

# City and County of San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet and Sample Ballot

## Consolidated Primary Election March 5, 2002



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Dear Voter:

January 2002

Welcome to the March 5 California Consolidated Primary!

This Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) is your guide to this important election. As you can see, there are numerous primary candidates and ballot measures that require your consideration and selection – which is why this booklet is so full of detailed information.

Our primary goal is to provide you with the information you need to make your choices and to participate fully in our society's democratic processes.

We urge you to read the VIP prior to going to the polls, and to do your electoral 'homework' in advance of March 5<sup>th</sup> to enable you to express your preferences for candidates and issues that are vital to San Francisco and to California.

We at the Department of Elections also invite each and every one of you to work with us by becoming an Election Officer on Election Day, and/or by offering your property as one of the 660 polling locations throughout our City. While our Department is dedicated to meet and exceed the organizational requirements demanded by every election, we urge you to consider going beyond registering and voting – even though these remain our highest priorities – and join our outstanding Election Day volunteers by working at a precinct in your own neighborhood.

Election Officers begin at 6:00 a.m. on Election Day, and work until approximately 9:00 p.m. Election Night. More than 3,000 San Franciscans served their City as Election Officers in the elections last November and December, and we are recruiting and training even more for the March 5<sup>th</sup> Primary. While it is work that requires close attention to detail, it also is highly satisfying to be part of the most precious process in our democracy – the right to participate in the electoral process.

The Department of Elections pays for this important civic service, and we would be pleased to discuss specific details with you when you call the Precinct Services division at 415/554-4375, or visit us in person at Room 48 at City Hall. You also can access information on our web site at [www.sfgov.org/election](http://www.sfgov.org/election). If you bring along other family members, neighbors, school mates, or friends who may serve with you in a favorite association, you not only will enjoy Election Day with people you know and like but also will earn funds for your association. Please join us and serve our City!

Because San Francisco has improved its elections technology, we now employ an optical scanning voting system called the Eagle. Please remember these tips about the Eagle technology:

If you make a mistake while marking your ballot, please ask an Election Officer for a new ballot. The Eagle technology may misread a ballot where a voter has tried to correct an error. Your polling place has extra ballots in case you make a mistake and need another ballot.

Your vote is private and secret. At the poll, you will receive your ballot in a folder designed for secrecy. Election Officers will be available to instruct you on how to use the folder to protect the privacy of your vote.

The Department of Elections also provides absentee ballots that enable you to vote in the privacy of your own home. Absentee ballots may be obtained either by completing the request form found on the back of this VIP, or by writing to us at the address shown on this letterhead. This request must include your name, address and signature. An absentee ballot will be mailed to you, and if you select the Permanent Absentee Voter designation, you will receive absentee ballots for this and all future elections. Complete the absentee ballot and return it to the Department of Elections or at your local precinct before 8 p.m. on March 5, 2002. Remember, only one ballot may be mailed in the return envelope. Hand-delivered ballots will only be accepted if delivered by you, your spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, or a person residing in your household.

The Department of Elections works very hard to protect the relationship of trust we have established with the voters of San Francisco. Our mission is to provide you with an electoral process that is fair, accurate and completely open to public scrutiny and public participation. We are committed to earning, and sustaining, your confidence and your support in each and every election.

Please call 415/554-4375 if you have any questions or comments, and feel free to contact us in person or via the web. We welcome your constructive suggestions at any time. Most importantly, however, please register and vote – and please sign up to work at a poll on Election Day. We need you as a decision-maker to shape our City's, and our children's futures.

*Tammy Haygood*  
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.



## PURPOSE OF THE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

This Voter Information Pamphlet provides voters with information about the March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election. The pamphlet includes:

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1. A <b>Sample Ballot</b> (a copy of the ballot you will see at your polling place or when you vote by mail). . . . CENTER SECTION	
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## 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 4, 2002 you should receive your Voter Information Pamphlet by the middle of February.

If you registered to vote or changed your registration after January 4, and before February 5, your Voter Information Pamphlet will be mailed after February 12.

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

# 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 19, 2002.

**Q — My 18th birthday is after February 19, 2002 but on or before March 5. May I vote in the March 5 election?**

**A —** Yes, if your 18th birthday is on or before March 5, but after February 19, you can register to vote on or before February 19 and vote March 5 — 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 5 election?**

**A —** If you became a U.S. citizen on or before February 19, you may vote in the election, but you must register to vote by February 19.

**OR**

If you became a U.S. citizen after February 19, but on or before February 26, 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 5, 2002. 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 election officers 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 can locate your sample ballot in the center of this voter 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 5 if you:

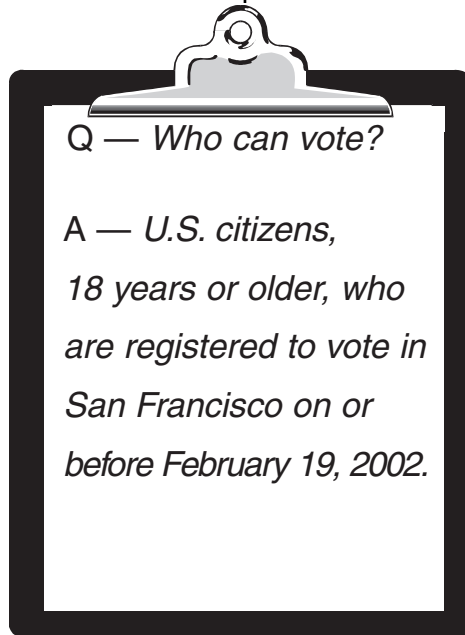
Fill out and mail the Absentee Ballot application printed on the back cover of this book. Within three days after we receive your request, a vote-by-mail ballot will be sent to you. Your request must be **received** by the Department of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on February 26, 2002;

**OR**

Go to the Office of the Department of Elections at City Hall, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48, from February 4 through March 5 (except February 18). The office hours are: from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekend starting February 9; and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 5.

**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 5 p.m. on February 26, 2002.





# Early Voting

(In person or by mail)

## EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

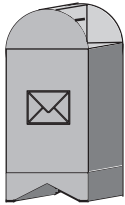
Office hours for early voting are as follows:

- **8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday**, (except February 18) beginning February 4 at *City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48*;
- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday starting February 9 and 10, through March 2 and 3**;
- **7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 5** 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). This must be received by the Department of Elections before 5 p.m. on February 26, 2002.

**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**, or a signed written request, and return it to the Department of Elections so that it is received no later than 5 p.m. on February 26, 2002. 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 4 through March 5 (except February 18).

The office hours are:

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday;
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, starting February 9 and 10 through March 2 and 3.
- 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 5.

In addition, all voters may apply to become Permanent Absentee Voters (see page 6). 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 election officers to provide assistance.

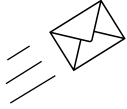
**CURBSIDE VOTING** — If architectural barriers prevent an elderly or disabled voter from entering the polling place, election officers will bring the necessary voting materials to the voter in front of the polling place.

**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 special pen for marking the ballot.



# Permanent Absentee Voter

(Permanent Vote-by-Mail)

As of January 1, 2002 any registered voter may request to be a Permanent Absentee Voter. Permanent Absentee Voter status is no longer limited to those voters with physical disabilities. Any voter may request to become a Permanent Absentee Voter, and an Absentee Ballot will be mailed to you automatically for every election.

Anyone registered to vote 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 in a statewide election. 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 become a Permanent Absentee Voter, complete the Absentee Ballot application on the back cover and return it to the Department of Elections or call for an application at (415) 554-4375. **Be sure to check the box that says, "Permanent Absentee Voter" and sign your name where it says, "Sign Here".**

If you move, re-register, or do not vote in a statewide election, you will need to re-apply to be a Permanent Absentee Voter. 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 on or about February 4. 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 15, please call 554-4375.

## 永久缺席選民 (永久郵寄投票)

自2002年1月1日起，任何登記選民都可以申請成為永久缺席選民。永久缺席選民身份不再限於殘障選民。任何選民都可以申請為永久缺席選民，這樣每次選舉就會自動寄一張缺席選票給你。

任何人登記選舉都可以申請成為永久缺席選民。你一旦在永久缺席選民的郵寄名單內，每次選舉選務處就會自動寄一張缺席選票給你，直至你遷居、重新登記、或在全州選舉中沒有投票。即如果你在全州選舉中不投票，你就不再是永久缺席選民；但是，你仍然在選民名冊內，除非你通知選務處你已經不再住在你所登記的住址。

如欲成為永久缺席選民，請填寫選民手冊封底所附印的缺席選票申請表，寄或送回選務處，或致電(415)554-4375索取申請表。記得勾選“永久缺席選民”的方格，並在“在此簽名”的地方簽名。

如果你已經遷居、重新登記、或在全州選舉中沒有投票，你必須重新申請為永久缺席選民。其他情況，你不必再申請。

# 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

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_


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

*Sign Here* ▶

*We must have your signature - Do Not Print*

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

Polling Place Handicapped Accessible:



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

This pamphlet does not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on your sample ballot located in the centerfold of this pamphlet. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate, unless otherwise determined by the jurisdiction.

## LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Proposition 34, which was approved by California voters on November 7, 2000, a candidate for State Senate or Assembly who accepts the voluntary expenditure limits set forth in Section 85400 of said Proposition may purchase the space to place a statement in the voter information portion of the sample ballot pamphlet.

The Legislative candidates who have accepted voluntary spending limits and, therefore, are eligible to submit a candidate's statement for the March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election are listed below:

### State Senator

#### District 8

Jackie Speier - *Democratic*  
Robert Fliegler - *Libertarian*  
Dennis Zell - *Republican*

### Member of the State Assembly

#### District 12

Dan Kelly - *Democratic*  
Leland Yee - *Democratic*  
Michael Denny - *Libertarian*  
Howard Epstein - *Republican*

#### District 13

Harry Britt - *Democratic*  
Mark Leno - *Democratic*  
Steve Phillips - *Democratic*  
Holli Thier - *Democratic*  
Joshua Kriesel - *Republican*  
Gail Neira - *Republican*



# BALLOT CARDS BY PARTY AFFILIATION

The March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election is one of the most complicated in California history, with no fewer than 17 different ballot cards and dozens of candidates and measures on the ballot.

Here is a preview of the ballot combinations voters will receive.

## VOTERS REGISTERED WITH A QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTY

<b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b> <i>Total: 3 Ballot Cards</i>	Democratic Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	Democratic Central Committee Ballot
<b>REPUBLICAN PARTY</b> <i>Total: 3 Ballot Cards</i>	Republican Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	Republican Central Committee Ballot
<b>AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	American Independent Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>NATURAL LAW PARTY</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Natural Law Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>GREEN PARTY</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Green Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>LIBERTARIAN PARTY</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Libertarian Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>REFORM PARTY</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Reform Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	

## DECLINE-TO-STATE VOTERS

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties): The Democratic Party, the Republican Party, the American Independent Party, and the Natural Law Party have agreed to allow Nonpartisan voters the option to vote for candidates on their ballots. However, Nonpartisan voters are excluded from voting in County Central Committee races.*

<b>NONPARTISAN</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Nonpartisan Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>DECLINE-TO-STATE DEMOCRATIC</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Decline-to-State Democratic Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>DECLINE-TO-STATE REPUBLICAN</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Decline-to-State Republican Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>DECLINE-TO-STATE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Decline-to-State American Independent Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	
<b>DECLINE-TO-STATE NATURAL LAW PARTY</b> <i>Total: 2 Ballot Cards</i>	Decline-to-State Natural Law Ballot	Measure/Prop. Ballot	

# NEW ELECTION LAWS

## NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

Your legislative districts may have changed! California's 2001 elections redistricting plan assigns voters to election districts for the offices of state and federal legislator, and the State Board of Equalization. The California Constitution (Article 21, Section 1) requires an adjustment ("reapportionment") of election districts every ten years, in the year following the federal census, in accordance with specified standards. The intent of this requirement is to reflect changes in population by establishing undivided (contiguous) districts, each with a reasonably equal population, that respect the geographical integrity of the cities and counties within them. The 2001 plan became law and took effect on September 27, 2001.

You may obtain information about the redistricting process from the following:

California Senate Reapportionment Committee - Telephone: 916.445.2601

Online: [www.senate.ca.gov/ftp/sen/committee/standing/el/\\_home/](http://www.senate.ca.gov/ftp/sen/committee/standing/el/_home/)

California Assembly Reapportionment Committee - Telephone: 916.319.2094

Online: [www.assembly.ca.gov/erca](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/erca)

## THE "MODIFIED" PRIMARY

In January 2001, California Senate Bill 28 implemented a "modified" primary system. A "modified" primary system allows voters who are not registered with a qualified political party to vote a partisan ballot at the primary election. For purposes of California Senate Bill 28, voters who are not registered with a qualified political party are also known as Decline to State voters (DTS). DTS voters include voters registered as nonpartisan, decline to state, and voters registered with any unqualified political party. The seven qualified political parties in California are: American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Reform, and Republican. The qualified political parties, however, must have agreed to participate in this process in order for a DTS voter to receive a ballot for the party requested. Parties permitting DTS voters to vote their party's ballot for the March 5, 2002 Gubernatorial Primary Election are: American Independent, Democratic, Natural Law, and Republican.

Of the above four parties, two - Democratic and Republican - do not allow DTS voters to participate in their central committee elections. The other two - American Independent and Natural Law - do allow DTS voters to vote for their central committee members. If you are a voter who is registered to vote with a qualified political party, you may only vote at this primary election for the candidates running for office from the party with which you are registered. If you are a voter who did not select a qualified political party when you registered to vote, you have the option of voting a nonpartisan ballot or voting a ballot for one of the four named political parties permitting DTS voters to vote in their primaries. You may, however, request only ONE party's ballot.

For more information regarding qualified political parties, you may call the California Secretary of State's Office at 1.866.387.8683 (toll free) or visit their website: [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov)

## PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER STATUS

Any registered voter may now apply for permanent absent voter status. Permanent absentee voters automatically receive their ballots by mail within the 29 days preceding any election in which they are eligible to vote. They can remain permanent absentee voters as long as they wish. However, if they fail to vote in a statewide election, they lose their permanent absent voter status and they will need to re-apply.

If you wish to become a permanent absentee voter and receive your ballot in the mail automatically prior to Election Day, please fill out and sign the Absentee Ballot Application on the outside back cover of this Sample Ballot Pamphlet and check the box for Permanent Absentee Voter.

If you have any questions, please call the San Francisco Department of Elections Office at 415.554.4375 or e-mail to [www.sfgov.org/election](http://www.sfgov.org/election)

# **DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following partisan offices will appear on the ballot for voters affiliated with the Democratic Party:

**Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Member, Board of Equalization  
United States Representative, District 8 or District 12  
State Senator, District 3 (no election) or District 8  
Member, State Assembly, District 12 or District 13  
Members, Democratic Party County Central Committee, Assembly District 12 or 13**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties):  
The Democratic Party of California has agreed to allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote for candidates on the Democratic Party Ballot. Nonpartisan voters requesting such a ballot will receive a Democratic Party ballot which will include all candidates except for those candidates for election as Members of the Democratic County Central Committee.*

## **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS PARTISAN CANDIDATES**

On the following pages are statements of qualifications from candidates for partisan offices in the Democratic Party Primary Election. They have been printed as submitted. Spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected. The statements are submitted by the candidates. They have not been checked for accuracy by any City official or agency.

Voters who are registered as affiliated with the Democratic Party may vote for candidates on the Democratic Party Primary portion of the ballot, including Members of the County Central Committee. Voters registered as "Decline to State (DTS)" have the option to request a Democratic Party ballot and will receive a Democratic Party ballot with all candidates except for the office of Members of the County Central Committee. Democratic Party ballots include the candidates whose statements appear on the following pages.

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# Candidates for State Senate, 8th District

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## **JACKIE SPEIER**

**My occupation is** State Senator

**My qualifications are:**

It has been a privilege to serve you for nearly 14 years in the State Assembly and now in the State Senate. Working on your behalf, I have:

- Established a landmark discount prescription drug program for California seniors, saving an average 25% on the top 100 drugs;
- Chaired Senate Insurance Committee hearings leading to resignation of Insurance Commissioner Quackenbush;
- Fought to protect your privacy;
- Mandated proof of auto insurance for drivers, lowering insurance premiums;
- Allowed consumers to get free state inspections that identified fraudulent auto body repairs;
- Mandated HMO coverage for contraception;
- Required health insurers to cover costs of cancer patients participating in clinical drug trials;
- Fought to extend health insurance to all California children;
- Obtained \$7 million for the Ocean Avenue Muni line, \$127 million to establish "Baby Bullet" Caltrain service to cut the commute in half between San Francisco and San Jose, and additional funds for Edgehill Park, the City College/San Francisco State Joint Use Facility, and to preserve Lake Merced.

I will be back with tough legislation to protect your privacy from marketers and identity thieves. California birth record information that was free to anyone to view on the Internet was recently removed from use after I held a hearing exposing this uncontrolled invasion of privacy. Much remains to be done.

I respectfully request your vote so that we may continue to work together on behalf of California's future.

*Jackie Speier*

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# Candidates for State Assembly, 12th District

## **DAN KELLY**

**My occupation is** Pediatrician

**My qualifications are:**

We deserve elected leaders who put principle above politics and who govern with integrity, compassion and common sense.

As a pediatrician, volunteer, and elected official, I have worked collaboratively with local community groups to make a real difference.

Visit my office; you won't see photos of celebrities or politicians. My walls are lined with photos of children, families and real people. These are my "special interests."

**A RECORD OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**

I have kept the promises I made when you first elected me in 1990, and am proud of these achievements:

- Led class size reduction efforts that set the standard for reducing overcrowding statewide.
- Strengthened our high school curriculum to ensure challenging coursework and a strong education.
- Restored funding for Arts programs.
- Increased funding for classroom supplies.
- Demanded accountability of the Superintendent, Administration and the Board itself.

**A RECORD OF SERVICE**

I give my time to programs that improve people's lives and benefit the whole community, not narrow interests:

- San Francisco Board of Education, 1991-2001
- Council of Great City Schools Board
- West Portal CARE Board
- San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center Board
- Ski instructor for disabled children and adults

Examine my record closely; it demonstrates the character, commitment and effectiveness needed to represent you in the State Assembly.

Please join UESF, the teachers of San Francisco, Tom Ammiano, Aaron Peskin, Matt Gonzalez, Jill Wynns, Eric Mar, Mark Sanchez, Henry Der, Susan Suval, Dan Kalb, John Shanley, and other community leaders by supporting Dr. Dan Kelly for Assembly on March 5th

*Dan Kelly*

## **LELAND YEE**

**My occupation is** Educator, San Francisco Supervisor

**My qualifications are:**

I'm a husband, father of four, teacher and child psychologist. I've served as a San Francisco Supervisor since 1996, including two years as Finance Chair. Previously, I served on the San Francisco School Board for eight years.

My legislative record includes: improving family day care; expanding mental health services; establishing youth tobacco prevention; adding 400 new police; sponsoring new Sunshine Ordinance; passing the Bond Accountability Act; exposing mismanagement and corruption in schools and government.

In the Assembly, I'll improve our schools, ensure quality health care, protect the environment and create new jobs.

I'll also expand mental health funding to get homeless individuals off the street; prohibit corporations from selling personal financial and medical information; and protect California from terrorists and criminals.

My endorsers include:

San Francisco Elected Officials:

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, State Senator John Burton, Assemblyman Kevin Shelley, Mayor Willie Brown, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, District Attorney Terence Hallinan, Assessor Doris Ward, Supervisors Tony Hall and Jake McGoldrick, School Board Member Eddie Chin, Community College Trustees Anita Grier and Natalie Berg, former Mayors Frank Jordan and Art Agnos.

San Mateo County Elected Officials:

Supervisor Mike Nevin, Daly City Mayor Mike Guingona, Daly City Councilmembers Carol Klatt, Sal Torres, Adrienne Tissier, Madolyn Agrimonti, Jefferson Elementary School Board Members Marie Brizuela and Marianne Petroni.

Organizations:

San Francisco and Daly City Firefighters, San Francisco and Daly City Police Officers, San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs, San Francisco and San Mateo County Labor Councils and Building Trades Councils, Tenants Association Coalition, Daly City-Colma Democratic Club, Mexican American Political Alliance, Filipino-American Democratic Empowerment Council, Barbara Jordan Democratic Club.

*Leland Yee*

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# Candidates for State Assembly, 13th District

## **HARRY BRITT**

**My occupation is** Educator, former Supervisor

**My qualifications are:**

From 1979 to 1992, I served as a San Francisco Supervisor, two years as Board President.

My legislative record includes: founding rent control in San Francisco; passing the first Domestic Partners law in the country; establishing equal pay for women in city government; and sponsoring Proposition M, the toughest downtown growth control law in America.

Since 1992, I've worked as a teacher. Improving schools for students is one of my highest priorities. San Francisco teachers endorse me.

I'm a long-time union member. I will fight to create and keep jobs with living wages. San Francisco unions endorse me.

As a leader in the gay community, I helped secure the first-ever funding to fight HIV and AIDS. My strong commitment to health care is why nurses endorse me.

My work to create, maintain and strengthen rent control earned me induction into the San Francisco Tenants Union's "Tenants Hall of Fame".

In Sacramento, I will be true to you. I'll stand up to corporate special interests and fight for the schools, jobs, environment and health care we desperately need.

My supporters include:

Assemblywoman Carole Migden

Board President Tom Ammiano, Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Chris Daly, Jake McGoldrick, Gerardo Sandoval, Angela Alioto

School Board Members Jill Wynns, Eric Mar, Mark Sanchez

Community Leaders Dolores Huerta, Joe Julian, Eric Quezada, Van Jones, Eileen Hansen, Peter Gabel, Debra Walker, Dave Snyder, Gerry Crowley, and Genny Lim

California Nurses Association

United Educators of San Francisco

San Francisco Labor Council

Harvey Milk L/G/B/T Democratic Club

Bernal Heights Democratic Club

*Harry Britt*

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## **STEVE PHILLIPS**

**My occupation is** Businessperson

**My qualifications are:**

This is a moment in our City's history when we need to move beyond political bickering and focus on basic priorities that make a difference for the working families of San Francisco.

With your support, I will:

- Work to make excellent schools the top priority of our state government.
- Introduce an economic revitalization program that targets the creation of high-wage jobs, not the enrichment of high-dollar political supporters.
- Fight every day for common-sense housing policies that increase homeownership opportunities.

As a former School Board member, businessman and employment attorney, I've shown that I can make change a reality.

- As president of the San Francisco School Board, I helped save the early childhood program that serves 4000 children in the City.
- I worked to bring accountability to the School District by bringing in outside auditors and hiring a new, reform-minded superintendent.
- I joined with teachers, parents and principals to take on the special interests in order to put our children first.

As a businessman who helped found a successful technology company, I understand that bold vision and basic, old-fashioned common sense can make a difference in our communities. That's the experience and vision I'll put to work for you.

The divisive politics of the past aren't working for our communities. If you want change, please stand with us as we fight for better schools, affordable housing and an economic recovery that benefits every family. Please find out more at [www.stevephillips.com](http://www.stevephillips.com).

*Steve Phillips*

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# Candidates for State Assembly, 13th District

## **HOLLI THIER**

**My occupation is** Civil Rights Attorney

**My qualifications are:**

As your Assemblymember, I'll be an independent, progressive voice for reform in Sacramento.

I'm not tied to any machine. I will not owe a debt to anyone if I win with your vote.

As the former President of the League of Women Voters, I've been on the frontlines of the fight to clean up our elections and institute campaign reform.

For over 30 years, my mother taught in the public schools, instilling in me the value of union representation and the importance of a quality education.

A graduate of the University of California at Davis (Phi Beta Kappa) and Hastings College of Law, I've had a wide variety of professional and political experiences that will make me the strongest Democratic voice for reform.

Twice elected in the 13th Assembly District to the Democratic County Central Committee, I led the successful effort to overhaul the contracting process, establishing a competitive bidding policy with affirmative action preferences for women and people of color.

As the spokesperson for the campaign against Proposition 227, I logged thousands of miles to save bi-lingual education.

As a Deputy City Attorney, I fought to clean up our neighborhoods by shutting down crack houses and neighborhood nuisances.

As a community activist, I chaired the Women's Caucus of the Harvey Milk G/L/B/T Democratic Club and served leadership roles in numerous Jewish community organizations.

Please join the National Women's Campaign Fund, San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, Mexican American Political Association and many others in supporting my candidacy for Assembly.

*Holli Thier*

## **MARK LENO**

**My occupation is** Supervisor, Neighborhood Businessperson

**My qualifications are:**

San Franciscans deserve an effective legislator in Sacramento. As a Supervisor, I've focused on the issues that San Franciscans care most about and achieved important results.

Affordable Housing — I authored legislation mandating more affordable units in all new residential construction in San Francisco. My advocacy for affordable housing in Sacramento will be equally strong.

Healthcare — As Finance Chair of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I secured \$3 million for universal healthcare for San Francisco's uninsured children. In Sacramento I will fight for universal healthcare for all Californians.

Alternative Energy — I authored the country's first \$100 million solar revenue bond that will lessen our dependence on out-of-state energy corporations, which voters approved by 73 percent. As an Assemblymember I will champion clean and renewable energy production.

Education — I authored a measure on this ballot that will require citizen review of how city bond money is spent. It is vital that we ensure that every dollar voters authorize for schools actually helps our kids. By restoring confidence in school bonds, I can fight for and win more state funding when elected to the State Assembly.

Because of my work on these issues, I proudly have the support of Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Supervisors Sophie Maxwell and Gavin Newsom, San Francisco Firefighters, San Francisco Police Officers, and the Democratic Women's Forum.

I ask for your vote and will deliver to you effective representation in the State Assembly.

Please visit my website at [www.markleno.com](http://www.markleno.com).

*Mark Leno*

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# **REPUBLICAN PARTY BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following partisan offices will appear on the ballot for voters affiliated with the Republican Party:

**Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Member, Board of Equalization  
United States Representative, District 8 or District 12  
State Senator, District 3 (no election) or District 8  
Member, State Assembly, District 12 or District 13  
Members, Republican Party County Central Committee, Assembly District 12 or 13**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

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The Republican Party of California has agreed to allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote for candidates on the Republican Party Ballot. Nonpartisan voters requesting such a ballot will receive a Republican Party ballot which will include all candidates except for those candidates for election as Members of the Republican County Central Committee.*

## **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS PARTISAN CANDIDATES**

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Voters who are registered as affiliated with the Republican Party may vote for candidates on the Republican Party Primary portion of the ballot, including Members of the County Central Committee. Voters registered as "Decline to State (DTS)" have the option to request a Republican Party ballot and will receive a Republican Party ballot with all candidates except for the office of Members of the County Central Committee. Republican Party ballots include the candidates whose statements appear on the following pages.

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# Candidates for State Senate, 8th District

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## DENNIS ZELL

**My occupation is** Lawyer

**My qualifications are:**

Hello, my name is Dennis Zell and I want your vote to be the Republican candidate for the 8<sup>th</sup> District Senate seat in the California Legislature.

I am the proud father of two wonderful children and the lucky husband of their incredible mother Bridget. I was born and raised in Burlingame where our family now resides. Bridget was raised in San Francisco.

A lifelong Republican, I'm now 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman of the San Mateo County Republican Party where I and other reformers have halted the decline in Republican registration and started to rebuild the grass-roots volunteer organization necessary to obtain majority.

The 8<sup>th</sup> District stretches from the Mid-Peninsula to San Francisco. Some of the suburban communities already enjoy a Republican majority. Although Republicans are badly outnumbered in San Francisco, your vote really does make a difference when combined with other Republican votes down the Peninsula. Together, we can make an impact!

I want to represent all the people in the district, especially Republican women who have been alienated from the party in recent years. I embrace the warm spirit of "compassionate conservatism" as defined by President Bush. I'll focus on pragmatic issues such as education, energy, and the economy rather than engaging in divisive ideological debates about social issues.

Don't be left in the dark without a representative. Support my efforts to win back the California Legislature by visiting [www.vote4zell.com](http://www.vote4zell.com). To effectuate change in our party and our state I need your generous contributions, and most importantly, your vote!

*Dennis Zell*

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# Candidates for State Assembly, 12th District

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## HOWARD EPSTEIN

**My occupation is** Small Business Owner

**My qualifications are:**

I'm running to bring common sense to our state Government. As a successful small business owner I know how to develop a budget, live within it, and work with people of differing background and opinions to accomplish objectives.

I'm a native San Franciscan educated in the public school system, including a B.A. from San Francisco State College.

My business experience has taught me that government can interfere with productivity. I am dedicated to helping the private sector create good jobs. I am also dedicated to the right of San Franciscans to live the American Dream of owning their own homes.

As a business leader I have held several trade association leadership positions on the state and national level. I have been a Republican leader and activist for many years. I currently serve as Treasurer of the San Francisco Republican Party, a member of the Republican State Committee, and an Executive Committee member of the Lincoln Club of Northern California. My past leadership roles include serving as President of the Richmond District Republicans, and a San Francisco Bush/Cheney Team Leader.

If elected I will reach across party lines to establish a rational and affordable energy policy, excellence in education, the rebuilding of our roads and bridges, and creating a security program second to none for the Bay Area and California.

*Howard A. Epstein*

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# Candidates for State Assembly, 13th District

## JOSHUA KRIESEL, Ph.D

**My occupation is** Scientific Research Manager

**My qualifications are:**

I'm Joshua Kriesel, and I want to represent you in the California State Assembly.

I have lived in the Bay Area for over five years, and earned my Ph.D from Berkeley. I am presently a research manager at a biotech company in the Bay Area. As a manager of a scientific research group I have learned to study problems critically, and subsequently, make competent, well informed decisions.

I am a Republican in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan.

I believe in an inclusive Republican Party, affording equal protections and opportunities for every American, fostering a conservation ethic, eliminating governmental waste and intrusion into the market place and our private lives, and promoting free trade.

As an entrepreneur in a cutting-edge industry, I believe I can educate my colleagues in the legislature about new, beneficial technologies and how to unleash the creative genius of our diverse population. I am committed to taking steps to enhance the engine of innovation, the cornerstone of free enterprise and indeed, our American way of life.

As your representative in the Assembly, I will work with you to expand affordable homeownership opportunities, ensure affordable and reliable energy, provide quality education for every child and adult, and end two-hour commutes and suburban sprawl.

Finally, if you are an Independent, ask for a Republican ballot, and whether you are a Republican or an Independent, please vote for me, Joshua Kriesel for the Assembly when you cast your ballot on March 5th.

Thank you.

*Joshua Kriesel*

## GAIL NEIRA

**My occupation is** businessowner/ corporate director

**My qualifications are:**

Gail E. Neira is an incumbent member of S.F. Republican Central Committee, past member of its Executive Committee. She served as operations manager for the Bush/Cheney main S.F. campaign headquarters in 2000. She is president of San Francisco Republican Assembly, a Republican-only leadership fostering group and civic activists. Only Ms. Neira has succeeded in attracting Republican figures as Senator Ray Haynes, Senator Tom McClintock, Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, former State Senator Quentin Kopp, including others as Calif. Republican State Party Vice Chairman.

Ms. Neira serves on the official committee for 150th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Irish Parade in S.F. In response to President Bush's request, Gail is the first Republican to help coordinate the Faith Based Coalition of San Francisco Bay Area with 100 ministers of diverse faiths. She also helped coordinate a pre-Thanksgiving Operation Blessing food giveaway to 2000 impoverished families.

The only S.F. Republican landslide campaign victories occurred when Gail managed dual re-election campaign for State Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest and State Controller Huston Flournoy.

Her professional/business achievements include publisher/owner of global shipping publications, Spanish news and general business newspapers. Recipient of U.S. Business Administration Award; native S.F. with Hispanic heritage. She focuses on restoring Republican pride and loyalty. My campaign is supported by California Rep. Party State Chairman Shawn Steele and Calif. Republican County Chairmen's Association Barbara Stidham.

*Gail Neira*

# **AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following partisan offices will appear on the ballot for voters affiliated with the American Independent Party:

**Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Member, Board of Equalization  
United States Representative, District 8 or District 12  
State Senator, District 3 (no election) or District 8  
Member, State Assembly, District 12 or District 13**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties):  
The American Independent Party of California has agreed to allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote  
for candidates on the American Independent Party ballot. Nonpartisan voters requesting such a ballot will receive an  
American Independent Party ballot which will include all candidates.*

Voters who are registered as affiliated with the American Independent Party may vote for candidates on the American Independent Party Primary portion of the ballot. Voters registered as "Decline to State (DTS)" have the option to request an American Independent Party ballot and will receive an American Independent Party ballot with all candidates.

# **GREEN PARTY BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following partisan offices will appear on the ballot for voters affiliated with the Green Party:

**Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Member, Board of Equalization  
United States Representative, District 8 or District 12  
State Senator, District 3 (no election) or District 8  
Member, State Assembly, District 12 or District 13  
Members, Green Party County Council**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties):  
The Green Party of California has determined that they will not allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote for candidates on the Green Party ballot. The Green Party ballot is available only to voters registered as affiliated with the Green Party.*

Voters who are registered as affiliated with the Green Party may vote for candidates on the Green Party Primary portion of the ballot, including Members of the Green Party County Council.

# **LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following partisan offices will appear on the ballot for voters affiliated with the Libertarian Party:

**Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Member, Board of Equalization  
United States Representative, District 8 or District 12  
State Senator, District 3 (no election) or District 8  
Member, State Assembly, District 12 or District 13**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties):  
The Libertarian Party of California has determined that they will not allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote for candidates on the Libertarian Party ballot. The Libertarian Party ballot is available only to voters registered as affiliated with the Libertarian Party.*

Voters who are registered as affiliated with the Libertarian Party may vote for candidates on the Libertarian Party Primary portion of the ballot.

# **NATURAL LAW PARTY BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following partisan offices will appear on the ballot for voters affiliated with the Natural Law Party:

**Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Member, Board of Equalization  
United States Representative, District 8 or District 12  
State Senator, District 3 (no election) or District 8  
Member, State Assembly, District 12 or District 13**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties):  
The Natural Law Party of California has agreed to allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote for candidates on the Natural Law Party ballot. Nonpartisan voters requesting such a ballot will receive a Natural Law Party ballot which will include all candidates.*

Voters who are registered as affiliated with the Natural Law Party may vote for candidates on the Natural Law Party Primary portion of the ballot. Voters registered as "Decline to State (DTS)" have the option to request a Natural Law Party ballot and will receive a Natural Law Party ballot with all candidates.

# **REFORM PARTY BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following partisan offices will appear on the ballot for voters affiliated with the Reform Party:

**Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Member, Board of Equalization  
United States Representative, District 8 or District 12  
State Senator, District 3 (no election) or District 8  
Member, State Assembly, District 12 or District 13**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties):  
The Reform Party of California has determined that they will not allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote for candidates on the Reform Party ballot. The Reform Party ballot is available only to voters registered as affiliated with the Reform Party.*

Voters who are registered as affiliated with the Reform Party may vote for candidates on the Reform Party Primary portion of the ballot.



# **NONPARTISAN BALLOT INFORMATION**

**March 5, 2002 Consolidated Primary Election**

The following nonpartisan offices will appear on the ballot for all voters:

**Judge of the Superior Court, Office #3  
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #10  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
San Francisco County Assessor-Recorder  
San Francisco County Public Defender**

**Nonpartisan voters are all voters who are registered as not affiliated with a qualified political party in the State of California. Nonpartisan voters are registered as one of the following: "Independent," "Decline to State" or with a non-qualified political party.**

*Notice to voters registered as Nonpartisan (including Independent, Decline to State, and non-qualified political parties):*

*The following Political Parties in California have agreed to allow Nonpartisan voters the option to request a ballot to vote for candidates on their Primary Ballot:*

**American Independent Party, Democratic Party, Natural Law Party and Republican Party**

*Nonpartisan voters may request a ballot for one of the above parties either by mail or at the polls on Election Day, March 5, 2002. Nonpartisan voters not requesting a ballot for one of the above listed parties will receive a Nonpartisan ballot which will include the nonpartisan offices to be voted on by all voters (listed above) and all Propositions to be voted on by all voters.*

*Some parties listed above may not allow Nonpartisan voters to vote for candidates for the party's County Central Committee. Please see specific **Ballot Information** page in this Voter Information Pamphlet for each party listed above.*

# JUDICIAL OFFICES TO BE VOTED ON THIS ELECTION

There are 26 open seats for Superior Court Judges. If an incumbent runs unopposed, the name of the incumbent does not appear on the ballot and/or in the voter information pamphlet. Please refer to California Elections Code (CEC) Section 8203. The following judicial offices have a contested election:

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #3**

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #10**

Superior Court Judges preside over disputes and settlements through conferences or trials. The term of office is 6 years and the salary is \$133,052.

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## CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO OFFICES TO BE VOTED ON THIS ELECTION

### **ASSESSOR-RECORDER**

The Assessor-Recorder decides what property in the City is subject to property tax, and the value of that property for tax purposes.

The term of office for the Assessor-Recorder is four years. The Assessor-Recorder is currently paid \$130,735 each year.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

The Public Defender represents some persons who cannot afford to pay their own lawyer. The Public Defender represents: persons accused of crimes, juveniles in legal actions, and persons in mental health hearings.

The term of office for the Public Defender is four years. The Public Defender is currently paid \$144,203 each year.

## STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS LOCAL CANDIDATES

On the following pages are statements of qualifications from local candidates. They have been printed as submitted. Spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected.

The statements are submitted by the candidates. They have not been checked for accuracy by any City official or agency.

The below indication of acceptance of campaign spending limits applies to the Assessor-Recorder and Public Defender statements. Voluntary campaign spending limits per Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance (CFRP) section 1.1.28 do not apply to judicial elections.

◆ ***THE ABOVE CANDIDATE HAS AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY LIMIT CAMPAIGN SPENDING.***

The above statement preceded by the diamond indicates candidates who have adopted voluntary campaign spending limits according to the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance (CFRO) section 1.128.

# Candidates for Superior Court Judge, Seat # 3

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## ROBERT SHERIDAN

**My occupation is** Trial Attorney

**My qualifications are:**

- New York University School of Law, 1966
- State Bar of California, 1967.
- Assistant District Attorney:
- Contra Costa County (1967-1969)
- City & County of San Francisco (1969-1974)
- Led San Francisco District Attorney Rape Unit (1973-1974)
- Received "Champion of the People" award from SFDA colleagues (1974).
- Private Practice (1974 - Present): Criminal, Civil, Immigration Law

Experience on both sides of the courtroom is what I offer, 34 years of extremely challenging jury trial and related work, representing people of all backgrounds, in the highest tradition of the legal profession.

I advocate for competent investigation and against bias to assure proper decision making with balance and moderation.

My wife Marie Heredia Sheridan, and I, have raised three sons in San Francisco, Robbie, Ted, & Rick.

Supporters include: Judges Alfred Chiantelli, Claude Perasso, Carlos Bea, Wallace Douglass, Supervisor Tony Hall, Assistant District Attorneys Thomas Cullinan, Dennis Cashman, Andrew Clark, John Dwyer, William Murphy, Jr., Eugene Sweeters, Daro Inouye, Joseph Russoniello, Thomas Nuris, Douglas Schmidt, Norman Lew, Noel Marcovecchio, Bill Fazio, Frank Passaglia, Ira Barg, Jeremiah Hallisey, John Kortum, Napoleon Hendrix, Martin Bastiani, Chris Sullivan; Business people Marie & John Duggan, De Doring, Don Cheung, Bonnie Chin, Song Ae Park, John A. Harris, Robert J. Holmes, Georg Scarpato.

*Robert Sheridan*

## NANCY L. DAVIS

**My occupation is** Superior Court Commissioner

**My qualifications are:**

As a civil rights lawyer and Executive Director of the public interest law firm Equal Rights Advocates, I've worked hard over the past 30 years to bring just ends from unjust situations. Establishing workplace safety; opening doors to nontraditional occupations for women; working to outlaw sexual harassment; and safeguarding equal pay and affirmative action are hallmarks of my career.

I've been counsel in complex litigation, including major class actions, and take pride in the many settlement agreements I've worked out, saving time and money for all involved. I've taught at several Bay Area law schools.

My legal work has been recognized by California Women Lawyers, BALIF, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the American Bar Association.

Over the last three years, I've served as a volunteer judge protem of the San Francisco Superior Court and am currently a Superior Court Commissioner.

I am the mother of two teenage daughters and a school volunteer.

My supporters include: Senators John Burton and Jackie Speier; Assemblypersons Kevin Shelley and Carole Migden; Treasurer Susan Leal; Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Mark Leno, Sopenia Maxwell, Aaron Peskin, and Gerardo Sandoval; Judges John Dearman, Lillian Sing, Julie Tang; Sheriff Michael Hennessey.

I respectfully request your vote.

*Nancy L. Davis*

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# Candidates for Superior Court Judge, Seat # 10

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## SEAN F. CONNOLLY

## SUSAN LEW

**My occupation is** Deputy City Attorney

**My occupation is** Court Staff Attorney

**My qualifications are:**

My diverse legal background, commitment to public service and reputation for integrity make me uniquely qualified to serve as your Judge.

**COURTROOM EXPERIENCE**

I have tried over 50 civil and criminal cases in State and Federal court.

As Deputy Public Defender I fought in the criminal courts to protect the Constitutional rights of San Francisco's poor. As General Counsel to the Police Officers' Association I protected the interests of San Francisco's rank-and-file police officers. As Deputy City Attorney I represent the interests of the City and all San Franciscans in civil litigation.

**EDUCATION**

B.A.- Boston University; law degree - University of San Francisco.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member: Board of Directors of the non-profit Court Appointed Special Advocates, which provides advocates for neglected children in the foster-care system.

**ENDORSEMENTS**

Sen. John Burton, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, District Attorney Terence Hallinan, former City Attorney Louise Renne, former Public Defender Jeff Brown; Police Commissioner Wayne Friday; Kelly Cullen, John Keke, Bill Fazio, Peter Keane, Chris Moscone, Daro Inouye;  
SUPERVISORS: Gonzalez, Peskin, Newsom, Sandoval, and Hall;  
JUDGES: Katherine Feinstein, James McBride, Richard Kramer, Robert Dondero, Patrick Mahoney, Lucy McCabe (ret.), Wallace Douglass, and Jack Berman (ret.).

Thank you for your support.

Vote Sean F. Connolly for judge!

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

*Sean F. Connolly*

**My qualifications are:**

My unique perspective comes from 25 years of community service, including five years as Judge Pro Tem for Alameda and San Francisco Superior Courts and twelve years as Court Staff Attorney at San Francisco Superior Court.

My community service focused on people who otherwise could not afford representation in court:

- Represented tenants at Legal Assistance to the Elderly and Neighborhood Legal Assistance before working with the court.
- Helped to compile and complete the Court Default Manual, an extensive guide for court staff.
- Serve on Boards of nonprofit organizations, representing domestic violence survivors and providing scholarships to law students in the interest of justice.
- Elected President 2002 of San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association and work with our diverse communities in San Francisco.

My experiences as Court Attorney for San Francisco Superior Court and Judge Pro Tem for two courts prepare me to meet the challenge and responsibility to be a judge.

Endorsements:

Judges:

Paul Alvarado  
Carlos Bea  
John Dearman  
David Garcia  
Lenard Louie  
Donald Mitchell  
Alex Saldamando  
Lillian Sing  
Julie Tang

Community Leaders:

Angela Alioto  
Mayor Willie Brown  
Senator John Burton  
Congressman Mike Honda  
Sox Kitashima  
Commissioner Harry Low  
Dale Minami  
Supervisor Leland Yee

*Susan Lew*

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# Candidates for Superior Court Judge, Seat # 10

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## GAIL DEKREON

**My occupation is** Trial Attorney

**My qualifications are:**

San Franciscans want experienced, hardworking judges who understand the City. I possess these attributes and am well qualified to serve on the Superior Court:

- More than 20 years courtroom experience in both civil and criminal law; numerous jury trials and hundreds of court trials.
- Pretrial settlement judge — I've settled countless cases, resolving legal disputes without going to trial.

Along with courtroom experience, I possess the temperament and demeanor people expect of judges — fairness, impartiality and diligence.

Former Boardmember, Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom; Former Boardmember AIDS Legal Referral Panel, writing Wills, Powers of Attorney, and resolving health-related legal problems pro bono; Counsel, Coalition on Homelessness.

My clients are everyday people with everyday problems. As a judge, I'll continue offering quality service by being fair and impartial, ensuring courts are accessible to all.

My supporters include:

JUDGES: David Ballati, Jerome Benson, Anne Bouliane, Susan Breall, Ellen Chaitin, Alfred Chiantelli, Herbert Donaldson, Robert Dossee, Charles Haines, Michael Hanlon, Harold Kahn, Donna Little, Tomar Mason, Kevin McCarthy, Ronald Quidachay, Kevin Ryan, Lillian Sing, Kay Tsenin, Mary Wiss, Carol Yaggy, Ruth Astle Samas.

Assemblywoman Carole Migden; Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Sophie Maxwell.

I'd be honored to serve you on the San Francisco Superior Court.

*Gail Dekreon*

# Candidates for Assessor-Recorder

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## DORIS M. WARD

**My occupation is** Assessor-Recorder

**My qualifications are:**

Before you vote, consider the facts.

- I modernized the Assessor-Recorder's Office, and it is now one of the most highly-computerized offices in the state.
- I hired a top staff of the nation's assessment experts who represent both the highest level of professional competence and the diversity of this city.
- I generated millions of dollars in new revenues by aggressively assessing firms that do business on city-owned property.
- I inherited a dysfunctional office and turned it around, running it without fear or favoritism.
- As President of the Board of Supervisors, I fought for pioneering laws that opened new business opportunities to minorities and women and passed our first Rent Control Legislation.

Please find more at [www.dorisward2002.com](http://www.dorisward2002.com).

I am proud of my record – but my job is not done. And particularly in these times, I will not let an office I have held with integrity become a political stepping stone.

I have earned the support of Dianne Feinstein, Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., Tom Ammiano, Kevin Shelley, Leland Yee, the Central Labor Council and scores of other leaders.

They know my record – and they stand with me. I hope I can count on you also.

*Doris Ward*

## RONALD CHUN

**My occupation is** Tax Attorney/CPA

**My qualifications are:**

San Francisco Assessor's Office needs new leadership with proven experience, fairness, and competence. The next Assessor must assure that property taxes are applied fairly to homeowners and businesses. It does not need another career politician.

This election is about making sure vital public services don't get cut because the Assessor cannot, or will not, collect needed revenue. The *Chronicle* reported the Assessor's office is failing to do its duty; "Lax Tax Billing Costing SF Millions Each Year"(11/20/01). Basic services such as police, fire, senior, youth and AIDS programs are at risk.

I am a tax professional with over twenty years' experience. I learned my craft as a certified public accountant, tax attorney, and as an agent, inspector, and instructor for the IRS. I understand that taxes must be fair to everyone.

I will stop taxpayers from being treated as annoyances, rather than as customers. I will enforce the law against tax evasion. As a member of the Assessment Appeals Board, I stopped the Assessor's \$25 million giveaway in California's largest property tax fraud case.

Vote for an Assessor who can do the job right.

Vote for competence and integrity.

Vote for Ronald Chun!

*Ronald Chun*

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# Candidates for Assessor-Recorder

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## MABEL TENG

## JIM RODRIGUEZ

**My occupation is** San Francisco State University Director of Planning and Development

**My occupation is** Healthcare Consultant

**My qualifications are:**

Experienced manager. Fiscal expert. Proven record of public service. Over the last twenty years, I've worked hard as a community activist, a Community College Board Trustee and a member of the Board of Supervisors.

I've poured over budgets and mastered the language of fiscal responsibility. As the executive director of a non-profit, job-training program, I managed a diverse staff of over 50.

Let's be frank – the Assessor's office is a mess. And it matters. Millions of dollars have been left on the table by mismanagement and inefficient practices. An efficient Assessor's office will help San Francisco avoid drastic budget cuts in the years ahead.

By improving the way the Assessor's office is run, increasing the fairness and efficiency, I will ensure San Francisco has the resources to preserve critical programs and city services for its citizens in the face of an economic recession.

I have a plan to reform, refocus and revitalize San Francisco's office of the Assessor-Recorder that will make sure San Francisco city government continues to be vibrant and strong. I hope you will join my campaign to keep San Francisco fiscally healthy.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Mabel Teng for Assessor-Recorder  
It All Adds Up.

*Mabel Teng*

**My qualifications are:**

Jim Rodriguez has a graduate degree in public administration, a real estate license pending, and is a strong community leader. He is imminently qualified to serve as Assessor-Recorder. However, it is not enough that the Recorder administrate the office. The Recorder should also be responsible for influencing policy making decisions and offering recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the mayor, which directly impact residential and commercial property in the City of San Francisco. What has Jim been doing for the San Francisco community?

- member, Project Area Committee, Bayview/Hunters Point, working towards ensuring all property taxes, (est. 500K) generated by the proposed new Home Depot go directly towards affordable Housing.

- member, Restoration advisory board for the Naval Shipyard, working towards having the Navy clean up the entire shipyard to residential standards.

- member, affordable-homeowners alliance, working towards finding new and innovative ways for all San Franciscans to potentially achieve home ownership.

Jim Rodriguez has absolutely NO loyalties to mayor Brown, or Supervisor Ammiano. His loyalties are to the people of the City of San Francisco. Put Jim in office, and have him work for you!

*Jim Rodriguez*

# Candidates for Assessor-Recorder

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## RICHARD D. HONGISTO

**My occupation is** CEO

**My qualifications are:**

The Assessor of San Francisco is responsible for identifying and valuing all taxable property in San Francisco. The values are given to the Tax Collector who then collects the taxes due. If the taxable property in San Francisco is not properly identified and valued, and I don't believe it has been, then the City's budget is shortchanged and the delivery of vital City services is threatened. Since the City is now facing a financial crisis it is more important than ever that in these hard times of recession, an independent, vigilant and fair manager be elected to reform the Assessor's Office.

I have thirty years experience as a government reformer and am a former Assessor of San Francisco. I am a very experienced reform minded manager. I feel most confident that I am the best-qualified candidate. If elected I will identify and value taxable property that has been overlooked. I will see to it that properties are fairly valued, including reasonable and properly executed reductions where property values have fallen. I am absolutely certain that I can significantly and fairly increase the revenue to the City if I am elected to the Office of Assessor. Vote for me, vote for The City.

*Richard Hongisto*

## JOHN FARRELL

**My occupation is** Assistant Assessor-Recorder

**My qualifications are:**

The City and County of San Francisco is facing serious economic times. The Assessor's position has been neglected for too long! It will take a professional, not a politician, to run the Assessor's Office effectively, efficiently, and with integrity.

No other candidate offers the necessary knowledge and hands on experience.

- 10 years in the Assessor's office.
- Primary designer of the new real property system that created \$11 million annually in additional tax revenue and revolutionized how changes in ownership and property appraisals are processed in office.
- Directly responsible for millions in tax dollars that San Francisco would have otherwise not received to fund the police and fire departments, homeless programs, libraries, parks, and much more.
- Appraiser for 10 years specializing in valuing unique properties such as San Francisco Giants & 49ers.
- Additional experience: Senior Analyst/Management Auditor for Harvey Rose - Board of Supervisors Budget Analyst, finance director in private industry, and Mayor's Budget Analyst.
- BS Finance, MBA Real Estate, CA licensed Real Estate Broker, State Board Certified Appraiser.

"As a fifth generation San Franciscan, I love this City and feel obligated to do my part in caring for it."

I am the most qualified candidate.

I would appreciate your vote.

*John Farrell*

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# Candidates for Public Defender

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## JEFFREY ADACHI

**My occupation is** Defense Attorney/Law Professor

**My qualifications are:**

As former Chief Attorney and Deputy Public Defender for over 15 years, I have dedicated my entire professional career to the Public Defender's office. I moved up the ranks by handling over 2,500 criminal cases and 100 jury trials, including serious felony and death penalty cases.

As second-in-command, I managed the office of 90 lawyers and:

- created programs to help kids and first-time offenders turn their lives around
- brought in over \$500,000 in outside funding
- computerized the office
- improved maternity policies
- introduced employee reviews to improve accountability
- hired/promoted more women, African-American, Latino, Asian and LGBT staff

I was the first public defender to receive the Public Managerial Excellence Award, given to the City's top government managers.

I will restore independence, professionalism, experienced leadership, fiscal responsibility and integrity — free of machine politics and nepotism.

I'm proud of my broad-based support, including City Attorney Louise Renne, Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Aaron Peskin, Jake McGoldrick, Gerardo Sandoval, Matt Gonzalez, Educators Eric Mar, Mark Sanchez, Peter Keane, Henry Der, Community Leaders Mara Kopp, Minnie Ward, Eileen Hansen, Naomi Gray, Rabbi Martin Weiner, Myrna Lim, Marie Harrison, Bud Wilson, Renee Saucedo, Reverend James Leach, Rose Tsai, and Donna Casey.

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

*Jeff Adachi*

## KIMIKO BURTON

**My occupation is** San Francisco Public Defender

**My qualifications are:**

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

As San Francisco's Public Defender, I lead 80 lawyers who provide excellent legal representation to our clients. I've worked hard to fulfill the Constitution's promise of equal justice by:

- \*finding alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders;
- \*moving kids from juvenile hall into rehabilitation;
- \*assigning senior lawyers to juvenile cases;
- \*creating formal training for new lawyers; and
- \*building an experienced management team including the first African American and first woman felony supervisors and the first openly gay budget officer.

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

In my years as a deputy public defender, I represented hundreds of clients and I stood before juries to protect the rights of those most in need of help.

Being Public Defender is more than just being a good trial lawyer. As Director of San Francisco's Criminal Justice Council, I brought San Francisco \$46 million in grants for crime prevention, juvenile justice, and drug rehabilitation.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

My endorsers include Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi; Rev. Cecil Williams; Supervisors Maxwell, Leno, Yee and Newsom; Assemblywoman Carole Migden; Louise Renne; Angela Alioto; Commissioner Harry Low; Jeff Sheehy; Chief Fred Lau; Jim Salinas; Roberta Achtenberg; Leo McCarthy; School Board Member Emilio Cruz; and Senator Dianne Feinstein.

I'd be honored to have your support.

*Kimiko Burton*

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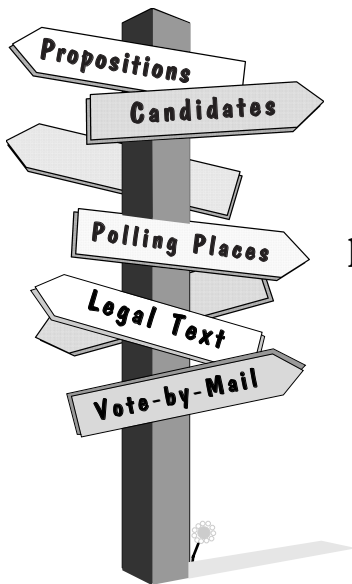
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The Department of Elections makes every effort to print Candidate Statements and Proposition Arguments exactly as submitted - mistakes and all.



However, with all the items that are included in the Voter Information Pamphlet, it is possible that we ourselves have made a mistake of some kind in the printing and layout process. If we learn of any substantial errors on our part 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 22, 23 and 24** in the Public Notices sections of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Francisco Examiner* and *San Francisco Independent*.

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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 554-4395;
- **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.sfgov.org/election>
- **For all other information**, call 554-4375

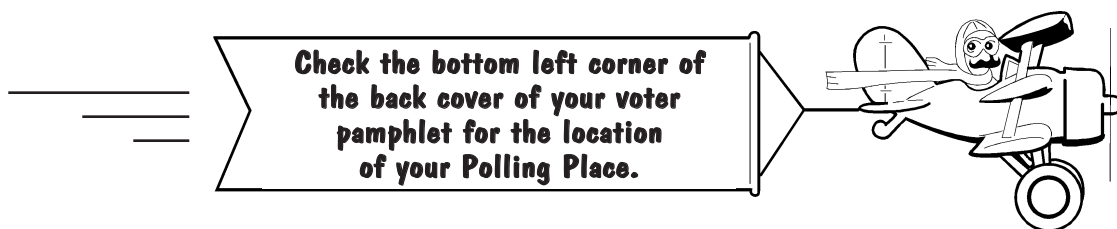
For your convenience and because of the huge number of calls during the weeks leading up to the election, the Department of Elections uses automated information lines in addition to regular operators. If all operators are busy, callers may hear recorded messages which will direct them to leave their 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

1. Complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet.
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 26, 2002**



## Your Polling Place May Have Changed

We urge you to double-check the location of your polling place printed on the back cover of this pamphlet.

# VOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO



**IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE WHILE VOTING** simply request another ballot.

## HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

1. You will vote on paper ballot pages that are printed on both sides of the page. Be sure to vote on both sides of the page!
2. Using the ballot marking pen provided by the poll worker, or a #2 pencil, mark the ballot by drawing a line between the head and tail of an arrow that points to your choice.
3. Feed your ballot pages, one by one, into the slot in the front of the "Eagle."

PRESIDENT			
Vote For One			
THOMAS A. EDISON	NP	←	■
ALBERT EINSTEIN	NP	←	■
HELEN KELLER	NP	←	■
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE	NP	←	■
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON	NP	←	■
Write-In		←	■

### 在三藩市投票

如果您投票時有錯，請向投票站職員要求一張新的選票。

#### 如何畫選票

1. 選票以紙張印製，並且是雙面編印。請記住，在選票的前後兩面投票。
2. 用投票站工作人員提供的筆或2號鉛筆，將指向您的選擇的箭頭和箭尾畫線連起來。
3. 將選票拿到投票機前，一次一張，把選票放入投票機槽內。

### CÓMO VOTAR EN SAN FRANCISCO

*SI SE EQUIVOCA AL VOTAR, simplemente pida otra balota.*

#### CÓMO MARCAR SU BALOTA

1. Votará en hojas de papel con la balota impresa en ambos lados de la página. ¡Asegúrese de votar en ambos lados de la página!
2. Usando la pluma provista por el trabajador del lugar de votación, o un lápiz #2, marque la balota dibujando una línea entre la cabeza y la cola de la flecha que apunte a su selección.
3. Ponga sus páginas de balota una por una en la ranura de la parte frontal del "Eagle".

## HOW TO VOTE FOR A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

To vote for a candidate not listed on the ballot:

1. Write the name of the write-in candidate in the space marked "Write-In".
2. You must draw a line connecting the head and tail of the arrow that points at the "Write-In" space for your write-in vote to be counted.

**REMEMBER:** Only write-in votes for qualified write-in candidates will be counted.

**Do not write in votes for candidates already printed on the ballot.**

GOVERNOR			
Vote For One			
GEORGE WASHINGTON	Dem.	←	■
ABRAHAM LINCOLN	Rep.	←	■
John Adams, Pres.	Dem.	←	■
Write-In		←	■

### 如何投寫入 (WRITE-IN) 候選人的選票

如果您所選的候選人不在選票上，請按以下指示投票：

(不要將已在選票上的候選人當寫入選票來投)

1. 將寫入候選人的名字寫在“寫入”(Write-In)的空位上。
2. 你必須將指向你所選的寫入候選人的箭頭和箭尾畫線連接起來，你投給此寫入候選人的一票才有效。

記住：只有是合格寫入候選人的選票才會被計算在內。

### CÓMO VOTAR POR UN CANDIDATO NO LISTADO

Para votar por un candidato que no está listado en la balota:

1. Escriba el nombre del candidato no listado en el espacio indicado "Write-In" (No Listado).
2. Trace una línea conectando la cabeza y la cola de la flecha que apunta al espacio "Write-In" (No Listado) para asegurarse que se cuente su voto para el candidato no listado.

**RECUERDE:** Solamente se contarán los votos para candidatos no listados siempre y cuando sean candidatos no listados calificados.

No escriba en la balota los votos para los candidatos cuyos nombres ya aparecen en la balota.

**NOTICE:** Voters should carefully note the number of candidates to select for each office. If you vote for more than the allowed number of candidates, your votes for that office will be void and will not count.

注意：選民應留意您投票選舉的每一個職位的候選人的限額。如果您投選的候選人的數量超過限額，則您投選該職位的選票將無效，不會被計算在內。

**AVISO:** Los electores deben estar muy atentos al número de candidatos para cada puesto. Si usted vota por un número mayor que el número permitido de candidatos, se anularán sus votos para dicho puesto y no se contarán.

# 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.

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### “PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT”

### “OPPONENT’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.



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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.

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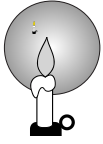
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# WORDS YOU NEED TO KNOW

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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## 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 (PROPOSITION F)** — A bond is a promise by the City to pay back money borrowed, plus interest, by a specific date. If the City needs to raise a large amount of money to pay for a library, sewer line, school, or other project or program, it may borrow the money by selling bonds.

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

**COLA (COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT) (PROPOSITION B)** — An amount added to an original pension to compensate for inflation.

**COMPOUNDED COLA (COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT) (PROPOSITION B)** — The COLA for each year is added to the amount of the original pension when calculating the COLA for future years.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (PROPOSITION F)** — 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. Normally, a two-thirds majority of the voters must approve the sale of general obligation bonds. If the bonds are issued by a school district, they require a 55% majority vote for approval. General obligation bonds are repaid by property tax money.

**ORDINANCE (PROPOSITIONS F, G)** — 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.

**PROPOSITION (PROPOSITIONS A THROUGH G)** — A Proposition is any Measure that has been submitted to voters for approval or disapproval.

**QUALIFIED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (RIGHTS OF VOTERS)** — A Qualified Write-in Candidate is a person who has turned in the required papers and signatures to the Department of Elections. Although the name of this person will not appear on the ballot, voters can vote for this person by writing the name of the person in the space on the ballot provided for write-in votes. The Department of Elections counts write-in votes only for qualified write-in candidates.

**RUNOFF (PROPOSITION A)** — A final election to resolve an earlier election that did not produce a winner with more than 50% of the vote.

# Instant Runoff



## PROPOSITION A

Shall the City use instant run-off voting to elect City officers with a majority of votes without separate run-off elections?

YES ←   
NO ←

### Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** When the offices of the Mayor, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Assessor-Recorder, Treasurer, and Board of Supervisors are up for election, voters may select only one candidate for each of these offices. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast for the office, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes compete in a run-off election at a later date.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition A is a Charter amendment that would require the City to use an instant run-off voting method that would eliminate separate run-off elections. A winner would still have to receive more than 50% of the vote.

With this method, each voter would have the opportunity to rank at least a first, second, and third choice among the candidates for each office. The votes would be counted in rounds. If one candidate received more than 50% of the first-choice votes in the first round, then that candidate would be elected. If no candidate received more than 50% of the first-choice votes, the candidate who received the

fewest first-choice votes would be eliminated. All voters whose first choice was eliminated would have their vote transferred to their second-choice candidate. This process of transferring votes to the voter's next-choice candidate and eliminating candidates with the fewest votes would be repeated until one candidate received more than 50% of the votes.

The City would start using the instant run-off voting method in November 2002. If the Department of Elections were not ready to use the new method in November 2002, the City would start using it in November 2003.

**A "YES" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want the City to use an instant run-off voting method to elect City officers and eliminate separate run-off elections.

**A "NO" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want the City to use an instant run-off voting method to elect City officers and eliminate separate run-off elections.

### Controller's Statement on "A"

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

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would save the City a net amount of approximately \$1.6 million annually beginning in Fiscal Year 2002-03 by eliminating the need for run-off elections. Instant run-off voting may require additional ballot pages, voter education, and modifications to the City's voting technology. However, these costs would be more than offset by the savings associated with eliminating run-off elections.

### How Supervisors Voted on "A"

On July 9, 2001 the Board of Supervisors voted 10 to 1 to place Proposition A on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

**No:** 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 46  
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## Instant Runoff

### PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

Proposition A will allow San Francisco to elect candidates supported by a popular majority without needing expensive, low-turnout December runoff elections. This will

**SAVE \$2 MILLION TAX DOLLARS PER YEAR,  
RAISE VOTER TURNOUT and  
REDUCE NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING**

Last December's runoff had a voter turnout of only FIFTEEN PERCENT -- the lowest in San Francisco's history. December is an awful time for an election. Voters are busy with holiday plans, and don't even realize the runoff is happening. Voter turnout usually declines.

Runoffs are costly to taxpayers. The December runoff for city attorney cost nearly \$2 MILLION, an average of \$29 per voter. This money could be better spent on other city services threatened with cutbacks in our ailing economy.

Previous runoff elections have seen excessive negative campaigning and "hit" pieces. Such mudslinging is common when the field is reduced to two candidates, and candidates can win by attacking their lone opponent rather than attracting voters.

The purpose of the runoff—to ensure majority support for winners—is a good one, but huge declines in voter turnout, high costs, and negative campaigning undermine this worthy goal.

Proposition A implements instant runoff voting to fulfill the goal of electing majority winners without the inconvenience of a second election.

The "instant" runoff works much like December's "delayed" runoff. Voters indicate their favorite candidate, just like now. But at the same time they also rank their runoff choices, 1, 2, 3. This eliminates the need for a separate runoff election.

By doing it in one election, we produce winners who have a majority of the vote and save millions of tax dollars. And we avoid the considerable headaches of a second election during the busy holiday season.

Proposition A will make our elections more **EFFICIENT** and **LESS EXPENSIVE**.

*San Francisco Board of Supervisors*

#### How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

The Supervisors voted as follows on December 17, 2001:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick

**No:** Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

### REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

We agree with the Proponents on just one point – "December is an awful time for an election."

Where we differ is that the cure being proposed is far worse than the disease, and that the less drastic alternatives of changing the dates for primaries and run-off elections would ensure higher voter turnout, without the adverse side-effects that would occur under Instance Run-off Voting. These side-effects were articulated, in a paid argument by the former members of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Elections.

Additionally, we do not believe that the Board should be experimenting with San Franciscans' hard fought right to vote. Primaries and run-off elections have served our nation well for most of its history. Preference Voting (IRV) was in vogue in the 1930's and 1940's in some parts of the United States but has been abandoned almost every place where it has been tried. It is still used for school board elections in New York City, where the

turnouts typically are about 10-12%. So much for the Proponents' argument for increasing turnouts.

We urge you to join a broad coalition of community leaders who have united to oppose Proposition A, including: Dennis Antenore, Christopher L. Bowman, Ed Canapary, Donald A. Casper, Doug Comstock, Mike DeNunzio, Larry Griffin, Kathleen A. Grogan, Susan Horsfall, Tom Hsieh, Jr., Marcel Kapulica, Charles Marsteller, Jane Morrison, David Spero, and Jim Stearns.

Vote No on Proposition A.

*Supervisor Gavin Newsom*

*Supervisor Leland Yee, Ph.D.*

*Julio Ramos, J.D., Member, SF Community College Board*



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## OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

Responding to low voter turnout in the December 2000 run-off election, the majority of the Board of Supervisors placed Proposition A on the ballot. Unfortunately, Proposition A is not reform but a return to the days of power brokers and back-room deals.

Proposition A is brought to you by the same people who proposed "Preference Voting" which was resoundingly defeated by San Francisco voters in 1996. They have relabeled their flawed product "Instant Run-off Voting", and have convinced the Board of Supervisors on its "merits" by arguing that "IRV" will reduce the cost to taxpayers and eliminate negative campaigning.

What they don't say is that Proposition A will enrich for-profit slate card organizations, increase the cost of campaigns, reduce meaningful debate on issues and hide ideological differences, and effectively disenfranchise language minorities and people with limited education. Rather than have the majority rule, Proposition A could actually reduce the actual number of voters who decide elections to a smaller portion than currently go to the polls in run-off elections.

So, how do we address low voter turnout in December run-off

elections? There are several alternatives that the Board of Supervisors should have entertained.

First, move the primary for District Supervisors to March in even-numbered years, when city voters decide the nominees for State and Federal offices, and hold the run-off election in the high-voter turnout General Election in November.

Second, move the primary in odd-numbered years, to the Tuesday eight days or fifteen days after Labor Day in September, and hold the run-off election in November.

Third, move the primary in odd-numbered years to the week-end or second weekend after Labor Day when most people aren't working.

There's better ways to reform the system.

Vote No on Proposition A.

*Christopher L. Bowman*

Member

Citizens Advisory Committee on Elections, 1993-2001

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## REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

**The Democratic Party, The Green Party, many leading Independents and over two dozen organizations are backing Proposition A** because it is a "good government" measure that will capitalize on November elections when voter turn-out is higher, reduce negative campaigning, save millions of dollars, and make inconvenient December runoffs unnecessary.

**The opposing argument is from a leader in the Republican Party**, one of the few organizations opposing this measure. The distortions in the Republicans' ballot argument are many. Proposition A doesn't increase the cost of campaigns, or enrich slate cards or power brokers; it **ELIMINATES** the need for candidates to raise more money for a second election, that's why leading campaign finance reformers like **Common Cause** support it. Prop A doesn't reduce the number of voters deciding elections; it makes the decisive election in **NOVEMBER**, when voter turnout is **HIGHEST**. That's why citizen groups like **California Public Interest Research Group** and **Senior Action Network** support it.

Contrary to claims, the Board of Supervisors **DID** explore other options, and decided that **instant runoff voting (IRV) is the best, cheapest and most convenient method**; and **IRV** has

NEVER been voted on in San Francisco.

Also, Proposition A will not disenfranchise language minorities. In fact, the Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, a prominent voting rights organization, has written, "Instant runoff voting could be used in San Francisco to benefit language minority communities in the November elections."

Visit [www.ImproveTheRunoff.org](http://www.ImproveTheRunoff.org) for a demonstration of how **IRV** works and for more information.

*Matt Gonzalez*

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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### How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

Supervisor Gonzalez submitted this rebuttal argument on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. On December 17, 2001, the Supervisors voted as follows to authorize Supervisor Gonzalez to prepare and submit the rebuttal argument on their behalf.

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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# Instant Runoff

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

As a former member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Elections and former Common Cause staffer, I've worked on election reforms for 15 years. After studying Proposition A and hearing both sides, I'm convinced that it's a smart way to encourage and increase voter involvement. Join me in voting to improve our elections. Vote **YES** on **A**.

*Dan Kalb*

County Central Committee member  
Sierra Club Chapter Director

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Dan Kalb.

December is a terrible time of the year for an election. Vote YES on Proposition A, since it will consolidate the runoff to November and save \$2 million per year that could be spent on health care. **Let this be the last time we go to the polls in December.**

*California Nurses Association*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the California Nurses Association.

Vote YES on Proposition A to improve runoff elections. This good government reform will *increase voter participation, save tax dollars and reduce the influence of special interest money in politics.*

*California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG)*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the California Public Interest Research Group.

December elections guarantee low voter turnout. **Instant runoff voting efficiently combines the November and December elections** and saves taxpayers \$2 million per year. **One election, not two.**

*Sierra Club*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the Sierra Club.

Seniors are leading the movement to recover democracy in our civic institutions. Proposition A will save \$2 million in tax dollars, raise voter turnout and reduce negative campaigning and mudslinging. **Vote YES on this good government measure.**

*Senior Action Network*

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

A **YES** vote on **Prop A** will consolidate elections, saving Seniors and all taxpayers time and money. We'll have better, issue-oriented campaigns – not the now-standard duplicity and negativity.

*California Legislative Council for Older Americans*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is California Legislative Council for Older Americans.

This measure will encourage democratic participation, help elect consensus building leaders, and save millions in taxpayer dollars.

*Joel Ventresca*

Sunset District 4 Supervisor Candidate (November 2002)  
President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (1992-94)

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

The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is Joel Ventresca.

**California Common Cause** urges you to vote Yes on A. This important reform will **increase voter participation, decrease negative campaigning,** and save taxpayers money. It also supports **campaign finance reform,** since candidates won't have to raise money for a second election in December.

*California Common Cause*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is California Common Cause.

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

This is a well-crafted proposal that employs a ranked ballot system similar to that used in American cities such as Cambridge, MA and nations such as Australia, Britain and Ireland. In Australia it is has contributed to the highest voter turnout in the world.

*Center for Voting and Democracy*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the Center for Voting and Democracy.

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On behalf of over 500,000 senior citizens, the **Congress of California Seniors** heartily endorses Proposition A. This measure will enhance voter participation and save millions of dollars, and that's good for young and old alike.

*Congress of California Seniors*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Pete Martineau.

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The political establishment doesn't want Proposition A to pass because it will change the way campaigns are run and make it more difficult to manipulate the outcome.

VOTE YES ON A!

*Jennifer Clary*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Jennifer Clary.

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**The San Francisco Democratic Party supports Proposition A.**

*Wade Crowfoot*

Secretary, SF Democratic Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Wade Crowfoot.

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It is critical that our electoral system be designed to maximize voter participation. Please join me in supporting Proposition A.

*Jeff Adachi*

Candidate for Public Defender

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Adachi for Public Defender.

The three largest contributors to the true source of recipient committee are: 1. Peter Keane 2. Esther Marks 3. John Woo.

Vote **Yes on A** for Higher Turnout Elections

Proposition A will strengthen the democratic process and save taxpayers millions of dollars by replacing runoff elections with a better system. Instead of returning to the polls for a December runoff, voters will rank candidates in order of their preference when they vote in November.

Historically, voter turnout is very low in December runoff elections. This means that many candidates are elected by only a fraction of the people who live in San Francisco. Instant runoff voting eliminates December runoffs, so more people will be involved in choosing San Francisco's leaders. That means more people in office who truly represent those they are elected to serve.

Instant runoff voting is a system used successfully around the world. It is a system that makes sense for San Francisco.

[www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org)

*San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the SPUR Urban Issues Committee.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jim Chappell 2. Frankie Lee 3. John Weeden.

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Instant runoff voting means higher turnouts—which means more tenant power at the polls. Vote YES on Proposition A to protect and expand tenants' rights.

*San Francisco Tenants Union*

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

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The Florida fiasco showed that our elections need improvement. Proposition A will **raise participation, save tax dollars, reduce negative campaigning** and **lessen the influence of money** in politics.

*National Lawyers Guild*

*SF/Bay Area*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is National Lawyers Guild.



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## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

Proposition A empowers voters to rank their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice instead of picking the lesser of 2 evils. Proposition A also acts as campaign finance reform because candidates won't have to raise money for a second runoff election. Vote YES!

### *San Francisco Green Party*

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

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Dave Heller 2. John Marc Chandonia 3. Berry Hermanson.

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Runoff elections discourage voter participation. Proposition A would **raise voter participation and save millions of dollars**. Those savings could support San Francisco's new public-financed election system that gives all candidates a fair and equal chance. Vote **YES on A**.

### *San Francisco Common Cause*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Fred Ridel.

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The following organizations endorse Proposition A:  
Common Cause  
San Francisco Democratic Party  
San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)  
Congress of California Seniors  
Sierra Club  
Senior Action Network  
League of Conservation Voters  
California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG)  
California Nurses Association  
Green Party  
California Legislative Council for Older Americans  
and many more.

### *FairVoteSF*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is FairVote SF.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Center for Voting and Democracy 2. Betty Traynor 3. Nancy Couperus.

The following individuals endorse Proposition A:

Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano  
Supervisor Mark Leno  
Supervisor Jake McGoldrick  
Supervisor Matt Gonzalez  
Supervisor Tony Hall  
Board of Education member Eric Mar  
Board of Education member Mark Sanchez  
BART Board director Tom Radulovich  
Former Board President Harry Britt  
Former Congressman Tom Campbell  
Former Congressman Dan Hamburg  
Former Congressman John Anderson  
Former Acting Secretary of State Tony Miller  
Henry Louie  
Arthur Chang  
and many more

### *FairVoteSF*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is FairVote SF.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Center for Voting and Democracy 2. Betty Traynor 3. Nancy Couperus.

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Proposition A will support positive campaigns about issues, not personal attacks. It will lead to coalition-building. This is the way to elect politicians who care about safer streets and a more livable city for everyone. We have used instant runoff voting for our Board elections and it works. Vote Yes on A.

### *San Francisco Bicycle Coalition*

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

## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION A

### KEEP YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Instant runoff is not the answer to increasing voter turnout.

Our Democracy must be measured by more than dollars and cents. Let's create more opportunity to vote: weekend polls, more absentee voting education, move election days to avoid December holidays.

Runoffs provide vigorous debate and a thorough examination by the voters.

Vote No on A and keep your right to vote. It's your right, fight to keep it.

*Tom A. Hsieh*

*Dan Dunnigan*

*Michael R. Farrah, Jr.*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Tom Hsieh for SF DCCC.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Gavin Newsom 2. Barbara Kaufman 3. May Lee.

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Vote No on Proposition A

Protect "one person one vote." This confusing scheme gives one person three votes. It could cost three times more in mistakes than it would save in dollars. For this reason, no major City in the USA uses an instant runoff. Vote to keep elections simple.

*Mike DeNunzio*

Member, Republican Central Committee\*

\* for identification purposes only

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Mike DeNunzio.

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Instant runoff equals constant confusion.

Haven't we learned our lesson from Florida? Let's fix the voting system we have before we try a confusing experiment.

Under Proposition A, the winner will be decided by a computer, using "preferences," not the voters' final choice. Don't take away our right to choose.

Vote No on A.

*Dennis Antenore*

*Jane Morrison*

*Calvin Welch*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Dennis Antenore, Jane Morrison, Calvin Welch.

Proposition A is called "Instant Runoffs", but it is only instant for the politicians who we get stuck with for four years. They say it will save money, but it will cost an arm and a leg for state-of-the-art emergent technology. They say they want an independent Department of Elections, but then they try to micro-manage the department before the new Election Commission is even seated.

Matt Gonzalez rails against "duplicity", but then they get this proposition put on the ballot in an off-season election. I love Matt Gonzalez but this idea just plain sucks.

It's hard to tabulate. It's difficult to verify in a re-count. It randomizes elections. It's anything but transparent. You can probably think up your own reasons to vote against it and if you wanted to spend your whole Christmas budget on it you could get it published just like this.

There's a much better system, the September/November system that also eliminates December runoffs and the leprechauns in Gonzalez's office will probably put it on the ballot as soon as you vote this one down. It'll give you a month-and-a-half to study the finalists before you have to make your final choice.

Even though Matt Gonzalez is a Green, that doesn't mean he can protect your right to vote. Only you can do that. Vote no on A.

*William Duffey*

A Voter

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is William Duffey.

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Prop A lets special interests sneak into office.

Today, when special interests spend millions on campaigns, voters have time to evaluate that information. Under Prop A, the vote will be over before we even know who spent the money. That's not reform! Vote No on A!

*David Spero*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is David Spero.

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Elections are confusing enough without subjecting voters to two systems on the same ballot: State elections under one system, City elections under a confusing new system.

Talk about discouraging voter turnout!

*Doug Comstock*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Doug Comstock.

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# Instant Runoff

## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION A

### Nothing “Instant” About It

The Elections Department already struggles with close elections, complicated by late absentee ballots. Proposition A will make it even worse.

Here’s why. With public financing and district elections, there’ll be dozens of candidates for each office. On election night, many will be separated in rank by just a handful of votes.

In these cases, the Department of Elections won’t know which candidates to eliminate until every single vote is counted - including late absentees and provisional ballots that must be painstakingly checked one by one. This process takes days, sometimes weeks.

So, the “instant” runoff process might take days, or even longer. Because of the confusion, complications, and inevitable legal challenges, our faith in the validity of election results - already tenuous - will be severely undermined.

Proposition A is a seriously flawed piece of legislation with too many unintended consequences.

Please vote No on Prop A.

*Jim Stearns*

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

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### VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION A

Democracy is worth the price! San Francisco has had enough problems with our elections. Let’s not complicate matters further with a confusing scheme.

Separate run-off elections allow the voters an important second look.

Vote NO on Proposition A.

*San Francisco Republican Party*

*Donald A Casper, Chairman*

*Cynthia Amelon*                      *Elsa Cheung, Vice-Chair*

*Mike DeNunzio, Vice-Chair*      *Howard Epstein, Assembly Candidate*

*Terence Faulkner*                      *Sue Woods*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee and the above signers.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. San Francisco Coalition for Affordable Public Services 2. Alfreda Cullinan 3. Sally L. Saunders.

The Board of Supervisors blew it when they placed Proposition A on the ballot.

Instead of failing to recognize that “Preference Voting” and “Instant Run-Off Voting” was new to California and that there was a need to test the waters with a pilot program, with an evaluation component to see if it accomplished what proponents said it would accomplish and determine whether it empowered or disenfranchised women, minorities, and mainstream voters, the Board decided to require that every office (other than the Board of Education and Community College Board) be elected starting in November, 2002 using “Instant Run-Off Voting”. The Board truly took a leap of faith by its actions.

As a result, we are entering unchartered territory. Given the very real defects of the new system, we could end up with an all male, all white Board of Supervisors, and a number of fringe candidates elected to City-wide office. If we do, there will be no recourse but to repeal “Instant Run-Off Voting” at the next election after the cost and effort of collecting 45,000 signatures through an Initiative to amend the Charter.

In the interim, think of all the damage that could be done. Yes, we would save \$1,600,000 a year by avoiding run-off elections, but if the radicals take over City Government, we could be paying hundreds of times that cost in higher taxes and increased spending.

Let Berkeley and Oakland experiment with “Instant Run-Off Voting”.

Vote No on Proposition A.

*Christopher L. Bowman*

*Susan Horsfall*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Susan Horsfall, Christopher L. Bowman, Kathleen A. Grogan.

## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION A

The authors of Proposition A, the Center for Democracy and Voting, are the same people who gave you “Preference Voting” in 1996 which was overwhelmingly defeated by San Francisco’s voters.

They have repackaged “Preference Voting” as “Instant Run-off Voting”, but the intent is the same - to gain a bridgehead in a major American city so that they can replicate their efforts throughout the United States.

Why is this such a bad thing?

The agenda of the Center for Democracy and Voting is to supplant traditional American Democracy with “Proportional Representation”. “P/R” is a system commonly found in many nations in Europe and other westernized countries. And by and large, it has been a failure, creating unstable coalition governments in which minor fringe and religious-based parties hold the balance of power. That’s why the San Francisco Green Party and the Libertarians support Proposition A. They believe it will increase their chances of winning election even though they constitute jointly less than 5% of the electorate.

Vote No on Proposition A.

*Kathleen A. Grogan  
Christopher L. Bowman  
David Looman*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Kathleen A. Grogan, Christopher L. Bowman, David Looman.

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The Citizens Advisory Committee on Elections studied the issue of Preference Voting and “Instance Run-off Voting” over the past six years and almost to a person felt the measures would be confusing to the average voter and subject to manipulation

I join my former colleagues in urging you to vote No on Proposition A. Vote No on an idea whose time has come and gone.

*Marcel Kapulica, Member  
CACE, 1994-2001*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Marcel Kapulica.

As former members of San Francisco’s Citizens Advisory Committee on Elections, we oppose Proposition A for the following reasons:

First, “for profit” slate card organizations would approach candidates in each supervisorial district up for election and demand that they pay to be listed on their slate card - possibly \$15,000 to be listed first, \$10,000 to be listed second, and \$5,000 to be listed third, thereby enriching the “for profit” slate organizations, and significantly adding to the costs of running campaigns. Women and minority candidates who have difficulty raising money would be particularly handicapped under such a system.

Second, there could be collusion between various candidates to be listed on each other’s campaign literature as their second or third choices. The cost of that collusion would be to reduce the level of meaningful debate on the issues and to hide ideological differences. The losers would be the voters and the media who would be unable to discern one candidate from another.

Third, language minorities and people with limited education already have difficulty understanding the intricacies of our electoral system. Why add one more complication? It’s hard enough to focus on one or two candidates - how about trying to rank 17 candidates (who ran in District VI in 2000)? You might be faced with that if Proposition A passes.

Finally, because many voters will not exercise their right to rank all the candidates, only the small minority of voters who are highly organized and disciplined will exercise their rights, and it will be **they**, not minorities, the poor, or mainstream voters who will decide the election. For all these reasons, we urge you to vote No on Proposition A.

*Kathleen A. Grogan  
Larry Griffin  
Christopher L. Bowman  
Susan Horsfall  
Ed Canapary*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Former Members of the CACE.

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The new voting system proposed by Prop A is confusing, untried, untested and unreliable. That’s the reason no city in America uses it!

Vote no on A.

*Sue Bierman  
Mary Jung  
Gary Gartner*

The true sources of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Sue Bierman, Mary Jung, Gary Gartner.

# TEXT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

## PROPOSITION A

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 amending Section 13.101, repealing the current Section 13.102, and adding a new Section 13.102, to provide for the election of the Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor-Recorder, Public Defender, and members of the Board of Supervisors using a ranked-choice, or "instant run-off," ballot, to require that City voting systems be compatible with a ranked-choice ballot system, and setting a date and conditions for implementation.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of said city and county at an election to be held on March 5, 2002, a proposal to amend the Charter of said city and county by amending Section 13.101, repealing the current Section 13.102, and adding a new Section 13.102, so that the same shall read as follows:

Note: Additions are single-underline italics  
Times New Roman;  
deletions are ~~strikethrough italics~~  
Times New Roman.

Section 1. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended, by amending Section 13.101, to read as follows:

### SEC. 13.101. TERMS OF ELECTIVE OFFICE.

Except in the case of an appointment or election to fill a vacancy, the term of office of each elected officer shall commence at 12:00 noon on the eighth day of January following the date of the election.

Subject to the applicable provisions ~~for municipal runoff elections~~ of Section 13.102, the elected officers of the City and County shall be elected as follows:

At the general municipal election in 1995 and every fourth year thereafter, a Mayor, a Sheriff and a District Attorney shall be elected.

At the statewide general election in 1996 and every fourth year thereafter, four members of the Board of Education and four members of the Governing Board of the Community College District shall be elected.

At the general municipal election in 1997 and every fourth year thereafter, a City Attorney and a Treasurer shall be elected.

At the statewide primary election in 1998 and every fourth year thereafter, an Assessor-Recorder and Public Defender shall be elected.

At the statewide general election in 1998 and every fourth year thereafter, three members of the Board of Education and three members of the Governing Board of the Community College District shall be elected.

The election and terms of office of members of the Board of Supervisors shall be governed by Section 13.110.

Section 2. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended, by repealing current Section

13.102, as follows:

### ~~SEC. 13.102. MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTIONS.~~

~~If no candidate for any elective office of the City and County, except the Board of Education and the Governing Board of the Community College District, receives a majority of the votes cast at an election for such office, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall qualify to have their names placed on the ballot for a municipal runoff election. If no candidate for Board of Supervisors receives a majority of the votes cast within the district, the two candidates from the district receiving the most votes shall qualify to have their names placed on the ballot for a district runoff election. A runoff election for the office of Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer, or a district runoff election for Supervisor, shall be held on the second Tuesday of the next ensuing December. A runoff election for Assessor-Recorder and Public Defender shall be held at the next general election.~~

Section 3. The San Francisco Charter is hereby amended, by adding a new Section 13.102, to read as follows:

### SEC. 13.102. INSTANT RUNOFF ELECTIONS.

(a) For the purposes of this section: (1) a candidate shall be deemed "continuing" if the candidate has not been eliminated; (2) a ballot shall be deemed "continuing" if it is not exhausted; and (3) a ballot shall be deemed "exhausted," and not counted in further stages of the tabulation, if all of the choices have been eliminated or there are no more choices indicated on the ballot. If a ranked-choice ballot gives equal rank to two or more candidates, the ballot shall be declared exhausted when such multiple rankings are reached. If a voter casts a ranked-choice ballot but skips a rank, the voter's vote shall be transferred to that voter's next ranked choice.

(b) The Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor-Recorder, Public Defender, and members of the Board of Supervisors shall be elected using a ranked-choice, or "instant runoff," ballot. The ballot shall allow voters to rank a number of choices in order of preference equal to the total number of candidates for each office; provided, however, if the voting system, vote tabulation system, or similar or related equipment used by the City and County cannot feasibly accommodate choices equal to the total number of candidates running for each office, then the Director of Elections may limit the number of choices a voter may rank to no fewer than three. The ballot shall in no way interfere with a voter's ability to cast a vote for a write-in candidate.

(c) If a candidate receives a majority of the first choices, that candidate shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority, the

candidate who received the fewest first choices shall be eliminated and each vote cast for that candidate shall be transferred to the next-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. If, after this transfer of votes, any candidate has a majority of the votes from the continuing ballots, that candidate shall be declared elected.

(d) If no candidate receives a majority of votes from the continuing ballots after a candidate has been eliminated and his or her votes have been transferred to the next-ranked candidate, the continuing candidate with the fewest votes from the continuing ballots shall be eliminated. All votes cast for that candidate shall be transferred to the next-ranked continuing candidate on each voter's ballot. This process of eliminating candidates and transferring their votes to the next-ranked continuing candidates shall be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes from the continuing ballots.

(e) If the total number of votes of the two or more candidates credited with the lowest number of votes is less than the number of votes credited to the candidate with the next highest number of votes, those candidates with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated simultaneously and their votes transferred to the next-ranked continuing candidate on each ballot in a single counting operation.

(f) A tie between two or more candidates shall be resolved in accordance with State law.

(g) The Department of Elections shall conduct a voter education campaign to familiarize voters with the ranked-choice or "instant runoff" method of voting.

(h) Any voting system, vote tabulation system, or similar or related equipment acquired by the City and County shall have the capability to accommodate this system of ranked-choice or "instant run-off" balloting.

(i) Ranked-choice, or "instant runoff," balloting shall be used for the general municipal election in November 2002 and all subsequent elections. If the Director of Elections certifies to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor no later than July 1, 2002 that the Department of Elections will not be ready to implement ranked-choice balloting in November 2002, then the City shall begin using ranked-choice, or "instant runoff," balloting at the November 2003 general municipal election.

If ranked-choice, or "instant runoff," balloting is not used in November of 2002, and no candidate for any elective office of the City and County, except the Board of Education and the Governing Board of the Community College District, receives a majority of the votes cast at an election for such office, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall qualify to have their names placed on the ballot for a runoff election held on the second Tuesday in December of 2002.



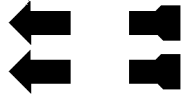
# Cost of Living Benefits

# B

## PROPOSITION B

Shall the City change the way it pays cost of living increases to retired employees?

YES  
NO



## Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** The City has a retirement system which makes investments and uses the investment earnings to pay retiree pensions. The retirement system also pays for an annual cost of living adjustment (or “COLA”) for retired employees. The COLA adds about 2% to the original pension each year. (For example, a retiree receiving \$1000 a month in the first year, would receive \$1020 the next year, \$1040 the next, and \$1200 after 10 years.)

Each year, the retirement system estimates investment earnings for the year. If the actual earnings exceed the estimate, the “excess” earnings are used to increase the COLA from 2% to 3% and the COLA is compounded. (For example, a retiree receiving \$1000 a month would receive \$1334 a month after 10 years.) The “excess” also increases the pensions of long-term retirees.

This 1% increase to the COLA is not permanent. In any year when there is not enough money to increase the COLA, the benefit paid to retired employees is calculated

as if the annual 1% increase to the COLA had never been paid. (For example, the retiree receiving \$1334 a month after 10 years now would receive \$1200 a month.) Also, the pension increases to long-term retirees would end.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition B is a Charter amendment that would change the way the City pays cost of living increases to retired employees. Any 1% increase to the COLA would be permanent. In any year when there is not enough money to increase the COLA, the retirement benefit would continue to be calculated based on past increases to the COLA. The pension increases to long-term retirees would continue.

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want to make these changes to the way the City pays cost of living increases to retired employees.

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want to make these changes.

## Controller’s Statement on “B”

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

Should the proposed amendment be adopted, in my opinion, the cost to the City and County would increase, as estimated by the Retirement System Actuary, by about \$19.1 million per year for the next 20 years, dropping after 20 years to an ongoing cost of approximately \$7.4 million per year. However, no cash would be required since the City’s Retirement System has a large surplus. While the cost of this proposal would reduce that surplus, the City nonetheless would not be required to make employer contributions to the Retirement System for approximately the next 15 years. Towards the end of the estimated 15 year period, this proposal may contribute to bringing forward the

time at which City contributions to the Retirement System would be required.

## How Supervisors Voted on “B”

On November 13, 2001 the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition B on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, 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 53  
SOME OF THE WORDS USED IN THE BALLOT DIGEST ARE EXPLAINED ON PAGE 36

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### PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

**Our City retirees are facing a financial crisis!** Over 14,000 City retirees, many who are over 80 years of age with average pensions of less than \$1000 per month, face cuts of up to \$700 and more per year from their current pensions unless Proposition B is approved.

**Proposition B doesn't require the City to pay any additional tax dollars for many years** because over \$1 billion in surplus funding exists in the Retirement System to meet pension obligations. Proposition B keeps City pensions in line with other government jurisdictions. Proposition B does not increase current pensions. Proposition B will avoid the prospect that many older retirees will suffer a severe decline in the pensions they currently receive.

**Proposition B is fair both to retirees and to the City.** It protects elderly retirees from the severe financial hardship that will result from a significant decrease in their current pension benefits. These cuts for many pensioners on fixed incomes can only increase the serious problems that the elderly face in dealing with rising costs of daily necessities, trying to find a way to pay for costly drugs and medical expenses, and having their HMOs withdrawing medical services. And it doesn't cost the

City additional tax dollars!

Vote Yes on Proposition B. It is fair to the City. It is fair to the City's retirees.

*Supervisor Tom Ammiano*

*Supervisor Chris Daly*

*Supervisor Matt Gonzalez*

*Supervisor Tony Hall*

*Supervisor Mark Leno*

*Supervisor Sophie Maxwell*

*Supervisor Jake McGoldrick*

*Supervisor Gavin Newsom*

*Supervisor Aaron Peskin*

*Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval*

*Supervisor Leland Yee*

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### How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

The Supervisors voted as follows on December 17, 2001:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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### REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

#### BAY AREA LINCOLN LEAGUE ("BALL") OPPOSES PROPOSITION B.

Your Bay Area Lincoln League ("BALL") nominees oppose B (Retirement System Overspending).

Read **REBUTTAL OF PROPOSITION G OPPONENT** (below).

#### VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION B.

Your **BALL** Central Committee nominees urge all Republicans to vote **AGAINST** Proposition B (Overspending).

#### VOTE REPUBLICAN!

- *Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.*

Past San Francisco Republican  
Party Chairman

- *Gail E. Neira*

Republican State Assembly  
Candidate

- Republican Central Committee Nominees:

12th District:

*Olive Fox*

*Denis Norrington* (Incumbent)

*Les Payne* (Incumbent)

*Dr. Ronald Konopaski, D.D.S.*

Republican Volunteer

13th District:

*Shirley Bates*

*Wayne Chan*

*Eve Del Castello*

*Joe Giuliani*

# Cost of Living Benefits

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## OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION B

### PROPOSITION B IS UNSOUND FROM AN INSURANCE VIEWPOINT:

The San Francisco Republican County Central Committee met with City Retirement System Actuary Kieran Murphy on December 13, 2001. They voted to oppose Proposition B.

The extra 1% cost of living adjustments being requested in Proposition B are financially unsound over the long term.

This new "COLA" will have some serious negative results over the years and decades ahead.

### WHAT IS WRONG WITH PROPOSITION B?:

In a December 10, 2001 letter, City Controller Edward M. Harrington pointed out the financial impact of the proposed Proposition B:

"Should the proposed [Charter] amendment be adopted, in my opinion, the cost to the City and County would increase...by about \$19.1 million per year for the next 20 years, dropping after 20 years to an ongoing cost of approximately \$7.4 million per year."

From an insurance viewpoint, Proposition B is financially unsound.

*Committee To Improve Local Government.*

*Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.*

Past County Chairman of the San Francisco Republican Party

## REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION B

Proposition B corrects a flaw in the city charter that could result in already granted pensions being reduced if Retirement System's investments don't greatly exceed estimates. What kind of insurance cuts the pension of a 75 year old widow by more than 10%? That's just not fair or equitable - but it can happen if Proposition B isn't approved.

For the past 5 years all revenues of the Retirement System have come from employee contributions and from investment income. The **City hasn't contributed** because the System has a large surplus. And that surplus, according to the Retirement System and the City Controller, should be sufficient to spare the City from contributing to costs of Proposition B for the next 15 years or more. According to the Controller's statement: "... **no cash would be required** since the City's Retirement System has a large surplus."

**Respected City fiscal experts** such as former **Treasurer Mary Callanan**, former **CAO Rudy Nothenberg**, former **Controllers John Farrell** and **Sam Yockey**, former **Tax Collector Richard Sullivan**, all support Proposition B as a sound fiscal investment that is **fair** to retirees and is **not costly** to the City.

Proposition B does **not increase** existing pensions. It's about fairness and protecting elderly pensioners from losing a significant portion of their current income at **no cost** to City taxpayers for many years.

*Supervisor Jake McGoldrick*

### How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

Supervisor McGoldrick submitted this rebuttal argument on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. On December 17, 2001, the Supervisors voted as follows to authorize Supervisor McGoldrick to prepare and submit the rebuttal argument on their behalf.

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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## Cost of Living Benefits

### PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

This fiscally sound and affordable cost of living adjustment plan will help fixed-income retired employees.

*Joel Ventresca*

Sunset District 4 Supervisor Candidate (November 2002)  
President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (1992-94)

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

The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is Joel Ventresca.

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#### **The San Francisco Democratic Party supports Proposition B.**

*Wade Crowfoot*

Secretary, SF Democratic Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Wade Crowfoot.

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Our senior retirees have provided San Francisco with a lifetime of service. We recognize their need for stability and urge support for this fiscally sound proposal. Vote Yes on Proposition B.

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

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

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#### **VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION B**

It's about fairness. It's about fiscal responsibility. Retirees face the prospect of losing benefits that they have worked many long years to achieve. This legislation will correct an oversight in charter language enacted in 1996. The retirement system actuary does not anticipate any cost to the City General Fund for at least 15 years, if ever.

*Anthony G. Sacco, President*

New Mission Terrace Improvement Association

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is New Mission Terrace Improvement Association.

#### **DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AGREE**

##### **YES ON B!**

We join the San Francisco Democratic Party in supporting our seniors. Vote Yes on B.

*Abra Castle, Western Addition Democrat*

*Wade Crowfoot, Castro Democrat*

*Bill Barnes, Haight Democrat*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Bill Barnes, Abra Castle, Wade Crowfoot.

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#### **YES ON PROPOSITION B**

The Retired Firemen and Widows Association of the San Francisco Fire Department strongly urge you to vote yes on Proposition B. Our organization was formed solely for the purpose to protect the benefits of the retired fire fighter, his widow and his dependents. Passage of Proposition B will ensure that these benefits will not be curtailed or diminished.

It's also about fairness. Fire Fighters have contributed to the retirement fund throughout their working carriers. This fund exists solely for the purpose of providing retirement benefits. This proposition B protects both the retiree and the Retirement Fund

The retiree is protected from a run in the benefits should Retirement Fund stagnate or diminish. The retirement fund is protected because should fund not be available to pay the Cola, IT NEED NOT PAYS IT.

Accordingly to the controller, there are enough funds in the retirement system to fund this benefit for at least fifteen years. The impact on city revenues is zero. Support your retired fire fighter. Vote yes on Proposition B.

*The Retired Firemen and Widows Association  
of the San Francisco Fire Department*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Retired Firemen & Widows Association of The San Francisco Fire Dept.

# Cost of Living Benefits

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## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

San Francisco must honor the obligation we made to our retirees.

They face a crisis in that pensioners live in a world of increasing costs with a fixed income.

A little bit can go a long way.

Vote Yes on Proposition B.

*Michael R. Farrah Jr.*

Candidate, 12th Assembly District Democratic County Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Michael R. Farrah Jr.

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Seniors on fixed income will see their pensions cut severely without Proposition B. Please join me in voting Yes on Proposition B.

*Jeff Adachi*

Candidate for Public Defender

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Adachi for Public Defender.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Peter Keane 2. Esther Marks 3. John Woo.

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### VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION B

San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 joins the ranks of organized labor in urging a yes vote on proposition B. The San Francisco Labor Council at their December 17th General meeting voted unanimously to endorse the city retirees Charter Amendment.

F.O.R.U.M., The Federation of Retired Union Members, an organization of fifteen retired union organizations, at their December 4th monthly meeting also voted unanimously to endorse this ballot proposition. We believe that this ballot Charter Amendment is fair to the City and fair to the retiree. Support the ranks of organized labor. Vote yes on B.

*S.F.F.D. Local 798, AFL. CIO.*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 Political Action Committee.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Robert Arzave 2. John Hanley 3. Dennis Kruger.

Imagine you're an 80 year-old retired Librarian receiving \$800 monthly in your pension check. One day you get a note from the City saying that the amount will be cut to \$700. Hard to believe that happening in compassionate San Francisco, but that's exactly what can happen if Proposition B isn't approved!

The City Retirement System now has a surplus of over \$1 billion from city employee contributions and investment income. City government has not contributed to the System for several years. And still the System reports that they have enough surplus to pay all their obligations - including those of Proposition B - for 15 more years!!

Proposition B doesn't increase anyone's pension, but it does eliminate the chance that pension checks will be reduced.

Proposition B is a reasonable measure that protects retirees from financial harm without costing the City additional money for many years.

Protect Our Benefits on behalf of all City retirees urges you to vote:

**"Yes on B"**

*Protect Our Benefits*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Protect Our Benefits.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Retired Employees of the City and County of San Francisco 2. Veteran Police Officers Association 3. Retired Firemen and Widows Association.

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The San Francisco Police Officers represent over 2000 sworn active police personnel. We strongly support our retired city workers and urge your yes vote on Ballot Proposition B.

*San Francisco Police Officers Association*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is San Francisco Police Officers Association.

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### PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION B

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION B.

The City Controller estimates that Proposition B will reduce the retirement system surplus by \$19.1 Million Dollars per year for the next 20 years.

This ill-conceived scheme adds an extra 1% cost of living increase for city workers even when the retirement system can't afford the raise.

At this time of financial insecurity, the San Francisco Republican Party urges you to vote **NO** on Proposition B.

*San Francisco Republican Party*

*Donald A. Casper, Chairman*

*Cynthia Amelon*

*Elsa Cheung, Vice-Chair*

*Mike DeNunzio, Vice-Chair*

*Howard Epstein, Assembly Candidate*

*Terence Faulkner*

*Sue Woods*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument are the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee and the above signers.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. San Francisco Coalition for Affordable Public Services 2. Alfreda Cullinan 3. Sally L. Saunders.

# TEXT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION B

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 8.526-1, thereof, relating to supplemental cost of living benefits for retirees and their survivors.

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 5, 2002 to amend the Charter of said city and county by amending Appendix 8.526-1 to read as follows:

NOTE: Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~.

Additions are indicated by underline.

## **A8.526-1 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF LIVING BENEFIT**

Starting on July 1, 1997, the Retirement Board shall establish in the Retirement Fund a Reserve Account. Funds in this Reserve Account shall be used to provide supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments to retirement allowances in addition to cost of living adjustments now provided for in the Charter. Funds placed in this Reserve Account shall consist of all earnings of the Retirement Fund in the previous fiscal year which are in excess of the expected earnings on the actuarial value of the assets. The expected earnings are the earnings projected by the actuarial assumption for return on assets that were in place for that fiscal year. The maximum amount of funds to be placed in this Reserve Account shall not exceed the amount of funds projected to be necessary to fund benefits provided pursuant to this section for that fiscal year and the following two fiscal years. The funds in this Reserve Account shall be used solely to provide supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments as follows:

(a) On July 1, 1997 and July 1 of each succeeding year, if there are sufficient funds in this Reserve Account, each retirement allowance or death allowance payable on account of a member who died, including retirement allowances subject to change when the salary rate of a member is changed, shall be increased by an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the allowance, less the amount of any cost of living adjustment provided pursuant to Section 8.526 and less the amount of any cost of living adjustment, payable in that fiscal year, which is the result of a change in the salary of the member.

(b) On July 1, 1997, if there are sufficient funds in this Reserve Account, each retirement allowance payable to or account of a member who was retired on or before December 31, 1979 as a member under Sections 8.507 or 8.509 or 8.584 shall be increased by a monthly amount equal to \$3 for each complete year of retirement. In computing years of retirement, the Retirement System shall count completed fiscal years between the member's effective date of retire-

ment and June 30, 1997.

~~The supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments described above will not be paid in any fiscal year in which there are insufficient funds in the Reserve Account on July 1 to pay for full supplemental payments for that year. In that event, pensions will revert to the level they would have been if supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments had never been made.~~

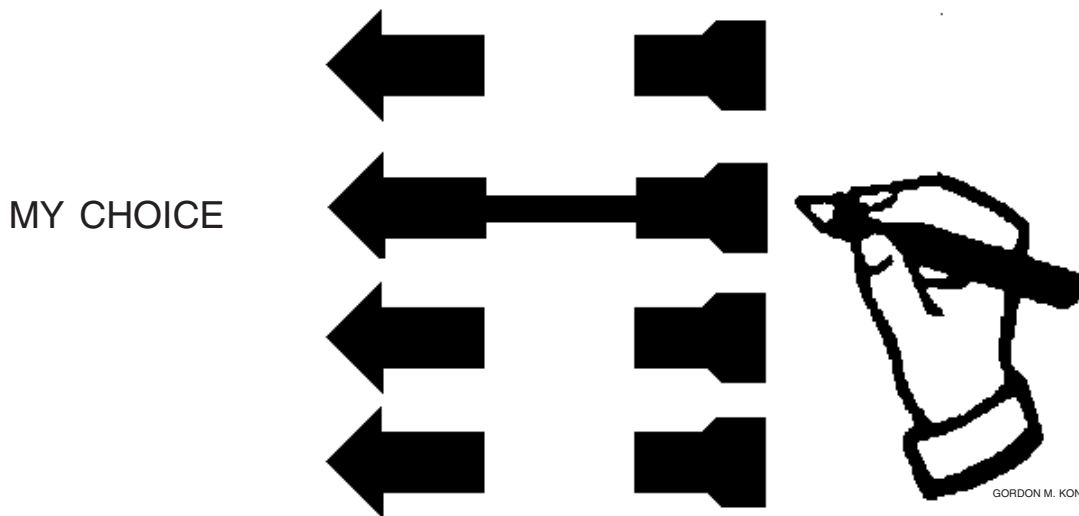
~~If supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments are not made in any fiscal year, then, in subsequent years, excess earnings will be accumulated in this Reserve Account until there are sufficient funds to pay full year's supplemental cost of living benefit adjustment. Subsequent supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments will be based on the reduced pension level described above; that is, on the level pensions would have been if supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments had never been made.~~

(c) On and after June 30, 2003, any supplemental cost of living benefit adjustment, once paid to a member, shall not be reduced thereafter.

(d) On and after June 30, 2003, the Reserve Account set forth in this section shall be used to finance only the increase in the supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments for the next ensuing fiscal year as set forth in section (a). If there are insufficient funds in the Reserve Account to pay the increase in the supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments for the next ensuing fiscal year, then the increase in the supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments for that fiscal year shall not be paid. However, any excess earnings as defined in this section shall be accumulated until an amount sufficient to make one fiscal year's increase in the supplemental cost of living benefit adjustments is reached.

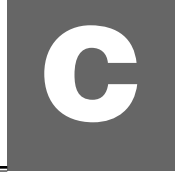
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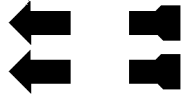
# Non-U.S. Citizen Commission Participation



## PROPOSITION C

Shall the City permit individuals who are not U.S. citizens to serve on San Francisco boards, commissions and advisory bodies?

YES  
NO



## Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** As a general rule, members of City boards, commissions and advisory bodies must be registered to vote in San Francisco. This means they must be at least eighteen years old, U.S. citizens, and San Francisco residents.

If the board, commission or advisory body was created by a provision of the City Charter, the Charter may create exceptions to the age, citizenship, and residency requirements.

If the board, commission or advisory body was created by Board of Supervisors legislation, exceptions can be made to the age and residency requirements. Exceptions cannot be made to the citizenship requirements.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition C is a Charter amendment that would permit the City to make exceptions to the citizenship, age and residency requirements for all City boards, commissions, and advisory bodies.

The City could appoint persons who were not U.S. citizens, if they lived in San Francisco, were at least 18 years old, and were otherwise qualified to hold office.

The City also could appoint persons who were not San Francisco residents, if they were citizens, at least 18 years old, if no qualified San Francisco residents were available to serve.

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want to permit the City to make exceptions to the citizenship, age, and residency requirements for all City boards, commissions, and advisory bodies.

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want to permit the City to make exceptions to the citizenship, age and residency requirements for all boards, commissions and advisory bodies.

## 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 approved by the voters, in my opinion, there would be no significant increase in the cost of government.

## How Supervisors Voted on “C”

On November 13, 2001 the Board of Supervisors voted 10 to 0 to place Proposition C on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Yee

**Absent:** Sandoval

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# Non-U.S. Citizen Commission Participation

## PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

Proposition C will ensure that qualified individuals are appointed to San Francisco commissions and task forces.

City commissions and task forces are created to advise the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on important public policy issues such as housing, health care, and civil rights. The individuals on these commissions are selected to serve because of their expertise in a specific field and to provide valuable input on a wide array of legislation.

Currently, the San Francisco City Charter allows the Board of Supervisors, and other appointing authorities, such as the Mayor, to appoint only electors who reside in San Francisco. Exemptions can be made for 1) someone under the age of 18, or 2) someone who is not a San Francisco resident. Generally, exemptions are made if an applicant would provide expertise or a unique perspective not otherwise available.

This Charter amendment will add citizenship to the list of requirements an appointing authority may waive, by majority vote. The citizenship requirement may be waived for an applicant where the perspective of a noncitizen may be deemed essential and there is no equally qualified citizen applicant available.

San Francisco has long been a beacon for immigrant communities. Currently, noncitizens work in our City government and in our Municipal court system. They also pay our local, state and federal taxes. However, noncitizens are not able to advise San Francisco policymakers in a formal manner. This Charter

amendment will further San Francisco’s tradition of encouraging civic involvement from its immigrant communities and give the Board of Supervisors the power, when they deem appropriate, to waive citizenship requirements for advisory bodies.

Vote Yes on Proposition C.

*San Francisco Board of Supervisors*

*Supervisor Ammiano*

*Supervisor Daly*

*Supervisor Gonzalez*

*Supervisor Hall*

*Supervisor Leno*

*Supervisor Maxwell*

*Supervisor McGoldrick*

*Supervisor Newsom*

*Supervisor Peskin*

*Supervisor Sandoval*

*Supervisor Yee*

### **How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument**

The Supervisors voted as follows on December 17, 2001:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

## REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

**NO REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED**

# Non-U.S. Citizen Commission Participation



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## OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

In part, Proposition C proposes to allow non-City and County residents, - people who DO NOT live in the City of San Francisco - on City boards and commissions. The League of Women Voters believes that City commissioners and board members should represent and be representative of their community - the City of San Francisco. People who reside elsewhere in the Bay Area are not representatives of the San Francisco community and so should not be allowed to sit on City boards or commissions. As a result, we oppose Proposition C.

*League of Women Voters of San Francisco*

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## REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

The Opponents Argument submitted by the League of Women Voters is factually inaccurate.

San Francisco Charter Section 4.101 already allows an appointing authority to waive the requirement for residency upon a finding that a resident with specific experience, skills or qualifications willing to serve could not be located.

Proposition C does nothing to change this current procedure.

Proposition C will add citizenship as a requirement an appointing authority may waive. The citizenship requirement could be waived in instances where the perspective of a non-citizen is essential or a qualified citizen applicant is not available.

Thousands of voters rely on the League of Women Voters to provide accurate information on propositions. The League has failed San Francisco voters in this endeavor. Furthermore, the League does not allow proponents or opponents of a ballot measure to present information to its Action Committee. The

Action Committee of the League of Women Voters is doing a disservice to San Francisco Voters by opposing ballot measures without being properly informed.

Vote yes on Proposition C.

*Matt Gonzalez*

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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### How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

Supervisor Gonzalez submitted this rebuttal argument on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. On December 17, 2001, the Supervisors voted as follows to authorize Supervisor Gonzalez to prepare and submit the rebuttal argument on their behalf.

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee



# Non-U.S. Citizen Commission Participation

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

### The San Francisco Democratic Party supports Proposition C.

*Wade Crowfoot*

Secretary, SF Democratic Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Wade Crowfoot.

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### Vote **Yes** to Include Immigrants in Public Life

Proposition C removes the ban on appointing non-citizens to City Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies.

17% of San Francisco's population are immigrants who are not U.S. citizens. They are an important and valuable part of the community, with unique perspectives, interests, and capabilities. San Francisco benefits from what these individuals have to offer.

Right now there is a barrier that prevents these residents from contributing to the work of City government. Proposition C will remove that barrier.

San Francisco can only gain from including all of its residents in the process.

**Vote Yes on Proposition C**

[www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org)

### *San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the SPUR Urban Issues Committee.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jim Chappell 2. Frankie Lee 3. John Weeden.

We need experienced and independent people serving on our Commissions. Requiring citizenship restricts our ability to recruit the best candidates for each position, and is not necessary to do the job.

Please Vote yes on C

*Jennifer Clary*

*Jane Morrison*

*Richard Ow*

The true sources of funds for the printing fee of this argument are Richard Ow, Jane Morrison, Jennifer Clary.

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Creates a more representative government.

Non-citizens are a rich untapped resource with much to contribute. They should be allowed to serve on appointed city boards and commissions.

### *San Francisco Green Party*

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

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Dave Heller 2. John-Marc Chandonia 3. Barry Hermanson.

# Non-U.S. Citizen Commission Participation



## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION C

### VOTE NO ON PROP C

Today's immigrants will help build a better America. This proposition devalues citizenship. It does not encourage immigrants to become citizens.

Vote for more citizenship, not less.

*Mike DeNunzio*

Member, Republican Central Committee\*

\* for identification purpose only

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Mike DeNunzio.

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### VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION C.

The San Francisco Republican Party welcomes immigrants. We honor their contributions to our society. But a person contributes fully only when that person, in addition to putting his or her talents and abilities to work, casts a ballot. Therefore, we must encourage citizenship. Proposition C, however, provides an excuse for a talented immigrant *not* to be a citizen.

Moreover, we demand of all our public officials, both elected and appointed, a commitment to American institutions and values. Citizenship is the most basic evidence of that commitment. It is our simple common denominator. Let's keep it that way.

*San Francisco Republican Party*

*Donald A. Casper, Chairman*

*Cynthia Amelon*

*Elsa Cheung, Vice-Chair*

*Mike DeNunzio, Vice-Chair*

*Howard Epstein, Assembly Candidate*

*Sue Woods*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument are the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee and the above signers.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. San Francisco Coalition for Affordable Public Services 2. Alfreda Cullinan 3. Sally L. Saunders.

# 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 the City and County by amending section 4.101 to permit noncitizens to serve on appointive boards, commissions, and advisory bodies, *and to clarify existing provisions allowing nonelectors to serve on appointive boards, commissions, and advisory bodies.*

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County at an election to be held on November 6, 2001 March 5, 2002, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending section 4.101 to read as follows:

Note: Additions are *italic, Times Roman*;  
deletions are ~~strikethrough italic,~~  
~~Times Roman.~~

Section 1. Section 4.101 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

## **SEC. 4.101. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – COMPOSITION**

Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, the composition of each appointive board, commission or advisory body of any kind established by this Charter or legislative act of the United States of America, the State of California or the Board of Supervisors shall:

1. Be broadly representative of the communities of interest, neighborhoods and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, and sexual orientation of the City and County and have representation of both sexes; and

2. Consist of ~~electors residents~~ electors of the City and County ~~at least eighteen years of age~~ at all times during the term of their respective offices, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Charter, ~~or in~~ In the case of boards, commissions or advisory bodies established by legislative act, ~~the position is (a) designated by ordinance for a person under legal voting eighteen years of age, or (b) unless specifically exempt from the provisions, or waived by the appointing officer or entity upon a finding that an elector a resident with specific experience, skills or qualifications willing to serve could not be located within the City and County~~ the Board of Supervisors may designate by ordinance (a) that the position is to be filled by a person under legal voting age or (b) that the position may be filled by a person who is not of legal voting age or not a resident of the City and County.

Whether a board, commission, or advisory body is created by Charter or legislative act, the appointing officer or entity may waive the elector requirement (a) for a citizen who is eighteen years of age but not a resident of the City and County, upon a finding that an elector with specific experience, skills, or qualifications willing to serve could not be located; (b) for a noncitizen

who is eighteen years of age and physically residing in the City and County, upon a finding that, but for the elector requirement, the person is qualified to serve on the board, commission, or advisory body.

Vacancies on appointive boards, commissions, or other units of government shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the manner prescribed by this Charter or ordinance for initial appointments.

Terms of office shall continue as they existed on the effective date of this Charter.

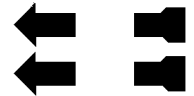
# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals



## PROPOSITION D

Shall the City change the way members of the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals are appointed and removed?

YES  
NO



### Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** The City has a Planning Commission which makes decisions about development and use of land. The Mayor appoints all seven of its members.

The City also has a Board of Appeals. Members of the public may appeal a City decision about zoning, a permit, or a license by asking the Board of Appeals to review the decision. The Mayor appoints all five of its members.

After the Mayor appoints a member of the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals, the Board of Supervisors has 30 days to reject the appointment. It may reject an appointment only by a two-thirds vote.

Members of the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals serve four-year terms. The Mayor may remove them at any time for any reason.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition D is a Charter amendment that would change the way members of the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals are appointed and removed.

The Mayor would nominate four members of the Planning Commission and the President of the Board of Supervisors would nominate the other three members. The Mayor would nominate three members of the Board of Appeals and the President of the Board of Supervisors would nominate the other two members. The Board of Supervisors would be required to conduct a public hearing within 60 days to approve or reject the nominees. The Board of Supervisors could reject an appointment by a majority vote.

Members of the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals would serve four-year terms and could be removed only for official misconduct.

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want to change the way members of the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals are appointed and removed.

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want to make these changes.

### 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 approved by the voters, in my opinion, there would be no significant increase in the cost of government.

### How Supervisors Voted on “D”

On November 19, 2001 the Board of Supervisors voted 9 to 2 to place Proposition D on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

**No:** Newsom, Yee

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# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals

## PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

VOTE YES ON D TO RESTORE CHECKS AND BALANCES TO SAN FRANCISCO’S PLANNING PROCESS.

When development is put in the hands of lobbyists, special interests and political appointees, our city suffers. Neighborhoods and communities are damaged. Small businesses are displaced. Historic treasures are destroyed. Over time, as San Francisco loses its character, our economic lifeblood – tourism – is threatened.

Proposition D restores balance and accountability to local development decisions. By democratizing appointments to the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals, Proposition D gives citizens, neighborhoods and communities more meaningful participation in shaping the future of San Francisco.

Proposition D will make the appointment process for members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals more open and accountable. It will continue to allow the Mayor to have a majority of the appointments to these bodies, but will share a minority of the seats with the legislative branch of government. All seats will be subject to public confirmation process at the Board of Supervisors to ensure that appointees are qualified and that neighborhood interests get representation in land use decisions. Once appointed, commissioners will be protected from political pressure to favor developers by allowing dismissal of appointees only in cases of misconduct.

Time and time again, San Franciscans have watched in horror

as lobbyists, developers and campaign contributors are given unchecked power over neighbors and citizens. The power to make crucial land use decisions should not remain in the hands of the few.

Please join the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, representing over 32 San Francisco neighborhood organizations, in restoring balance and accountability to city government.

- Supervisor Jake McGoldrick*
- Supervisor Tom Ammiano*
- Supervisor Chris Daly*
- Supervisor Matt Gonzalez*
- Supervisor Tony Hall*
- Supervisor Mark Leno*
- Supervisor Sophie Maxwell*
- Supervisor Aaron Peskin*
- Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval*

### How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

The Supervisors voted as follows on December 17, 2001:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

**No:** Newsom, Yee

## REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

San Francisco’s Board of Supervisors already has veto power over appointments to the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals. It also has the power to appeal decisions made by the Planning Commission. But that’s not enough for the current Board, which wants to grab complete control over both bodies. If the board gets its way, it will be bad news for San Francisco and everyone who lives or works here.

San Francisco needs more affordable housing. This measure’s proponents have blocked and obstructed such development at every turn. Giving the Board of Supervisors monopoly power over planning policy will only make our housing shortage even worse.

It’s also bad for our neighborhoods. Homeowners, people

running small businesses, local contractors and other workers will be the hardest hit by obstruction. When residents in our neighborhoods can’t get projects approved to fix up their homes and their rental properties, all of us will hurt.

Our City Charter is intended to weather the storms of the times, not be up for grabs by either the legislative or executive branch when they are at extreme odds. The Charter is intended to protect the citizens who live here, not politicians with an agenda.

**Vote NO on D.**

*Small Property Owners of San Francisco*



# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals



## OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION D

Changes to a government's Charter should be made when the Charter is outdated or no longer effective, never to address short-term political problems.

Prop D is a reaction to a particular Mayor's development policies. If you don't like the policies, get rid of the Mayor, not our City's Charter.

Administrative functions of government belong to the Mayor, not the legislative branch. Efficient and effective leadership of daily operations of the government of San Francisco necessitate the structure of mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals.

Our City's Charter protects its citizens from many types

of political power struggles between any Board of Supervisors and our Mayors. There must be a clear distinction between the administrative and legislative duties of our City's government, and it must be kept in balance in order to work for us, the citizens of the City. The Charter should never be manipulated to throw this power out of balance.

**Proposition D is bad government at its worst, and one that ignores the very citizens it says it intends to protect.**

*Small Property Owners of San Francisco*

## REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION D

**VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION D AND GIVE THE NEIGHBORHOODS A VOICE IN PLANNING DECISIONS.**

For 20 years, developers have controlled the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. **The voice of our neighborhoods has been ignored.** We now have a Planning Commission that refuses to plan and a Board of Appeals that favors developers by flouting the law. As a result, our City has a glut of luxury live-work lofts, with virtually no affordable, family housing being built.

**This is a structural imbalance in the charter, not a short-term problem particular to this mayor.** We must redress this imbalance by **reforming** the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals to make them **more democratic and responsive** to the needs of our neighborhoods.

Appointments to these bodies should be shared by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals are primarily adjudicative bodies, not administrative agencies. Appointees resolve challenges by neighbors to Planning staff decisions. **No mayor should have total control over both the Planning Department and the appellate bodies**

**that review that agency's decisions.** Shared appointments to these judicial bodies will **maintain checks and balances** within City government.

Checks and balances exist in State commission appointments. One third of appointments to the Coastal Commission are made by the governor, one third by the Assembly, and one third by the Senate. As a result, both environmentalists and developers are represented, and everyone gets a chance to be heard.

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

### How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

Supervisor McGoldrick submitted this rebuttal argument on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. On December 17, 2001, the Supervisors voted as follows to authorize Supervisor McGoldrick to prepare and submit the rebuttal argument on their behalf.

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee



# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

Hayes Valley supports sound neighborhood and citywide planning practices.

Proposition D is a well-written, clear and reasonable proposal to insure balanced and responsible planning.

**Vote YES on D.**

*Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, Board of Directors*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, Board of Directors.

This reform measure will permit inappropriate pro-development mayoral nominations for key land use City boards to be rejected by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

*Joel Ventresca*

Sunset District 4 Supervisor Candidate ( November 2002)  
President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (1992-94)

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

The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is Joel Ventresca.

**Insensitive developers have overrun our neighborhoods for years. Sharing Planning Commission and Board of Appeals appointments will create smart, balanced growth that best meets San Franciscans' needs.**

**Vote YES on D.**

*Hiroshi Fukuda*

Richmond Community Association

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

**The San Francisco Democratic Party supports Proposition D.**

*Wade Crowfoot*

Secretary, SF Democratic Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Wade Crowfoot.

Yes on D stops Corruption

Proposition D prevents Commissioners from being fired when they don't cave in to lobbyists, consultants, and developers. That protects us all.

*San Francisco Tomorrow*

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

Planning Commission and Board of Appeals are now entirely named by the Mayor. Vote "Yes" on D to give our elected Supervisors power to name neighborhood-sensitive commissioners whose voices would balance the Mayor's developer-friendly appointments.

*SPEAK (Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee)*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is SPEAK (Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee).

Harry Britt asks you to vote YES on D

The Planning Commission is too powerful to be controlled by one elected official. Our diverse communities deserve their voice, too. For two decades, I've worked with many of you to protect our neighborhoods. Please join me this March in voting Yes on D.

*Harry Britt*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Harry Britt.

# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals



## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

Currently, the Mayor appoints the seven member Planning Commission and the five member Board of Appeals, serving and removed at the Mayor's behest. One would hope any Mayor's planning program would meet with electorate approval. Sadly, this may not always be the case.

This charter amendment will enable the citizens to have an effective voice before the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals.

Through this amendment, the Board of Supervisors would confirm the Mayor's AND the President of the Board of Supervisors' four year appointments.

Vote YES on Proposition D

*Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association.

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For over 20 years, the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals have favored the profits of developers over the real needs of our neighborhoods and communities. The result has been a glut of office space and luxury live/work and no affordable housing. VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION D AND RESTORE BALANCE TO GOVERNMENT PLANNING DECISIONS.

*Jerry Threet, President, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club  
Debra Walker, Vice-President, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club  
Robert Haaland, Vice-President, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Debra Walker.

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Although San Francisco is 66% tenants, landlords and real estate interests have dominated the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. Prop D will end this unfairness. Every tenant should Vote YES on D.

*San Francisco Tenants Union  
Tenderloin Housing Clinic  
Housing Rights Committee  
St. Peter's Housing Committee  
Senior Housing Action Collaborative (SHAC)  
Miguel Wooding, Eviction Defense Collaborative\**  
\* For Identification Purposes

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Tenderloin Housing Clinic.

### Your Neighbors Want Fair Treatment

Today, ordinary citizens are routinely intimidated, marginalized and dismissed by the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. Sometimes, public speakers are treated with contempt and ridicule. Commissioners speak in buzzwords and business-as-usual thrives. The resulting pervasive futility undermines community organizations, demoralizes the public and discourages participation. The difficulty of enlisting neighbors to oppose any but the most outrageous developments is overpowering.

Devoted any time and effort to protecting your interests lately? What's the point?

Now, we can change all that.

Proposition D provides a check and balance. It evens the playing field for neighbors and average citizens. We will no longer be faced with a commission entirely appointed by one person, served by staff appointed by the same person. We will no longer be left with the discouraging option of appeal to yet another board appointed by the same single power.

Giving neighbors a stronger voice helps us maintain the remarkable character of our individual neighborhoods, an asset San Franciscans can be truly proud of. The best people to represent and protect our neighborhoods are those who work and live there.

An alliance of 33 neighborhood organizations, we urge you to vote Yes on D to Protect our Neighborhoods.

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

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

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### Preserve San Francisco's Beauty

An out-of-control planning process has destroyed beautiful homes, historical landmarks and threatens the beautiful fabric of our city.

Yes on D!

*Jane Morrison  
Vice-Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party*

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



# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

I urge a YES vote on Proposition D. The current system of appointments concentrates all power into the hands of one person.

Prop D will help ensure that more voices are heard and more points of view considered in planning for our future. It's really a matter of simple fairness.

*Dennis Antenore*  
Former Planning Commissioner

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Dennis Antenore.

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Pacific Heights Residents Association Supports Prop D

Today's "pay to play" Planning Commission benefits big developers using paid expeditors and connected attorneys. Proposition D finally gives neighbors and neighborhoods an effective voice. Stop unchecked development that hurts our neighborhoods.

Vote Yes on D.

*Pacific Heights Residents Association*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Pacific Heights Residents Association.

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Proposition D strengthens checks and balances, with District Supervisors sharing appointments to powerful land use bodies with the Mayor.

Changing commissioner service from "Mayor's Pleasure" to "removal for cause" empowers independent neighborhood commissioners.

*San Francisco Green Party*

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

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Dave Heller 2. John Marc Chandonia 3. Barry Hermanson.

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Proposition D will help **protect our neighborhoods** and make the planning process **more responsive to all citizens**. Don't let developers and big-money special interests control development in San Francisco. Return **accountability** to city planning. Vote **YES on D**.

*Fred Ridel*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Fred Ridel.

District 2 Neighbors Support YES on D

Because Planning Commissioners are removed at will, planning decisions are sold to the highest bidder, who pays with campaign donations and "consulting fees." Vote Proposition D to restore independent, objective planning.

*Nia Crowder*  
*Joel Hornstein*  
*Daniela Kirshenbaum*

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### VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION D

Commissions should include the interests of all San Franciscans. Proposition D provides neighborhoods with effective access to the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals. Vote Yes on Proposition D for better neighborhoods.

*David Hooper, Vice President*  
New Mission Terrace Improvement Association

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Jill Wynns urges you to vote YES on D

The Planning Commission determines what we can do with our homes, our businesses and our neighborhoods. The community deserves a say. I urge you to support Proposition D – a sensible solution that makes city government more efficient and effective.

*Jill Wynns*  
Board of Education\*  
\* for identification purposes only

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Jill Wynns.

# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals



## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

The Planning Commission and Board of Permit Appeals make decisions which effect every neighborhood. Many voices must be heard if those decisions are to be fair and equitable. Proposition D will make sure that many voices are heard. Vote yes on D.

*The Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council*

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

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Proposition D will result in a Planning Commission and Board of Permit Appeals which will address the need for affordable housing. We urge a Yes Vote on D!

*The Council Of Community Housing Organizations*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is The Council of Community Housing Organizations.

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We now know that profit-driven planning means empty offices and condos, and forces teachers to pay 75% of their salary for rent. Proposition D ensures that planning maximizes livability, not profitability, in our neighborhoods.

*Tracy Baxter*

*Greg Shaw*

Candidates for Democratic County Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Tracy Baxter and Greg Shaw.

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As former Planning Commissioners we know that good planning requires genuine debate.

Proposition D insures that debate. We urge a Yes vote on D.

*Doug Engmann*

*Jerry Levine*

*Ester Marks*

*Dennis Antenore*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Calvin Welch.

### DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AGREE

#### YES ON D!

We join the San Francisco Democratic Party in supporting neighborhood planning. Vote Yes on D.

*Bill Barnes*, Haight Democrat

*Abra Castle*, Western Addition Democrat

*Wade Crowfoot*, Castro Democrat

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Bill Barnes, Abra Castle, Wade Crowfoot.

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Until 1996 the Mayor appointed only five of seven Planning Commissioners. The 1996 Charter gave him power to appoint all seven PLUS the Planning Director.

***The current situation is much too lopsided.*** People throughout San Francisco feel excluded from important decisions about THEIR City. That their voices are not heard.

By requiring that Supervisors confirm all Planning and Board of Appeals Commissioners Proposition D restores balance to decisions about our City's future.

*San Franciscans for Reasonable Growth*

*Brad Paul*

*Tom Jones*

*Georgia Brittan*

*Sue Hestor*

*Esther Marks*

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# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

### STOP EXILING ART: YES ON D!

Blocks of offices and phony “artist” live-work lofts standing empty, abandoned by departed dot-commers but still unaffordable to artists who once lived and worked here. A world-famous arts scene in danger of becoming a memory. These are twin legacies of a corrupt planning process. End one-man rule over city planning and give San Francisco’s battered arts community a chance to rebuild. Vote Yes on D.

<i>Brenda Berlin</i> Executive Director, Young Audiences of the Bay Area	<i>Deborah Cullinan</i> Executive Director, Intersection for the Arts	<i>Debra Walker</i> Artist
<i>Krissy Keefer</i> Artistic Director Dance Mission	<i>John A. Davis</i> Director, Som Arts Cultural Center	<i>Dan Chumley</i> Director

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### TOO MUCH POWER IN ONE PERSON

The Mayor appoints the Planning Director. Appoints all Planning Commissioners who vote on the Director’s recommendations. Appoints all Board of Appeals Commissioners — where the public goes to challenge a Planning Commission action. He can remove anyone at whim.

When Mayor Brown was Assembly Speaker he shared appointment power with the Governor for the Coastal Commission, Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

***It’s time for balance in San Francisco.***

<i>Jane Morrison</i>	<i>Nan McGuire</i>
<i>James Stevens</i>	<i>Christine Linnenbach</i>
<i>Doris Linnenbach</i>	<i>Doug Comstock</i>
<i>Jeff Adachi</i>	<i>Andy Katz</i>
<i>Claire Pilcher</i>	<i>GeeGee Platt</i>

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For over 25 years San Franciscans have demanded an increased public voice in land use decisions. Proposition D strengthens that public voice.

San Francisco must work through many critical issues. The future of housing. Who will work here.

A good, honest debate involves a wide range of perspectives. It is also good planning.

Proposition D ensures diverse voices will be heard. **Vote Yes on D.**

*Sue Hestor*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Sue Hestor.

### Telegraph Hill Dwellers urges you to vote YES on D

We’ve seen it all: special favors for developers, rubberstamp approvals for massively out-of-scale projects, conflicts of interest, lack of vision, failure to apply the planning code, unqualified appointees. We need a balance of power that will bring democracy to the City’s planning process. Vote YES on D - our future depends on it.

*Telegraph Hill Dwellers*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Telegraph Hill Dwellers Association.

Good government requires a system of checks and balances. Proposition D checks against the power of the Mayor. It’s time for balance in San Francisco.

*Jeff Adachi*  
Candidate for Public Defender

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Peter Keane 2. Esther Marks 3. John Woo.

# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals



## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

### MISSION AND SOUTH OF MARKET RESIDENTS SAY YES ON D

The Mission and South of Market have been devastated by displacement driven by the “New Economy.” The Planning Commission and Board of Appeals decided that existing businesses and residents had to make way for dotcoms.

Instead of actually planning and regulating development, they greased the wheels for big developers. They allowed downtown-scale speculative development to invade our neighborhoods. Long-time residents and businesses were driven out of San Francisco.

Our neighborhoods protested as the Planning Commission and the Board Appeals approved thousands of live/work lofts and busted the limit on office space by saying “offices” were not “offices.” They ignored the obvious need for affordable housing and for protection of community-serving businesses and artist spaces.

When Commissioner Dennis Antenore had the courage to dissent against the City’s shortsighted, community destroying policies he was summarily fired by Mayor Brown.

We elected the current Board of Supervisors to eliminate this kind of cronyism and **to promote real community-based planning.**

Proposition D achieves both goals. Commissioners can only be removed for cause. The Mayor will share appointments. The Supervisors will conduct hearings and ratify all appointees, thus giving San Francisco residents a voice in the process.

**Yes on D makes our city government more transparent, more responsive to neighborhood needs.** It balances currently unequal power in the planning process between our communities and the Mayor’s office.

Join the Mission and South of Market neighborhoods.  
Yes on Proposition D!

*Mission Anti-Displacement Coalition (MAC)*  
*South of Market Anti-Displacement Coalition (SOMAD)*  
*Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Mission Anti-Displacement Coalition, South of Market Anti-Displacement Coalition, Housing Rights Committee.

### WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH

Enough of our neighborhoods being ignored at City Hall.

Enough of Commissioners soliciting campaign contributions from developers appearing before them.

Enough of pleading to be heard.

Proposition D gives **US** a voice by requiring Supervisors to CONFIRM Planning and Board of Appeals commissioners. Even though the Mayor ignores us, we will insist that Supervisors listen.

*Robert Laws*  
*GeeGee Platt*  
*Debra Walker*  
*Kathleen Courtney*  
*Norman Rolfe*  
*Beatrice Laws*  
*Andy Katz*  
*Claire Pilcher*  
*Alex Lantsberg*  
*Doug Comstock*

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# Appointment of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals

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## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION D

### No, No, No on D

This will create gridlock for the planning process in San Francisco.

*Tom A. Hsieh*

*Dan Dunnigan*

*Michael R. Farrah, Jr.*

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Gavin Newsom 2. Barbara Kaufman 3. May Lee.

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Vote no on Proposition D.

The City Charter already empowers our Supervisors to reject an unqualified appointee to the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals. A two-thirds vote within 30 days should be easy to stop a truly unqualified person. This is an unwise encroachment by the supervisors.

*Mike DeNunzio*

Member, Republican Central Committee\*

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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 Sections 4.105, 4.106, and 15.105 to provide that appointments of members to the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals shall be shared by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, and to provide that these appointed members may only be removed for official misconduct.

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 ~~November 6, 2004~~ March 5, 2002, a proposal to amend the Charter of said city and county by amending Sections 4.105, 4.106, and 15.105 to read as follows:

NOTE: Additions or substitutions for each of the Charter sections are indicated by underlining, and original deletions are indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

### SEC. 4.105. PLANNING COMMISSION.

GENERAL. The Planning Commission shall consist of seven members nominated and appointed pursuant to this section. Three ~~Four~~ of the members shall be appointed ~~nominated~~ by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, and ~~four~~ three of the members shall be appointed ~~nominated~~ by the President of the Board of Supervisors for four-year terms. Appointments shall be governed by the criteria set forth in Charter Section 4.101 shall apply to these appointments, with particular emphasis on the geographic diversity of City neighborhoods in the City. An appointment filling a vacant Commission seat shall be made by the same appointing authority that made the original appointment. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing officer.

Each nomination of the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 45 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed approved ~~rejected~~. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or after 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Members may be removed by the appointing officer only pursuant to Section 15.105. Members appointed by the Mayor may be removed by the Mayor. Members appointed by the Board of Supervisors may be removed by the Board of Supervisors, by a motion

~~approved by eight (8) votes.~~

~~The Mayor shall designate the initial two and four-year terms of office of the two members replacing the ex officio members under the Charter of 1932. In order to stagger the terms, three members shall initially serve two-year terms, and four members shall initially serve four-year terms. The initial two and four-year terms of office shall be instituted as follows:~~

1. The respective terms of office of members of the Planning Commission who hold office on the first day of February July, 2002 shall expire at 12 o'clock noon on that date, and the three four members appointed by the Mayor and the four three members appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors shall succeed to said offices at that time.

2. The clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall determine by lot which one two of the three four Mayoral appointees shall serve an initial two-year term, and which two one of the three Board of Supervisors appointees of the President of the Board of Supervisors shall serve an initial-two year term. The remaining appointees shall serve four-year terms. All subsequent terms shall be four years. Applicants for Board of Supervisors' appointments shall appear before the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee (or its successor committee), which will make recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors for appointment.

The Commission shall provide the Mayor with at least three qualified candidates for Director of Planning, selected on the basis of administrative and technical qualifications, with special regard for experience, training and knowledge in the field of city planning.

The Commission may contract with consultants for such services as it may require subject to the fiscal provisions of this Charter.

GENERAL PLAN. The Commission shall periodically recommend to the Board of Supervisors for approval or rejection proposed amendments to the General Plan. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act within 90 days of receipt, the proposed General Plan or amendments shall be deemed approved. The General Plan which will initially consist of the Master Plan in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this Charter shall consist of goals, policies and programs for the future physical development of the City and County that take into consideration social, economic and environmental factors. In developing their recommendations, the Commission shall consult with commissions and elected officials, and shall hold public hearings as part of a comprehensive planning process. The Planning Department, in consultation with other departments and the City Administrator, shall periodically prepare special area, neighborhood and other plans designed to carry out the General Plan, and

periodically prepare implementation programs and schedules which link the General Plan to the allocation of local, state and federal resources. The Planning Department may make such other reports and recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and other offices and governmental units as it may deem necessary to secure understanding and a systematic effectuation of the General Plan.

In preparing any plans, the Planning Department may include plans for systems and areas within the Bay Region which have a planning relationship with the City and County.

REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MATTERS. The following matters shall, prior to passage by the Board of Supervisors, be submitted for written report by the Planning Department regarding conformity with the General Plan:

1. Proposed ordinances and resolutions concerning the acquisition or vacation of property by, or a change in the use or title of property owned by, the City and County;

2. Subdivisions of land within the City and County;

3. Projects for the construction or improvement of public buildings or structures within the City and County;

4. Project plans for public housing, or publicly assisted private housing in the City and County;

5. Redevelopment project plans within the City and County; and

6. Such other matters as may be prescribed by ordinance.

The Commission shall disapprove any proposed action referred to it upon a finding that such action does not conform to the General Plan. Such a finding may be reversed by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors.

All such reports and recommendations shall be issued in a manner and within a time period to be determined by ordinance.

PERMITS AND LICENSES. All permits and licenses dependent on, or affected by, the City Planning Code administered by the Planning Department shall be approved by the Commission prior to issuance. The Commission may delegate this approval function to the Planning Department.

ENFORCEMENT. The Planning Department shall administer and enforce the City Planning Code.

ZONING AMENDMENTS. The Commission may propose for consideration by the Board of Supervisors ordinances regulating or controlling the height, area, bulk, set-back, location, use or related aspects of any building, structure or land. An ordinance proposed by the Board of Supervisors concerning zoning shall be reviewed by the Commission. Applications

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## LEGAL TEXT OF PROPOSITION D (CONTINUED)

for the reclassification of property may be made by interested parties and must be reviewed by the Commission.

Notwithstanding the Commission's disapproval of a proposal from the Board of Supervisors or the application of interested parties, the Board of Supervisors may adopt the proposed ordinance; however, in the case of any proposal made by the application of interested parties, any such adoption shall be by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors.

No application of interested parties proposing the same or substantially the same ordinance as that disapproved by the Commission or by the Board of Supervisors shall be resubmitted to or reconsidered by the Commission within a period of one year from the effective date of final action upon the earlier application.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.** The director of planning shall appoint a Zoning Administrator from a list of qualified applicants provided pursuant to the Civil Service provisions of the Charter. The Zoning Administrator shall be responsible for the determination of all zoning variances. The administrator shall have the power to grant only those variances that are consistent with the general purpose and the intent of the zoning ordinance, and in accordance with the general and specific rules of the zoning ordinance, subject to such conditions and safeguards as the Zoning Administrator may impose. The power to grant variances shall be applied only when the plain and literal interpretation and enforcement of the zoning ordinance would result in practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships or where the results would be inconsistent with the general purpose of the zoning ordinance. Decisions of the Zoning Administrator regarding zoning variances may be appealed to the Board of Appeals.

Before any such variance may be granted, there shall appear, and the Zoning Administrator shall specify in his or her findings, the facts in each case which shall establish:

(a) That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the property involved or to the intended use of the property that do not apply generally to the property or class of uses in the same district or zone;

(b) That owing to such exceptional or extraordinary circumstances the literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship not created by or attributable to the applicant or the owner of the property;

(c) That such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant, possessed by

other property in the same zone and vicinity;

(d) That the granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in such zone or district in which the property is located; and

(e) That the granting of such variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance and will not adversely affect the general plan.

The determination of the Zoning Administrator shall be final except that appeals therefrom may be taken, as hereinafter provided, to the Board of Appeals, exclusively and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter, by any person aggrieved or by any office, agency, or department of the City and County. An appeal from a determination of the Zoning Administrator shall be filed with the Board of Appeals within ten days from the date of such determination. Upon making a ruling or determination upon any matter under his or her jurisdiction, the Zoning Administrator shall thereupon furnish a copy thereof to the applicant and to the Director of Planning. No variance granted by the Zoning Administrator shall become effective until ten days thereafter. An appeal shall stay all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from.

**CONDITIONAL USE.** The Commission shall have the power to hear and decide conditional use applications. An appeal may be taken to the Board of Supervisors from a decision of the Commission to grant or deny a conditional use application. The Board of Supervisors may disapprove the decision of the Commission by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board.

### **SEC. 4.106. BOARD OF APPEALS.**

(a) The Board of Appeals shall consist of five members nominated and appointed pursuant to this section. Three of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, and two of the members shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors for four year terms. Charter Section 4.101 shall apply to these appointments. An appointment filling a vacant Board seat shall be made by the same appointing authority that made the original appointment. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing officer.

Each nomination of the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 45 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed approved rejected. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board

adopts a motion approving the nomination or after 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Members may be removed by the appointing officer only pursuant to Section 15.105. Members appointed by the Mayor may be removed by the Mayor. Members appointed by the Board of Supervisors may be removed by the Board of Supervisors, by a motion approved by eight (8) votes.

In order to stagger the terms, three members shall initially serve two-year terms, and two members shall initially serve four-year terms. The initial two and four-year terms of office shall be instituted as follows:

(1) The respective terms of office of members of the Board of Appeals who hold office on the first day of February July, 2002 shall expire at 12 o'clock noon on that date, and the three members appointed by the Mayor and the two members appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors shall succeed to said offices at that time.

(2) The clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall determine by lot which two of the three Mayoral appointees shall serve an initial two-year term, and which one of the two Board of Supervisors appointees of the President of the Board of Supervisors shall serve an initial-two year term. The remaining appointees shall serve four-year terms. All subsequent terms shall be four years.

Applicants for Board of Supervisors appointments shall appear before the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee (or its successor committee), which will make recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors for appointment.

The Board shall appoint and may remove an executive secretary, who shall serve as department head.

(b) The Board shall hear and determine appeals with respect to any person who has been denied a permit or license, or whose permit or license has been suspended, revoked or withdrawn, or who believes that his or her interest or the public interest will be adversely affected by the grant, denial, suspension or revocation of a license or permit, except for a permit or license under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission or Department, or the Port Commission, or a building or demolition permit for a project that has received a permit or license pursuant to a conditional use authorization.

(c) The Board of Appeals shall hear and determine appeals:

1. Where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement,

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decision or determination made by the Zoning Administrator in the enforcement of the provisions of any ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors creating zoning districts or regulating the use of property in the city and county; or

2. From the rulings, decisions and determinations of the Zoning Administrator granting or denying applications for variances from any rule, regulation, restriction or requirement of the zoning or set-back ordinances, or any section thereof. Upon the hearing of such appeals, the Board may affirm, change, or modify the ruling, decision or determination appealed from, or, in lieu thereof, make such other additional determinations as it shall deem proper in the premises, subject to the same limitations as are placed upon the Zoning Administrator by this Charter or by ordinance.

(d) After a hearing and any necessary investigation, the Board may concur in the action of the department involved, or by the affirmative vote of four members (or if a vacancy exists, by a vote of three members) overrule the action of the Department.

Where the Board exercises its authority to modify or overrule the action of a department, the Board shall state in summary its reasons in writing.

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### **SEC. 15.105. SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL.**

Any elective officer, and any member of the Airport Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Status of Women, Health Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees, War Memorial and Performing Art Center Board of Trustees, Board of Education or Community College Board may be suspended by the Mayor and removed by the Board of Supervisors for official misconduct, and the Mayor shall appoint a qualified person to discharge the duties of the office during the period of suspension. On such suspension, the Mayor shall immediately notify the Ethics Commission and Board of Supervisors thereof in writing and the cause thereof, and shall present written charges

against such suspended officer to the Ethics Commission and Board of Supervisors at or prior to their next regular meetings following such suspension, and shall immediately furnish a copy of the same to such officer, who shall have the right to appear with counsel before the Ethics Commission in his or her defense. Hearing by the Ethics Commission shall be held not less than five days after the filing of written charges. After the hearing, the Ethics Commission shall transmit the full record of the hearing to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation as to whether the charges should be sustained. If, after reviewing the complete record, the charges are sustained by not less than a three-fourths vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors, the suspended officer shall be removed from office; if not so sustained, or if not acted on by the Board of Supervisors within 30 days after the receipt of the record from the Ethics Commission, the suspended officer shall thereby be reinstated.

Members of the Building Inspection Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Appeals who were appointed by the Mayor may be suspended and removed pursuant to the provisions set forth above. Members of these Commissions who were appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors may be suspended and removed pursuant to the same procedures, except that the President of the Board shall act in place of the Mayor. Members of the Elections Commission and Ethics Commission may be suspended and removed pursuant to the provisions set forth above, except that the appointing authority shall act in place of the Mayor.

The Mayor must immediately remove from office any elective official convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, and failure of the Mayor so to act shall constitute official misconduct on his or her part. Any appointee of the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors guilty of official misconduct or convicted of crime involving moral turpitude must be removed by the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors, as the case may be, and failure of the Mayor or any Supervisor to take such action shall constitute official misconduct on their part. Any member of the Elections Commission or Ethics Commission guilty of official misconduct or convicted of crime involving moral turpitude must be removed by the appointing authority, and failure of the appointing authority to act shall constitute official misconduct on his or her part.

# **DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO TO VOTE?**

**Please vote at your assigned polling place  
or vote by mail**

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**San Francisco Department of Elections**



# Domestic Partner Benefits



## PROPOSITION E

Shall the City permit employees who retired before 1995 to make their domestic partners eligible to receive survivor benefits?

YES ←  
NO ←

### Digest by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** The City Retirement System pays survivor benefits to the spouse of a City employee when the employee dies before the spouse. Since 1995, the City has paid the same survivor benefits to the domestic partner of a City employee when the employee dies before the domestic partner. In order for a domestic partner to receive these benefits, the employee must file proof of the domestic partnership with the City Retirement System at least one year prior to the employee's retirement or death.

City employees who retired before 1995 did not have the opportunity to file proof of their domestic partnership. As a result, their domestic partners are not eligible to receive survivor benefits.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition E is a Charter amendment that would permit City employees who retired before 1995 to make their domestic partners eligible to receive survivor benefits. They would only be eligible if the domestic partnership existed at least one year before the employee retired. Survivor benefits could not be received retroactively.

**A "YES" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want to permit City employees who retired before 1995 to make their domestic partners eligible to receive survivor benefits.

**A "NO" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want to permit City employees who retired before 1995 to make their domestic partners eligible to receive survivor benefits.

### Controller's Statement on "E"

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

Should the proposed amendment be adopted, in my opinion, there would be no significant increase in the cost of government. As estimated by the Retirement System Actuary, this increase in benefit costs would have no discernible impact on the Retirement System's funding.

### How Supervisors Voted on "E"

On November 13, 2001 the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition E on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, 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 81  
SOME OF THE WORDS USED IN THE BALLOT DIGEST ARE EXPLAINED ON PAGE 36

# E

## Domestic Partner Benefits

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### PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

**Proposition E is fair.** When the original Domestic Partners Charter Amendment was passed in November 1994, a few City retirees with domestic partners were overlooked. Those retirees met the one-year domestic partnership requirement when they retired but could not meet the requirement to register with the City Retirement System. This Charter Amendment simply allows those individuals, who retired before November 1995 and had domestic partners, to now meet that requirement.

**Proposition E has strict safeguards.** The proposition will apply only to retirees who meet the full requirements for domestic partnership within San Francisco, had registered the domestic partnership for at least one year before retirement and who remain domestic partners for the remainder of the retiree's life. The benefit is therefore only for a very few retirees who met all of the requirements before they retired except for the one they could not meet.

**Proposition E will have negligible cost impact on the City.** The Retirement System has estimated that only a few individu-

als will qualify for this benefit and that there will be no significant associated costs.

**Proposition E is reasonable and equitable.** This proposal is really "clean-up" legislation that treats all retirees that qualify for domestic partnership retirement benefits in an equal and fair way.

We ask that you support this small but fair benefit change.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION E.

*Board of Supervisors*

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#### **How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument**

The Supervisors voted as follows on December 17, 2001:

**Yes:** Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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### REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

**NO REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED**

# Domestic Partner Benefits

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**E**

**OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION E**

**NO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED**

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**REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION E**

**NO REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED**



# Domestic Partner Benefits

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

This equitable and compassionate change is needed.

*Joel Ventresca*

Sunset District 4 Supervisor Candidate (November 2002)  
President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (1992-94)

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

The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is Joel Ventresca.

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### **The San Francisco Democratic Party supports Proposition E.**

*Wade Crowfoot*

Secretary, SF Democratic Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Wade Crowfoot.

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For the last twenty years, Harry Britt and I have been fighting for equal rights for domestic partners. In 1982, Harry Britt introduced the first domestic partners legislation in San Francisco and in the country. Fighting fierce opposition, we were finally able to pass the legislation but there are still some gaps. Vote Yes on Proposition E.

*Tom Ammiano*

President, Board of Supervisors

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The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Esther Marks 2. Jan Adams 3. Giuliana Milanese.

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Vote YES on E

After a ten-year battle, the original Domestic Partnership law was passed by San Francisco voters and took effect on Valentine's Day 1991. At its heart, it recognizes the right to love. It gives important rights to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender couples who are excluded from marriage. It also allows all couples, straight and gay, to publicly celebrate their love outside the tradition of marriage.

Proposition E grants these same rights to a small group of individuals excluded for technical reasons. I ask you to join me in voting for Proposition E.

*Harry Britt*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Harry Britt.

When the Harvey Milk Democratic Club was founded, one of the most pressing issues was legal acknowledgment of our relationships. Domestic partner champions like Harvey Milk Club founder Harry Britt, Board President Tom Ammiano and Assemblyperson Carole Migden have worked with our club to ensure that all communities have equal rights and protections under the law. Join us in supporting Proposition E.

*Jerry Threet*, President, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club  
*Debra Walker*, Vice-President, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club  
*Robert Haaland*, Vice-President, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Jerry Threet.

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Thanks to the tireless and stellar leadership of Harry Britt, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to offer domestic partnership benefits. This landmark legislation authored by Britt, was the model from which my office crafted the comprehensive statewide Domestic Partners registry that extends basic protections to lesbian and gay families including important employment, health care, and estate planning rights. Proposition E will fix a technicality in the City's Domestic Partners Ordinance, and extend benefits to more families. I urge you to vote yes on Prop. E.

*Assemblywoman Carole Migden*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Carole Migden Leadership Committee.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. California State Council of Service Employees 2. California Correctional Peace Officers Association 3. Yucaipa Companies.

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Harry Britt championed the concept of Domestic Partnership in San Francisco. Jeff Sheehy, Geoff Kors and I later expanded Britt's original idea to create Equal Benefits. Thanks to Carole Migden, there is now a statewide Domestic Partner registry, protecting Lesbian and Gay couples and their families. Each of these landmark policies paved the way for cities across the country to implement Domestic Partnership, and for thousands of businesses to offer Equal Benefits. Proposition E allows families who were excluded by an inadvertent oversight in the original ordinance to enjoy the same benefits that others have come to expect.

I urge you to vote yes on E.

*Carol Stuart*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Carol Stuart.



# Domestic Partner Benefits



## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

### DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AGREE

#### YES ON E!

We join the San Francisco Democratic Party in supporting domestic partners. Vote Yes on E.

*Wade Crowfoot, Castro Democrat*

*Bill Barnes, Haight Democrat*

*Abra Castle, Western Addition Democrat*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument are Bill Barnes, Abra Castle, Wade Crowfoot.

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### VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION E

This is a fairness issue. Proposition E corrects an omission in the original domestic partners ordinance. About 20 City employees who retired before 1995 were inadvertently excluded. Proposition E will extend to them equal benefits with negligible cost to the city.

Somebody goofed. Let's fix it.

*San Francisco Republican Party*

*Donald A. Casper, Chairman*

*Cynthia Amelon*

*Elsa Cheung, Vice-Chair*

*Mike DeNunzio, Vice-Chair*

*Howard Epstein, Assembly Candidate*

*Sue Woods*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument are the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee and the above signers.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. San Francisco Coalition for Affordable Public Services 2. Alfreda Cullinan 3. Sally L. Saunders.



# Domestic Partner Benefits

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## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION E



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## No Paid Arguments Were Submitted Against Proposition E

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# TEXT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION E

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 8.500-2, thereof, relating to domestic partner benefits.

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 5, 2002 a proposal to amend the Charter of said city and county by amending Appendix 8.500-2 to read as follows:

**NOTE: Deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~.  
Additions are indicated by underline.**

## **A8.500-2 DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS**

As used in Charter sections 8.428, 8.509, 8.559, 8.584, 8.585, 8.586 and 8.588, "surviving wife" shall also mean and include a "surviving spouse." As used in these sections, the phrases "surviving wife" and "surviving spouse" shall also mean and include a domestic partner, provided that:

- (a) there is no surviving spouse, and
- (b) the member has designated his or her domestic partner as beneficiary with the retirement system, and
- (c) the domestic partnership was established according to those provisions of Chapter 62 of the San Francisco Administrative Code which require the filing of a signed Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the County Clerk. In addition, the Certificate showing that the Declaration of Domestic Partnership was filed with the County Clerk must be filed with the Retirement System at least one full year immediately prior to the effective date of the member's retirement or the member's death if the member should die before retirement; provided, however, that beginning March 5, 2002, the requirement of filing a Certificate of Domestic Partnership with the Retirement System shall not apply to members who were retired on or before November 8, 1994 and who had filed a signed Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the County Clerk at least one full year prior to the effective date of his or her retirement; and provided further that, as to any such member who was retired on or before November 8, 1995, no adjustment to a retirement allowance and no payments to a qualified surviving domestic partner shall begin before the effective date of this

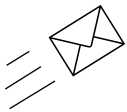
amendment or before the first day of the month in which an application is made to the Retirement System, which ever occurs later.

A monthly allowance equal to what would otherwise be payable to a surviving spouse shall be paid to the said surviving domestic partner, until he or she dies, marries or establishes a new domestic partnership. The domestic partner benefits under this section will be limited by Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. No domestic partner benefits will be effective if they have an adverse impact on the tax qualified status of the retirement system under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

# REMEMBER

The Department of Elections also provides absentee ballots that enable you to vote in the privacy of your own home. Absentee ballots may be obtained either by completing the request form found on the back of this Voter Information Pamphlet, or by writing to us at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 48, San Francisco CA 94102. This request must include your name, address and signature. An absentee ballot will be mailed to you, and if you select the **Permanent Absentee Voter** designation (see below), you will receive absentee ballots for this and all future elections. Complete the absentee ballot and return it to the Department of Elections or at your local precinct before 8 p.m. on March 5, 2002.

Only one ballot may be mailed in the return envelope. Hand-delivered ballots will only be accepted if delivered by you, your spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, or a person residing in your household.



## Permanent Absentee Voter

(Permanent Vote-by-Mail)

**As of January 1, 2002 any registered voter may request to be a Permanent Absentee Voter. Permanent Absentee Voter status is no longer limited to those voters with physical disabilities. Any voter may request to become a Permanent Absentee Voter, and an Absentee Ballot will be mailed to you automatically for every election.**

Anyone registered to vote 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 in a statewide election. 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 become a Permanent Absentee Voter, complete the Absentee Ballot application on the back cover and return it to the Department of Elections or call for an application at (415) 554-4375. **Be sure to check the box that says, “Permanent Absentee Voter” and sign your name where it says, “Sign Here”.**

If you move, re-register, or do not vote in a statewide election, you will need to re-apply to be a Permanent Absentee Voter. In all other cases, you do not need to re-apply.

# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures



## PROPOSITION F

Shall the City create a committee to oversee how it spends bond money?

YES ←    
NO ←  

### Digest by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** The City borrows money to pay for buildings and other improvements to real property by selling general obligation bonds. Voters must approve the purpose and amount of the money to be borrowed. Bond money may be spent only for the purposes approved by the voters.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition F is an ordinance that would create a committee to review and report on how bond money is spent. The committee would have at least nine members, appointed by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Controller, and Civil Grand Jury. If the com-

mittee found that bond money had been spent for purposes not approved by the voters, the committee could prohibit the sale of any remaining bonds. The Board of Supervisors could reverse the decision of the committee by a two-thirds vote.

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want to create a committee to oversee how bond money is spent.

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want to create a committee to oversee how bond money is spent.

### Controller’s Statement on “F”

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

Should the proposed ordinance be adopted by the voters, in my opinion, there will be a minimal increase to the cost of government.

### How “F” Got on the Ballot

On December 5, 2001 the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by Supervisors Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, and Yee.

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

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 93  
SOME OF THE WORDS USED IN THE BALLOT DIGEST ARE EXPLAINED ON PAGE 36

# F

# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures

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## PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

### *VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION F*

**Proposition F creates an independent citizen's oversight committee to ensure that proceeds from bond measures are spent as San Francisco voters authorized.**

Over the last ten years, San Francisco voters have been extraordinarily generous, authorizing more than \$1.2 billion in general obligation bonds to rebuild, repair and expand our hospitals, fire stations, libraries, parks and museums.

But, as recent reports in the San Francisco *Chronicle* suggest, a substantial amount of the bond money received by the San Francisco Unified School District may have been used for projects voters never authorized. In other cases, needed improvements were never completed. **In all, \$100 million of \$377 million in bonds issued for the school district may have been spent improperly.**

As a result of this mismanagement, San Francisco youth suffered. In a recent case, disabled students were forced to pull themselves across bathroom floors because restroom handrails and other disability access improvement were never installed.

Proposition F creates a nine-member citizen review panel, including an expert in construction management, an expert in bond finance, a member of the Civil Grand Jury and

representatives from business, labor, community groups, to oversee bond spending.

The independent group will have the resources and authority to commission audits of bond projects. If the committee finds wrongdoing or mismanagement, it has the power to halt the sale of additional bonds by a city agency until corrective action is taken.

**Restore trust and confidence in San Francisco bonds. Vote YES on Prop F.**

*Supervisor Mark Leno*

*Supervisor Sophie Maxwell*

*Supervisor Gavin Newsom*

*Supervisor Leland Yee*

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## REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

**NO REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED**

# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures

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## OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION F

**NO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED**

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## REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION F

**NO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED**



# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

This independent citizens' general obligation bond oversight committee will have the tools to stop wasteful spending.

*Joel Ventresca*

Sunset District 4 Supervisor Candidate (November 2002)  
City and County of San Francisco Environmental  
Commissioner (1994-97)

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

The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is Joel Ventresca.

Vote Yes on F

The public trust has been violated and future bonds are Threatened. A strong oversight committee will be necessary to restore voter confidence.

This important committee will not be answerable to the voters and it will be costly. Therefore we need objective professionals, not appointees from the same groups that have fostered homelessness, welfare fraud and the housing shortage.

Remember, one-tenth of one percent of the cost of bond will be used for expenses of the committee. This means \$100,000 in cost for every \$100 million in bonds approved by voters.

*Mike DeNunzio*

Republican County Central Committee\*

\* for identification purposes only

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Mike DeNunzio.

### **The San Francisco Democratic Party supports Proposition F.**

*Wade Crowfoot*

Secretary, SF Democratic Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Wade Crowfoot.

Join me in supporting Proposition F. San Franciscans deserve a reliable check and balance that ensures bond funds are spent as voters intended.

Proposition F creates a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee with the power to review all bond spending. A vote Yes on F will provide the independence and expertise voters expect.

With your support, we can reform bond spending practices and restore the confidence voters need to invest in worthy projects in the future.

Vote Yes on F.

*Gavin Newsom*

Member, Board of Supervisors

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

### **SUPPORT SCHOOLS – COLLEGES – LIBRARIES – HOSPITALS – PARKS SUPPORT PROPOSITION F**

Women represent a majority of voters in San Francisco and we are asked in every election to support bonds that will improve the quality of life for our city and our families. **Proposition F is a simple measure that will ensure that bond money will be used as voters designate.** It is vital to ensure that bond money is allocated as we approve and improvements continue to be made to our schools, hospitals, and libraries.

We must ensure that the public has confidence that the oversight we need for fiscal accountability is in place. **Vote YES on Proposition F.**

*Catherine Dodd RN*

*Susan E. Lowenberg*

*Fiona Ma*

President, Westside Chinese Democratic Club

*Julie D. Soo*

Consumer Attorney

*Mabel Teng*

Former Supervisor

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, Yes on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.



# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures



## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

### CHINESE AMERICAN LEADERS FOR BETTER OVERSIGHT

Revelations of mismanagement of bond funds in the SF school district are outrageous. As parents and taxpayers we demand more accountability and fiscal oversight.

Proposition F will provide real authority to independently investigate bond expenditures. It will provide San Francisco with bond accountability and allow taxpayers peace of mind that their money is wisely spent.

**Vote YES on Proposition F.**

*Lawrence Wong*

Member, San Francisco City College Board of Trustees

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### ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND PROGRESSIVES SUPPORT PROPOSITION F

Ensuring financial accountability for public dollars spent on San Francisco bond projects is important. Equally important is that bond-funded projects meet the strong environmental standards that we have worked hard for. Our Green Building standards for energy & water conservation and our green transportation policies are among the most progressive in the nation. *More accountability and sunshine will make for better, cleaner and more fiscally sound bond programs in San Francisco.*

**Join environmentalists and progressive leaders in voting YES on Prop F.**

*Robin Levitt*

Member, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Ross Mirkarimi*

Public Power Advocate

*Jane Morrison*

President, San Francisco Tomorrow

*Tom Radulovich*

Director, BART

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

### SMALL BUSINESS LEADERS SUPPORT PROP F

*At a time when the City is contemplating budget cuts and tax increases, wasteful spending of City bond money is deplorable. These bonds go towards rebuilding important institutions like Laguna Honda, the schools, City College and more. Unauthorized spending of those funds must be stopped dead in its tracks.*

A vote for Prop F is a vote for fiscal accountability in City Hall. Let your voice be heard. It's our money. **YES on Prop F.**

*Edward Burke*

Systems Manager, Luxor Cab Corporation

*Mariann Costello*

Controller, Scoma's Restaurant

*Philip De Andrade*

Owner, Goat Hill Pizza

*Kathleen Harrington*

Owner, Harrington's Bar and Grill

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens For Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

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### CHINESE AMERICAN HOMEOWNERS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Each year San Francisco government asks homeowners to pass bonds to improve our City. *Since many in the Chinese American community own property we need to make sure our investment is protected.*

This measure will create an oversight committee with the ability to audit and investigate unauthorized spending of bond funds.

**Vote YES on F, Yes on bond accountability.**

*Phil Ting*

President, Organization of Chinese Americans – SF Bay Chapter

*Benny Yee*

President, Benny Yee and Associates Real Estate

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The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.



# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

### DEMOCRATS SUPPORT PROPOSITION F

The City has passed a number of worthy bond measures in the past few years: several school bonds, a City College bond and a Laguna Honda Hospital bond. We support these investments in improving important City services but demand to have accountability over how the money is spent.

**Help our City restore confidence in the use of general obligation bonds by ensuring citizen oversight and accountability. Vote YES on Proposition F.**

*August Longo*

President, FDR Democratic Club

*Sergio Alunan*

President, Disability Community Democratic Club

*Tom Hsieh*

Member, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Dan Kalb*

Member, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Connie O'Connor*

Member, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Rebecca Delgado Rottman*

2nd Vice Chair, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*John Shanley*

*Alex Wong*

Chair, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens For Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

### IT'S OUR MONEY, DON'T WASTE IT

Many in our community are property owners who are skeptical about bonds. The San Francisco school district has given us more reason to question all bond expenditures.

In order to create an independent committee to oversee the expenditure of these bond monies **we must vote YES on Prop F**. Our money depends on it.

*Bento Lei*

Director, Sam Yup Benevolent Association

*Raymond Mah*

Director, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

*Richard Ow*

President, Asian American Political Coalition

*Sherman S. Tang*

*Kar Kuey Yu*

Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

*Houston Zheng*

Immigrant Rights Commissioner

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

### INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT FOR BOND FUNDS

I urge you to support Prop F to create an independent citizens' oversight committee for the expenditure of general obligation bonds. This oversight committee will act as a watchdog for the hundreds of millions of dollars in bond funds that will be spent to rebuild and repair the City's most important public institutions.

**Vote YES on F.**

*Supervisor Tony Hall*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures



## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

### GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY SUPPORTS BOND REFORM

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender community has consistently supported cultural, educational and infrastructure bonds at the ballot box. *Prop F will ensure that what we vote to fund in bond projects is exactly what gets funded.* Recent newspaper stories of bond abuses will make it extremely difficult to pass any future bonds.

An independent oversight committee is exactly the right way to proceed. Restoring public confidence and trust is critical so that those institutions and projects that require bond dollars will be able to secure funding in the future.

**Vote Yes on Bond Accountability – Vote YES on Prop F.**

*Anna Damiani*

Community Leader

*Wayne Friday*

San Francisco Police Commissioner

*Dean Goodwin*

3rd Vice President, Democratic County Central Committee

*Paul Hogan*

President, Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club

*Rich Kowalewski*

Alice Officer

*Paul Pendergast*

Small Business Owner

*Theresa Sparks*

Human Rights Commissioner

*A. Toni Young*

Community Educator

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

### SAN FRANCISCO REPUBLICANS SUPPORT PROP F

San Francisco Republicans have said for years that bond funds are being wasted and, in some cases, siphoned off for purposes that were never approved by voters. It's time to establish a bond oversight committee with teeth. This committee will have independent review capability and if necessary, authorization to stop bond money disbursements.

*San Franciscans shouldn't have to pay for something they didn't order—let's send our City the message. Vote YES on Prop F.*

*Cynthia Amelon*

Physician & Member, SF Republican Central Committee

*Randall Bernard*

President, Log Cabin Club of San Francisco

*Erik Bjorn*

*Elsa C. Cheung*

Vice Chair, SF Republican Party

*Lorraine Choy*

*Raymond Choy*

Chairman, California Chinese American Republican Association

*Howard Epstein*

Assembly Candidate

*G. Michael German*

General Counsel, SF Republican Party

*Leonard J. Lacayo*

Candidate, SF Republican Central Committee

*Rodney Leong*

*George Harold Pfau, Jr.*

Chair Emeritus, Lincoln Club of Northern California

*Sue C. Woods*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.



# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

### BOND ADVOCATES SUPPORT SUNSHINE – YES ON PROP F

We have asked voters to approve bonds in the past and have no hesitation in supporting increased oversight to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent as they were promised. Voter-approved bonds are vital in maintaining and improving our quality of life.

Proposition F will **ensure** that citizen oversight and sunshine will be built into every bond that we approve. **Bond supporters say YES on Proposition F.**

*Natalie Berg*

President, City College Board of Trustees

*Diane Filippi*

Library Advocate

*Isabel Wade*

Park Activist

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

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### MORE ACCOUNTABILITY NOW

Too much money has already been unaccounted for and it's time to create an independent oversight committee to add sunshine to the bond spending process.

I hope you will join me in creating more accountability for your tax dollars.

**Vote YES on Prop F**

*Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

### LATINO COMMUNITY SUPPORTS BETTER BOND OVERSIGHT

Our community benefits when we can support bonds that improve our public schools, city college, parks, libraries and hospitals. That's why Proposition F is needed. *Voters will not approve bonds in the future if they feel the money is not going to where it's promised.* Our community needs these public institutions to flourish and grow in the future – to benefit our neighborhoods and families.

**Join the Latino community in voting YES on Prop F.**

*Elmy Bermejo*

Latino Political Action

*Lori Giorgi*

Former President, Latino Democratic Club

*Carlos A. Molina*

*Marisa Moret*

*Paula Tejada*

Owner, Chile Lindo

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

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### AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY SUPPORTS PROP F

Our community heavily relies on public educational, cultural and community institutions that require bond funding. If we are to improve the institutions our community uses and needs we must pass Prop F. It is in our community's best interest to make sure that the bonds that we pass will do what we approve.

Vote YES on Proposition F.

*Carolyn Reyes*

Community Activist

*Millard Larkin*

Commissioner

*Lisa Williams*

Consultant

*Malik Looper, VP, Southeast Community Facility Commission*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens For Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures



## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION F

Bond funds have been spent in direct contradiction to the wishes of the voters.

People from the Sunset, Richmond, Diamond Heights, Glen Park, Visitacion Valley, Lake Merced, Parkside, Presidio Heights, Forest Hill, Excelsior, St. Francis Wood and Ingleside are paying the bill for mismanagement and it is not fair.

This reform measure will establish an independent oversight committee that will ensure that bond money is spent properly.

Vote Yes on Proposition F.

*Michael R. Farrah Jr.*

Candidate, 12th Assembly District Democratic County Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Michael R. Farrah Jr.

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### LABOR LEADERS SUPPORT PROP F

San Franciscans deserve high quality services and workers deserve high quality wages. Much of our City needs critical repairs to sewer and water distribution as well as our general hospital. We can only pay for these projects with bonds, but voters won't approve additional bonds if they don't believe the proceeds will be spent properly.

The undersigned members of organized labor support Prop F to help restore San Franciscans' confidence in bond funding.

*John F. Hanley*

President, San Francisco Firefighters Union #798

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens For Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

The two largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Mark Leno 2. Gavin Newsom.

### SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS SUPPORT PROP F

As small property owners we pay the bill when San Francisco voters approve bonds. And according to the recent reports, as much as \$100 million in San Francisco school bonds funds were misappropriated. Had enough? We have.

We support Prop F as a first step in building a review board that will have independent authority over bond money spending. We pay lots of taxes for bonds, make sure they spend it right.

*Janan New*

Director, San Francisco Apartment Association

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens For Bond Accountability, YES on Proposition F.

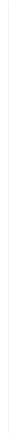
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# Citizen Oversight of Bond Expenditures

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## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION F



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## No Paid Arguments Were Submitted Against Proposition F

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# TEXT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

## PROPOSITION F

### **Ordinance establishing Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee; setting forth the purposes of said committee; establishing requirements for committee membership; and related matters.**

Note: *This section is entirely new.*

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

Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Article V, to read as follows:

Section 5.1. Establishment. (a) The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Board") shall establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' general obligation bond oversight committee (the "committee"), pursuant to Section 5.3 hereof, prior to issuing any general obligation bonds (the "bonds") subsequent to the effective date of this measure.

Section 5.2. Purpose. The purpose of the committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of general obligation bond proceeds. The committee shall actively review and report on the expenditure of taxpayers' money in accordance with the voter authorization. The committee shall convene to provide oversight for: (1) ensuring that bond revenues are expended only in accordance with the ballot measure, and (2) ensuring that no funds are used for any administrative salaries or other general governmental operating expenses, unless specifically authorized in the ballot measure for such bonds. The committee has no power to review bond proposals prior to voter approval. Further, the committee shall not participate or interfere in the selection process of any vendor hired to execute bond funded projects.

(b) In furtherance of its purpose, the committee may engage in any of the following activities:

(1) Inquiring into the disbursement and expenditure of the proceeds of bonds approved by voters by receiving any reports, financial statements, correspondence or other documents and materials related to the expenditure of bond funds from agencies that receive proceeds from these bonds.

(2) Holding public hearings to review the disbursement and expenditure of the proceeds of bonds approved by voters.

(3) Inspecting facilities financed with the proceeds of bonds approved by voters.

(4) Receiving and reviewing copies of any capital improvement project proposals or plans developed by the City.

(5) Reviewing efforts by the City to maximize bond proceeds by imple-

menting cost-saving measures, including, but not limited to, all of the following: (i) mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of professional fees and site preparation and design; and (ii) recommendations regarding the joint use of core facilities and use of cost-effective and efficient reusable facility plans.

(6) Commissioning independent review of the disbursement and expenditure of the proceeds of bonds approved by voters by accessing any funds set aside for this purpose under subsection (c) of this section to retain outside auditors, inspectors and necessary experts to conduct such independent review.

(c) To the extent permitted by law, each ballot measure shall provide that one-tenth of one percent of the gross proceeds from the proposed bonds be deposited in a fund established by the Controller's Office and appropriated by the Board at the direction of the committee to cover the costs of said committee.

Section 5.3. Public Meetings. (a) The Board shall, without expending bond funds, provide the committee with any necessary technical assistance and shall provide administrative assistance in furtherance of its purpose and sufficient resources to publicize the conclusions of the committee.

(b) All committee proceedings shall be subject to the California Public Records Act (Section 6254, et seq., of the Government Code of the State of California) and the City's Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of this Code). The committee shall issue regular reports on the results of its activities. A report shall be issued at least once a year. Minutes of the proceedings of the committee and all documents received and reports issued shall be a matter of public record and be made available on the Board's website.

Section 5.4. Membership. (a) The committee shall consist of at least nine members to be appointed as follows: three members by the Mayor; three by the Board; two members by the Controller; and one member by the Civil Grand Jury. Each member shall serve for a term of two years without compensation and for no more than two consecutive terms.

The members appointed by the Mayor shall be comprised, as follows:

(1) One member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the City.

(2) One member shall be active in a labor organization.

(3) One member shall be active in a community organization.

The members appointed by the Board shall be comprised, as follows:

(1) One member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the City.

(2) One member shall be active in a labor organization.

(3) One member shall be active in a community organization.

The members appointed by the Controller shall be comprised, as follows:

(1) One member with expertise in auditing governmental financial statements or with expertise in public finance law.

(2) One member with expertise in construction management.

The member appointed by the Civil Grand Jury shall be a member of the Civil Grand Jury or a designee appointed by the Civil Grand Jury.

(b) No employee or official of the City shall be appointed to the committee. No vendor, contractor, or consultant of the City that performs work funded by bonds issued by the City shall be appointed to the committee.

Section 5.6. Waste. If, after reviewing materials provided by an agency, department or other entity (each an "agency") receiving proceeds from the sale of bonds, the committee, after conducting its own independent audit and after consultation with the City Attorney, determines that bond proceeds were spent on purposes not authorized by the ballot measure, the committee may, by majority vote, prohibit the issuance of bonds for any remaining bond authorization.

The committee's decision to prohibit the sale of authorized, unsold bonds may be appealed by the agency to the Board within 30 days. The Board may overturn this decision by a supermajority vote of the members present at the meeting at which the matter is presented.

The prohibition on the issuance of bonds for any remaining bond authorization may be lifted by the Board after the agency provides the committee and the Board with documentation of corrective action satisfactory to the Board.

5.7. General Obligation Bond Ordinances. All bond ordinances introduced after the effective date of this ordinance shall contain a statement incorporating the provisions of this ordinance in such bond ordinance.

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5.8. Application. This Article VI shall apply to all general obligation bonds with unexpended proceeds, except for Section 5.2(c) which shall apply only to bond authorizations approved by voters subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. If any part or provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance, including its application to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected by such a holding, and shall continue in force and effect. To this end, the provision of this ordinance is severable.

# VOTER REGISTRATION

Dear Voters and Interested Citizens:

In January 2001, a new law took effect regarding the deadline for voter registration in California. To vote in any election, a citizen must be properly registered **15 days** prior to the election. The San Francisco Department of Elections encourages all voters to be properly registered well before that deadline to ensure enough time to mail voters their correct election materials prior to an election.

For the March 5, 2002 election, **voters must be registered** at their current residence by **February 19, 2002** (taking into account the February 18 holiday).

## For your information:

In order to remain eligible to vote, voters must re-register whenever they:

- Change their residence address
- Change their name (first, middle or last name) and/or signature
- Change their political party affiliation

Postage-paid voter registration forms are available at these locations:

- U.S. Post Offices
- Public libraries, including colleges
- City Hall
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices

In order to register to vote in California, a person must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of CA
- Age 18 by Election Day
- Not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- Providing current residence address on voter registration form

If you have any questions about voter registration, please call 415-554-4375.

Forms (at no cost) are available to pick up in Department of Elections, Room 48, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco.



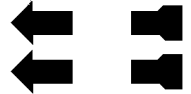
# Outdoor Commercial Advertising



## PROPOSITION G

Shall the City prohibit new outdoor commercial advertising signs and regulate relocation of existing outdoor commercial advertising signs?

YES  
NO



### Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** The City regulates the display of outdoor commercial signs. Signs that advertise goods or services sold somewhere other than where the sign is displayed, called “general advertising signs,” are permitted in some locations in the City. These signs are commonly called billboards.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition G is a City ordinance that would prohibit additional general advertising signs. This ordinance would allow existing general advertising signs to be moved to a new location, if current law permitted these signs at the new location. A public hearing would be required before a sign could be moved.

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want to prohibit additional general advertising signs and regulate relocation of existing general advertising signs.

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want to prohibit additional general advertising signs and regulate relocation of existing general advertising signs.

### Controller’s Statement on “G”

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

Should the proposed initiative ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, there would be no significant increase in the cost of government.

### How “G” Got on the Ballot

On December 4, 2001 the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by Supervisors Ammiano, Gonzalez, Leno, McGoldrick, and Peskin.

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

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 102  
SOME OF THE WORDS USED IN THE BALLOT DIGEST ARE EXPLAINED ON PAGE 36



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## PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION G

### YES ON PROP G: KEEP SAN FRANCISCO BEAUTIFUL BY LIMITING NEW BILLBOARDS

San Francisco is one of the most unique and beautiful cities in the world, but it is losing its character as more billboards pollute our streets and neighborhoods every day.

In the last decade, hundreds of billboards, technically called general advertising signs, have been slapped up across the City’s neighborhoods: on the side of buildings, plastered next to shop windows, and stacked one-after-another on major streets. Due to new technology, billboard companies can erect signs anywhere quickly, easily and cheaply. Today, about 1,500 billboards blanket our city, and there is no limit on how many there will be tomorrow.

That’s why we need Proposition G. It would prohibit the construction of additional billboards in the City. It also would allow existing billboards to be moved to other locations through a public hearing process, which would mean less abandoned billboards.

San Francisco is behind the times in limiting billboards. More than 600 US cities – including San Jose, San Diego, Denver and Seattle – and six States have protected their environment by pro-

hibiting new billboards.

**Prop G protects our diverse neighborhoods and beautiful parks.** It halts the invasion of billboards that bombard residents’ daily lives, block views, and cover historic buildings.

**Prop G limits over-commercialization of our public space.** It protects our public streets, plazas, and parks from being over-run by blatant commercial messages.

**San Francisco finally has an opportunity to do what other great US cities did years ago: protect our landscape from more visual blight.** Please join Senator Dianne Feinstein, Assemblymembers Carole Migden and Kevin Shelley, San Francisco Beautiful, the League of Conservation Voters, and the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods in supporting Prop. G to limit new billboards.

- Supervisor Aaron Peskin*
- Supervisor Tom Ammiano*
- Supervisor Jake McGoldrick*
- Supervisor Mark Leno*
- Supervisor Matt Gonzalez*

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## REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION G

### BAY AREA LINCOLN LEAGUE (“BALL”) CENTRAL COMMITTEE NOMINEES OPPOSE PROPOSITION G. BALL is AGAINST PROPOSITION G

(unnecessary banning of billboards).

Also read **REBUTTAL OF PROPOSITION B OPPONENT** (above).

Vote **AGAINST PROPOSITION G.**

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| <i>-Dr. Terence Faulkner</i> | <i>-Gail Neira</i> |
| Past State Secretary         | Republican State   |
| California Republican County | Assembly Candidate |
| Chairmen’s Association       |                    |

- Republican Committee Candidates:
- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 12th District:                      | 13th District:          |
| <i>Olive Fox</i>                    | <i>Shirley Bates</i>    |
| <i>Denis Norrington</i> (Incumbent) | <i>Wayne Chan</i>       |
| <i>Les Payne</i> (Incumbent)        | <i>Eve Del Castello</i> |
|                                     | <i>Joe Giuliani</i>     |

*-Dr. Ronald Konopaski*  
Republican Volunteer

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## OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION G

### **SAN FRANCISCO REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OPPOSES UNFAIR PROPOSITION G:**

Backed by many of the City's existing billboard firms, Proposition G has a goal of halting new outdoor advertising signs.

Frankly, the existing ad companies want to restrict the San Francisco billboard market. They want to keep new advertising agencies out of the City.

On December 13, 2001, the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee passed a resolution against Proposition G

Proposition G has little or nothing to do with the environment. Market control and owners' property rights are the key issues connected with Proposition G.

Vote "NO" on Proposition G.

Proposition G is about restraint of trade and the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

*-Citizens Against Tax Waste.*

*-Dr. Terence Faulkner, J.D.*

Former California Republican Party Executive Committee

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## REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION G

**Local leaders, neighborhood groups and environmental organizations agree:  
Vote YES on Prop G.**

Proposition G, which would limit additional billboards in San Francisco, is championed by community groups that are dedicated to protecting San Francisco's beauty and unique character. This effort to protect the city's character has been *opposed* by the billboard industry, which has profited from the sharp increase in billboards over the last decade. In the last year, a broad range of community groups and elected officials came together to put Prop. G on the ballot to halt this alarming increase in billboards.

The Republican Party, the only known group opposing the measure to date, brings up strange arguments against Prop. G such as the "Sherman Anti-Trust Act" and "market controls." The Republicans are trying to confuse a very simple issue:

whether San Franciscans want to limit more billboards and thereby protect the beauty and uniqueness of our city.

Proposition G will make our city a better place to live: It will halt visual blight, protect the integrity of our neighborhoods, and limit the over-commercialization of our public space.

That's why the League of Conservation Voters, the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, the Neighborhood Parks Council and San Francisco Tomorrow agree vote YES on Prop. G!

*Dee Dee Workman*

Executive Director, San Francisco Beautiful



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## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION G

### No New Billboards

Now is the time to take a stand against visual blight. San Francisco's historic buildings, scenic views and distinctive neighborhoods are being overrun by huge new billboards. These intrusive advertisements hang over parks and homes and block our views. This measure will ban the construction of new billboards and allow for neighborhoods to request the relocation of existing ones. More than 600 cities have passed similar laws to protect the unique character of their neighborhoods. San Francisco deserves no less. Vote yes on Proposition G.

[www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org)

*SPUR (San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association)*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the SPUR Urban Issues Committee.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Jim Chappell 2. Frankie Lee 3. John Weeden.

### Keep San Francisco Beautiful - No New Billboards!

San Francisco Beautiful is dedicated to protecting the unique beauty and livability of San Francisco. We feel so strongly about our mission that we worked to put Proposition G on the ballot.

Over the last few years there has been a dramatic increase in general advertising billboards, particularly the massive wallscapes that cover entire sides of buildings. Billboards are urban blight. They command our attention without our consent, robbing us of the right to see the beautiful city we live in. They impede our views, encroach on our parks and playgrounds and destroy the distinctive qualities that make our city and its individual neighborhoods unique.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Proposition G will protect the visual beauty of San Francisco, protect our quality of life and limit further over-commercialization of our public space.

More than 600 US cities have made the commitment to protect the character of their communities by prohibiting new billboards. Isn't it time San Francisco did the same? Vote yes on Proposition G!

*San Francisco Beautiful*

*Dee Dee Workman, Executive Director*

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

The Neighborhood Parks Council supports a ban on new billboards in San Francisco. This is a quality of life issue for citizens as advertising impedes our enjoyment of parks and open spaces. San Francisco is world renowned for its beautiful vistas - let's keep it that way!

*The Neighborhood Parks Council*

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

### No New Billboards!

The Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR) supports a ban on the construction of new billboards in San Francisco. PAR, the largest neighborhood association in San Francisco, represents Richmond District residents who value the district's unique character.

The explosion of billboards in our community and others is a direct threat to our quality of life. San Francisco is a city that values its natural beauty. Now is the time to protect our City's visual heritage by saying no to additional billboards in our City. Vote yes on Proposition G!

*Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR)*

*Ron Miguel*

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

This modest proposal will freeze the number of general advertising signs in the City.

*Joel Ventresca*

Sunset District 4 Supervisor Candidate (November 2002)

City and County of San Francisco Environmental Commissioner (1994-97)

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

The largest contributor to the true source recipient committee is Joel Ventresca.

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## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION G

San Francisco Tomorrow supports Proposition G. It will improve our urban environment by stemming the visual pollution caused by the proliferation of billboards.

VOTE YES ON G!

*San Francisco Tomorrow*

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

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### **The San Francisco Democratic Party supports Proposition G.**

*Wade Crowfoot*

Secretary, SF Democratic Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Wade Crowfoot.

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Billboards do not enhance San Francisco's neighborhoods. They are visual pollution.

VOTE YES ON G and protect our communities from new billboards!

*Rosabella Safont*

Board President

Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA)

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is San Francisco Beautiful – No New Billboards Committee.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. San Francisco Beautiful 2. Bud Friese 3. Marilyn Duffey.

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### **Telegraph Hill Dwellers Says Yes on Proposition G!**

As a neighborhood organization with a long history of protecting the character of one of San Francisco's most picturesque neighborhoods, we strongly support Proposition G. Vote yes on Proposition G!

*Telegraph Hill Dwellers*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the Telegraph Hill Dwellers.

### **Preserve Our Neighborhoods - No New Billboards**

San Francisco's distinct neighborhoods are under attack from advertisers eager to take advantage of our remaining individuality. Now is the time to take a stand against this kind of visual blight. Proposition G will ban the construction of new billboards and allow for neighborhoods to be involved in the process of relocating existing ones. More than 600 cities have passed similar laws to protect the unique character of their neighborhoods. San Francisco deserves no less. As an organization representing the voices of more than 33 neighborhood groups, we unanimously support a Yes vote on Proposition G.

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

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

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### **North Beach Neighbors Supports Proposition G!**

North Beach Neighbors urges San Franciscans to vote Yes on Proposition G. San Francisco's historic buildings and distinctive neighborhoods are being overrun by huge billboards that are out of scale and character with the surrounding area. Proposition G will prohibit the construction of new billboards and allow for neighborhoods to be involved in the process of relocating existing ones. We urge voters to help San Francisco join the ranks of the more than 600 cities that have already passed similar laws to protect the unique character of their neighborhoods. Vote yes on Proposition G!

*North Beach Neighbors*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is San Francisco Beautiful – No New Billboards Committee.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. San Francisco Beautiful 2. Bob Friese 3. Marilyn Duffey.

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This initiative would limit commercial advertising without infringing on political speech and would protect San Francisco from the visual pollution of huge advertisements that detract from the city's awesome beauty.

*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. Dave Heller 2. John-Marc Chandonia 3. Barry Hermanson.



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## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION G

It's time to prohibit construction of new billboards in San Francisco! Our marvelous skylines and scenic vistas are cluttered with billboards. SPEAK deplores over-commercialization of our public space. VOTE "Yes" on G.

*SPEAK Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee*

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is SPEAK (Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee).

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Preserve the beauty of San Francisco. Stop the growing billboard eyesore. Vote YES on G.

*Jane Morrison*

Vice Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party

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

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Billboards belong in little cities with nothing to say.

Let our skyline be our statement that San Francisco is no longer for sale to the highest bidder.

Vote Yes on Proposition G.

*Michael R. Farrah Jr.*

Candidate, 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Democratic County Central Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Michael R. Farrah, Jr.

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San Francisco doesn't belong on a sign. Proposition G will preserve the beauty of our neighborhoods.

*Jeff Adachi*

Candidate for Public Defender

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Adachi for Public Defender.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Peter Keane 2. Esther Marks 3. John Woo.

# Outdoor Commercial Advertising



## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION G

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION G.

The San Francisco Republican Party opposes visual pollution. We also oppose monopolies.

Proposition G would unfairly restrict the outdoor advertising market to a select few companies. Better application of existing laws will solve the problem of unwanted billboards.

*San Francisco Republican Party*

*Donald A. Casper, Chairman*

*Cynthia Amelon*

*Elsa Cheung, Vice-Chair*

*Mike DeNunzio, Vice-Chair*

*Howard Epstein, Assembly Candidate*

*Terence Faulkner*

*Sue Woods*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument are the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee and the above signers.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. San Francisco Coalition for Affordable Public Services 2. Alfreda Cullinan 3. Sally L. Saunders.

# TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE ORDINANCE

## PROPOSITION G

**Initiative Ordinance adding Section 611 to the Planning Code and amending Section 602.7 of the Planning Code to prohibit all new general advertising signs, and to provide for appropriate general advertising sign relocation agreements.**

Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times Roman

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

### Section 1. Findings

#### **Preserving the City's Unique Character**

(a) General advertising is currently in, adjacent to, and visible from public and historically significant civic spaces including parks, public plazas, historic buildings and the waterfront.

(b) City officials have received complaints from the public about the proliferation of general advertising signs in the City, about the commercialization of the City's public space, the increased size of vinyl signs which cover entire sides of buildings, as well as about general advertising signs placed on architecturally and historically significant buildings, all of which affect the quality of life in San Francisco, adding blight and clutter.

(c) The City currently contains an ample supply of legally permitted general advertising signs.

(d) The number of general advertising signs is increasing all over the City. Many areas of the City are saturated with general advertising signs. In these areas the general advertising signs are obtrusive, out of scale, and contribute to visual pollution and blight. As population, traffic and building trends grow and shift within the City, it is difficult to assess which areas of the City will be inundated with general advertising signs next.

(e) Tourism, San Francisco's largest revenue generating industry, benefits from the preservation of the City's unique character, architecture and vistas. As general advertising signs become more and more a part of the City's landscape, its distinctive appearance is hidden and the character that tourists visit the City to experience is lost.

#### **Safety**

(f) City officials and the public have expressed concern over the impact of the increasing volume of general advertising signs on traffic and pedestrian safety.

(g) Signs identifying local services and businesses are often blocked or obscured by general advertising signs, a practice that confuses and distracts the public from finding those services and businesses.

(h) Planning Code Section 601 identifies the

need to reduce hazards such as signs which can distract motorists and pedestrians traveling on the public right of way and increase the potential for accidents, especially in congested parts of the City.

#### **Existing Law**

(i) Planning Code Section 601 cites as among the special purposes for adopting sign regulation: safeguarding and enhancing of property values in residential, commercial and industrial areas, protecting the public investment in and the character and dignity of public buildings, open spaces and thoroughfares, and protecting the distinctive appearance of San Francisco produced by its unique geography, topography, street patterns, skyline and architectural features.

(j) Furthermore, the controls on general advertising signs in Planning Code Article 6 are more than thirty-five years old and no longer adequately reflect the City's concerns regarding both visual clutter and traffic safety.

(k) Objective 4, Policy 14, of the Urban Design Element of the City's General Plan recognizes that signs are a leading cause of street clutter and that the signs often are unrelated to the physical qualities of the buildings on which they are placed.

(l) Objective 4, Policy 14, further states that where signs are large, garish and clashing, they lose their value as identification or advertising signs and merely offend the viewer and that while signs have an important place in an urban environment, they should be controlled in their size and location.

(m) This ordinance does not require the removal of any lawfully erected general advertising signs. The City may also enter into agreements providing for the comparable relocation of existing lawfully erected general advertising signs to other locations where those signs could have been erected pursuant to the zoning laws in effect before the effective date of this ordinance.

(n) The City recognizes the value of non-commercial signs as a means of providing the public with information and also acknowledges the need for appropriate recognition for organizations which support non-commercial signs. This ordinance is not intended to regulate non-commercial signs.

Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Section 611, to read as follows:

#### **Sec. 611 General Advertising Signs Prohibited**

(a) No new general advertising signs shall be permitted at any location within the City as of March 5, 2002, except as provided in subsection (b) of this ordinance.

(b) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the placement of signs on motor vehicles or in the public right of way as permitted by local law.

#### **(c) Relocation Agreements**

(1) Nothing in this ordinance shall preclude the Board of Supervisors, upon recommendation from a department designated by the Board, from entering into agreements with general advertising sign companies to provide for the relocation of existing legally permitted general advertising signs. Any such agreements shall provide that the selection of a new location for an existing legally permitted general advertising sign be subject to the conditional use procedures provided for in Article 3 of the Planning Code.

(2) Locations where general advertising signs could have been lawfully erected pursuant to the zoning laws in effect prior to the effective date of this ordinance may be considered as relocation sites. Future zoning laws may additionally restrict the locations available for the relocation of existing legally permitted general advertising signs.

(d) Pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of this ordinance, the selection of a relocation site for an existing legally permitted general advertising sign shall be governed by the conditional use procedures of section 303 of the Planning Code.

(e) Nothing in this ordinance shall preclude the Board of Supervisors from otherwise amending Article 6 of the Planning Code.

(f) A prohibition on all new general advertising signs is necessary because:

(1) The increased size and number of general advertising signs in the City can distract motorists and pedestrians traveling on the public right of way creating a public safety hazard.

2) General advertising signs contribute to blight and visual clutter as well as the commercialization of public spaces within the City.

3) There is a proliferation of general advertising signs visible from, on, and near historically significant buildings and districts, public buildings and open spaces all over the City.

4) San Francisco must protect the character and dignity of the City's distinctive appearance, topography, street patterns, open spaces, thoroughfares, skyline and architectural features for both residents and visitors.

5) There is currently an ample supply of general advertising signs within the City.

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## **LEGAL TEXT OF PROPOSITION G (CONTINUED)**

Section 3. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by amending Section 602.7, to read as follows:

### **602.7 General Advertising Sign**

A sign, *legally erected prior to the effective date of Section 611 of this Code*, which directs attention to a business, commodity, industry or other activity which is sold, offered or conducted elsewhere than on the premises upon which sign is located, or to which it is affixed, and which is sold, offered or conducted on such premises only incidentally if at all.

### **Section 4. Severability**

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable.