A.

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PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

The League of Women Voters of San Francisco urges you to support Proposition A, the Parks and Recreation Bond. The League of Women Voters believes Proposition A will improve San Francisco's parks and its recreation programs, and allow for needed maintenance which has been deferred for years.

The League of Women Voters urges you to vote YES on Proposition A on March 7!

Holli P. Thier, J.D.
Co-President

Martha Benioff
Co-President

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

Our neighborhood parks are desperately underfunded. It has been 54 years since San Francisco passed a bond to fund neighborhood parks. Prop A will make needed repairs to playgrounds, courts, recreation centers, fields and natural areas in neighborhood parks throughout San Francisco. Join us in voting Yes on A.

Jane Winslow
Co-Chair, Parks and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee*

*Title for identification purposes only

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Jane Winslow.

Proposition A is a grassroots effort that will make major improvements in parks throughout District 8 — from Corona Heights to Dolores Park to Eureka Valley Playground, as well as throughout the entire city. Prop A is the result of three years of study and citizen input. This March 7, please help renew our neighborhood parks. Vote YES on Prop. A — it's for all of us.

Supervisor Mark Leno

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Mark Leno.

SPUR urges a Yes vote on Proposition A.

For too long our parks and recreation centers have been neglected. Proposition A is the first bond in 53 years that will improve parks in every neighborhood.

Together with Proposition C, we have the chance to not only repair our parks, squares, and recreation facilities, but to have a source of dedicated funding to maintain these important city assets.

Invest in our parks and open spaces. Vote Yes on Prop A.

San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association.

San Francisco Beautiful Supports Prop. A.

After years of underfunding our neighborhood parks are in desperate need of capital improvements. Prop. A will help restore community parks to attractive, usable public spaces, improving the livability of our neighborhoods and enhancing the quality of life of every San Franciscan.

Vote yes on Prop. A.

Dee Dee Workman
Executive Director, San Francisco Beautiful

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is San Francisco Beautiful.

Proposition A would be the first substantial investment in our parks in more the 50 years. The neighborhood parks of San Francisco need our attention to remain safe and healthy places for all San Franciscans. Please vote Yes on A.

Assemblymember Kevin Shelley

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Shelley for Assembly.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. California Professional Firefighters PAC 2. Pechanga Band of Mission Indians 3. Political Action for Classified Employees of California School Employees Association.

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PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

I am proud to sponsor Prop. A because it will mean a long-overdue renewal for our neighborhood parks. In District 2 — we will see major improvement in parks from the Marina Green to Russian Hill. Virtually every park and open space — including Alta Plaza, Julius Kahn, Lafayette Park, and Mountain Lake Park — will benefit from A. With property taxes at the lowest level since 1991, now is the time to invest a few cents per day into a major renewal of our neighborhood parks. Please join me in support of Proposition A.

Supervisor Gavin Newsom

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Gavin Newsom.

Proposition A will make much-needed repairs to Duboce Park's clubhouse and grounds and completely renovate the bathrooms. The Board of Supervisors, neighborhood and environmental groups have worked for three years to ensure that Prop A addresses problems in neighborhood parks throughout San Francisco. Please vote YES on A.

Ned York

Friends of Duboce Park

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Edward York.

Proposition A will make desperately needed repairs to literally every neighborhood park in the Richmond District, including Argonne, Cabrillo, Dupont, Fulton, Lincoln Park, Mountain Lake Park, Park Presidio, Richmond, Rochambeau, Rossi, 10th & Fulton.

Please vote Yes on A.

Ron Miguel

President, Planning Association for the Richmond

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the Planning Association of the Richmond.

Great cities need great parks. In these economically healthy times, one of the best investments we can make is in restoring our neighborhood parks. That's why I ask all San Franciscans to join with me in support of Proposition A.

Assemblymember Carole Migden

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

The San Francisco Police Officer's Association supports Proposition A because it will make our neighborhood parks safer for park users and neighbors. Prop A will improve safety lighting and park supervision. Prop A improvements will help maintain arts and sports programs that keep kids safe and off the streets in the critical after school hours. A vote for Prop A is a vote for a safer San Francisco.

Please vote Yes on A.

Chris Cumie

President, San Francisco Police Officer's Association

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Police Officer's Association.

We urge you to support Proposition A to renew Laurel Hill Playground and improve neighborhood parks throughout San Francisco. Prop A has the support of a diverse coalition of community and environmental groups including the Sierra Club and SF Tomorrow. Please vote YES on A.

John F. Rothmann

Friends of Laurel Hill Playground

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is John F. Rothmann.

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It's been over 50 years since our neighborhood parks were last renovated. Prop A will make major safety improvements in neighborhood parks throughout San Francisco. Please join us in voting Yes on A.

SF Firefighters Union, Local 798

John F. Hanley
President

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Neighborhood parks are the heart and soul of San Francisco. From the Bayview to St. Francis Wood to Chinatown, Proposition A will repair our parks and renew our neighborhoods.

Please join me in voting Yes on A.

Senator Dianne Feinstein

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Now is the time to invest in our district parks. With property taxes at their lowest rate in a decade, and with a city surplus, we should make this relatively modest investment in restoring our neighborhood parks. Park advocates and neighbors from throughout San Francisco are united on this issue — now is the time to pass Prop. A to restore our parks.

Supervisor Mabel Teng

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Prop. A means renewal for San Francisco's parks. After years of deferred maintenance, Prop. A will restore playgrounds, fields and recreation facilities in neighborhood parks from Aquatic to McLaren.

Please vote YES on A.

Supervisor Sue Bierman

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Susan Bierman.

As a down payment on the capital improvements for neighborhood parks we desperately need for our children, Sierra Club urges YES on Prop A.

Sierra Club, Bay Area Chapter
www.sfbay.sierraclub.org/sfgroup

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Clayton Mansfield.

Safe and healthy parks are the anchors of safe and healthy neighborhoods. That's why we need Proposition A to restore our neighborhood parks. Prop. A will mean major improvements in all the major parks of our district, including Chinese Playground, Justin Herman Plaza, Portsmouth Square, Washington Square and Waterfront Park. For the sake of our parks, please vote **Yes on A**.

Supervisor Barbara Kaufman

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Barbara Kaufman.

After years of neglect, San Francisco's neighborhood parks are in dire straits. This bond will provide funds for urgently needed repairs and upgrades throughout the City.

Vote Yes on A!

San Francisco Tomorrow

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

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jane Morrison 2. Jennifer Clary 3. Claude Wilson.

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Prop A will help revitalize parks in every neighborhood in San Francisco. It will repair and renovate playgrounds, park facilities, playing fields and open spaces. Prop A is the product of three years of collaboration between the Board of Supervisors, neighborhood and community groups and it will address park needs as identified by park users. We strongly urge you to vote for better parks.

Vote YES on A!

Richard S. Locke
President, Friends of Recreation & Parks

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Friends of Dolores Park enthusiastically endorse Prop A. Funding generated from Prop A will plant new trees, reseed the lawns, update irrigation, improve public safety with better lighting and renovate public bathrooms. From sunbathers to soccer players to dog walkers to the SF Mime Troupe, Dolores Park is enjoyed by thousands of San Franciscans every year. Please vote YES on A to renew Dolores Park.

Donald Bird
Phil Ginsburg
Christine Nahnsen
Friends of Dolores Park

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Donald Bird.

Our neighborhood parks are a vital resource for both kids and parents. But increased use and limited funding have taken their toll. Today our parks are in decline and in desperate need of assistance. We support Proposition A because it will help fund the renewal of our neighborhood parks — starting with the needs that we as park users have identified as our priority. Please join us in voting Yes on A.

Ella Tom Miyamoto
Parents' Lobby

Tanya Twyman
Parent Voices

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Coleman Advocates for Youth.

San Francisco kids face a choice — play in the streets or play in the parks. We want to make sure all our kids can play in safe, supervised and well-maintained parks. That's why we are proud supporters of Proposition A. Please join with us March 7 in voting YES on A.

Margaret Brodtkin
Executive Director, Coleman Advocates for Youth and Children

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Coleman Advocates for Youth.

As child care providers, we know how important our neighborhood parks are to San Francisco's children. Proposition A will help fund much-needed repairs to playgrounds, recreation centers and playing fields and help make our neighborhood parks safe and healthy for kids.

Please join us in voting Yes on A.

Rosemarie Kennedy
President, Family Child Care Association
Carol Stevenson
Director, Starting Points Initiative
Norman Yee
Executive Director, Wu Yee Children's Services
Judith Baker
Executive Director, South of Market Child Care, Inc.*
Andrew Scott
Executive Director, Mission YMCA

*Title for identification purposes only.

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Coleman Advocates for Youth.

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PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

We are Republicans who believe that measures which increase the quality of life in our neighborhoods also enhance property values. So, we encourage San Francisco Republicans to vote for Proposition A.

Clean and safe parks and recreation centers are precisely the investments we should make with our tax dollars.

Vote Yes on Proposition A.

CITIZENS FOR A BETTER SAN FRANCISCO

Robert Evans

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 12th Congressional District

Howard Epstein

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 12th Assembly District

Bob Lane

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 13th Assembly District

Candidates for the Republican County Central Committee in the 12th Assembly District:

Rita O'Hara

Mike Fitzgerald

Rodney Leong

Albert C. Chang

Les Payne

Elsa C. Cheung

Howard Epstein

Harold M. Hoogasian

Erik J. Bjorn

Candidates for the Republican County Central Committee in the 13th Assembly District:

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Joel D. Hornstein

Tali Zer-Ilan

Michael Denunzio

Sue C. Woods

Arthur Bruzzone

Randy Bernard

Julie A. Bell

Grace Norton-Fitzpatrick

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for a Better San Francisco.

YES ON A.

Prop. A means a long-overdue investment in recreation programs in the Bayview-Hunters Point and throughout San Francisco. These programs give kids and others a supportive place to learn, grow, create and succeed — that's why we must pass Prop. A.

Sophenia Maxwell

Chair, San Francisco Recreation Council

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Sopenia Maxwell.

Our urban parks are places of refuge for people and wildlife. Proposition A will help restore parks and urban habitats in every corner of San Francisco.

We urge all members of the Audobon Society, and all San Franciscans, to vote Yes on Proposition A.

Alan Hopkins

President, Audobon Society

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. SPUR 2. Neighborhood Parks Council 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Proposition A helps ensure safe neighborhood parks for our children to play in by improving lighting and maintaining security. Safe parks help promote a safe city. On March 7, please vote YES on A.

Supervisor Amos Brown

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Maintaining our neighborhood parks is impossible without adequate funding. Prop. A is part of a package that will provide the resources to improve and maintain neighborhood parks, like Pioneer Park and ensure that these funds are properly managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Please vote YES on A.

Anne Halsted

Friends of Pioneer Park

Julienne Christensen

Friends of Pioneer Park

Howard Wong

Friends of Pioneer Park

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

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San Francisco's neighborhood parks are our city's backyard. Proposition A will renovate parks throughout the city, improving facilities and fields and helping to improve neighborhood safety.

Please join me in voting Yes on Prop A.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Proposition A will significantly improve Buena Vista Park. Prop A funds will help fund erosion control and slope stabilization, reforestation and reseeding, and clearing unsafe underbrush. Buena Vista Park desperately needs the improvements that Prop A will help make possible. Please vote YES on A.

Isabel Wade

Bob Liner

Friends of Buena Vista Park

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Urban Resources System.

Proposition A is a real grassroots effort. It is the result of a three year community process to identify and address neighborhood park needs. Prop A is a public investment in our neighborhoods that will make our parks safer and more accessible to every San Franciscan. Please join me in voting Yes on A.

Supervisor Tom Ammiano

President, Board of Supervisors

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. SPUR 2. Friends of Recreation and Parks 3. Neighborhood Parks Council.

Prop. A means repairs for our neighborhood parks. In the Excelsior, that means renovation of playgrounds, fields and facilities that house programs for kids and seniors. The Excelsior needs Prop. A.

Grace D'Anca

Chair, Friends of Excelsior Playground

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

In 1992, the San Francisco Republican Party supported a general obligation bond measure for much-needed improvements to Golden Gate Park. San Franciscans visiting the park since then have seen for themselves the ongoing work made possible by that measure.

On the March 2000 ballot, the City turns its attention to our deteriorating neighborhood parks and recreation centers. These likewise should be brought back and made fresh again. The work is long overdue. It will improve the quality of life for all San Franciscans, homeowners and renters alike.

Vote Yes on Proposition A.

Donald A. Casper

Chairman, San Francisco Republican Party

Christopher L. Bowman

Political Director, SFGOP

Sue Woods

Mike Denunzio *Rodney Leong*

Grace Norton-Fitzpatrick *Howard Epstein* *Mike Fitzgerald*

Bob Lane

Les Payne *Rose Chung*

Arthur Bruzzone

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Robert Evans

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In this increasingly congested city we need to make sure we pay attention to our parks and open spaces. Prop. A will help restore our neighborhood parks - replanting trees, repairing fields and playgrounds, improving lighting and maintaining facilities like indoor courts and bathrooms. Our neighborhood parks need Prop. A. Please vote Yes on A.

Supervisor Alicia Becerril

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Pesticide Watch supports Prop. A. This important legislation will further the implementation of integrated pest management in our parks and reduce the use of hazardous pesticides. Please vote YES on A!

Gregg Small
Pesticide Watch

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Linda Hunter.

Working with neighborhood park groups from throughout San Francisco Proposition A was put on the ballot. I am proud to work with these thousands of park users and community leaders in support of Prop. A to renew our neighborhood parks. I ask you to join with us in voting YES on A on March 7.

Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

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YES ON A!

Prop. A is our chance to restore playgrounds, pools, basketball courts, soccer fields, parks and open spaces in every neighborhood of San Francisco. Prop. A will help everyone, whether they play tee-ball or bocce ball. Please vote YES on A.

Jim Salinas, Sr.

President, Recreation & Park Commission

Gordon Chin

Vice President, Recreation & Park Commission

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No Paid Arguments Were Submitted Against Proposition A

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TEXT OF PROPOSED BOND MEASURE

PROPOSITION A

CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO A PROPOSITION TO INCUR THE FOLLOWING BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY: ONE HUNDRED TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$110,000,000) FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES; FINDING THAT THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF SUCH PROPOSED PROJECT IS AND WILL BE TOO GREAT TO BE PAID OUT OF THE ORDINARY ANNUAL INCOME AND REVENUE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY AND WILL REQUIRE EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT ALLOWED THEREFOR BY THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY; RECITING THE ESTIMATED COST OF SUCH PROPOSED PROJECT; WAIVING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2.31 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY RESOLUTION; FIXING THE DATE OF ELECTION AND THE MANNER OF HOLDING SUCH ELECTION AND THE PROCEDURE FOR VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSITION; FIXING THE MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY BOTH PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST THEREOF; PRESCRIBING NOTICE TO BE GIVEN OF SUCH ELECTION; CONSOLIDATING THE SPECIAL ELECTION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION; ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION PRECINCTS, VOTING PLACES AND OFFICERS FOR THE ELECTION; AND WAIVING THE WORD LIMITATION ON BALLOT PROPOSITIONS IMPOSED BY SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 510.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. A special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City and County of San Francisco (the "City and County") on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 2000, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City and County a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of the City and County for the project hereinafter described in the amount and for the purposes stated:

"RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000, \$110,000,000, to pay for the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of recreation and park facilities and properties, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes."

struction and reconstruction of recreation and park facilities and properties, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes."

The special election hereby called and ordered shall be referred to herein as the "Bond Special Election."

Section 2. None of the bond proceeds shall be spent on recreation and park facilities and properties located in Golden Gate park.

Section 3. The estimated cost of the project described in Section 1 hereof was fixed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County (the "Board of Supervisors") by the following resolution and in the amount specified below:

RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000, Resolution No. 974-99, \$110,000,000.

Such resolution was passed by two-thirds or more of the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Mayor of the City (the "Mayor"). In such resolution it was recited and found that the sum of money specified is too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County in addition to the other annual expenses thereof or other funds derived from taxes levied for those purposes and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy.

The method and manner of payment of the estimated costs described herein are by the issuance of bonds of the City and County not exceeding the principal amount specified.

Such estimate of costs as set forth in such resolution is hereby adopted and determined to be the estimated cost of such improvements and financing.

Section 4. The Board of Supervisors hereby waives any and all of the requirements set forth in Section 2.31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code relating to the timely introduction of public interest and necessity resolutions that are or may become applicable to actions of the Board of Supervisors necessary for the submission of the proposition described herein to the voters of the City and County.

Section 5. The Bond Special Election shall be held and conducted and the votes thereafter received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made and the results thereof ascertained, determined and declared as herein provided, and in all particulars not herein recited such election shall be held according to the laws of the State of California and the Charter of the City and County (the "Charter") providing for and governing elections in the City and County, and the polls for such election shall be and remain open

during the time required by such laws.

Section 6. The Bond Special Election is hereby consolidated with the Presidential Primary Election scheduled to be held in the City and County on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. The voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary Election are hereby adopted, established, designated and named, respectively, as the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the Bond Special Election hereby called, and reference is hereby made to the notice of election setting forth the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary Election by the Director of Elections to be published in the official newspaper of the City and County on the date required under the laws of the State of California.

Section 7. The ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election shall be the ballots to be used at the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary Election. The word limit for ballot propositions imposed by San Francisco Municipal Elections Code Section 510 is hereby waived. On the ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election, in addition to any other matter required by law to be printed thereon, shall appear the following as a separate proposition:

"NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000. Shall the City and County incur \$110,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of recreation and park facilities and properties, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?"

Each voter to vote in favor of the issuance of the foregoing bond proposition shall punch the ballot card in the hole after the word "YES" to the right of the proposition, and to vote against the proposition shall punch the ballot card in the hole after the word "NO" to the right of the proposition. If and to the extent that a numerical or other system is used at such special election, each voter to vote in favor of the proposition shall mark the ballot card or equivalent device after the number or in the location corresponding to a "YES" vote for the proposition and to vote against the proposition shall mark the ballot card or equivalent device after the number or in the location corresponding to a "NO" vote for the proposition.

Section 8. If at the Bond Special Election it shall appear that two-thirds of all the voters voting on the proposition voted in favor of and authorized the incurring of bonded indebtedness for the purposes set forth in such proposition, then such proposition shall have been accepted by the electors, and bonds authorized thereby shall be issued upon the order of the

TEXT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Board of Supervisors. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum.

The votes cast for and against the proposition shall be counted separately and when two-thirds of the qualified electors, voting on the proposition, vote in favor thereof, the proposition shall be deemed adopted.

Section 9. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds, the Board of Supervisors shall, at the time of fixing the general tax levy and in the manner for such general tax levy provided, levy and collect annually each year until such bonds are paid, or until there is a sum in the Treasury of said City and County set apart for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for the principal and interest on the bonds, a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on such bonds as the same becomes due and also such part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of such principal.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be published once a day for at least seven (7) days in the official newspaper of the City and County and such publication shall constitute notice of the Bond Special Election and no other notice of the Bond Special Election hereby called need be given.

Section 11. The appropriate officers, employees, representatives and agents of the City and County are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary or desirable to accomplish the calling and holding of the Bond Special Election, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

Academy of Sciences Bonds

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PROPOSITION B

Shall the City and County incur \$87,445,000 of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of certain improvements to the California Academy of Sciences, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?

YES
NO



Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The California Academy of Sciences is a private, nonprofit educational institution that manages and operates the Natural History Museum, Steinhart Aquarium, Morrison Planetarium, and other facilities, all located in Golden Gate Park. The buildings housing these facilities are the property of the City and are deteriorating due to earthquake damage, age, and lack of maintenance.

The principal and interest on general obligation bonds are paid from property tax revenues.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition B would authorize the City to borrow \$87,445,000 by issuing general obligation bonds to acquire, construct, or reconstruct the facilities of the

California Academy of Sciences.

Proposition B would require an increase in the property tax to pay for the bonds. A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of Proposition B.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want the City to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$87,445,000 to acquire, construct, or reconstruct the facilities of the California Academy of Sciences.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want the City to issue bonds for these purposes.

Controller's Statement on "B"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition B:

In my opinion, should the proposed bond issue be authorized and bonds issued at current interest rates, I estimate the approximate costs to be:

Bond Redemption	\$87,445,000
Bond Interest	<u>64,231,138</u>
Debt Service Requirement	\$151,676,138

Based on a single bond sale and level redemption schedules, the average annual debt requirements for twenty (20) years would be approximately \$7,583,807 which is equivalent to one and one-hundred-and-twenty-one thousandths cents (\$0.01121) in the current tax rate. The increase in annual tax for the owner of a home with a net assessed value of \$300,000 would amount to approximately \$32.83 per year if all bonds were sold at the same time. It should

be noted, however, that the City typically does not issue all authorized bonds at one time; if these bonds are issued over several years, the actual effect on the tax rate would be less than the maximum amount shown above.

How Supervisors Voted on "B"

On November 15, 1999 the Board of Supervisors voted 10-0 to place Proposition B on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: Supervisor Brown

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 66 2/3% AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS PAGE. THE FULL TEXT BEGINS ON PAGE 59
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PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

We need to repair our California Academy of Sciences. The 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake caused serious damage to the aging Academy buildings. Since then, nearly every major civic structure in the city has been repaired and seismically retrofitted or rebuilt.

Now it's the Academy's turn.

KEEP THE ACADEMY A SAFE PLACE

The Academy must continue to be the safe and special place it has been for generations. Right now, Bird Hall remains closed due to damage sustained in the Loma Prieta earthquake. Academy roofs are over 30 years old and leaking-threatening both exhibits and collections. Electrical and mechanical fixtures are outdated. Hazardous materials must be removed. Over 1 million visitors each year depend on us to protect this historic facility.

PRESERVE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR ALL CHILDREN

The Academy is the natural sciences classroom for the more than 330,000 school-aged children who visit every year. Culturally disadvantaged children enjoy free classes and thousands more find the Academy a safe and challenging place to learn. With bond funds, we can add an education center for young children.

IMPROVE DISABLED ACCESS

Upgraded access for visitors with disabilities is long overdue. The bond will make these improvements possible.

SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

Over 100 science scholars and researchers are affiliated with the Academy, many of whom study environmental issues such as global warming and protection of endangered species. The bond will repair areas now closed to researchers and create much needed display space. Currently, the Academy is limited to exhibiting 1% of its total collections.

PAY OUR FAIR SHARE

A major portion of funds needed to rebuild the Academy will come from private donations, foundations and the state and federal government. San Franciscans can do their part by supporting this bond.

Please join us in voting "YES" on The Academy Bond.

Board of Supervisors

REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

We don't oppose the Academy but do oppose Proposition B — a deceptive and financially irresponsible measure.

Deceptive Plays

The California Academy of Sciences is a private corporation, but the buildings are owned by the City. The City has failed to maintain and repair the facilities. The roof has not been repaired in thirty years. Money for repairs and ADA access should come from the general fund, budget surpluses, or private and State sources. **San Francisco taxpayers already pay their fair share**, yet in every election, another bond measure increases the financial burden for property owners and renters.

In 1995, voters approved \$30,000,000 for the Academy's aquarium. So far no work has been done. Whatever happened to that money?

Taxpayer Rip-off

More than 80% of Academy visitors live outside San Francisco. Therefore, Proposition B requires San Francisco

taxpayers to subsidize suburbanites. Science industries are making record profits. The Academy should obtain funding from these international sources for education programs that will produce the next generation of scientists.

Environmental Hypocrisy

The Academy pays lip-service against global warming but has relentlessly promoted the Music Concourse Parking Garage and the expansion of the Central Freeway, while lobbying to end the popular Sunday Closure of Kennedy Drive. Employee incentives for taking public transit are almost non-existent. The Academy should be leaders in creating policies that decrease, rather than encourage automobile use.

The Academy and Supervisors should come back with a better plan. Vote No on Proposition B.

Alliance for Golden Gate Park
www.goldengatepark.com

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OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION B

Proposition B means **BAD** economics, **BAD** government, and **BAD** environmental policy.

The Academy of Sciences wants \$87,500,000 in bond money to repair and expand their facilities — \$153,000,000 including interest.

But all the Academy's facilities are owned by the city, and the city is responsible for maintaining them. We've already paid for these repairs with our tax dollars. **Why should we have to pay for them TWICE???**

The Academy badly needs extra space for its rapidly growing scientific collections. But the new building would not be big enough to house even its current collections! **Like the Main Library, it would be obsolete before it is built!** A project this costly should create **solutions**, not more **problems**.

The Academy conducts its meetings in secret, without public input. We don't know what their plans will look like! **San Francisco renters and small homeowners will pay the full cost of this bond**, without even being offered discounted admission. The trustees never asked us for our feedback, before asking us to pay their bills.

A significant portion of this bond will go towards accommodating the proposed 1000-car underground garage in the Music

Concourse. As leaders in environmental studies, the Academy should be actively pursuing alternatives to cars, and solutions to global warming. Instead, they show no interest in reducing automobile traffic into the Park.

The city is quickly approaching its bond debt limit. The trustees have been raising private money for the garage, instead of concentrating on fundraising for the Academy. We need general obligation bonds to pay for parks, hospitals like Laguna Honda, and sewers. The new DeYoung Museum and SFMOMA are being paid for with 100% private donations. The new Academy can be, too.

PROP B IS NOT THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION THE ACADEMY NEEDS! VOTE NO ON B!

Alliance for Golden Gate Park

REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION B

This bond is a necessity, not a luxury. The safety of nearly 1 million visitors is at stake. The Academy bond will pay for retrofitting, repairing and rebuilding facilities damaged in the 1989 earthquake.

Have San Franciscans already paid for these repairs through tax dollars?

No. No taxpayer dollars have been received for the retrofit or deferred maintenance.

Has the Academy adopted a secret plan to rebuild?

No. Public dollars must be spent only as approved in the bond report. If the bond is approved, all plans are subject to public comment.

Do San Franciscans have to pay for the entire retrofit and rebuild project?

No. The \$87 million bond is only a portion of the total project cost. Between \$60 and \$90 million will be raised from private donations; another \$15 million will come from state and federal funds.

Do San Franciscans get any special benefits at the Academy?

Yes. **Only** San Francisco's school groups receive free admission and **only** San Franciscans enjoy free admission through "neighborhood free days."

Will bond funds pay for any portion of the planned underground parking facility in Golden Gate Park?

No.

Is the city approaching its bond limit?

No. There is no risk of reaching the City's debt limit by approving Measure B. According to the public Budget Analysis presented to the Finance Committee (11/3/99), San Francisco will still have \$650,000,000 available for other public projects if voters approve both Academy and Parks bonds.

Vote YES on B.

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PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

KEEP THE ACADEMY IN GOLDEN GATE PARK: YES ON B

Golden Gate Park is special to San Franciscans for its natural beauty, diversity of venues and cultural institutions. The California Academy of Sciences is an integral part of the Park's landscape and history. But its buildings are old (circa 1916) and a good portion of the Academy was damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

KEEP IT SAFE

RETROFIT, REPAIR AND RESTORE

This bond will enable the Academy to retrofit the overall structure and rebuild closed wings like Bird Hall, remove asbestos and upgrade outdated wiring and plumbing. Without these repairs, the Academy can never reach its potential.

EXPAND THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

With the Academy as a partner, Golden Gate Park will continue to offer the best indoor and outdoor spaces for learning about the wonders of the natural world. Currently, the Academy offers classes, lectures, tours and exhibits to adults, children and seniors. It is a center of significant scientific research for over 100 affiliated scientists as well as extensive instruction for over 330,000 school children. Families and friends, singles and couples all find learning a pleasure in this combined setting.

LET'S DO OUR PART

Paying for the work at the Academy is our responsibility. The citizens of San Francisco own these buildings and we should preserve them in Golden Gate Park for future generations. The Academy will raise other funds from private contributors and foundations, and the state and federal governments will also pay a portion.

Isobel Wade

Founder, Neighborhood Parks Council

Nancy Conner

President, Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority*

Dennis Antenore

Commissioner, San Francisco Planning Commission*

Lew Butler

Chair, Partnership for Parks

Richard Locke

President, Friends of Recreation and Parks

*Title for identification purposes only.

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THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS A RESOURCE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Each year, over 1,000 visiting scientists from around the world study the Academy's vast collections and take advantage of its research space. These researchers explore topics that include global biodiversity and California's changing ecosystems, topics that have an impact on everyone's hope for a healthy planet. With the passage of Measure B, research space will be restored.

TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION

330,000 of San Francisco's school-age children visit the Academy each year to learn about the natural world. An educated generation is a generation that will be able to keep our Earth healthy and sound. This bond measure will help the Academy build an early childhood education center. It will make possible programs that will provide awareness about the importance of a healthy environment.

THE ACADEMY — AND OUR PLANET — NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

For the Academy to ensure the safety and accessibility of its buildings, it needs to seismically retrofit its facilities. As well as keeping the Academy safe for current and future visitors, it will be able to expand much-needed research space and improve its educational programs. Passing this bond is an investment in our environmental health and in our future.

PLEASE JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE B.

Richard N. Goldman

Founder, Goldman Environmental Prize

Francesca Vietor

Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment

Richard Lanzerotti, M.D.

Sierra Club San Francisco Group Executive Committee Member

Steve Krefting

SF League of Conservation Voters Boardmember

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As members of the Board of Education, we share the responsibility for providing an excellent education to all of the children of our city. We are committed to working with all parts of the community to accomplish this goal. The California Academy of Sciences is among our most important educational partners.

THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SAN FRANCISCO'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

Our 65,000 students experience science education at its best at the Academy of Sciences. They can see, feel and experience the real world of science. Field trips and special programs at the Aquarium and the Academy make real world connections, which enhance the educational experience.

The Academy is also a partner in our teacher training and professional development programs, providing opportunities for teachers to see and participate in training and research.

THE ACADEMY IS IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

We need the Academy of Sciences now and in the future to work with us to educate the future leaders and citizens of San Francisco.

San Francisco Board of Education

Eddie Y. Chin

Frank Chong

Mary T. Hernandez

Dan Kelly

Juanita Owens

Steve Phillips

Jill Wynns

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PTA LEADERS SUPPORT PROP B!!!

As leaders of the San Francisco PTA and as parents in San Francisco, we have all had the wonderful experience of taking children to the Academy of Sciences. It is one of the best places for kids in San Francisco. We need to join together to provide the resources that are needed to make the building safe for families, bring the facility up to modern structural standards and make all parts of the Academy available to our children and parents.

The PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the nation. We know that educational facilities for children are needed if we are to ensure a successful future for our children. As one of the primary partners of the schools in San Francisco, we urge you to support the Academy of Sciences.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN GOLDEN GATE PARK!

Former Presidents, SFPTA

Betty Alberts

Helen Sloss Luey

Ella Miyamoto

Sylvia Manjarrez Walker

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PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

A SAN FRANCISCO INSTITUTION

The California Academy of Sciences is a San Francisco institution that deserves preservation. After the 1906 earthquake, the Academy was rebuilt from the ground up and reopened in 1916 in Golden Gate Park. Since that time, it has educated and entertained visitors through exhibits and its many programs at the Steinhart Aquarium, Morrison Planetarium, and Natural History Museum.

IN NEED OF RETROFIT AND REPAIR

For the last 10 years, Academy programming has been limited because of structural damage from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Parts of the Academy have been closed to the public since the earthquake, and all of the buildings need to be seismically retrofitted. Also, the facility is not in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Measure B will help the Academy ensure that it is **SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, and FUNCTIONING AT FULL CAPACITY** in years to come.

RESTORE THE ACADEMY

We must act to preserve an institution that educates our children, attracts tourism, and delights visitors of all ages. Of the nearly 1 million visitors who pass through the Academy's doors each year, over 330,000 of them are school-aged children. These children are the scientists of our future, and they deserve access to one of the world's top natural science museums for years to come. It's up to us to make sure the Academy will still be standing for future generations.

JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE B

*U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi*

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There are two compelling reasons to support Measure B, the bond to repair the California Academy of Sciences. First, the Academy is in disrepair. Second, the Academy is an historic San Francisco institution that provides essential educational services to the schools and neighborhoods.

Safety First. Yes on B

Nearly one million people visit the Academy each year, yet the buildings are in disrepair. The bond will pay to:

- Seismically retrofit to meet code.
- Remove asbestos and lead paint.
- Upgrade outdated electrical systems.
- Meet all health and safety codes.
- Repair leaky roofs and skylights.
- Bring all facilities to ADA standards.
- Repair cracked exterior facades.
- Replace outdated plumbing and mechanical systems.

Education for all. Yes on B

The Academy provides science classes, field trips, lectures and education programs for seniors, adults, children and teachers.

The Academy serves a diverse population. About 1/3rd of all Academy visitors, including all San Francisco school children, receive free admission. The Academy brings science education to every sector of San Francisco through its "neighborhood free" days which open the Academy doors free to each neighborhood in turn to ensure that everyone has access.

The Academy is home to some of the world's foremost scientists who study critical environmental issues such as global warming.

Every San Franciscan has an extraordinary resource for life-long learning just around the corner. But unless we take care of it, we risk losing it. Join neighbors and friends across the City in supporting Measure B, the bond to repair the Academy of Sciences.

Ron Miguel

President, Planning Association for the Richmond

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How important is the California Academy of Sciences to San Francisco? Important enough to support Measure B, the bond to repair and rebuild it? Absolutely. The Academy is one of the top five visitor destinations in San Francisco.

Consider these facts about our Academy of Sciences:

- Nearly 1 million people from around the Bay Area and the world visit the Academy each year.
- Over 330,000 school-aged children get their first look at the world of natural science, space exploration and ocean life at the Academy.
- 170,000 school children visit the Academy as part of organized field trips — making the Academy the Bay Area's science lab of choice for schools across the region.
- The Academy houses 8 scientific research departments including anthropology, aquatic biology, botany, entomology, herpetology, ichthyology, invertebrate zoology and geology, and ornithology and mammology.
- Over 100 research scientists are affiliated with the Academy and study subjects with significant environmental impact — from endangered species to climate trends.

We San Franciscans own the buildings that house the Academy. Many of them date back to 1916 when the Academy first opened in Golden Gate Park. These aging buildings were particularly hard hit in the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989. Most haven't been repaired since then.

Nearly every other major institution in the City has been rebuilt and seismically retrofitted. As a major City attraction, operating in City-owned buildings, the Academy must be safe for all those who visit, especially the legions of school children.

Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Mayor of San Francisco

Frank Jordan
Former Mayor

Art Agnos
Former Mayor

George Christopher
Former Mayor

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The California Academy of Sciences has educated and entertained generations of San Franciscans over the years and is the final cultural institution in Golden Gate Park which will be brought into the 21st Century.

We are Republicans who support the public/private cultural institutions that make San Francisco a "World Class City". We urge every San Franciscan to support Proposition B.

Vote Yes on Proposition B.

CITIZENS FOR A BETTER SAN FRANCISCO

Robert Evans

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 12th Congressional District

Howard Epstein

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 12th Assembly District

Bob Lane

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 13th Assembly District

Candidates for the Republican County Central Committee in the 12th Assembly District:

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Over the years, the San Francisco Republican Party has supported general obligation bonds for upgrading Golden Gate Park, the Steinhart Aquarium, the De Young Museum, the San Francisco Zoo, the Asian Art Museum, and other cultural institutions to which our City has committed itself. We have done so with the knowledge that property owners will bear the entire costs of the bonds. However, the costs have been kept to a minimum because they were offset by generous contributions from corporations, foundations, and individual donors who share the City's commitment in a special way.

Our cultural institutions distinguish San Francisco from the suburbs or, say, beautiful downtown Burbank. They add to our quality of life as and promote San Francisco to the entire world as a first-class city. As attractions to the millions of tourists who come to San Francisco, they more than pay for themselves.

The California Academy of Sciences is the final piece in that mosaic of cultural institutions we have supported over the past 12 years.

We urge every voter to support Proposition B.

Donald A. Casper

Chairman, San Francisco Republican Party

Christopher L. Bowman

Political Director, SFGOP

Sue Woods

Grace Norton-Fitzpatrick

Les Payne

Randy Bernard

Dr. Lee Dolson

Mike Denunzio

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Harold Hoogasian

Rodney Leong

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Arthur Bruzzone

Rose Chung

Jody Stevens

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Measure B is a fiscally sound request for bond funds.

There is no dispute that the California Academy of Sciences is a valuable asset to San Francisco and, in particular, to our children. And, there is no dispute that the Academy is in need of structural retrofit and repair.

The majority of funds required will be raised from sources other than City issued bonds.

I urge you to protect one of San Francisco's most valuable assets.

Susan Leal

Treasurer, City & County of San Francisco

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Susan Leal.

Supervisor Ammiano Urges Support for the Academy of Sciences

The City needs to do everything it can to provide educational opportunities for all our children. As a former classroom teacher, I know that the Academy of Sciences is an important asset for students and families. Even as we are as prudent as possible with public resources, repairing the Academy and making it safe for future generations of teachers and students is a necessary thing to do.

Every community in San Francisco benefits from having this valuable resource in our city. Please join me in voting "Yes" on Proposition B. Save the Academy of Sciences!

Tom Ammiano

President, Board of Supervisors

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The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is:
1. California Academy of Sciences.

CHILD ADVOCATES SUPPORT THE ACADEMY!!!

Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth has been working for the improvement of San Francisco's children's services for twenty years. We love the Academy Of Sciences! It is there for all children. It is used by hundreds of thousands of children, their schools and families. The Academy is an anchor for children's activities in the park.

Coleman enthusiastically urges you to support the repair, upgrading and modernization of the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park by voting for Measure B.

Margaret Brodtkin

Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth

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The current California Academy of Sciences complex was built in Golden Gate Park in 1916, after the 1906 earthquake destroyed its original facility. While much of the current Academy is accessible to all visitors, these early buildings are not legally in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

IMPROVE ACCESS FOR ALL VISITORS TO THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

Since the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, portions of the Academy have been closed. Other parts of the facility require upgrades to be considered completely seismically safe. In rebuilding and retrofitting the existing facility, the Academy has a chance to make the necessary changes to achieve full ADA compliance.

With your support, the Academy will be able to make its offerings available to all visitors, regardless of their physical abilities.

SAVE A SAN FRANCISCO TREASURE.

The Academy offers entertaining educational programs through its three main facilities: the Steinhart Aquarium, Morrison Planetarium, and Natural History Museum. In addition to serving over 330,000 school-aged children each year, the Academy sponsors a lecture series and classes for adults interested in the natural sciences. The Academy is also a place where scientists whose expertise ranges from anthropology to biology and geology can study its vast collections while making advances in their respective environmental fields.

Through passage of Measure B, the Academy will be able to make its facilities safe, expand display space, and increase valuable research space.

LET'S HELP THE ACADEMY STAY A SAFE PLACE AND INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE B.

August Longo

Chair, FDR Democratic Club for People with Disabilities

Liz Dunlap

Disabilities activist

Rachialle Franklin

Taxi Commissioner*

Robert Planthold

Senior Action Network

*Title for identification purposes only

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Dear San Franciscans,

Public safety is our work.

Your safety is a top priority for the City of San Francisco. That's why we need your help.

We must make public safety at the Academy of Sciences the highest priority. We can't wait any longer. The Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park was opened in 1916. One-third of the facilities were built before 1932 and half before 1960.

The buildings are old and some were severely damaged in the 1989 earthquake. Retrofit and repair are long overdue. Here's what needs to be fixed:

Retrofit and foundation repair

Plumbing and electrical systems

Leaky roofs replaced

Access for disabled visitors

Remove hazardous materials

Restrooms upgraded

Nearly 1 million people — San Franciscans and visitors — visit the Academy every year. They count on us to maintain a safe environment day in and day out; in routine times and times of crisis.

As San Franciscans, we owe that to our families, neighbors and visitors.

Our contribution toward the retrofit and repair work covered by MEASURE B is a portion of the money needed. Donations and state and federal money will make up the difference.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. VOTE YES ON MEASURE B.

Sincerely,

Bob Demmons

Fire Chief

Lucien Canton

Emergency Services Director

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Building Trades Favor Proposition B!

Modernizing the Academy of Sciences will be good for San Francisco! It will mean that one of the treasures of the City is preserved and improved for the future when our grandchildren and their children go on field trips to this remarkable museum and research center. It also means good jobs for the workers who will do the work of repairing and improving the building as well as those who work at the Academy.

We are proud to play a part in building and preserving the great public buildings of our city. Now the Academy of Sciences needs our attention. As a leader of the labor movement, I support a "Yes" vote on Measure B. It will be good for the families of San Francisco and good for the workers.

Stan Smith

San Francisco Building Trades Council

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1. California Academy of Sciences.

TEACHERS NEED THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

We are the teachers of San Francisco. We teach your children. In a time of limited funding for schools, we are grateful for all the community partners who help us to provide a rich learning environment for our students. The California Academy of Sciences is one of a teacher's best resources.

Field trips to the Academy give our students an experience that urban children need. Making connections between classroom and the real world is a vital component of a child's education. All our kids must be able to go to the Academy with their classes and with their families.

The Academy is also an important training partner for all educators. Our school district has a strong science education focus through a partnership with the National Science Foundation. Classes, events and curriculum materials from the Academy assist teachers with science professional development.

PLEASE HELP THE ACADEMY TO HELP TEACHERS BY VOTING FOR PROPOSITION B!!!

Kent Mitchell

President, United Educators of San Francisco

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YES ON MEASURE B

The California Academy of Sciences has earned our loyalty and respect. The Academy has been a good neighbor to us and now it's our turn.

THE ACADEMY MUST BE A SAFE PLACE

The California Academy of Sciences was badly damaged in the Loma Prieta earthquake. For the past 10 years, halls have been closed, research and teaching space have been reduced. The other major institutions in San Francisco have been repaired and retrofit. But the Academy waited.

Now it's time to make the repairs, do the retrofit and get ready for the new Century. Measure B will provide a portion of the funds necessary to do the work.

THE COMMUNITY NEEDS THIS CENTER OF LEARNING

The California Academy of Sciences reaches out to all communities. It is one of San Francisco's most wide reaching institutions, educating children through school field trips, in after-school programs and through special exhibits. Lecture series, tours and classes are also offered for adults.

ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT

Whether it's children or adults, families or singles, there is something for everyone. And the Academy had made great efforts to invite all San Franciscans to participate. The Academy:

- Sponsored gatherings of community leaders to contribute ideas to exhibits of special interest.
- Created "neighborhood free days" to encourage folks from each neighborhood in San Francisco to visit for free on a rotating basis.
- Reduced ticket prices for mass transit riders.

JOIN US. REPAIR THE ACADEMY. VOTE YES ON B.

Myrna Lim

NWPC Board Member

Jim Mayo

Trustee, San Francisco Community College Board

Carlota Del Portillo

Dean, Mission Campus, City College of San Francisco

Avé Montague

Small Business Owner

Tuan A. Hoang, M.D.

Maria Santos

Associate Superintendent, SFUSD

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The State Will Do Its Part to Preserve the Academy

Californians understand the value of scientific research and education. That's why the California State Legislature is contributing its share to repair and rebuild San Francisco's California Academy of Sciences. In 1997 alone, 25 state agencies received assistance from the Academy of Sciences in trying to tackle the complex policy and research questions that face our diverse state.

The Academy of Sciences is a resource for scientists worldwide. Each year, over 1,000 scientists come to the Academy to study its collections and to take advantage of its extensive library. The Academy's own scientists travel the globe to remain at the cutting edge in many areas of the natural sciences.

With all of its potential, the Academy has been functioning below its capacity since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The Academy's buildings need to be reinforced, in part due to the earthquake's damage and in part due to 65 years of wear and tear from San Francisco's children. Until major retrofitting and improvement of the building's safety systems are completed, the Academy will not be as effective an institution as it can be.

San Francisco Must Pitch In

Nearly 1 million yearly visitors are charmed and delighted by the Academy's extensive offerings, while every year 330,000 school-aged children are shown the excitement of science. Join private funders and the California State and Federal governments in preserving the Academy for years to come.

The Academy of Sciences is an international resource, a valuable scientific research institution, and a San Francisco institution of great tradition. Join us in restoring it for all generations.

Vote YES on B.

Carole Migden
Assemblywoman

Kevin Shelley
Assemblyman

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The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is:
1. California Academy of Sciences.

SUPPORT MEASURE B!

The California Academy of Sciences supports and encourages environmentally sound transportation choices and rewards mass transit riders.

The Academy supported a weekend shuttle between UCSF garage and Golden Gate Park with advertising and dollars. In addition, the Academy owns and operates a natural gas powered vehicle.

VISITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Mass transit information is included in all Academy advertising and on the Academy web page. The Academy offers a discount to visitors who ride public transportation and anyone can purchase MUNI tokens and Fast Passes at the Academy's entrance.

The Academy strongly supports the G Line extension and the expansion of other public transportation options into Golden Gate Park.

STAFF IS ENCOURAGED TO COMMUTE RESPONSIBLY

The Academy encourages its 400 staff members to travel to the Academy by means other than their personal automobiles. Benefits to staff for using alternative transportation include additional vacation days and commuter check vouchers. To encourage staff to bike to work, an indoor and secure bicycle cage is provided. For those who drive, reserved parking spaces are made available for carpool vehicles.

As an advocate for alternative modes of transportation, I extend my support to the Academy. I believe it is important to support City institutions that promote responsible transit.

Join me. **Vote Yes on B.**

James Fang
BART Board Member

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The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is:
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As an anchor of Golden Gate Park since 1916, the California Academy of Sciences is a place where all San Franciscans can learn about the natural sciences while enjoying the pleasures of the Steinhart Aquarium, Morrison Planetarium, and Natural History Museum. Nearly 1,000,000 visitors pass through the Academy's exhibits each year, children and adults alike.

The Academy needs our help. Major structural work needs to be completed if this San Francisco institution is to continue serving our City for the next 100 years.

INVITING OUR COMMUNITY IN

The Academy works to be inclusive. The Academy's first annual Lavender Day, which took place during Pride Weekend 1999, offered Pride Weekend participants free admission to the Academy. Neighborhood Free Days, which offer free admission by neighborhood, also demonstrate the Academy's commitment to sharing its resources with our communities and with San Francisco as a whole.

A PLACE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

People of all ages take advantage of the Academy's lecture series and ongoing classes, many of which educate Bay Area adults. Nearly 4,000 adults enroll yearly in Academy classes that are designed to broaden their knowledge about the natural sciences.

NECESSARY UPGRADES

The 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake closed portions of the Academy and left other parts on shaky ground. The funds from the bond measure will help the Academy fix what's broken and strengthen weaker portions of the facility.

VOTE YES TO HELP FIX OUR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

Esther Lee

Co-Chair, Alice B. Toklas Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club

Mark Dunlop

President SFRA*

Wayne Friday

Police Commissioner*

Lawrence Wong

Trustee, Community College Board

Anna Damiani

Vice-President, Golden Gate Business Association

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"Parks are for people, not cars! The Green Party opposes Proposition B because it will encourage the development of an underground garage in Golden Gate Park, which will mean more cars, traffic, and pollution in the park."

San Francisco Green Party

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Green Party.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jim Barrett 2. Susan King 3. Nancy Marmol.

This institutional expansion project will increase taxes and diminish the park experience for future generations.

Joel Ventresca

Former San Francisco Environmental Commissioner

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Joel Ventresca.

The Academy advocates building a giant garage in Golden Gate Park. This concrete structure will result in the destruction of many trees and change the nature of the Concourse. While we support the Academy's educational mission, we cannot vote them public funds as long as they advocate building this garage.

Katherine Howard
Landscape Architect

Gregory Miller
Financial Analyst

Elvira James
Librarian

Roger Levin
Counselor

Michael Henscey
Designer

Terry Rolleri
Richmond *Homeowner

James Hawkins
Contractor

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Katherine Howard, Gregory Miller, Terry Rolleri.

Ignoring negative neighborhood environmental impacts, the Academy of Science has campaigned for a massive parking garage in Golden Gate Park and actively worked to rebuild the Central Freeway. Send Academy trustees a message that before they get our community's support they need to support our community.

Say NO to bad science and Prop B.

Robin Levitt

Patricia Walkup

Co-chairs Build the Boulevard Campaign

Jennifer Clary

Candidate Democratic County Committee (12th A.D.)

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Robin Levitt, Patricia Walkup, Jennifer Clary.

This is yet another tax! In 1995, voters approved \$29,000,000 in Bonds for the aquarium. This additional bond will give the Academy, without a thoughtful masterplan, a total of \$116,000,000.

Jim Iwersen

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Jim Iwersen.

Until the Board of Supervisors guarantees that bonds won't be passed through by landlords to tenants, tenants could foot the bill through rent hikes.

TENANTS - VOTE NO ON B!

Robert Haaland

San Francisco Tenants' Union

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B is Bad for Golden Gate Park

Proposition B means urbanization of Golden Gate Park. The Academy is an important institution, but its need for space is insatiable. This bond will pay to link the Academy to the unnecessary 900-car Music Concourse Parking Garage, destroying historic pedestrian tunnels in the process. Bigger buildings, garages, more traffic, and more roadways will kill our fragile woodland park.

Vote no on B!

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council.

"U.S., British meteorologists warn global warming is here, now." - San Francisco Examiner, 12-99.

It's clear: instead of "studying" global warming, the Academy should promote alternatives to driving. Oppose the Academy bond!

Katherine Roberts

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Katherine Roberts.

I oppose this bond measure because it has been thrust upon the public without consideration for the long term implications for the viability of the Academy and the cost to taxpayers.

Denise D'Anne

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Denise D'Anne.

This historic collection of 16,000,000 scientific specimens is too big to be in the Park. Store the collection elsewhere. Then repair the Academy for less! Vote No on B.

Pinky Kushner

San Francisco Resident

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Pinky Kushner.

The Academy is encouraging private contributions to the 1,000-space parking garage, while offering to raise only \$60,000,000 (40%) privately for the Academy. If the de Young trustees are raising \$135,000,000 (100%), the Academy should raise an equal amount. Remember, the Giants tried 4 times to get it right. Vote NO.

Phillip Carleton

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Phillip Carleton.

The Academy's plan calls for 20-years of taxpayer debt, yet only 10 years of accommodation for their scientific collection. This public investment is unwise.

Darcy Cohn

San Francisco resident

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Darcy Cohn.

While the Academy is deserving of public funds, we are concerned that private money raised for the proposed Concourse parking garage is not being used first. We need to reduce traffic in the park and not unnecessarily burden the taxpayers.

Jonathan Winston

Anna Sojourner

Karen Franklin

Gregory Howard

Christopher Robertson

Darla Bratton

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Jonathan Winston.

TEXT OF PROPOSED BOND MEASURE

PROPOSITION B

CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO A PROPOSITION TO INCUR THE FOLLOWING BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY: EIGHTY-SEVEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$87,445,000) FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES; FINDING THAT THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF SUCH PROPOSED PROJECT IS AND WILL BE TOO GREAT TO BE PAID OUT OF THE ORDINARY ANNUAL INCOME AND REVENUE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY AND WILL REQUIRE EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT ALLOWED THEREFOR BY THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY; RECITING THE ESTIMATED COST OF SUCH PROPOSED PROJECTS; WAIVING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2.31 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY RESOLUTIONS; FIXING THE DATE OF ELECTION AND THE MANNER OF HOLDING SUCH ELECTION AND THE PROCEDURE FOR VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSITION; FIXING THE MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY BOTH PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST THEREOF; PRESCRIBING NOTICE TO BE GIVEN OF SUCH ELECTION; CONSOLIDATING THE SPECIAL ELECTION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION; ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION PRECINCTS, VOTING PLACES AND OFFICERS FOR THE ELECTION; AND WAIVING THE WORD LIMITATION ON BALLOT PROPOSITIONS IMPOSED BY SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 510.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. A special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City and County of San Francisco (the "City and County") on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 2000, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City and County a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of the City and County for the project hereinafter described in the amount and for the purposes stated:

"CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000,

\$87,445,000, to pay for the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of certain improvements to the California Academy of Sciences, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes."

The special election hereby called and ordered shall be referred to herein as the "Bond Special Election."

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County (the "Board of Supervisors") will not authorize the appropriation of any general fund moneys of the City and County, other than bond proceeds including interest earnings, to pay the costs of the above-referenced project. The California Academy of Sciences is urged to study methods to increase public and non-automotive transportation accessibility to the project and to educate the public about the availability of such transportation.

Section 3. The estimated cost of the projects described in Section 1 hereof was fixed by the Board of Supervisors by the following resolution and in the amount specified below:

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000, Resolution No. 975-99, \$87,445,000.

Such resolution was passed by two-thirds or more of the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Mayor of the City (the "Mayor"). In such resolution it was recited and found that the sum of money specified is too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County in addition to the other annual expenses thereof or other funds derived from taxes levied for those purposes and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy.

The method and manner of payment of the estimated costs described herein are by the issuance of bonds of the City and County not exceeding the principal amount specified.

Such estimate of costs as set forth in such resolution is hereby adopted and determined to be the estimated cost of such improvements and financing.

Section 4. The Board of Supervisors hereby waives any and all of the requirements set forth in Section 2.31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code relating to the timely introduction of public interest and necessity resolutions that are or may become applicable to actions of the Board of Supervisors necessary for the submission of the proposition described herein to the voters of the City and County.

Section 5. The Bond Special Election shall be held and conducted and the votes thereafter received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made and the results thereof ascertained, deter-

mined and declared as herein provided and in all particulars not herein recited such election shall be held according to the laws of the State of California and the Charter of the City and County (the "Charter") providing for and governing elections in the City and County, and the polls for such election shall be and remain open during the time required by such laws.

Section 6. The Bond Special Election is hereby consolidated with the Presidential Primary Election scheduled to be held in the City and County on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. The voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary Election are hereby adopted, established, designated and named, respectively, as the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the Bond Special Election hereby called, and reference is hereby made to the notice of election setting forth the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary Election by the Director of Elections to be published in the official newspaper of the City and County on the date required under the laws of the State of California.

Section 7. The ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election shall be the ballots to be used at the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary Election. The word limit for ballot propositions imposed by San Francisco Municipal Elections Code Section 510 is hereby waived. On the ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election, in addition to any other matter required by law to be printed thereon, shall appear the following as a separate proposition:

"CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2000. Shall the City and County incur \$87,445,000 of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of certain improvements to the California Academy of Sciences, and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?" Each voter to vote in favor of the issuance of the foregoing bond proposition shall punch the ballot card in the hole after the word "YES" to the right of the proposition, and to vote against the proposition shall punch the ballot card in the hole after the word "NO" to the right of the proposition. If and to the extent that a numerical or other system is used at such special election, each voter to vote in favor of the proposition shall mark the ballot card or equivalent device after the number or in the location corresponding to a "YES" vote for the proposition and to vote against the proposition shall mark the ballot card or equivalent device after the number or in the location corresponding to a "NO" vote for the proposition.

Section 8. If at the Bond Special Election it shall appear that two-thirds of all the voters vot-

LEGAL TEXT OF PROPOSITION B (CONTINUED)

ing on such proposition voted in favor of and authorized the incurring of bonded indebtedness for the purposes set forth in such proposition, then such proposition shall have been accepted by the electors, and bonds authorized thereby shall be issued upon the order of the Board of Supervisors. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum.

The votes cast for and against the proposition shall be counted separately and when two-thirds of the qualified electors, voting on the proposition, vote in favor thereof, the proposition shall be deemed adopted.

Section 9. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds, the Board of Supervisors shall, at the time of fixing the general tax levy and in the manner for such general tax levy provided, levy and collect annually each year until such bonds are paid, or until there is a sum in the Treasury of said City and County set apart for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for the principal and interest on the bonds, a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on such bonds as the same becomes due and also such part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of such principal.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be published once a day for at least seven (7) days in the official newspaper of the City and County and such publication shall constitute notice of the Bond Special Election and no other notice of the Bond Special Election hereby called need be given.

Section 11. The appropriate officers, employees, representatives and agents of the City and County are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary or desirable to accomplish the calling and holding of the Bond Special Election, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

Open Space Fund



PROPOSITION C

Shall the City extend the Open Space Fund for 30 years, add new planning and budgeting requirements, and authorize the Board of Supervisors to issue revenue bonds secured by the Fund?

YES 
NO 

Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The City has a Park and Open Space Fund which annually receives a set portion of the property tax. The fund will expire on June 30, 2005.

The Charter lists mandatory and permissible uses and priorities of the fund, including acquiring and developing real property, renovating and maintaining real property and facilities, and operating of after-school recreation, urban forestry, and community garden programs.

The Recreation and Park Commission must approve, with the Planning Commission, an annual budget for the fund and must adopt a five-year capital plan for purchase and development of real property.

The Department of Public Works executes and manages construction projects for the Recreation and Park Department and prepares the plans and specifications for these projects.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition C is a Charter amendment that would repeal the current Park and Open Space Fund and create a new Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund. The new fund would receive the same portion of the prop-

erty tax as the old fund, extended through June 30, 2031.

The budget for this fund would have to include a 5 percent allocation for purchase of real property; a 3 percent allocation for a reserve; and fund certain current programs at 1999-2000 levels.

The Recreation and Park Commission would have to adopt, annually, five-year strategic, capital, and operational plans.

With the agreement of the Recreation and Park Commission and the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors could issue revenue bonds, secured by the fund, for construction projects and purchases of property. Any cost savings or additional revenues the Department created would be kept for use in park and recreational improvements.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want to make these changes in the City's Park and Open Space Fund.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want to make these changes in the City's Park and Open Space Fund.

Controller's Statement on "C"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition C:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be adopted, in my opinion, it should not materially affect the cost of government.

The amendment extends the current tax set aside for open space and park related purposes. It also allows the Recreation and Park Department to keep additional funds that might have been used to offset general fund monies in the past. Finally it allows for revenue bonds to be issued, but only if they can be paid off from these existing fund sources.

How Supervisors Voted on "C"

On November 22, 1999 the Board of Supervisors voted 11-0 to place Proposition C on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 50%+1 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS PAGE. THE FULL TEXT BEGINS ON PAGE 68
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Open Space Fund

PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

Proposition C is our chance to protect the few remaining open spaces in San Francisco.

By extending the Open Space Fund and requiring coordination and efficiency from the public agencies that maintain our parks, Proposition C will enhance the quality of our existing parks and make possible the acquisition of new parks, playgrounds and natural spaces.

What Measure C does:

- Extends the existing Open Space Fund to allow acquisition and enhancement of parks and open spaces.
- Promotes coordination between the city agencies responsible for parks and open space capital improvement projects. Measure C specifically requires the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Public Works to agree on plans for capital improvements and work together effectively to implement capital projects.
- Requires that capital projects must be completed within 3 years of the budget allocation for design and construction.
- Calls for creation of a citizens advisory committee to make sure all funds are spent efficiently and appropriately.

What Measure C does not do:

- It does not call for any privatization of the parks. It preserves all existing laws in respect to contracting out and helps make sure that public parks and open spaces remain fully under public control.
- It does not call for any new taxes or fees. Proposition C is an extension of the existing Open Space Fund. It is not a new tax or fee.

San Francisco is an increasingly congested city. Proposition C is our chance to protect and expand the parks, playgrounds and open spaces in every San Francisco neighborhood that help make our city livable.

Please join the Sierra Club, neighborhood park groups, and all of the members of the Board of Supervisors in support of Proposition C.

Renew our parks and protect our open spaces. Vote Yes on C.

Board of Supervisors

REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES QUESTION ENDLESS PROPOSITION C SPENDING:

Our late friend, U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa, Ph.D. (Republican-California), was fond of quoting his great fellow Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen: "A billion here, a billion there - pretty soon you're spending real money."

We wish there were a few prudent legislators like them on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors - The taxpayers of our City would be getting a lot more value for their money.

Dirksen was also one of the most effective American orators of the 20th Century, but even he would have been hard pressed to define the exact role of Proposition C's "citizen advisory committee to make sure all funds are spent efficiently and appropriately." Perhaps Mayor Willie Brown wants to make some "Nothingburger" appointments? He may owe the Sierra Club some posts.

It is also unclear why "capital projects must be completed within 3 years of the budget allocation for design and construction."

The revenue anticipation bonds allowed by Proposition C sound like similar securities that appeared a little before the bankruptcy of New York City.

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Past San Francisco Republican Party Chairman
State Senate Nominee (3rd Dist.)

Adam Sparks

Republican Congressional Nominee (8th Dist.)

Stephen Brewer

Republican Committeeman

Mike Garza

Past Republican Committeeman

Congressional Candidate

Stephanie Jeong

Republican Committee Candidate

Albert Kildani

Republican Committee Candidate

Denis Norrington

Republican Committee Candidate

Gail Neira

Republican State Assembly Candidate

David Winzer

Republican Committee Candidate

Shirley Bates

Republican Committee Candidate

Open Space Fund



OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

BONDS ARE A WASTEFUL WAY TO FINANCE OPEN SPACE BUDGETING REQUIREMENTS — NORMAL GOVERNMENTAL COSTS SHOULD BE PAID FOR OUT OF CURRENT TAX REVENUE

Credit cards are a poor way to finance a family.

Municipal bonds are just as bad a method to fund an Open Space program.

Proposition C calls for 30 years of bonds . . . just what we don't need for an Open Space preservation plan.

The regular costs of local government should be paid for on a "pay-as-you-go" basis out of current tax funds.

Running up unnecessary debts with borrowed money in the form of Municipal Bonds is a good deal for everybody but taxpayers:

Municipal bond attorneys are paid to prepare the legal papers for bond offerings.

Securities firms make money marketing municipal bonds.

Bond brokers make commissions every time municipal bonds are traded.

Banks and other firms acting as transfer agents get all sorts of fees from the bond trade.

Bank of America was recently sued by San Francisco and other local governments for its poor accounting practices and its alleged pocketing of unclaimed bond dividends. The Bank settled this litigation, paying San Francisco and other plaintiffs.

Vote **"NO"** on Proposition C's program of 30 years of new municipal bonds for Open Space.

Such costs should be paid for out of current taxes, thus avoiding interest charges.

Vote against wasteful Proposition C!

Citizens for Election Law Reform

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Chairman of Citizens for Election Law Reform

REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

Proposition C extends the Open Space Fund at the current rate.

Proposition C also brings long-overdue reform to how we manage our parks by requiring citizen review and management efficiency.

Proposition C was developed by park users, citizens groups, open-space advocates and thousands of San Franciscans who participated in a lengthy review process that culminated in unanimous passage by the Board of Supervisors.

In this increasingly crowded city, the Open Space Fund helps us acquire new parks and green spaces and maintain our current neighborhood parks. Passage of Proposition C will guarantee this Open Space Fund for another 30 years and help attract an additional \$30 million in state matching funds.

Along with Proposition A, also on the March ballot, Proposition C is part of package that will help renew our neighborhood parks. These reforms will help provide all San Franciscans with safe and clean parks and new open spaces.

Proposition C is our chance to protect our few remaining open spaces and help clean up all our neighborhood parks. All without any additional taxes.

Join with park neighbors from throughout San Francisco in support of Proposition C.

Board of Supervisors



Open Space Fund

PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

The League of Women Voters of San Francisco urges you to vote **YES** on Proposition C, the renewed Open Space Fund.

Parks and open space are a vital part of a truly sustainable community.

Proposition C will ensure the continuation of the fund which serves all San Franciscans through park and recreation facilities, after school recreational programs, urban forestry, and community garden programs.

The League of Women Voters urges you to Vote **YES** on Proposition C on March 7!

Holli P. Thier, J.D.
Co-President

Martha Benioff
Co-President

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

The Open Space Fund made it possible to protect our neighborhood's unique character through acquisition of Edgemoor Mountain Park. Prop C will extend the Open Space Fund and help make possible expansion of this park and other open spaces in the city. Please vote YES on C!

Greater West Portal Neighborhood Organization, sponsor of Friends of Edgemoor Mountain Park

Tim Colen, President

Mary McDermott

Joan Kingery

Stephen Suacci

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association.

Proposition C opens up the Department of Recreation and Parks to community oversight and ensures fiscal accountability through creation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee. Proposition C means we have a voice in how our neighborhood parks are funded and managed. Please vote YES on C.

Assemblymember Kevin Shelley

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Shelley for Assembly

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. California Professional Firefighters PAC 2. Pechanga Band of Mission Indians 3. Political Action for Classified Employees of California School Employees Association.

Proposition C extends the Open Space Fund without raising taxes or imposing new fees. The Open Space Fund has been instrumental in protecting open spaces, maintaining parks and recreation programs in the Richmond, and financing our new recreation center.

Please vote Yes on C.

Ron Miguel

President, Planning Association for the Richmond

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Planning Association for the Richmond.

Every neighborhood deserves green spaces and recreation opportunities. Proposition C provides twice as much money to purchase Open Space as was available under the old Open Space Fund. This will allow the City to purchase open space in neighborhoods without adequate parks such as the Sunset, North Mission, and SOMA. A YES vote on C will help ensure equitable access in every neighborhood.

Isabel Wade

Executive Director, Neighborhood Park Council

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Urban Resource Systems, Inc.

To renew our commitment to the acquisition of open space, restoration of significant natural areas and revitalizing biodiversity among San Francisco's native plants and wildlife, Sierra Club urges YES on Prop C.

Sierra Club, Bay Area Chapter

www.sfbay.sierraclub.org/sfgroup

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Clayton Mansfield.

Open Space Fund



PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

Proposition C will significantly improve the way San Francisco's neighborhood parks are funded and managed. Proposition C is our opportunity to both ensure community oversight of the annual park budget and reform the park bureaucracy.

Please join me in voting vote Yes on C.

Senator Dianne Feinstein

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Increasing open space will improve the quality of life.

Joel Ventresca

Former President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Joel Ventresca.

SPUR, the Neighborhood Parks Council, and other community groups spent two years studying the financial and management needs of our Recreation and Park Department. Proposition C is the result of that park planning process.

Proposition C will reform the way our neighborhood parks are managed by ensuring that park resources are properly spent. Proposition C strengthens public oversight and ensures that our tax dollars and park resources are managed responsibly through creation of a Community Park Advisory Committee. It also requires the Recreation and Park Department to implement long range planning and modern management practices.

Proposition C will extend the Open Space Fund, insuring that the city continues to both purchase open space and develop new recreation facilities in underserved neighborhoods. This is a unique opportunity to protect San Francisco's few remaining open spaces and to improve park facilities without raising taxes or imposing new fees.

Protect our investment in parks. Vote Yes on Proposition C.

San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is San Francisco Planning & Urban Research Association (SPUR).

Open spaces provide something for everyone in the City. Young and old alike — we all benefit from having clean and accessible parks. Prop. C helps insure that our City's leaders maintain and improve our parks and open spaces.

Please join us in supporting the preservation, improvement, and acquisition of park and open space lands. **Vote YES on B.**

Dan Kalb

Candidate, Democratic County Committee (12th A.D.)

Robin Levitt

Candidate, Democratic County Committee (13th A.D.)

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Dan Kalb and Robin Levitt.

Proposition C establishes a responsible, accountable, **public** planning process for our parks — and guarantees the funding necessary to carry out those plans. This is good government!

Vote Yes on B.

San Francisco Tomorrow

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

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jane Morrison 2. Jennifer Clary 3. Claude Wilson.

Proposition C is our opportunity to support our city's parks and recreation programs and to preserve San Francisco's limited open space. Proposition C enables the Recreation & Park Department to conduct business more efficiently and ensures community participation. Prop C requires Rec & Park to establish strategic and capital improvement plans and creates a Community Advisory Council to help develop the annual park budget. Prop C also extends the Open Space Fund — the only funding source dedicated to maintaining our neighborhood parks — for thirty more years. **Vote YES on C!**

Richard S. Locke

President, Friends of Recreation & Parks

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Friends of Recreation and Parks.



Open Space Fund

PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

Passage of Proposition C will help make neighborhood parks safer and more accessible for every San Franciscan. Proposition C will extend the Open Space Fund which provides millions of dollars annually to protect our city's remaining open spaces and maintain existing parks.

The Open Space Fund and Proposition C are vital to protecting the health and safety of our neighborhood parks. Please vote yes on C to make our parks - and our neighborhoods - safer.

Mauricio E. Vela

Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, Executive Director

Mary C. Harris

Oceanview Rec Center Advisory Board, Chair

Rebecca L. Silverberg

Excelsior District Improvement Association, President

Jeff Mori

Asian American Recovery Services, Executive Director

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Coleman Advocates for Youth.

Like many neighborhood parks, Walter Haas Park, is in great need of renovation. Our work to improve our local park has shown us how important the Open Space Fund is to the City's people and neighborhoods. Prop C will extend the Open Space Fund — without raising taxes — helping to ensure that Walter Haas Park, as well as parks throughout San Francisco, receive needed maintenance and improvements.

Please vote Yes on C.

Robin Lee

Friends of Walter Haas Park

Ed Cooper

Friends of Walter Haas Park

Tim Sheiner

Friends of Walter Haas Park

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Robin Lee.

No more band aid approaches! Support Prop. C to provided a dedicated source of funding for parks. Let's make our parks world-class. Yes on C.

Zoanne Nordstrom

Environmentalist

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Zoanne Nordstrom.

Proposition C includes fundamental reforms that will help us spend tax dollars more efficiently. It requires cooperation, planning and on-time performance. Our parks need exactly this kind of cost-effective investment. For better parks and better government service, YES on C.

Treasurer Susan Leal

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Susan Leal.

As a long time advocate for protecting San Francisco's open space, I urge you to vote Yes on C. Prop C will extend the Open Space Fund and help ensure the preservation of our city's few remaining open spaces and natural areas. Please vote Yes on C.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

The Open Space Fund is the only dedicated funding source available to maintain San Francisco's over 200 neighborhood parks and open spaces. Since 1974, the Open Space Fund has helped improve our neighborhood parks. Prop C will extend this vital neighborhood resource for 30 years without raising our taxes. Please vote Yes on C.

Jeffrey Henne

Member, Parks and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Neighborhood Parks Council 2. SPUR 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Open Space Fund



Proposition C means hope for new neighborhood parks. Prop. C will extend the open space fund, generating the revenue we need to acquire more parks and playgrounds for traditionally underserved areas like South of Market. Prop. C will help preserve land to protect San Francisco's remaining open space — a vitally important goal in our increasingly congested city. On March 7, vote YES on C.

Supervisor Leslie Katz

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. SPUR 2. Neighborhood Parks Council 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

By extending the Open Space Fund and requiring more citizen review, Prop. C will help us renew our neighborhood parks and protect San Francisco's few remaining open spaces. We ask all the Friends of Precita Park, and all San Franciscans, to join us in support of Proposition C.

Lynn Mannix
Friends of Precita Park

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. SPUR 2. Neighborhood Parks Council 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

The renovation of our three major parks: The Rose-Page Mini Park, the Hayes Valley Playground and Clubhouse, and the Daniel E. Koshland Community Park would not have been possible without Open Space Funds. Please vote YES on C to continue Open Space funding, a vital resource for our neighborhood parks.

Barbara Wenger
Spokesperson, Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Committee for Better Parks.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. SPUR 2. Neighborhood Parks Council 3. Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Proposition C will continue our successful Open Space Fund without endangering public control of our public parks. Prop. C guarantees that we can expand and improve our open spaces, enhancing our quality of life. Local 21 represents landscape architects, engineers, planners and other professionals. We urge all San Franciscans to vote YES on C.

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21
Howard Wong

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Howard Wong.

Friends of Michaelangelo Park urge you to vote YES on Prop C. Thanks to the Open Space Fund, our neighborhood now has a community garden and a safe play area for our kids. We support Prop C because without it the Open Space Fund will expire. Please vote YES on C.

Michael Emery
Friends of Michaelangelo Park

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Michael Emery.

No Paid Arguments Were Submitted Against Proposition C

TEXT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION C

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of said City and County by repealing in its entirety Section 16.107, which creates a Park and Open Space Fund, and by adopting, in its place, a new Section 16.107, which creates a Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund, authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for acquisition and/or improvement of real properties, and provides a framework for future improvements in the operations of the Recreation and Park Department.

Section 1. Purpose

Parks and recreation are vital services, providing economic, social and environmental benefits to San Francisco. The Park and Open Space Fund, first enacted in 1974, set aside a portion of the City's property tax revenue to enhance the ability of the City to purchase open space, acquire property for recreation facilities, and develop and maintain those facilities. The original Fund was expanded to include children's services and was extended for 15 years in 1989. At this date, the other needs of the recreation and park system have also become pressing. San Francisco's neighborhood park system is characterized by heavy use, by years of deferred maintenance, and by limited capital investment in neighborhood parks and recreational facilities. This proposal lengthens the period of the set aside, which currently expires at the end of fiscal year 2004-05, from 15 to 30 years and continues the same rate of two and one-half cents (\$.025) for each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation. It also permits the Board of Supervisors to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds for capital improvements and allows the Recreation and Park Commission to manage all aspects of those improvements. By removing pre-determined percentages for the Fund's allocation, this proposal allows the Recreation and Park Department to leverage on-going revenues to address the system's needs through a comprehensive, strategic program of capital and operational improvements.

Section 2. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended by repealing current Section 16.107 in its entirety.

Section 3. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended by adding a new Section 16.107 to read as follows:

SEC. 16.107 PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund. There is hereby established the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund ("Fund") to be administered by the Recreation and Park Department ("Department") as directed by the Recreation and Park Commission ("Commission"). Monies therein

shall be expended or used solely by the Department, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, to provide enhanced park and recreational services and facilities.

(b) Annual Set-aside. The City will continue to set aside from the annual tax levy, for a period of thirty years starting with the fiscal year 2000-2001, an amount equivalent to an annual tax of two and one-half cents (\$.025) for each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation. Revenues obtained thereby shall be in addition to, and not in place of, any sums normally budgeted for the Department and, together with interest, shall be deposited into the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund.

The Controller shall set aside and maintain such an amount, together with any interest earned thereon, in the Fund, and any amount unspent or uncommitted at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year and, subject to the budgetary and fiscal limitations of this Charter, shall be appropriated then or thereafter for the purposes specified in this Section.

(c) Enhanced Revenue and Efficiency Incentives for the Department. It is the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to give the Department greater incentives to improve operational efficiencies and to increase revenue. Increases in revenues and savings shall be dedicated as follows:

1. Actual net increases in Department-generated revenues, compared to the previous fiscal year, shall be dedicated to capital and/or facility maintenance improvements to park and recreational facilities;

2. New revenues from outside sources, such as grant or foundation support, shall be used only for enhancement of park and recreational programs, including, but not limited to, capital and/or facility maintenance improvements; and

3. Overall Department expenditure savings shall be retained by the Department to be dedicated to one-time expenditures.

The City shall implement its efforts to increase revenues in a manner consistent with the City's policy of charging City residents a lower fee than that charged nonresidents for the use and enjoyment of Department property.

(d) Revenue Bond Authority. Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Sections 9.107, 9.108, and 9.109 of this Charter, the Commission may request, and upon recommendation of the Mayor the Board of Supervisors may authorize, the issuance of revenue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, or the incurrence of other obligations, secured by the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or improvement of real property and/or facilities and for the purchase of

equipment.

(e) Fund Expenditures on Commission Property. Any real property acquired with monies from the Fund, including the proceeds of obligations issued pursuant to subsection (d), above, shall be placed under the jurisdiction of the Commission within the meaning of Section 4.113. Fund expenditures to improve, construct, reconstruct or rehabilitate real property shall be limited to property under the jurisdiction of the Commission or property under the jurisdiction of another City department or public agency and subject to an agreement with the Department for its use, management and maintenance.

(f) Use and Allocation of the Fund. Each year, the Commission shall adopt a budget for the allocation and expenditure of the Fund in compliance with the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter, which shall be adopted by the Commission only after a written determination by the Planning Department of conformity with the City's General Plan.

The annual budget for allocation of the Fund that is adopted by the Commission and submitted by the Mayor to the Board of Supervisors shall include:

1. Allocations for after-school recreation programs, urban forestry, community gardens, volunteer programs, and a significant natural areas management program in the amounts allocated for each of those programs from the Park and Open Space Fund in the Department's fiscal year 1999-2000 budget, to the extent that such programs are not so funded in the Department's operating budget or in the budget of another City department.

2. An allocation necessary to ensure that 3% of the monies to be deposited in the Fund during the upcoming fiscal year pursuant to subsection (b), above, be available at the start of the fiscal year as an undesignated contingency reserve.

3. An allocation of not less than 5% of the monies to be deposited in the Fund during the upcoming fiscal year pursuant to subsection (b), above. These monies shall be dedicated to the acquisition of real property identified in the Capital Plan discussed in subsection (g), below. Any portion of these monies that remains unspent or uncommitted at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward, with interest thereon, to the next fiscal year for the purposes set forth herein. The 5% allocation need not be included in the budget submitted to the Board of Supervisors for an upcoming fiscal year to the extent that the total City expenditure for acquisition of property to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Commission for the period commencing with fiscal year 2000-01 and ending with the

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close of the immediately preceding fiscal year exceeds an amount equal to 5% of the total amount appropriated, or to be appropriated, to the Fund for the period commencing with fiscal year 2000-01 and ending with the close of the upcoming fiscal year.

Prior to the adoption of the annual budget by the Recreation and Park Commission, the Department, in conjunction with the Citizens Advisory Committee discussed in subsection (h), below, shall conduct two public hearings in the evenings or on weekends to permit the public to comment on the Department's full budget and programming allocations.

(g) Planning and Reporting Measures. The Commission shall adopt several long-term plans that include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Strategic Plan. By December 1, 2000, the Department shall prepare, for Commission consideration and approval, a five-year Strategic Plan, to be updated annually, that establishes or reaffirms the mission, vision, goals and objectives for the Department. This Strategic Plan will be used to guide the Department's work over the next five years.

2. Capital Plan. By December 1, 2000, the Department shall prepare, for Commission consideration and approval, a five-year Capital Plan, to be updated annually, for the development, renovation, replacement and maintenance of capital assets, and the acquisition of real property. In its Capital Plan the Department shall propose specific properties to be acquired for open space, recreation facilities, significant natural areas, and other recreational purposes and shall prioritize capital and maintenance improvements and provide budgets associated with such improvements. Capital and acquisition projects will be designated by the Department based upon needs identified by the Department and the community. Capital projects will include the planning, design and construction of projects that rehabilitate, restore or replace existing facilities or that develop new facilities. Acquisition projects will include, but will not be limited to, purchase, lease, exchange, eminent domain, license or any other vehicle giving the City a right, whether revocable or not, to use real property, or any interest therein, or any improvement or development rights thereon, for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, protection of natural resources, development of community gardens and development of urban trails, provided that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no acquisition of less than fee simple title may be for a term of less than ten years.

3. Operational Plan. By December 1, 2001, the Department shall prepare, for

Commission consideration and approval, a five-year Operational Plan, to be updated annually, detailing proposed improvements to the Department's services and responsiveness to customer needs. The annual Operational Plan will serve as a tool for improving the operational efficiency of the Department and will include measurable performance standards for the Department. The Department shall prepare the initial Operational Plan after conducting a performance audit of Departmental operations. Thereafter, the Department will conduct periodic performance audits.

The Commission shall establish a community input process, which may include the Citizens Advisory Committee discussed in section (h), below, through which citizens of the City and County of San Francisco will provide assistance to the Commission as it develops criteria and establishes the plans required by this subsection. Prior to the adoption of each five-year plan, the Department shall conduct at least five hearings in locations distributed geographically throughout the City to receive and to consider the public's comments upon the plan. The Commission shall ensure that at least two of these hearings are held in the evenings or on weekends for the public's convenience.

The Department shall report annually, as a part of the City's budget process, to the Mayor and to the Board of Supervisors, on the status of the plans and on the status of Department goals, objectives and capital project timelines for the current fiscal year, as well as provide reports on performance measures required by this Section.

(h) Citizens Advisory Committee. The Board of Supervisors shall establish, by ordinance, a Citizens Advisory Committee.

(i) Environmental and Design Guidelines. The Commission shall adopt written environmental and design guidelines for new facilities, parks, and open spaces and the renovation or rehabilitation of existing facilities, parks, and open spaces. These guidelines shall be consistent with any applicable standards of the Art and Planning Commissions.

(j) Capital Projects. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.104 of this Charter, the Commission shall have the authority to prepare and approve the plans, specifications and estimates for all contracts and orders, and to award, execute and manage all contracts and orders, for capital projects on real property under its jurisdiction or management. Capital projects supported by the Fund, other than those projects identified by the Department as long-term projects, must be fully constructed within three years of the initial budget allocation for those projects. Long-term projects must be fully constructed within five years of the initial budget allocation. Any exceptions to this provision

must be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Commission.

The Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works ("DPW") shall establish a committee to develop a written, capital implementation program, for the consideration of both Departments, that will govern DPW's involvement in capital projects undertaken by the Recreation and Park Department. In developing this program, the committee shall consider the Capital Plan discussed in subsection (g), above, staffing levels in both Departments, and the availability of other resources.

(k) Unspent Funds. All unspent funds in the Park and Open Space Fund on June 30, 2000 shall continue to be held for the use and benefit of the Department. These monies shall be expended in a manner consistent with the general purposes for which they were originally appropriated.

In addition to the requirements set forth by this Section, all expenditures from the Fund shall be subject to the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

Section 4. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended by amending Section 4.113 to read as follows:

NOTE:

Additions or substitutions are indicated by underlining; deletions are indicated by ~~strike out type~~.

SEC. 4.113. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION.

The Recreation and Park Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105.

Pursuant to the policies and directives set by the Commission and under the direction and supervision of the General Manager, the Recreation and Park Department shall manage and direct all parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and all other recreation facilities, avenues and grounds under the Commission's control or placed under its jurisdiction thereafter, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Charter.

The Department shall promote and foster a program providing for organized public recreation of the highest standard.

The Department shall issue permits for the use of all property under the Commission's control, pursuant to the policies established by the Commission.

As directed by the Commission, the Department shall administer the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund pursuant to Section 16.107 of this Charter.

The Department shall have the power to con-

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struct new parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, recreation facilities, squares and grounds, and to erect and maintain buildings and structures on parks, playgrounds, squares, avenues and grounds, ~~provided that all plans, specifications and estimates in connection therewith shall be prepared by the Department of Public Works and be subject to approval by the Commission~~, except as follows:

1. No building or structure, except for nurseries, equipment storage facilities and comfort stations, shall be erected, enlarged or expanded in Golden Gate Park or Union Square Park unless such action has been approved by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors;

2. No park land may be sold or leased for non-recreational purposes, nor shall any structure on park property be built, maintained or used for non-recreational purposes, unless approved by a vote of the electors. However, with permission of the Commission and approval by the Board of Supervisors, subsurface space under any public park, square or playground may be used for the operation of a public automobile parking station under the authority of the Department of Parking and Traffic, provided that the Commission determines that such a use would not be, in any material respect or degree, detrimental to the original purpose for which a park, square or playground was dedicated or in contravention of the conditions of any grant under which a park, square or playground might have been received. The revenues derived from any such use, less the expenses incurred by the Department of Parking and Traffic in operating these facilities, shall be credited to Recreation and Park Department funds.

3. The Commission shall have the power to lease or rent any stadium or recreation field under its jurisdiction for athletic contests, exhibitions and other special events and may permit the lessee to charge an admission fee.

Section 5. Severability

If any provision of this Charter Amendment, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of the Charter Amendment. The people hereby declare that they would have passed each provision of this Charter Amendment irrespective of the fact that any one or more other provisions be declared unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

Board of Supervisors Benefits

D

PROPOSITION D

Shall members of the Board of Supervisors be added to the City's Employee Retirement System and shall the City be authorized to pay the full cost of health benefits for Board members?

YES



NO



Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: Members of the Board of Supervisors must pay for a portion of their City health benefits. Members of the Board of Supervisors do not receive retirement benefits from the City.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition D is a Charter Amendment that would allow the City to pay the full cost of health benefits for members of the Board of Supervisors. Proposition D also would make members of the Board of Supervisors eligible to receive retirement benefits from the City's Employee Retirement System.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want to allow members of the Board of Supervisors to receive these City health and retirement benefits.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want to allow members of the Board of Supervisors to receive these City health and retirement benefits.

Controller's Statement on "D"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition D:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be adopted, in my opinion, it would increase the cost of government by up to \$70,000 annually for health benefit premiums.

The amendment also provides retirement benefits for Board members. Since the Retirement fund has a surplus there would be no increased payments required.

How Supervisors Voted on "D"

On November 22, 1999 the Board of Supervisors voted 11-0 to place Proposition D on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 50%+1 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS PAGE. THE FULL TEXT BEGINS ON PAGE 75
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Board of Supervisors Benefits

PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

Members of the Board of Supervisors and their families do not receive the same health and retirement benefits afforded other employees of the City and County of San Francisco. Despite their full-time commitment to the people of San Francisco, Supervisors currently receive no retirement benefits whatsoever and very limited health benefits which do not cover their dependents.

It is unjust to expect Supervisors to take on the responsibilities of their positions without extending to them these most basic of compensatory benefits.

Furthermore, with the passage of Proposition G establishing District Elections in November 2000, San Franciscans voted to usher in a system of equal neighborhood representation at City Hall. The advent of District Elections brings with it the promise that anyone, even those with limited resources, could run a credible campaign within the smaller districts.

Unfortunately, the lack of these benefits poses as a deterrent which may prevent persons from running.

Potential candidates should not have to choose between health insurance for their children and representing their neighborhood at the Board of Supervisors. We must make sure everyone can afford to be a representative at City Hall.

If we are to promote a more open representation of our communities, we must extend basic health and retirement benefits to the Supervisors and their dependents. Otherwise, we risk relegating these positions to only our most wealthy neighbors.

Board of Supervisors

REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES OPPOSE PROPOSITION D GIVE-AWAYS

We can think of no reason to grant San Francisco's spendthrift Board of Supervisors further benefits for their part-time legislative jobs.

The Supervisors have already had too many pay increases.

San Francisco City Controller Edward Harrington has already said: "Should the proposed [Proposition D] Charter amendment be adopted...it would increase the cost of government by up to \$70,000 annually for health benefit [insurance] premiums."

The individual Supervisors would also be allowed to dip into the cash surplus of the Retirement Fund.

As the future Republican U.S. President Calvin Coolidge advised his father when John Coolidge was elected to the Vermont State Senate in September of 1910: "It is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones."

Proposition D is just such a bad piece of legislation. [See: Robert Sobel's *Coolidge* (Regnery-1998), page 75.]

We could use Calvin Coolidge on the wasteful San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Halt the Proposition D gravytrain.

Vote "NO" on Proposition D.

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Past San Francisco Republican Party Chairman
State Senate Nominee (3rd Dist.)

Adam Sparks

Republican Congressional Nominee (8th Dist.)

Stephen Brewer

Republican Committeeman

Mike Garza

Past Republican Committeeman

Congressional Candidate (12th Dist.)

Howard Epstein

Republican Assembly Nominee

Albert Kildani

Republican Committee Candidate

Stephanie Jeong

Republican Committee Candidate

Margaret Onderdonk

Republican Committee Candidate.

Denis Norrington

Republican Committee Candidate

Gail Neira

Republican State Assembly Candidate

David Winzer

Republican Committee Candidate

Michael Denunzio

Supervisory Candidate

Board of Supervisors Benefits

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OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION D

NOT ANOTHER "GIVEAWAY" TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS!

Remember when San Francisco's part-time Board of Supervisors members were paid \$9,600 a year?

Not anymore.

Now they are each paid over four times that \$9,600 per year...though still only working on the Board of Supervisors part-time.

Now — after all the pay increase ballot proposals — **THEY WANT MORE!**

"MORE, MUCH MORE, FOR THE FREE-SPENDING SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS!"

Now the part-time Board of Supervisors members (who are limited to a maximum of two four-year terms) think it is time for them to be treated like a true **HOUSE OF LORDS**.

Proposition D — put on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors (of course) — demands that the supervisors be given:

- Retirement Benefits and
- Free Health Insurance.

Meanwhile, the members of the Board of Supervisors remain free to engage their full-time occupations, running restaurants, engaging in real estate operations, and doing other highly profitable jobs.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE NOT WORTH IT — THEY ARE OVERPAID ALREADY.

Sadly, as their pay packages have increased in recent years, the individual members of the Board of Supervisors have become more and more a rubber-stamp for our free-spending Mayor.

In fact, six of the current eleven members of the Board of Supervisors were originally appointed (not elected) to their seats by the current Mayor, Willie Brown.

Vote **"NO"** on the outrageous money-grab.

Vote **"NO"** on the would-be **"HOUSE OF LORDS."**

Vote **"NO"** on the Proposition D Charter Amendment.

Golden Gate Taxpayers Association

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Chairman of Golden Gate Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION D

Proposition D is about equality.

Members of the Board of Supervisors must be treated like everyone else. They should not be treated like a 'House of Lords' with unreasonable 'special' privileges.

But since when have health and retirement benefits been considered 'special' privileges? Indeed, are any rights more basic? Sadly, the same tactic of confusing equal rights with 'special' rights has been used to keep basic benefits from other groups.

Proposition D asks that Members of the Board of Supervisors be given the same benefits as other city employees. Nothing more. Nothing less.

Despite what opponents would have you believe, the job of Supervisor is full-time. Each Member works countless hours meeting with constituent groups, drafting pieces of legislation, and attending community functions. It is ridiculous to suggest that any Member of the Board is looking for a 'giveaway' or expects to become rich from this civic position.

Unfortunately, opponents to Proposition D understand what is truly at stake. With District Elections only months away, oppo-

nents do not want to see anything which might encourage the average neighborhood person from running for District Supervisor. Instead, they would prefer professional politicians and their wealthy donors keep tight control over City Hall.

By not extending these basic benefits, opponents of Proposition D hope that average neighborhood people will be dissuaded from running.

It is sad that persons would seek to limit participation in Democracy.

Say **'YES'** to Equality.

Say **'YES'** to Open Government.

Say **'YES'** to Proposition D.

Board of Supervisors

D

Board of Supervisors Benefits

PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

The League of Women Voters of San Francisco urges you to vote **YES** on Proposition D.

The **League of Women Voters** feels strongly that the job of Supervisor should be a full-time job, with full-time pay and benefits. Our Supervisors should not be spending their time and attention anywhere but on governing San Francisco. This measure is a step in the right direction.

The **League of Women Voters** urges you to Vote **YES** on **Proposition D** on March 7!

Holli P. Thier, J.D.
Co-President

Martha Benioff
Co-President

The true source of funds used for the printing of this argument is the League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

No Paid Arguments Were Submitted Against Proposition D

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TEXT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

PROPOSITION D

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified electors of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of said City and County by amending Appendix A8.425 and A8.502 and deleting Appendix A8.501 thereof, relating to medical and retirement benefits for members of the board of supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby submits to the qualified electors of said city and county at an election to be held therein on March 7, 2000 a proposal to amend the Charter of said city and county by amending Appendix A8.425 and A8.502 and deleting Appendix A8.501 thereof to read as follows:

NOTE:

Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~.
Additions are indicated by underline.

A8.425 PERSONS COVERED

Each plan may make provision for the participation in the benefits of the system by the dependents of members, retired city and county employees, temporary city and county employees, such other dependents of deceased and retired city and county employees as the board of supervisors may authorize by ordinance, teachers and other employees of the San Francisco Unified School District retired under the San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System and resigned employees of the city and county and resigned teachers and employees of the school district whose resignations occur after June 15, 1955, and within 30 days immediately prior to the date on which, but for their resignations, they would have become retired members of the said retirement system, on whose relinquishment of retirement allowances as permitted by the charter occurs after such date and resigned employees of the San Francisco Unified School District not otherwise included. A resigned employee or teacher is one whose employment has terminated other than by retirement, discharge or death or who has relinquished retirement allowances. The purpose of empowering the health service board to make provision for the participation in the benefits of the system to the aforementioned resigned teachers and employees of the San Francisco Unified School District is to enable them, subject to the health service board's exercise of its power, to participate in the benefits of the system after transferring to the State Teachers' Retirement System from the San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System. The purpose of empowering the health service board to make provision for participation in the benefits of the system by the aforementioned resigned employees of the city and county and other resigned employees of San Francisco Unified School District is to

permit the health service board to have power to treat them the same as it treats resigned teachers and employees of the San Francisco Unified School District.

As used in this section, and for the purpose of this section, the terms "city and county employees" and "employees of the city and county" shall include officers and employees of the Parking Authority of the City and County of San Francisco.

In addition to "the average contributions" in Subsection (b) of Section A8.428, the board of supervisors may provide by ordinance for additional funds from the city and county to pay the full cost of any plan for medical benefits adopted under Sections A8.422 or A8.423 for current members of the board of supervisors. The board of supervisors may also provide by ordinance for the continuation in any plan by former supervisors who agree to and do pay the full cost of such benefit.

~~A8.501 RETIREMENT OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS~~

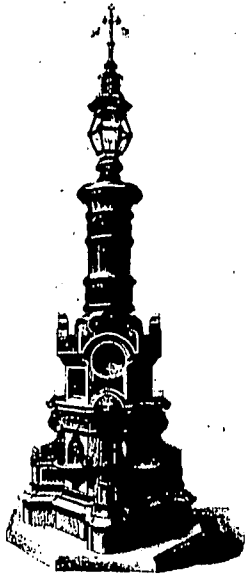
~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8.500 of this charter, elective officers, except members of the board of supervisors and of boards and commissions, shall be members of the San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System and shall be subject to all of the conditions applying to other members thereof, except members of the fire and police departments, and except as herein otherwise provided. In the determination of contributions and benefits of any officer becoming a member of the retirement system by virtue of the provisions hereof, that part of the salary of such officer which exceeds \$1,000 per month shall be excluded. Elective officers in office on January 7, 1947, and otherwise eligible to the provisions hereof shall have the option to become members of said retirement system to be exercised in writing on a form furnished by the retirement system and to be filed at the office of such system not later than 90 days after January 7, 1947.~~

Each such present and future elective officer may retire at his option but only after having attained the age of 70 years and only after having occupied such an elective office or having been otherwise employed in a position subject to membership in the retirement system for at least 20 years immediately preceding retirement, and may retire by filing written application therefor with the retirement board, and the mayor shall thereupon appoint a qualified person for the unexpired term of office remaining at the time of any such retirement. Such elective officer shall thereafter receive a retirement allowance equal to one-half of the compensation received by him at the time of retirement, provided that such allowance shall not exceed

\$500 per month. Contributions required to provide the portion of the benefits under this section not provided by the member's contribution shall be paid to the retirement system by the city and county.

A8.502 RETIREMENT OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8.501 of this charter, elective officers, except members of boards and commissions including members of the board of supervisors in office on and after July 1, 2000, but excepting members of all other boards and commissions and any elective officers who are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System, shall be members of the San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System under the miscellaneous plan in effect on the date such officer assumes office. Section 8.509 instead of Section 8.501; and, notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 8.509, elective officers, who are members of the retirement system under Section 8.509 shall be retired on the day following the end of the term of office in which the age of 70 years is attained. Contributions, with credited interest, standing to the credit of such individual officers shall be adjusted as of January 9, 1953, to the amount which they would have been if the contributions had been made in accordance with Section 8.507 prior to July 1, 1947, and Section 8.509 after June 30, 1947. Time during which said members have rendered service as elective officers shall be included under Subsection (g) of Section A8.509, Section A8.584-7, or the miscellaneous plan in effect on the date such officer assumes office, in addition to other time now so included. Contributions required to provide benefits based on service rendered as an elective officer prior to the effective date of membership in the retirement system, shall be paid to the retirement system in a manner consistent with contributions required of miscellaneous members for temporary service as provided in this charter and the administrative code provided in Section 8.509 for contributions for service rendered prior to the date upon which the member's rate of contribution is based. Elective officers in office on January 9, 1953, who are members of the retirement system under Section 8.501 at such time, shall have the option to continue as members of the retirement system under Section 8.501, instead of this section, to be exercised in writing on a form furnished by the retirement system and to be filed at the office of said system not later than 90 days after January 9, 1953.~~



Lotta's Fountain

LOTTA'S FOUNTAIN

**GIFT OF LOTTA CRABTREE, 1875
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, 1975**

***THE FOUNTAIN SURVIVED THE 1906 EARTHQUAKE,
AT WHICH TIME IT BECAME A MEETING PLACE
FOR PEOPLE IN SEARCH OF THEIR FAMILIES***

**RESTORED IN 1999 BY THE ARTS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

Lotta's Fountain, San Francisco's oldest surviving monument, is located at the intersection of Market, Kearny and Geary streets.

Its restoration last year was a major project of the San Francisco Arts Commission's Civic Art Collections Program, which oversees the conservation of all city-owned public statues, along Market Street and in neighborhoods. Nearly 40 other seriously weathered statues await restoration, and an Adopt A Monument Program has been established for interested organizations and individuals wishing to help.

The Civic Art Collections Program is one of eight administered by the Arts Commission to integrate the arts into daily life.

For further information on the **Arts Commission** or the **Adopt A Monument Program**:

phone: 415-252-2559
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SAN FRANCISCO ARTS COMMISSION

Public Assistance Benefits



PROPOSITION E

Shall the City limit cash payments for certain public assistance programs to 15 percent of total benefits, add to the residency and fingerprinting requirements, and increase the penalties for fraud?

YES



NO



Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The City operates a number of public assistance programs for the indigent and dependent poor of San Francisco: Four of these programs are General Assistance (GA)*, Personal Assisted Employment Services (PAES)*, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal (CALM)*, and Supplemental Security Income Pending (SSIP)*.

Rules for these programs include:

- Benefits under these programs may be provided in cash, services, or other non-cash benefits;
- A person who fraudulently obtains benefits under these programs loses those benefits for 30 to 150 days, depending on the number of offenses and the program. (Criminal penalties also may be imposed.);
- Participants in these programs must be residents of San Francisco for 15 or 30 days, depending on the program;
- The City may fingerprint a person seeking GA, and must fingerprint a person seeking benefits under any of the three other programs.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition E is an ordinance that would make a number of changes in these four City public assistance programs:

- No more than 15 percent of the benefits provided a person under any of these programs could be in the form of

cash. The remaining benefits would have to be in the form of services such as job training or mental health therapy, or other non-cash benefits such as food, clothing, or shelter;

- A person who obtains benefits under any of these programs by fraudulent means would lose these benefits for 90, 180, or 365 days, depending on how many times the person has been disqualified for fraud during the past two years. (Criminal penalties also may be imposed.);
- Any person applying for benefits would have to provide written documentation of residency, or wait 15 or 30 days, depending on the program. Letters from advocacy organizations would not be accepted as documentation;
- Any person applying for General Assistance (GA) benefits now would be required to provide fingerprints.

Proposition E would encourage creation of a regional consortium of local government agencies. Its purpose would be to locate additional housing or other services for public assistance participants and to establish consistent programs throughout the region.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want to make these changes in City public assistance programs.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want to make these changes in City public assistance programs.

Controller's Statement on "E"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition E:

Should the proposed initiative ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would increase the cost of city government by at least \$6 million annually to administer the city's public assistance programs. The ordinance could also result in significant one-time costs to implement.

The measure requires that 85% of benefits in certain public assistance programs be in the form of services and non-cash assistance, with payments made directly to the service providers; and that only 15% of benefits be in the form of a cash payment to the recipient. The Department of Human Services, which administers these programs, estimates that it will have to increase the number of case workers and other staff in order to manage the delivery of services, register housing providers to receive direct payments from the city, and make payments to multiple service providers on behalf of many of the city's public assistance recipients. I estimate that these increased staff costs will total a mini-

mum of \$6 million annually.

The city could also incur several significant one-time costs to implement the initiative, including creating a register of approved housing providers and modifying computer systems to allow for direct payments to service providers in lieu of cash payments to recipients. Since these costs could vary widely depending on how this would be implemented, I have not estimated a cost here.

How "E" Got on the Ballot

On November 30, 1999 the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition, calling for Proposition E to be placed on the ballot, had qualified for the ballot.

10,510 signatures were required to place an ordinance on the ballot.

This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who voted for Mayor in 1995. A random check of the signatures submitted on November 8, 1999 by the proponent of the initiative petition showed that more than the required number of signatures were valid.

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 50%+1 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS PAGE. THE FULL TEXT BEGINS ON PAGE 94

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Public Assistance Benefits

PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

The single adult homeless problem in San Francisco is out of control. *One in every 70 people in San Francisco is on General Assistance, ten times the number in surrounding areas like Oakland and San Mateo.* We have **20-30 times** more homeless here than in other major US cities, on a per-capita basis. Why? Because we provide more cash and more services than any other city in the US.

We currently provide food stamps, prepared food (from meal kitchens), housing vouchers, shelters, hotel rooms, group therapy, job training, hospital services, MUNI fast passes, drug treatment, counseling, clothing and other services. On top of this, we provide cash, anywhere from \$285 to \$355 dollars a month. Most recipients are addicts or alcoholics. They use their cash on the one thing that the city does not provide them for free, they use it to buy more drugs and alcohol. We are currently paying out almost \$65 million dollars a year to fund their addiction!

Other major cities throughout the nation have discontinued paying out cash to their needy population and instead focus just on services. Cities like New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle and Dallas have all recognized the harm that they inflict when they hand out cash to addicts and alcoholics. We can do

better for those San Franciscans who truly need help. We need to make sure that the money we spend helps them, not hurts them. This measure will insure that we use the money to provide more needed services such as housing and drug treatment, instead of providing a "drug and alcohol allowance". Vote yes on Proposition E!

San Franciscans for Cash Assistance Reform with Enhanced Services (SF CARES)

Earl Rynerson

Co-Founder & Treasurer; Former San Francisco Human Services Commissioner

David Heller

Co-Founder; President, Geary Boulevard Merchants Association

REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

While claiming to attack problems caused by a few, Proposition E harms thousands who really need help.

Proposition E limits people on assistance to less than \$2 a day for food and necessities, an 85% reduction, and provides \$300 vouchers that most people will not be able to use because housing does not exist for that price.

Contrary to Proposition E's argument:

- The majority of people on assistance are people with disabilities (53%), pregnant women, the elderly, and recently unemployed people;
- Over 2/3 already spend their checks on housing;
- Those who are not disabled must perform work such as cleaning streets to receive assistance;
- Most people are on assistance for six months;
- People on assistance are from San Francisco — they don't travel here for six months help;
- Other cities do provide cash assistance (New York \$352, Seattle \$339);
- Only a small percentage suffer from addiction and 1,200 are currently on waiting lists for treatment.

They don't tell you Proposition E costs at least \$6 million annually to administer vouchers that may be refused by landlords!

Proposition E supporters admit only 1 in 70 San Franciscans are on assistance. That's about 1% of the population.

Proposition E will certainly result in housed people losing their housing and increase homelessness.

The City of San Francisco serves the common good by helping the neediest among us.

No on E

Reverend Cecil Williams

Glide Memorial Church

Sister Patrick Curran

St. Anthony's Foundation

Shirley Bierly

Secretary, Senior Action Network

Abe Irizarry

Vice President, Delancey Street Foundation

Public Assistance Benefits

E

OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION E

PROPOSITION E CLAIMS TO BE "CARING" BUT HARMS POOR PREGNANT WOMEN, DISABLED PEOPLE, VETERANS, IMMIGRANTS AND SENIORS. This proposal does nothing to reduce homelessness and aggravates the difficult situation of those in need.

PROPOSITION E WILL INCREASE HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY IN SAN FRANCISCO. *

This misguided proposal limits monthly assistance to \$55 and a \$300 voucher for housing and services. 2/3 OF THOSE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE ALREADY HAVE HOUSING. When the cheapest available housing in San Francisco costs \$450, it's tough to find even when paying cash. Vouchers make it harder. PROPOSITION E ALLOWS LANDLORDS TO EVICT THEIR POOREST TENANTS simply by not accepting vouchers. That could put 6,000 more people on the street.

Proposition E has no accountability for landlords who won't make repairs. Vouchers can't be withheld like rent to change unsafe or unsanitary conditions.

PROPOSITION E PROVIDES LESS THAN \$2 A DAY FOR NECESSARY LIVING EXPENSES. That only creates more people panhandling to survive.

PROPOSITION E WILL COST TAXPAYERS AN ADDITIONAL \$6 MILLION ANNUALLY plus substantial startup

costs. This huge increase in the administrative budget will only create bureaucracy; not provide any additional services.

85% of those receiving assistance are disabled people, pregnant women, seniors, veterans, immigrants, or recently unemployed people. To receive assistance, able-bodied people clean buses or sweep streets. MOST RECIPIENTS ARE ON ASSISTANCE FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS.

We know firsthand the problems poverty causes. Every week we provide services for thousands of people down on their luck. Proposition E will greatly increase the number of people who require our overextended services.

Proposition E won't work. Please reject this costly, ill-conceived proposition. VOTE NO.

Reverend Cecil Williams

Glide Memorial Church

Sister Patrick Curran

St. Anthony's Foundation

Shirley Bierly

Secretary, Senior Action Network

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Vice President, Delancey Street Foundation

REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION E

I am disappointed with the inaccurate statements made by those who oppose Proposition E. Let me reply:

Proposition E affects only those single adults that don't qualify for other benefit and cash programs. The constituencies the opposition refers to are usually covered under programs like SSI, CalWORKS, and the VA. They (as well as families in general) would not normally be affected by Proposition E.

Housing providers would receive checks (NOT vouchers) from the City. **And housing is available.** San Francisco's Dept. of Building Inspection listed 3,422 SRO hotel rooms vacant last year. Why so many vacancies? Because the owners are concerned about the reliability of substance abusers to pay rent. But with Proposition E, the money comes from the city. The hotel owners see this as a more reliable system of payment and will open up more rooms for the city to house the homeless. Rather

than losing hotel rooms, we would gain many additional rooms. I agree with the opposition that SRO room rates are high; however the city can negotiate discounts by renting blocks of rooms at longer periods of time.

Proposition E would save tens of millions of dollars. **Currently, it costs the city over \$15 million dollars a year just to manage the existing GA program.** Using the opposition's figures, that means we would SAVE over \$9 million a year in reduced overhead costs.

After 15 years of misguided policies, it's time to change. Vote yes on Proposition E!

Earl Rynerson

Former Human Services Commissioner



Public Assistance Benefits

PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

We can do better for our homeless. The General Assistance Initiative provides a compassionate and effective solution to the problems plaguing San Francisco's homeless. By providing vouchers for services instead of cash, the General Assistance (GA) program will no longer enable aid recipients to support substance abuse habits. A voucher system will allow GA recipients to secure food, housing, drug treatment services, medical assistance, mental health therapy and job training. These services will benefit this needy population much more effectively than simply providing them with cash. Aspects of this proposal have proven successful in cities including Seattle, Chicago and New York.

Help change San Francisco's flawed General Assistance system and give our City's homeless the services and shelter that they need. Let's finally provide help instead of causing harm. **Vote YES on Proposition E.**

Supervisor Barbara Kaufman

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Barbara Kaufman.

San Francisco has always been a sensitive and compassionate City for anyone in need of personal assistance. Millions of dollars are spent each year on General Assistance. We have ten times the number of people here who are homeless and on General Assistance than in surrounding areas like Oakland and San Mateo. Startling facts indicate one in every 70 people in San Francisco is on General Assistance. The numbers rise even though we are enjoying an unprecedented economy including the lowest unemployment rate in many years.

Approximately 75% of G.A. recipients have an illness which precludes holding steady employment. Many have a mental illness, but most also have a severe addiction to drugs and alcohol.

San Francisco provides more services of every possible type than any other region in the country-and in addition to the services, provides \$65 million a year in a direct cash program to the City's recipients. In reality, cash equates to a steady allowance for many people to buy drugs and alcohol, thus continuing a cycle of dependency that only compounds the problem.

Proposition E offers a helpful solution to the recipients as well as taxpayers — 85% of what a G.A. recipient receives today in cash will be replaced with additional services. More alcohol and drug treatment will be available-more shelter beds, assisted living facilities and mental health treatment will also be added.

Progressive Cities are focusing on meaningful services rather than wasteful cash. Let's continue to be "The City That Knows How", by supporting Proposition E.

Frank Jordan
Former Mayor

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is San Franciscans for Cash Assistance Reform with Enhanced Services (SF Cares).

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Earl Rynerson 2. BOMA of San Francisco 3. San Francisco Hilton.

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PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

As a San Francisco Advocate for over 35 years, I have seen firsthand the destruction that occurs to people who are receiving General Assistance. I have seen people from outside San Francisco come into the city to get GA instead of from their own counties. This happens regularly on the first and the fifteenth of the month.

Proposition E would limit the cash handed out and instead pour that money into needed services. **San Franciscans need jobs, not handouts.** With the number of new jobs available in the city, San Francisco residents (instead of people outside San Francisco) should be given the opportunity to get those jobs. Proposition E could enhance job training for San Franciscans by funneling some of the \$65 Million (that today goes out as cash handouts), into more job training and rehabilitation programs instead.

Vote yes on Proposition E!

Espanola Jackson

Bayview Hunter's Point Advocate

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The voters in San Francisco will have an opportunity to express the need for "tough love" in dealing with the problem of homelessness by no longer being a "co-dependent partner" to substance abusers. It is long past the time to intervene in the destructive behavior of drugs and alcohol, which the so-called "homeless advocates" choose NOT to confront. **Their call for affordable housing will not work until and unless homeless persons are clean and sober to manage their own affairs.**

Over 50 million dollars a year is being spent by San Francisco taxpayers to provide a General Assistance cash allowance. This cash payment to each recipient is almost double what it is in surrounding counties, and is on top of a multitude of other services we also provide to that constituency. Thus, San Francisco has become a magnet for homeless people from other counties. Because a high percentage of these people are substance abusers, the cash is being used to fund their addiction, not to help them get off the streets.

Proposition E could help fund more drug treatment, rather than fuel someone's addiction. A significant number of recipients on the streets are also chronically mentally ill, who often fall prey to drug dealers. Proposition E could fund mental health treatment programs and reinstate Board and Care Facilities to insure these people take their medications.

Additional segments of the homeless population include veterans and teenagers. Again, substance abuse plays a key role in why they are on the street. Proposition E could allow for additional funding to help these populations as well.

I urge your support of Proposition E so that the City and County of San Francisco can begin to deal more realistically with the problems of homelessness and substance abuse.

Naomi Gray

Former San Francisco Health Commissioner

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The Hotel Council of San Francisco supports Proposition E, as it assists those in need and curtails those who abuse the system. It does not reduce assistance, rather it increases the level of service (including drug rehabilitation and housing services), to those San Franciscans who truly need help.

General Assistance recipients who are substance abusers using these cash payments (twice a month) to pay for their drugs and alcohol. Therefore, by focusing more on services and less on cash, Proposition E will provide more services to people, without changing the budget for this program. At the same time, it will reduce the number of substance abusers coming into San Francisco purely to obtain the highest cash subsidy available in the Bay Area.

With the level of free food and services available for the needy in San Francisco (including even free MUNI Fast Passes), the need for cash today is minimal. Most major cities throughout the US provide NO CASH to their indigent population, they focus just on services. Proposition E is the first real "common sense" approach to dealing with the fundamental problem of homelessness in decades: it recognizes that **substance abuse** is the key factor. We can do better for those San Franciscans that truly need help.

Vote Yes on Proposition E.

Jordan Meisner

Officer, Hotel Council of San Francisco

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San Francisco can stop the cycle of welfare dependency and co-dependency of drugs and alcohol by passing Proposition E.

We have a moral duty to care for those San Franciscans who need help, but not those from other counties who fraudulently claim residency in San Francisco to receive benefits. By providing in-kind services instead of cash, we can ensure that our assistance does not go to supporting the substance abuse of welfare recipients.

For the sake of the less fortunate, let's institute "tough love" in San Francisco.

Vote Yes on Proposition E.

Citizens for a Better San Francisco

Robert Evans

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 12th Congressional District

Howard Epstein

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 12th Assembly District

Bob Lane

Candidate, Republican Nomination, 13th Assembly District

Candidates for the Republican County Central Committee in the 12th Assembly District:

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Nationally and at the state level, the Republican Party has been at the forefront of welfare reform.

In an effort to bring welfare reform to San Francisco, we endorsed Proposition E — the Rynerson Initiative — and helped qualify the measure for the March 2000 ballot.

Proposition E, reduces cash payments to welfare recipients by 85 percent. This will prove a major disincentive for welfare cheats to commute daily to San Francisco from elsewhere in the Bay Area and to receive benefits. The City thus should be able to reduce our welfare rolls by 30 percent and save some \$14,000,000 annually.

Proposition E provides food, clothing and housing vouchers instead of cash. Welfare recipients with drug addictions will not be able to squander taxpayer monies to support their habits. Under the current system, once they have bought drugs with welfare cash doled every two weeks, many recipients end up in the City's emergency rooms and then become homeless. Proposition E will break the cycle of co-dependency and ensure that welfare recipients get decent food and clothing and warm housing throughout the month.

Vote Yes on Proposition E.

Donald A. Casper

Chairman, San Francisco Republican Party

Christopher L. Bowman

Political Director, SFGOP

Sue Woods

Mike DeNunzio

Rodney Leong

Grace Norton-Fitzpatrick

Mike Fitzgerald

Bob Lane

Les Payne

Nick Van-Beek

Arthur Bruzzone

Randy Bernard

Rose Chung

Robert Evans

Harold Hoogasian

Jack Kiley

Jody Smith

Jody Stevens

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Proposition E is a genuinely compassionate initiative to help the needy of San Francisco. Other cities have made similar reforms. They include, Seattle, Chicago, Atlanta and New York. It will reduce fraud and enhance services for food, clothing, shelter, substance abuse and job training. Do not be misled by opponents. Proposition E will not affect benefits and cash programs for families and mothers with children.

San Francisco's \$65 million County Adult Assistance Program has become an unintended subsidy to drug dealers, liquor stores and neighboring counties. This is because San Francisco allots 100% of its \$285 to \$355 a month general assistance in cash, the highest of all Bay Area counties. This does not help the bona fide needy. It is poor stewardship of public funds for two reasons: On the 1st and 15th of every month hundreds of applicants from neighboring counties come to the City to claim residency and obtain this cash. And on these two days, drug deals skyrocket, liquor sales flourish and overdose admissions at SF General Hospital increase.

As a result, 11,000 plus, or one of every 70 residents in San Francisco now receives cash assistance. This is ten times more per capita than surrounding counties, where only one of every 700 residents receives assistance. (7,700 for 5.5 million)

Proposition E will reduce fraud and enhance services for the truly needy. It asks the Department of Human Services to establish a Bay Area consortium to equalize the quality and level of services for applicants. Most importantly, it requires 85% of cash assistance to be paid in non cash services only to bona fide residents. This will enhance services for the truly needy of San Francisco, especially those suffering from substance abuse. Vote YES on Proposition E.

Mike DeNunzio

Candidate for Supervisor

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Robert DeNunzio 2. Peter Buxton 3. John Dougery.

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As voters, we must start solving the homeless problem by using some common sense instead of politics.

Proposition E DOES NOT affect those services and cash programs that are geared for mothers with children or families. Proposition E is only focused on the County Adult Assistance Program that is geared for single adults (those people you see on the streets).

If passed by the voters in March, Proposition E will replace 85% of what a General Assistance recipient receives today in cash with additional services instead. With more than \$65 million available, that means more drug treatment services instead of the cash being spent on drugs and alcohol. There will be more money available for shelter beds, which will help to keep people off the street at night. Instead of hurting these people, we will insure that we start to help them.

With your help and the help of your friends and neighbors, we can start to have an impact on this problem that affects all of us.

Stop handing out a drug and alcohol allowance! Vote yes on Proposition E.

Albert Chang

Past President, Chinatown Merchants Association

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The homeless problem in San Francisco is out of control and is an embarrassment to all of us. We've all had friends and relatives from other cities tell us how bad it is here compared to their own city.

They're right. **One in every 70 people in San Francisco is on General Assistance.** We have ten times the number of people who are homeless and on General Assistance than in surrounding areas like Oakland and San Mateo. Why? Because we provide more cash (on top of more services) than any other city in the Bay Area. Our compassion has made the homeless problem worse here than ever, (even with the best economy in decades), by drawing in thousands of non-residents each month.

Drug addiction and mental illness is common with these recipients. And their plight affects all of us; from cleaning up litter and human waste from doorways of businesses and homes, to the constant panhandling on sidewalks and on the street corners. Rather than to help these people, the outdated programs of the city have actually made problems worse. Cash payments encourage substance abuse; in fact the number of overdose cases rise on the same dates GA checks are handed out.

Other major cities throughout the nation have discontinued paying out cash to their needy population and instead focus on services. Cities like New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle and Dallas have all recognized the harm that they inflict when they hand out cash to addicts and alcoholics.

We can do better for San Franciscans who truly need help. Vote yes on Proposition E.

Robert T. Roddick

Association President, Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association

Walter Jebe Sr.

President Emeritus, San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

Harry J. Aleo

Past President, San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

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The homeless problem in San Francisco is out of control and is an embarrassment to all of us. We all know someone from other cities who tell us how badly San Francisco compares to their own city.

They're not lying. We have ten times the number of people who are homeless and on General Assistance than in surrounding areas like Oakland and San Mateo. And as much as **20-30 times** more homeless here, on a per-capita basis. Why? Because we provide more cash in addition to more services than any other city in the US.

Most of the people you see on the street have a severe addiction to drugs and alcohol. In fact, most had a job, a home and a family, but lost it all due to drugs and alcohol. They moved to San Francisco as addicts. The result: we pay out over \$65 Million dollars a year in a "drug and alcohol cash allowance" to keep them on the street! This is a major reason San Francisco has the highest per capita rate of addiction for every type of drug except for cocaine, where we rank second.

Other major cities throughout the nation have discontinued paying out cash to their needy population and instead focus on vouchers for services. Cities like New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle and Dallas have all recognized the harm that they inflict when they hand out cash to addicts and alcoholics.

We too can do better for those in San Francisco who truly need and want help. We need to make sure that the millions we spend helps them, and not hurts them. Vote yes on Proposition E.

Ted Loewenberg
Treasurer, RAD

Joe Konopka
President, RAD

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Dear San Francisco Voter,

In fulfilling your civic responsibility to vote in this election, you are asked to consider a measure that will change the way in which General Assistance (GA) benefits are paid to San Francisco recipients. I write this letter to express my support for this initiative and to request that you vote in favor of enacting it.

Currently, the GA program pays between \$285-\$355 (in cash) per month to indigent citizens. This initiative will change that, requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to determine what additional services are needed for each individual recipient, in lieu of cash. These additional services could be in the form of drug treatment, housing, or job training. A minimum of 85 percent of benefits that a recipient receives today would be provided to him/her in the form of these services and other non-cash benefits. The remaining 15 percent of benefits would be paid to the individual in cash for incidental needs.

In order for an individual to receive benefits, he/she must show proof of residency, which currently can be obtained from a variety of sources, including some that are fraudulent. This new initiative will require satisfactory written proof of residency (for example, a utility bill from a prior residence), but will not allow letters from advocacy organizations which sometimes provide proof without proper verification from the recipient.

In closing, I hope that you agree that this initiative is beneficial to all San Franciscans and will join me in supporting this matter. I am confident that together, we will find the solutions to our current housing crisis and will again make San Francisco a great city for all of her residents.

Sincerely,
Amos Brown
San Francisco Supervisor

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Religious Witness with Homeless People urges you to vote **NO** on the General Assistance Benefits initiative; the very name of which is misleading.

Passage of this measure would greatly *exacerbate* the suffering of very low-income San Franciscans and would actually *increase* the number of homeless people forced to live on our harsh, cold streets by replacing 85% of needed cash benefits with potentially unusable vouchers.

This misguided initiative would disastrously affect thousands of people whose landlords could refuse the vouchers and evict tenants for non-payment. For homeless people, this measure would essentially *slash* benefits by 85% since most hotels do not accept vouchers (and if they do, the vouchers would not cover the average \$450 monthly rent). The approximate \$55 cash benefit left over would hardly help find alternative housing, let alone cover basic food needs.

San Francisco needs policies that *truly assist* the poorest among us, not this misguided General Assistance Benefits initiative which would further burden low-income people. Vote **NO** on Prop E.

Sister Bernie Galvin, cdp
Director, Religious Witness with Homeless People
Reverend Douglas M. Donley
Reverend Norman Fong
Abbess Blanche G. Hartman
Reverend Glenda Hope
Reverend Jeff Johnson
Reverend Kay Jorgensen
Rabbi Alan Lew
Reverend Jim Mitulski
Reverend G. Penny Nixon
Reverend Karen P. Oliveto
Reverend Roger Rigeway
Reverend Kirk Ullery
Father Louis Vitale, ofm

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Religious Witness with Homeless People.

The **League of Women Voters of San Francisco** urges you to vote **NO** on Proposition E.

This ill-conceived measure would cost the City at least \$6 million a year in extra management costs, according to the Controller, and an unknown amount to implement.

Homelessness and poverty are serious public health issues in San Francisco and nationwide.

The **League of Women Voters** does not believe that this bond measure, which makes it more difficult for the very poorest to get public assistance, is the way to deal with those most in need.

The **League of Women Voters** urges you to Vote **NO** on Proposition E on March 7!

Holli P. Thier, J.D.
Co-President

Martha Benioff
Co-President

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

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It takes more than \$2 a day to feed a pet. If Proposition E passes human beings in San Francisco would be asked to find food and necessities for less than that.

This proposition is based on the false claim that all poor people receiving county assistance are addicts or alcoholics.

Most people on assistance are single mothers with children, pregnant women, veterans, the unemployed, seniors and disabled people, as well as some individuals down on their luck. Their only source of income is county assistance, up to \$364 a month for housing, food and other expenses.

Sure, there are some individuals on assistance who are chemically dependent, but you can find that in all walks of life: doctors, lawyers, athletes and even politicians. Painting the entire group of recipients with this tarred brush is factually and morally wrong.

By limiting monthly assistance payments to a rent voucher up to \$309 and a maximum \$55 for food and necessities, Proposition E takes aggravates the situation for poor people until homelessness and panhandling are the options available.

Most people are on assistance for only a few months. Someone might need assistance until a job comes through — but if Proposition E passes and her landlord won't take vouchers, then she's out on the street and the spiral goes down from there.

This proposition will increase homelessness and lead to more panhandling on the streets. A \$309 voucher isn't enough to find decent housing in San Francisco. No one can live on less than \$2 a day for food and necessities. People aren't cats or dogs.

There may be a need to make changes in the general assistance program, but it should be with a scalpel, not a meat axe.

Vote No on E.

Senator John Burton

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Burton for Senate 2000.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. California Correctional Peace Officers Association PAC 2. Joseph W. Cotchett/Law Offices of Cotchett, Pitre & Simon 3. TIP Educational Fund-Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union.

As someone who works with a wide range of public and private agencies to find ways to prevent crime and lower San Francisco's crime rate, I oppose Proposition E.

Proposition E limits people on county assistance to a maximum of \$55 per month for food and necessities and a rent voucher for up to \$309. \$55 per month for food and necessities equals less than \$2 per day. In San Francisco the lowest you can find housing for is \$450 per month. And nothing in Proposition E requires landlords to even accept vouchers.

Proposition E means MORE HOMELESSNESS — up to 6,000 possible evictions by landlords who won't take vouchers.

Proposition E means MORE PANHANDLING by people trying to survive on less than \$2 a day.

Proposition E means MORE PROBLEMS for overburdened law enforcement, charities and social service agencies.

Proposition E says it's concerned with the waste of public money. How about the \$6 million annually that it will cost to process and administer vouchers? Think what law enforcement or the Department of Mental Health or St. Anthony's could do with \$6 million a year to combat the problems associated with poverty and homelessness.

PROPOSITION E TAKES US IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

That's why people who work in criminal justice and people who know the issues surrounding poverty agree Proposition E is a bad idea.

PROPOSITION E DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND DOESN'T DESERVE YOUR VOTE.

Kimiko Burton

Mayor's Criminal Justice Council

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As Sheriff I see the problems caused by homelessness and poverty every day. IF PROPOSITION E ACTUALLY HELPED SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS I'D BE THE FIRST IN LINE TO SUPPORT IT. BUT IT DOESN'T. THAT'S WHY I'M VOTING NO ON E.

Proposition E limits people on assistance to a maximum of \$55 per month for food and necessities (less than \$2 a day) and a rent voucher for up to \$309 in a city where the cheapest housing starts at \$450 per month.

Proposition E claims it will get homeless people on county assistance off the streets. But most of the people on assistance already have some form of housing. And they could be evicted if their landlords won't take the vouchers required by Proposition E.

Proposition E claims it will stop fraud. THERE ARE ALREADY CRIMINAL LAWS ON THE BOOKS TO PUNISH ANYONE WHO TRIES TO DEFRAUD THE SYSTEM.

If a few people are mishandling their money on drugs and alcohol, let's consider a plan that addresses that issue. DON'T PUNISH THE INNOCENT ALONG WITH THE GUILTY. That's one of the guiding principles I obey when enforcing our laws. We should all follow that principle when enacting our laws. VOTE NO ON E.

Sheriff Mike Hennessey

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Bloomington's \$30,000,000 city tax break should be given in vouchers that cannot be used to purchase alcohol. Proposition E is a misguided effort to cut the cost of Public Assistance, which makes it difficult for poor families to find safe, sanitary housing. It will only increase homelessness.

Agar Jaicks

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Agar Jaicks.

Proposition E promoters would have us believe most everyone on public assistance is homeless and addicted to drugs. That's a lie and they know it.

Their sledge-hammer approach will make life harder for the great majority of recipients, disabled and poor people who are not homeless, not on drugs. Prop E will deny the little cash they need for informal, shared housing and food, which will not be covered by Prop E vouchers.

San Francisco is making progress through a sensible counseling/employment program that has cut the public assistance total by almost one-third in recent years.

Able-bodied recipients must work at minimum-wage, sweeping streets, cleaning busses, removing graffiti.

If Prop E backers really cared they would FINANCE drug treatment/mental health care for all who need it. They would build low-rent housing rather than a \$6,000,000 a year bureaucracy for a harsh system that won't help the poor.

Democratic Women's Forum

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Democratic Women's Forum.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Connie Perry 2. Marylouise Lovett 3. Ina Dearman.

Prop E will make more people homeless

As human services commissioners, we're concerned that Proposition E vouchers are mostly useless because they provide only about one-half the cost of today's skyrocketing rents in South-of-Market hotels.

Landlords under rent control can refuse to accept vouchers. Thus the poor, disabled and seniors — many now housed in shared, low-cost units — can be evicted because they won't have the rent money they need.

Jane Morrison

Anita Martinez

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Jane Morrison and Anita Martinez.

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Proposition E is a mean-spirited attack on the City's process for helping people with extremely difficult problems.

Please vote No on Proposition E.

Supervisor Sue Bierman

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is San Franciscans for Sensible Social Policy.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jane Morrison 2. Agar Jaicks 3. Anita Martinez.

Prop E says landlords must register to accept vouchers. If they refuse to register and refuse to accept vouchers, they can evict low-rent tenants who no longer have cash to pay the rent.

Most people on public assistance already spend their checks on housing, many in informal, shared, low-cost arrangements.

Tom Ammiano

President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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San Francisco's Human Services Department already has a program that's helping people get jobs and off public assistance — with the number already cut by one third.

Proposition E promoters ignore this and base their whole campaign on lies.

As former social services director, I assure you they're lying when they suggest almost everyone on public assistance is homeless and addicted to drugs and alcohol. Not so. From daily contact we know almost all poor recipients, including disabled and seniors, are not addicted. They are housed — many in stable low-cost, shared units not covered by vouchers.

They say the entire total of public assistance goes to fund drug/alcohol addiction. An outrageous lie. We know almost all goes for housing and food.

Why this mean-spirited, hard-hearted attack on the poor in San Francisco?

Brian Cahill

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is San Franciscans for Sensible Social Policy.

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Prop E is being financed by hotels like the Hilton; which are concerned about tourists and profits and not about the people of San Francisco.

Phyllis Walker

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is San Franciscans for Sensible Social Policy.

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For public assistance grants, able-bodied people must work for minimum-wage — sweeping streets, cleaning buses, removing graffiti. They should be paid in cash.

Karl Kramer

Ken Jacobs

Co-Directors, San Francisco Living Wage Coalition*

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Proposition E punishes the homeless and poor people who are not homeless and not on drugs. If Prop E promoters cared they would require the City to provide mental health care and drug treatment for all who need it — not make life harder for those who don't.

VOTE NO on E!

San Francisco Tomorrow

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jane Morrison 2. Jennifer Clary 3. Claude Wilson.



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The City already has had good results from a new counseling and job placement service, cutting public assistance rolls by one-third in the past few years.

We don't need a harsh, expensive new bureaucracy that hurts rather than helps the great majority of people in poverty — including disabled and seniors — who are not on drugs and are already housed, many sharing low-cost units in informal arrangements.

Supervisor Leslie Katz

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is San Franciscans for Sensible Social Policy.

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Proposition E will hurt pregnant women and parents in the process of reuniting with their children who receive public assistance. If this initiative passes, they will be unable to maintain stable housing in the absence of cash assistance.

*Homeless Prenatal Program
Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Homeless Prenatal Program.

Proposition E would leave thousands of people like us with only \$55 a month to cover medicine, laundry, toilet paper and other necessary items.

Able-bodied people who receive public assistance benefits are required to work. We sweep city streets and clean MUNI buses for our limited checks. We need flexibility to make decisions about where we live and what things we need to buy.

Take it from the people who know, Proposition E will make more people homeless.

*Emma Harris
Romie Eagles*

The true source of funds used for the printing of this argument is San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness.

Proposition E mandates that San Francisco give people vouchers for housing and services, but it doesn't mandate that these services exist.

Replacing vital benefits with vouchers for services that aren't available will make more people homeless.

Vote No on E.

*General Assistance Advocacy Project
Caduceus Outreach Services
Arriba Juntos
San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness
POOR Magazine
San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium
Swords to Plowshares
Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice*

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jane Morrison 2. Agar Jaicks 3. Anita Martinez.

Proposition E is a malicious proposal that inflates the administrative cost of public assistance while adding none of the vital services people need to exit poverty and homelessness.

Vote NO on Proposition E.

*Hotel Workers Union, Local 2
Mike Casey
President, H.E.R.E., Local 2
Robert Boileau
Vice President, San Francisco Labor Council*
Conny Ford
Union Representative OPEIU, Local 3*
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Organizer, SEIU, Local 250**

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This proposition will inflate costs by more than \$6 million annually. It will not assist any of the 9,000 recipients in their housing, medical, or social treatment needs.

Roma Guy
Vice President, Department of Public Health and Commissioner*

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The true source of funds used for the printing of this argument is San Franciscans for Sensible Social Policy.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jane Morrison 2. Agar Jaicks 3. Anita Martinez.

Proposition E is **unfair and illegal**.

People forced to use vouchers for housing will face discrimination based on their status as public assistance recipients.

Proposition E will unduly complicate public assistance procedures, thus illegally decreasing disabled people's access to benefits.

Vote No on Proposition E!

*Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area
Coalition on Homelessness Civil Rights Legal Division
National Lawyers Guild, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
ACLU of Northern California*

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jane Morrison 2. Agar Jaicks 3. Anita Martinez.

The Council of Community Housing Organizations, leading producers of low-income, affordable housing in San Francisco, opposes Proposition E since it will displace existing lower-income residents.

Proposition E does not require landlords to accept housing vouchers and many landlords would not accept the vouchers due to excessive City compliance monitoring.

Vote No on E.

Asian Neighborhood Design, Bernal Heights Housing Corporation, Chinese Community Development Corporation, San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness, Community Design Center, Community Housing Partnership, Haight Ashbury Community Development Corporation, Housing Conservation Corporation, Mental Health Association, Mercy Charities Housing California, Mission Housing Development Corporation, Progress Foundation, San Francisco Housing Development Corporation, Tenderloin Housing Clinic, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, TODCO Development Company

Council of Community Housing Organizations

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This mean-spirited measure will exacerbate a problem, not solve it. Most GA recipients with apartments could easily lose them if their status were known. This is an invasion of privacy and stigma on human beings who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Denise D'Anne

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E

Public Assistance Benefits

PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION E

A vote for E is a vote for evictions. Proposition E would seriously hurt low-income tenants and is a **bad landlord's dream**.

A \$300 voucher system is unworkable during San Francisco's current extreme housing crisis, where the lowest average rent is \$400/month.

Worthless vouchers would force people onto the streets.

Proposition E imposes no requirement that Hotels maintain decent living conditions. It awards taxpayer funds to slumlords whose hotels have been disqualified from other City programs.

The City must not increase homelessness while giving financial incentives to bad landlords — vote no on E.

San Francisco Tenants Union, Tenderloin Housing Clinic, St Peters Housing Committee, Housing Rights Committee of SF, Eviction Defense Network

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Proposition E is a simplistic measure that distorts reality and makes a complex problem worse instead of solving it.

Proposition E treats all county adult welfare recipients as homeless and substance abusers. In fact, 70 percent of the recipients are already housed. Instead of helping people secure housing, this ordinance will take cash out of the hands of elderly and disabled individuals and put them at risk of homelessness.

In 1998 the Board of Supervisors approved carefully developed changes to the City's welfare programs to address the individualized needs of the poor. Because of such changes the City has begun leasing single room occupancy hotels to provide permanently affordable housing units, and has begun providing individualized treatment and training programs for people who need them to get back on their feet. By treating all recipients the same and ignoring their individual needs, Proposition E will undermine the City's and the community's efforts to lessen homelessness and poverty.

WE URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON E.

Martha Henderson

Enola D. Maxwell

Dr. Arelious Walker

Pastor Calvin Jones, Jr.

Pastor Edgar Boyd

Andrea D. Shorter

Leroy King

Lawrence B. Martin

Rev. Roland Gordon

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Public Assistance Benefits

E

PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION E

THE LGBT COMMUNITY SAYS NO ON E!

This initiative is so poorly written that it will cause people who currently have homes to become homeless. The initiative requires landlords to register with the city to accept vouchers. Since there is no incentive for landlords to participate in the program, most will not. In fact, the current market encourages landlords not to participate. Consequently, a tenant on public assistance will end up evicted from their rent-controlled apartment. While the measure may be well intended, our city needs solutions to homelessness, not ill-conceived initiatives. We, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transexual and transgender community, oppose this measure. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION E!

Tom Ammiano

President, Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Marc Leno

Rev. Jim Mitulski

Gwenn Craig

Former Police Commissioner

Phyllis Lyon

Del Martin

Robert Haaland

Vice President of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club*

Sara Shortt

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TEXT OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENT

PROPOSITION E

AMENDING THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE XII TO CHAPTER 20 TO CHANGE THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE, CASH ASSISTANCE LINKED TO MEDI-CAL, PERSONAL ASSISTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAMS TO REQUIRE SATISFACTORY PROOF OF RESIDENCY, TO MANDATE FINGERPRINT INFORMATION, TO REDUCE FRAUD, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS, AND TO REQUIRE A MAJORITY OF AID BE IN THE FORM OF NON-CASH BENEFITS.

Note: This whole Article is new.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1, Chapter 20 of the San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Article XII to read as follows:

SEC. 20.301. PURPOSE AND INTENT. The purpose of this Article is to change the General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs to reduce or eliminate the use of such programs to foster substance abuse and homelessness. Further, it is the purpose of this Article to insure that only bona fide residents of San Francisco participate in such programs, and to ensure that fraud in these programs is reduced to a minimum.

SEC. 20.302. APPLICATION TO ARTICLES VII, IX, X, AND XI. The provisions of this Article shall govern in relation to the General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs set forth in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI of this Chapter. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Article and the provisions of Articles VII, IX, X, and XI, the provisions of this Article shall, apply.

SEC. 20.303. PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

(a) The General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs set forth in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI shall require adequate proof of residency. At a minimum, written documentation of residency is required. If written documentation showing proof of residency cannot be provided to the Department, eligibility shall commence no sooner than 15 days from the date of the most recent application to the Department. Adequate proof of residency shall not include letters from advocacy organizations.

(b) As used in this Article, an "advocacy

organization" is any organization or group whose primary mission is to advocate for a cause instead of providing direct, measurable and verifiable assistance to residents of San Francisco.

SEC. 20.304. FINGERPRINTING. The General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs set forth in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI shall require that applicants and recipients provide fingerprints as a condition of eligibility or continuing eligibility, subject to such procedures and regulations as the Department may adopt. Failure to cooperate with the fingerprint procedures shall result in denial or discontinuance of aid.

SEC. 20.305. SERVICES IN LIEU OF CASH. (a) The General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs set forth in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI shall provide additional services to participants in these programs in lieu of a portion of cash payments provided. The Department shall insure that at a minimum, 85% of the amount of all cash assistance (standard and emergency) for which a participant is eligible, now be in the form of services and non-cash benefits. These additional services and benefits shall reduce the amount of cash the participant receives. The remaining 15% may be paid to the participant as a cash payment.

(b) As used in this Article, "services" means various non-cash forms of assistance. Services may include food, clothing, shelter, drug treatment, group therapy, job training, medical assistance, mental health therapy, short, medium or long term housing, or any other non-cash form of assistance as may be determined by the Department of Human Services.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department shall make payments directly to service providers to the extent necessary to effectuate this Article.

(d) Any participant in any of these programs may elect to have the entire amount of his or her assistance paid directly to service providers and housing providers.

SEC. 20.306. HOUSING PROVIDERS.

(a) As used in this Article, a "Housing Provider" shall mean a landlord, property owner, property manager or other public or private institution with legal authority and responsibility for the management of said housing.

(b) A Housing Provider shall register with the City and County of San Francisco to become approved in order to receive housing vouchers and or payments. The Department shall determine what information is required from the Housing Provider in order to insure

that an actual unit of housing is being made available in exchange for the voucher or payment.

SEC. 20.307. FRAUD IN OBTAINING AID OR PAYMENTS. Any time aid is discontinued due to false statement or representation or by impersonation or other fraudulent device, or by intentional failure to report facts required by the General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs set forth in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI, the participant shall be unable to apply for aid for a set period of time. Upon the first discontinuance within a 24 month period, the participant shall be unable to reapply for aid for a period of 90 days. For the second such discontinuance, the participant shall be unable to reapply for aid for a period of 180 days. For the third such discontinuance, the participant shall be unable to reapply for aid for a period of 365 days.

SEC. 20.308. IMPLEMENTATION DATE. The changes set forth in this Article to the General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs set forth in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI shall become effective on July 1, 2000.

SEC. 20.309. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR. The Director shall use best efforts to establish a Regional Bay Area Homeless Consortium comprised of representatives from other city and county organizations. The purpose of this consortium is to locate additional housing and other services that could be utilized regionally that would assist participants in those affected cities and counties. Additionally, this Consortium would work with member cities and counties to build programs that would be similar in scope and level of service.

SEC. 20.310. RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall establish rules and regulations implementing the changes set forth in this Article to the General Assistance, Personal Assisted Employment Services, Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal, and Supplemental Security Income Pending programs set forth in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board shall make appropriate cross-references in Articles VII, IX, X, and XI to the provisions of this Article.

Bayview Hunters Point Reparations



PROPOSITION F

Shall It be City policy to waive taxes on certain residential property and on small businesses in Bayview Hunters Point for five years, and to appropriate \$150 million to create jobs for residents of the neighborhood?

YES ➡
NO ➡

Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The City collects a property tax on non-exempt property in San Francisco. The City also collects a payroll or gross receipts tax on businesses in San Francisco. Bayview Hunters Point is a neighborhood in the southeast corner of San Francisco. Historically, this neighborhood has been economically disadvantaged.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition F would make it City policy to:

- Waive all home property taxes in Bayview Hunters Point for five years on property valued under \$500,000, where the owner or the tenants have lived on the property for three or more years. Tenants would receive half the savings from this waiver;
- Exempt all small businesses in Bayview Hunters Point from the City's payroll tax for five years. Those businesses would have to pass on half that tax savings to their employees;

- Appropriate \$150 million to create jobs only for residents of Bayview Hunters Point. The fund would be administered exclusively by a council elected from the neighborhood;
- Use City resources to provide Bayview Hunters Point residents with sufficient job training, services, and facilities to take full benefit of this proposal.

For the purposes of Proposition F, the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood is defined by the boundaries of Supervisorial District No. 10.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want it to be City policy to provide these tax waivers and funds for Bayview Hunters Point.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want it to be City policy to provide these tax waivers and funds for Bayview Hunters Point.

Controller's Statement on "F"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition F:

Should the proposed declaration of policy be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would increase the cost of city government by at least \$150 million and result in a decrease of at least \$19 million in city revenues. The measure contains three major components that create additional costs to the city and decrease revenue collections for the next five years.

The measure requires the city to appropriate \$150 million to a special fund to create jobs for residents of the Bayview Hunters Point District. The measure also requires the city to allocate unspecified resources to assist residents in taking advantage of the job fund and the measure's property and business tax exemptions.

The measure waives all city property taxes for five years on homeowners whose properties are valued under \$500,000 and who meet certain other criteria. Based on current data from the city's property tax system, homeowners in the Bayview Hunters Point District that meet the approximate definition stated in the measure currently pay an estimated \$19.4 million in property taxes annually. This figure includes property tax amounts which are paid to other public entities such as the Unified School District, BART, and to city special funds

such as the Children's Fund. Please note that the tax allocations to these entities, and the collection of property taxes generally, are a matter of state law; the city may or may not be able to waive these taxes.

The measure exempts small businesses of the Bayview Hunters Point District from paying the city payroll tax. The measure does not define "small businesses." The city's business tax ordinances already exempt small businesses with a payroll of less than \$166,667 annually from the tax. Until "small businesses" are defined, I cannot determine whether additional businesses would be exempt under the proposed ordinance, or the amount of lost revenues to the city.

How "F" Got on the Ballot

On September 20, 1999 the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition, calling for Proposition F to be placed on the ballot, had qualified for the ballot.

10,510 signatures were required to place a declaration of policy on the ballot.

This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who voted for Mayor in 1995. A random check of the signatures submitted on August 20, 1999 by the proponent of the initiative petition showed that more than the required number of signatures were valid.

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 50%+1 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS PAGE. THE FULL TEXT BEGINS ON PAGE 99
SOME OF THE WORDS USED IN THE BALLOT DIGEST ARE EXPLAINED ON PAGE 29

Bayview Hunters Point Reparations

PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

What is the Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) Reparations Act?

An attempt to begin repaying the debt incurred by the City against the residents of this District.

Economic neglect, environmental racism, and broken promises leave BVHP the economically poorest, environmentally most hazardous District in San Francisco, from which young people flee to find jobs, and people claim the highest incidences of cancer and asthma.

Gentrification pushes out the district's residents. The BVHP Reparations Act begins to reverse this trend.

The proposition can generate thousands of jobs for the District's residents, through the appropriation of \$150-Million. It creates a democratically-elected neighborhood council to administer this fund.

The initiative also waives City taxes for small businesses and homes for five years - passing through half the savings to tenants and employees - with three or more years residence in the District.

This measure anchors small homeowners, merchants, tenants and employees in the District, through their political empower-

ment. People who live in the District - not politicians nor appointed bureaucrats - shall decide how to spend this money.

What the BVHP Reparations Act IS NOT.

An exceptional measure. Big businesses receive tax cuts from the City. Why not extend these benefits to working people and ethnic minorities?

It is not a patronage measure. Politicians won't decide what to do or how to do it. Neighbors, elected by their neighbors, will be in charge.

It IS NOT a handout. It promotes neighborhood power, economy, and well being.

Vote yes on the BVHP Reparations Act, and send a message against gentrification, while promoting economic development without selling our neighborhoods to big corporations. Put decision making power where it belongs: with the people.

Carlos Petroni
Editor, SF Frontlines
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Abel Mouton
Labor Militant

REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES ADDRESS PROPOSITION F:

Our San Francisco Republican Party — the first in the West — was founded to oppose slavery at Butler's Hatter Shop in January of 1856.

Both the 1856 Republican Presidential nominee John Charles Fremont and the successful 1860 candidate Abraham Lincoln opposed the spread of slavery into the U.S. territories.

Democrats split over slavery at their Charleston, SC, 1860 National Convention — the American Civil War resulting.

Some of our ancestors voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and 1864 (e.g., Thomas Faulkner).

We hate American Slavery, but its victims are all long dead.

If passed, notes City Controller Edward Harrington, Proposition F "would increase the cost of city government by at least \$150 million and result in a decrease of at least \$19 million in city revenues...[As] a matter of state law; the city may or may not be able to waive these taxes." Litigation is likely.

Stephen Brewer
Republican Committeeman

Mike Garza
Past Republican Committeeman
Congressional Candidate (12th Dist.)

Howard Epstein
Republican Assembly Nominee (12th Dist.)

Albert Kildani
Republican Committee Candidate

Stephanie Jeong
Republican Committee Candidate

Margaret Onderdonk
Republican Committee Candidate

Denis Norrington
Republican Committee Candidate

Gail Neira
Republican State Assembly Candidate (13th Dist.)

David Winzer
Republican Committee Candidate

Shirley Bates
Republican Committee Candidate

Michael Denunzio
Supervisory Candidate

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Past San Francisco Republican Party Chairman
State Senate Nominee (3rd Dist.)

Adam Sparks

Republican Congressional Nominee (8th Dist.)

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Bayview Hunters Point Reparations



OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION F

"FRONTLINES" NEWSPAPER, ITS EDITOR CARLOS PETRONI, AND 1999 MAYOR CANDIDATE LUCRECIA BERMUDEZ CAME UP WITH A COUPLE OF QUESTIONABLE IDEAS — ONE OF THEM BECAME PROPOSITION F:

"Frontlines" editor Carlos Petroni runs an interesting leftist publication which has become the bedside reading of a number of members of both the Republican and Democratic Central Committees and a lot of other political figures as well.

At his best, Petroni brings up "hot potato" issues in his publication — like the French Socialist Jean Jaures (1859-1914), who joined Emile Zola (1840-1902) in exposing the unjust imprisonment of French General Staff captain Alfred Dreyfus (1859-1935).

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Unfortunately, Proposition F (Bayview Hunters Point Reparations Declaration of Policy); which qualified for the March 2000 ballot on September 20, 1999; and the proposal to allow non-citizens to vote in Board of Education and College Board elections; which failed to qualify for the ballot on August

20, 1999; lack many of the clear-cut moral issues of the Dreyfus Affair.

Dreyfus was falsely accused of being a German spy; forgery, perjury and anti-Semitism dominating his trial.

THE PROPOSAL:

Proposition F is an ill-defined "Reparations for Bayview Hunters Point" proposal, the true victims of American Slavery long being dead.

Passage of Proposition F would open up a lot of litigation, since the legal meaning of this "declaration of policy" is highly uncertain: If passed, Proposition F will almost certainly end up in front of the California Supreme Court, the federal courts, and perhaps the United States Supreme Court.

Save the litigation costs.

Vote "NO" on Proposition F.

Golden Gate Taxpayers Association

Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.

Chairman of Golden Gate Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION F

PROPOSITION F IS NOT ABOUT ABSTRACT "MORAL ISSUES". IT IS ABOUT EMPOWERING THE RESIDENTS OF A COMMUNITY TO MEET ITS IMMEDIATE MATERIAL NEEDS.

Proposition F does not seek to make reparation for American human slavery, but modern day economic and environmental racism.

Bayview Hunters Point claims the highest rate of unemployment in San Francisco. Its diverse residents suffer from among the highest incidences of cancer and asthma in the US. A shopping mall attached to a football stadium, and expansion of public transportation services through the 3rd Street Light Rail and the Cal Train extension is on the agenda for this district.

The new trains will take years to begin operating. Skyrocketing rents and lack of jobs are pushing the district's traditional residents out of San Francisco. Many basic neighbor-

hood services are not available in Bayview Hunters Point. The construction of the mall may not happen, and there is no guarantee that it will serve the needs of the community if it does.

Proposition F will make it City policy to give Bayview Hunters Point residents the means and the power to develop their neighborhood economically while they still live there. It will create a model of neighborhood control that will spread throughout the City. If the legal system stands in the way of this, it is the duty of the City to fight it on behalf of its residents:

Vote Yes on Proposition F.

Carlos Petroni

Editor, SF Frontlines

Abel Mouton

Labor Militant

Bayview Hunters Point Reparations



F

PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

No Paid Arguments Were Submitted In Favor of Proposition F

PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION F

No Paid Arguments Were Submitted Against Proposition F

TEXT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION OF POLICY PROPOSITION F

The Bayview Hunters Point Reparations Act

Be it the policy of the City and County of San Francisco, as voted by the people, to mandate the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to implement the Bayview Hunters Point Reparations Act.

The Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood has been for decades one of the most neglected and economically depressed neighborhoods in our City. A string of broken promises of jobs and economic development, pollution of the environment and lack of services have created poverty, the exodus of youth and high unemployment, as well as high incidences of cancer and other health hazards. The Bayview Hunters Point Reparation Act is a social justice proposition to empower the residents of the neighborhood, and to help create the basis for long-term solutions to the economic, social and environmental problems inflicted upon its residents.

We, the people of San Francisco therefore mandate the Mayor and Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to take all the necessary legislative and executive actions to implement the following measures:

1. To waive all City property taxes levied upon homeowners for five years, starting with the Fiscal Year following the approval of this proposition by the voters. Homeowners who will benefit will be those with a property value under \$500,000. Their properties must be located in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood within the borders now identified as District 10 on the official District Elections map. This waiver will benefit all homeowners living on the property for three years or longer or who have tenants living on their property for three years or longer. If homeowners receive a waiver and have tenants living on their property, they must passthrough 50% of their savings to the tenants. This tax exemption specifically excludes industrial property.
2. To exempt all small businesses of Bay View Hunters Point (District 10) from paying City and payroll taxes for a period of five years starting with the Fiscal Year immediately following the election in which this proposition was approved by the voters. In order to qualify for this exemption, small businesses must pass on 50% of their savings resulting from the implementation of this measure, to

employees of the businesses.


3. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors will allocate \$150 Million to a special fund to create jobs exclusively for residents of the Bayview Hunters Point District. These jobs should be created to benefit the District's small businesses and to create environmentally sound enterprises with sustainable and quality jobs for District residents. This fund will be exclusively controlled and administered by a District, democratically elected council of neighbors that must represent the demographic and ethnic diversity of the neighborhood. Election of the proposed representatives should be organized in a way that will allow every District resident to vote on them if they so choose. Voters and candidates must be residents of the District for at least a year before the election in which this proposition was approved by the voters.
4. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors will allocate City resources as necessary to guarantee quality job training and adequate City infrastructure for the residents of the Bayview Hunters Point (District 10) to take full advantage of this proposal and its implementation. The Departments of Public Works, Health, Recreation and Parks, the City College District and the SFUSD, as well as other pertinent City departments will be required by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to help implement — in their respective areas — these proposals.

Carlos Petroni
San Francisco Frontlines Newspaper

Lucrecia Bermúdez
Immigrant Rights Movement (MDI)

Permanent Absentee Voter Qualifications

(Permanent Vote-by-Mail Qualifications)

 If you are physically disabled, you may apply to be a permanent absentee voter. Once you are on our permanent absentee voter mailing list, we will mail you an absentee ballot automatically for every election until you move, re-register, or do not vote. If you do not vote in a statewide election, you will no longer be a permanent absentee voter; however, you will remain on the voter roll unless this office has been informed that you no longer live at the address at which you are registered.

To qualify as a "Permanent Absentee Voter," you must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- Have lost use of one or more limbs;
- Have lost use of both hands;
- Be unable to move about without the aid of an assistance device (e.g. cane, crutches, walker, wheelchair);
- Be suffering from lung disease, blindness, or cardiovascular disease;
- Have significant limitation in the use of the lower extremities;
- Be suffering from a diagnosed disease or disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility;

or

- Be a spouse or family member who resides with and is the primary caregiver to a voter with any of the conditions described above.

To receive an application for permanent absentee voting status, complete the Absentee Ballot application on the back cover and return it to the Department of Elections or call for an application at (415) 554-5665. **Be sure to check the box that says, "Please send me a Permanent Absentee Voter Application" and sign your name where it says, "Sign Here".**

If you move, re-register, or do not vote, you will need to re-apply for permanent absentee voter status. In all other cases, you do not need to re-apply.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS

If you have already registered as a permanent absentee voter, your ballot will be mailed by February 7. To find out if you are registered as a permanent absentee voter, please call the Department of Elections at 554-4411. If you have not received your absentee ballot by February 18, please call 554-4411.


How to Locate Your Polling Place

Back cover of this pamphlet (lower left corner):


NOTE:

Your polling place address is located in the lower left-hand corner of the back cover of this pamphlet. Please make a note of it. Even if you send in for an absentee ballot, you may still wish to turn in your ballot at your polling place on Election Day.

Your precinct number



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Telephoning the Department of Elections

The Department of Elections has special telephone lines for specific purposes:

- To register to vote, call 554-4375;
- To request an Absentee Ballot application, call 554-4375;
- For information about becoming a Poll Worker, call 554-4385;
- For election results on Election Night, call 554-4375;
- For election information, including Election Night results, visit the Department of Elections web site at:
<http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/election>
- For all other information, call 554-4375

For your convenience and because of the huge number of calls during the weeks leading up to the election, the Department of Elections uses automated information lines in addition to regular operators. If all operators are busy, callers may hear recorded messages which will direct them to leave their name, address and telephone number. Callers with touch tone phones may be asked to press numbers to direct their calls to the right desk. Callers with rotary phones may wait on the line for an operator or to leave a message.



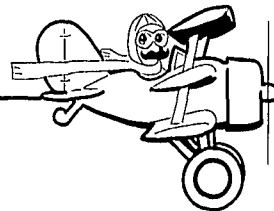
Avoid Long Lines — Vote by Mail

It's as easy as 1-2-3.

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2. Put sufficient postage where indicated.
3. Drop your completed application into a mailbox.

Applications must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Check the bottom left corner of
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Your Polling Place Has Probably Changed

We urge you to double-check the location of your polling place printed on the back page of this pamphlet.

Voter Quick Reference Page

To save time and reduce lines at your polling place,
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1. After reading this pamphlet, write down the names and numbers of the candidates you want to vote for. (See Sample Ballot page 9).
2. Fill in the number corresponding to "Yes" or "No" for each State and Local Proposition.
3. Look at the back cover of this pamphlet and write down your polling place location.

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Quick Absentee Voter Information

缺席選民資料指引

- ☒ Your absentee ballot application must be in the Department of Elections office by 5 PM, February 29, 2000.

你的缺席選票申請表格必須在2000年2月29日下午5點前送抵選務處

- ☒ If you have not mailed your voted absentee ballot by February 29, we recommend that you drop it off at your polling place on Election Day.

如果你在2月29日還沒有寄回你的缺席選票，我們建議你在選舉日將你的缺席選票交到你的投票站

- ☒ Your polling place address is printed on the back page of this pamphlet.

你的投票站地址印在此手冊的封底

My Polling Place Address is:

我的投票站地址是：



The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

2000年3月7日星期二選舉日，投票站開放時間為早上7點到下午8點。

Return Address:



Sufficient
Postage
Required

Did you sign the other side?



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Check Your Polling Place Address Below

請在此頁下面查找你的投票站地址

Attention: Any Voter May Vote by Mail 注意：任何選民都可以郵寄投票

- Complete all information that applies to you and tear off application below.
請填寫所需資料，撕下下面的申請表
- Remember to sign the absentee ballot application at the bottom of the page.
記得在本頁下面的缺席選票申請表上簽名

這份缺席選票申請表格必須在2000年2月29日下午5點前送抵選務處

This Absentee Ballot Application must be in the Department of Elections Office by 5 PM, February 29, 2000.

I apply for an absentee ballot for the March 7, 2000
Consolidated Presidential Primary Election
(You must complete the information below)

如申請2000年3月7日總統聯合預選的缺席選票
(你必須填寫左邊的資料)

Print Name 正楷填寫你的姓名

Print Residential Street Address 正楷填寫你的住址

San Francisco, CA 941

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Daytime Phone 日間電話

Evening Phone 夜間電話

I certify under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct.
本人依照偽證罪法例宣誓，所填資料正確無誤

Sign Here
在此處簽名

We must have your signature - Do Not Print 我們一定要有你的簽名 - 不要楷寫

Your Polling Place Address Is:

你的投票站地址是：

這個投票
站方便
殘障人士

Polling Place
Handicapped
Accessible:



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填寫以下資料如果你的郵寄地址不同於你的住址
Complete only if you want your absentee ballot mailed to an
address **different** than the **Mailing Address** pre-printed below.

Mailing Address 郵寄地址

City

State

Zip

- Please send me a **Permanent Absentee Voter Application**. ☐

請寄給我一份永久缺席選民申請表格

- In future Elections, I would also like to receive a ☐

Voter Information Pamphlet printed in:
將來的選舉，我想收到選民資料手冊：

中文版 ☐

Spanish ☐

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Date 日期

Mailing Address 郵寄地址