



City and County of San Francisco
Department of Elections

Voter Information Pamphlet



November 5, 2024
Consolidated General Election



One city, many voices.
Cast your ballot,
make your choices!



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November 5, 2024 Election

*Cast your ballot to help decide the future of our city, state, and country!
Encourage your friends and family to do the same.*

Election Highlights

- All registered voters will receive ballots by mail.
- Any voter may choose to vote at the City Hall Voting Center or their polling place on Election Day.
- Any voter may opt to access, mark, and print an accessible ballot at sfelections.gov/access.
- The deadline to vote or return a ballot is Election Day, November 5.

You can make a difference by serving as a Poll Worker

In every election, we hire over 2,000 poll workers (many are bilingual speakers) to administer voting at City's polling places on Election Day. You can help your community and receive up to \$295 for your one-day community service! To apply, go to sfelections.gov/pwvip or call (415) 554-4395.



Important Dates

● October 7

- Ballots are mailed to all registered voters.
- 37 official ballot drop boxes open across San Francisco (available 24/7 through 8 p.m. on Election Day).
- The Accessible Vote-by-Mail (AVBM) portal opens for all local voters.

● October 7–November 4

The City Hall Voting Center is open every weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except October 14, Indigenous Peoples' Day.

● October 21

- Anyone who registers or updates their address by this date will automatically receive a ballot packet by mail.
- After this date, eligible residents can still register and vote at the City Hall Voting Center or a polling place.

● October 26–27 and November 2–3

The City Hall Voting Center is open for weekend voting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

★ Election Day, Tuesday, November 5

- The City Hall Voting Center and 501 neighborhood polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Ballots returned in person must be hand-delivered by 8 p.m. to any official ballot drop box or voting site.
- Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked before 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 5.

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If the Department of Elections learns of any substantial errors on our part after this pamphlet has been mailed, we will publish a correction in the Public Notices section of the *San Francisco Examiner* on October 23 and 24.

Prior to the publication of the Voter Information Pamphlet, any voter has the right under California Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13314 to seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials submitted for publication in the Pamphlet to be amended or deleted.



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

John Arntz, Director

Dear San Francisco Voter,

September 5, 2024

Your four-card ballot for the November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election includes state and local measures, contests in which you vote for one candidate, and several other contests in which you rank or vote for several candidates.

For instance, your ballot has several ranked-choice voting (RCV) contests for local offices in which you can rank the candidates according to your preferences. To learn more about RCV, visit our website at sfelections.gov/rcv. This page includes a tool you can use to practice marking RCV contests: sfelections.gov/practice.

Your ballot also includes two contests in which you can vote for four candidates: Board of Education and Community College Board of Trustees.

Reliable Election Information

This department is your most reliable source of information on voting and election procedures in San Francisco. Use our website or contact us if you have questions about your registration status or your ballot. Also, tell us if you receive or are aware of information regarding election processes that concern you.

The Department's website provides voters with reliable information on voting. To learn more about voting in this upcoming election, visit sfelections.gov. Our website also provides a tool called the "Voter Portal" at sfelections.gov/voterportal that you can use to check the status of your vote-by-mail ballot, the location of your polling place and ballot drop-off boxes, and much more election information.

How to Contact Us

You can email us at svote@sfgov.org, or call us at (415) 554-4375. If you write or call, someone from the Department will be personally attentive to your questions and concerns. Our personnel are ready to answer your questions and provide election-related information in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino, as well as in hundreds of other languages via a telephone interpretation service.

When Will We Know the Final Results?

We will need several weeks to count the ballots and certify the election. The expected high turnout for the election combined with voters casting four-card ballots means we may need to process nearly 200,000 vote-by-mail and provisional ballots, or 800,000 cards, after Election Day. To prepare, we've added additional equipment, upgraded equipment to increase efficiencies, increased the number of ballot-processing personnel to hire, and scheduled multiple work shifts per day. Still, the volume of ballot cards we receive will likely require us to commit several weeks to count all the votes on these cards. Overall, we are expecting to process nearly 2 million ballot cards for this election.

As always, everyone in the Department is looking forward to providing you with the support and information you need to successfully participate in the upcoming November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election!

Respectfully,
John Arntz, Director

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Official Local and State Voter Guides

At the start of every voting period, all San Francisco voters receive the local *Voter Information Pamphlet & Sample Ballot*. For statewide elections, voters also receive the state *Voter Information Guide*. Here is how these guides compare:

The Voter Information Pamphlet		The Voter Information Guide
Publisher	San Francisco Department of Elections	California Secretary of State
Topics	Local election information and contests on the ballot	Statewide election information and contests on the ballot
Sample Ballot	Included	Not included
Languages	English, Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino	English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese
Formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular/large print • Audio on CD, USB, or National Library Service cartridge • PDF/HTML/MP3 at sfelections.gov/vip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular/large print • Audio recording/PDF/American Sign Language video at voterguide.sos.ca.gov

The Ballot Simplification Committee

Local voters created a Ballot Simplification Committee in 1974. The Committee holds public meetings before every election. In these meetings, its volunteer members write summaries of local ballot measures. These summaries are then printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet. They also write the *Words You Need to Know* and the *Frequently Asked Questions* for the Voter Information Pamphlet. Current members of this Committee include:

Betty Packard, Chair

Nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

Ruth Grace Wong

Nominated by the League of Women Voters

Pamela Troy

Nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

Michele Anderson

Nominated by Pacific Media Workers Guild

Alicia Wang

Recommended by the Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District

Bradley Russi, ex officio*

Deputy City Attorney

Kathleen Radez, ex officio*

Deputy City Attorney

*By law, the City Attorney or representatives from the City Attorney's Office can speak at the Committee meetings but cannot vote.

Elections Commission

Local voters created this Commission in 2001. The Commission oversees public elections in San Francisco and sets general policies for the Department of Elections. It also approves and assesses plans for each election. Current members of this Commission include:

Robin M. Stone, President

Appointed by the District Attorney

Michelle Parker, Vice President

Appointed by the Board of Education

Lucy Bernholz

Appointed by the Treasurer

Cynthia Dai

Appointed by the City Attorney

Renita LiVolsi

Appointed by the Public Defender

Kelly Wong

Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Vacant

Appointed by the Mayor

November 5, 2024 Election Ballot

Your November 5 ballot contains 4 cards, listing the following contests:

Party-Nominated Offices

- President of the United States and Vice President of the United States

Voter-Nominated Offices

- United States Senator (full term beginning January 3, 2025 through January 3, 2031)
- United States Senator (remainder of the current term ending on January 3, 2025)
- United States Representative, District 11 or District 15
- State Senator, District 11
- State Assembly Member, District 17 or District 19

Nonpartisan Offices that use Ranked-Choice Voting

- Mayor
- City Attorney
- District Attorney
- Sheriff
- Treasurer
- Member of the Board of Supervisors, District 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 11*

**Voters residing in even-numbered Supervisorial Districts will not have this contest on their ballots because they will elect their representatives in the November 2026 Election. Check your Supervisorial District at sfelections.gov/newdistricts.*

Other Nonpartisan Offices

- Member, Board of Education
- Trustee, Community College Board
- BART Board of Directors, District 7 or District 9*

**Voters residing in BART District 8 will not have this contest on their ballots because they will elect their representatives in the November 2026 Election. Check your BART voting district at sfelections.gov/newdistricts.*

10 State Propositions

15 Local Measures

You can use the Ballot Worksheet on pages 294–296 to note your selections in advance to save time and avoid mistakes when marking the official ballot.

Marking Your Ballot

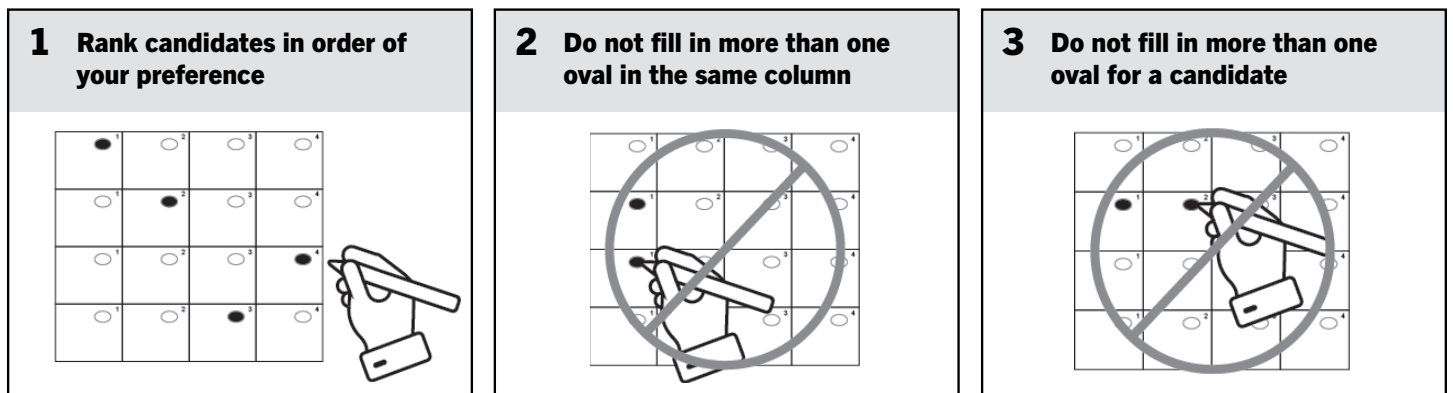
Steps for Marking All Types of Contests

1. Before you mark any contest, review the instructions printed on each ballot card.
2. To ensure your selections will be readable, use a pen with black or blue ink.
3. Fill in the oval(s) to the right of your choice(s) to make your selections.
4. If you do not want to vote on a certain contest or measure, leave it blank. Your other votes will still count.
5. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate*, write the candidate's name in the space below the candidate list and fill in the oval.

Steps for Marking Ranked-Choice Voting Contests

In ranked-choice voting contests, candidates appear in the left column of a grid and numbered rankings appear in the top row.

1. To rank candidates in order of your preference, fill in the ovals from left to right, as shown in **picture 1**.
 - Mark the **first column** for your **first-choice candidate**.
 - Mark the **second column** for your **second-choice candidate**.
 - Mark the **third column** for your **third-choice candidate**, and so on.
2. You can rank as few or as many candidates as you like, up to 10.
3. You can leave columns blank if you do not want to rank certain candidates or there are fewer than three candidates for an office.
4. Do not fill in more than one oval per column, as shown in **picture 2**. If you give the same ranking to multiple candidates, your vote will not count.
5. Do not rank the same candidate multiple times, as shown in **picture 3**. Only your first ranking for that candidate will count.
6. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate*, write the name in the space below the candidate list, and fill in the oval for the rank.



*A qualified write-in candidate is a person who has submitted the required documentation to run for office after the ballots were printed. A list of qualified write-in candidates will be available at sfelections.gov/writein and the City Hall Voting Center starting October 25 as well as all polling places on Election Day, November 5.

How Ranked-Choice Voting Contests are Counted

First, everyone's first choice votes are counted. If any candidate received a majority of first-choice votes (50%+1), that candidate wins.

If no candidate received a majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated. Voters who selected the eliminated candidate have their votes moved to their next choice. The votes are counted again. If a candidate now has a majority of votes, that candidate wins.

If there is still no winner, the process of eliminating the candidate with the lowest number of votes continues until a candidate has a majority.

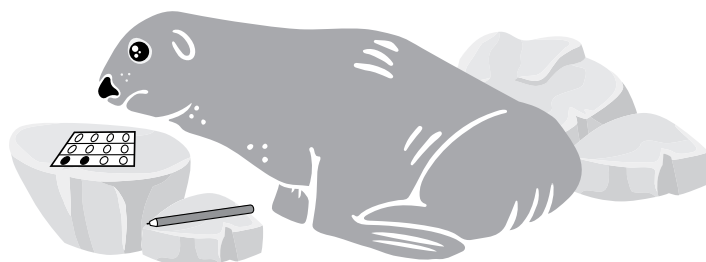
Want to Learn More About Ranked-Choice Voting?

We have many resources! You can:

- ✓ Visit sfelections.gov/RCV to learn when and how we use this voting method.
- ✓ Practice marking a ranked-choice voting contest and learn how your marked choices would be counted in a real election at sfelections.gov/practiceRCV.
- ✓ View the presentation on ranked-choice voting on our YouTube channel: [SFElections](#).

Need to Request a New Ballot?

If you make a mistake while marking your ballot, you can request a new ballot at sfelections.gov/voterportal, by calling (415) 554-4375, or asking a poll worker or Voting Center representative.



Where, When, and How to Vote in this Election

During the voting period, any local voter can choose to vote by mail or in person. See the table below for details.

How to Vote by Mail		
	Paper Mail Ballot	Accessible Mail Ballot
Where do I get my mail ballot?	We will mail a vote-by-mail packet to the address in your voter record. If necessary, you may update your record or contact us to have your packet sent to a different address.	You may download a printable ballot at sfelections.gov/access . You can use a screen-reader, head-pointer, sip and puff, or keyboard tapping to mark this ballot.
When do I get my mail ballot?	Starting 29 days before Election Day	
How do I cast my mail ballot?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read all ballot card instructions. 2. Make selections with a dark pen. 3. Remove receipts and fold cards. 4. Place cards in return envelope. 5. Complete and sign envelope. 6. Return by mail or hand-delivery. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read all online instructions. 2. Use preferred input to mark ballot. 3. Follow prompts to print ballot. 4. Get your ballot return envelope. 5. Complete and sign envelope. 6. Return by mail or hand-delivery.
When do I cast my mail ballot?	<p>You must return your mail ballot by Election Day, November 5, which means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any time before Election Day, by mail or delivery to the City Hall Voting Center or an official drop box, • By 8 p.m. on Election Day to the City Hall Voting Center, a drop box, or a polling place, <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you plan to return your ballot by mail on Election Day be sure to check the last mail pickup time! 	

Did you know?

You can find an official ballot drop box near you at sfelections.gov/balлотdropoff.

You can track your ballot at sfelections.gov/voterportal or sign up for tracking notifications at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov.

You can get a replacement ballot at sfelections.gov/voterportal or by calling (415) 554-4375.

How to Vote in Person

Where do I vote?

- At any time during the voting period, you can go to the City Hall Voting Center. (The City Hall Voting Center provides ballots for voters in all San Francisco neighborhoods.)
- OR**
- On Election Day, go to your assigned polling place. To find the right place and get the right ballot, please visit sfelections.gov/myvotinglocation or see the back cover of this pamphlet.

When do I vote?

- Between October 7 and November 5, you can vote at City Hall during these hours:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
closed	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	closed
Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19
closed	closed	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	closed
Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26
closed	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	10am–4pm
Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2
10am–4pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	8am–5pm	10am–4pm
Nov 3	Nov 4	★ Nov 5 ★				
10am–4pm	8am–5pm	7am–8pm				

OR

- On Election Day, you can vote at your assigned polling place between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

How do I vote?

1. At check-in, give your name and address.
2. Choose a ballot language and format.
3. Take your voting materials to a booth.
4. Mark your ballot using a pen or device.
5. Enclose your ballot in a secrecy sleeve or return envelope.
6. Cast your ballot using a ballot-scanning machine or ballot box.
7. If you like, wear your “I Voted!” sticker and take a selfie to encourage others to do so!

Key Facts about San Francisco's Voting System

- ✓ The Department of Elections tests all voting equipment for every election. Anyone can observe testing.
- ✓ Any San Francisco voter can mark a paper or accessible ballot, and can do so by mail or in person.
- ✓ Paper and accessible ballots have parallel formatting. Voters must mark selections by filling in ovals.
- ✓ Every San Francisco voter must cast a paper ballot. Ballots cannot be returned through the internet.
- ✓ Any voter who uses a touchscreen or audio ballot must print out their marked ballot before casting it.

Official Ballot Drop Boxes in San Francisco

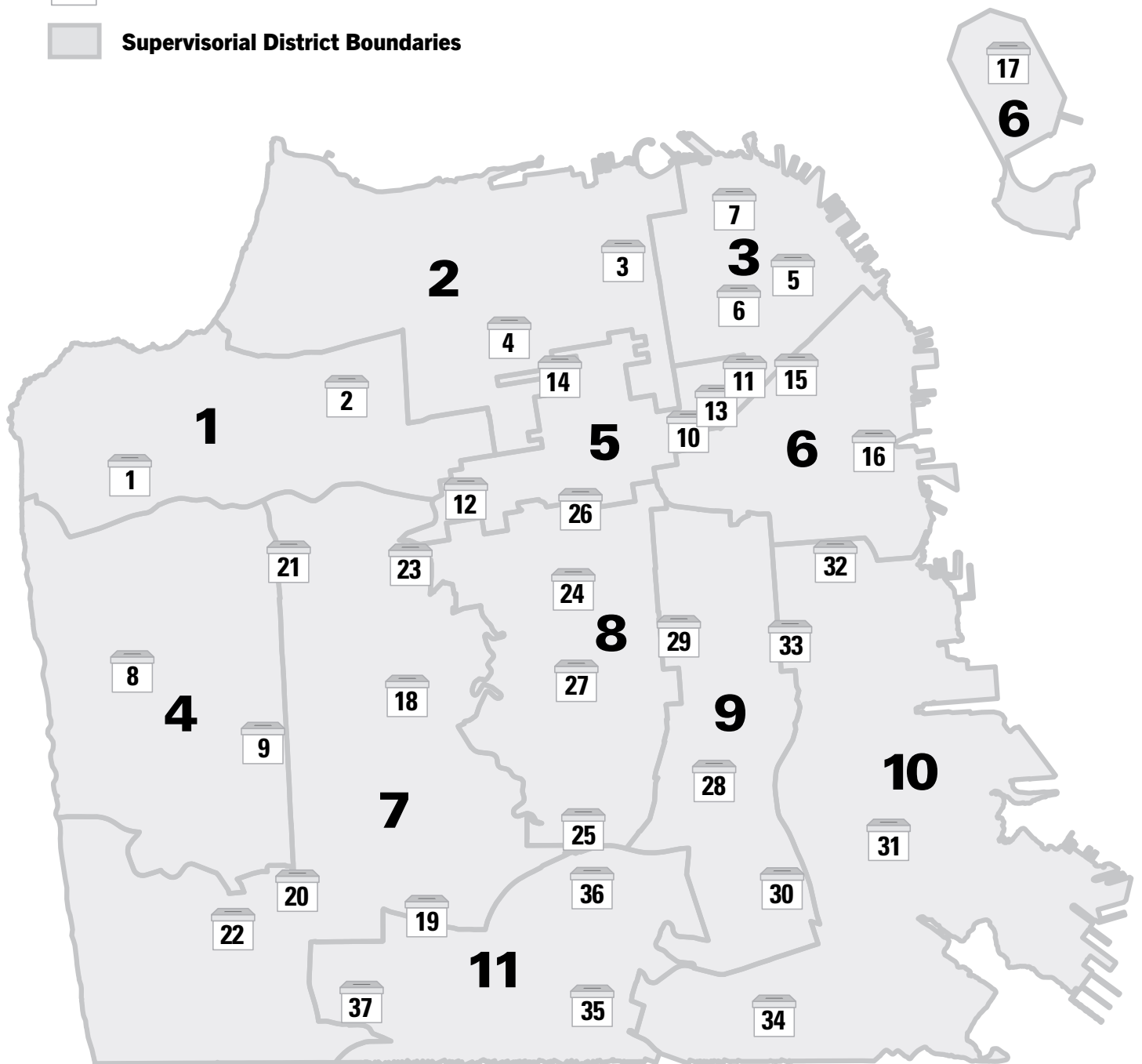
Beginning October 7, you can drop off your ballot at any of the City’s 37 official drop boxes. Every drop box shows the City seal and the American flag, is accessible and outdoors, and is open 24/7 until 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 5.



Ballot Drop Box



Supervisorial District Boundaries



Supervisory District	Ballot Drop Box	Location	Address
1	1	Cabrillo Playground	853 38th Ave
	2	Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library	351 9th Ave
2	3	Golden Gate Valley Branch Library	1801 Green St
	4	Presidio Branch Library	3150 Sacramento St
3	5	City College of San Francisco - Chinatown Center	808 Kearny St
	6	Huntington Park	California St and Taylor St
	7	North Beach Branch Library	850 Columbus Ave
4	8	Ortega Branch Library	3223 Ortega St
	9	Parkside Branch Library	1200 Taraval St
5	10	City Hall	1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
	11	Father Alfred E. Boeddeker Park	246 Eddy St
	12	Park Branch Library	1833 Page St
	13	UC Law San Francisco	200 McAllister St
	14	Western Addition Branch Library	1550 Scott St
6	15	City College of San Francisco - Downtown Center	88 4th St
	16	Mission Bay Branch Library	960 4th St
	17	Ship Shape Community Center	850 Avenue I
7	18	Forest Hill Station (Muni Metro)	380 Laguna Honda Blvd
	19	Ingleside Branch Library	1298 Ocean Ave
	20	Merced Branch Library	155 Winston Dr
	21	Sunset Branch Library	1305 18th Ave
	22	San Francisco State - Mashouf Wellness Center	755 Font Blvd
	23	UCSF Medical Center - Millberry Union Plaza	500 Parnassus Ave
8	24	Eureka Valley Recreation Center	100 Collingwood St
	25	Glen Park BART Station	2901 Diamond St
	26	Harvey Milk Recreation Center	50 Scott St
	27	Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library	451 Jersey St
9	28	Bernal Heights Branch Library	500 Cortland Ave
	29	City College of San Francisco - Mission Center	1125 Valencia St
	30	Portola Branch Library	380 Bacon St
10	31	Bayview/Linda Brooks-Burton Branch Library	5075 3rd St
	32	Jackson Playground Rec Center	Mariposa St and Arkansas St
	33	Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center	1001 Potrero Ave
	34	Visitacion Valley Branch Library	201 Leland Ave
11	35	Crocker Amazon Playground	799 Moscow St
	36	Excelsior Branch Library	4400 Mission St
	37	Ocean View Branch Library	345 Randolph St

Election Results

On Election Night, after the polls close, the Department of Elections will issue four preliminary election results reports for San Francisco's November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election.

1. **8:45 p.m.** – The first report will include results from most of the vote-by-mail ballots received before Election Day.
2. **9:45 p.m.** – The second report will incorporate Election Day results from reporting polling places.
3. **10:45 p.m.** – The third report will also include Election Day results from additional reporting polling places.
4. **Final Report** – The fourth report, including all Election Day polling place results, will be issued once all precincts have reported.

All election results released on Election Night will be preliminary and will change in the following days as the Department counts several tens of thousands of ballots. These will include valid provisional and vote-by-mail ballots received on Election Day, as well as valid vote-by-mail ballots received within one week of Election Day and postmarked by Election Day.

Due to expected high voter turnout and the multi-card ballot, the Department of Elections may need the full 30 days allowed by state law to count ballots and report final results. The Department must certify the election by December 5.

- ✓ All local elections results will be posted at **sfelections.gov/results**.
- ✓ To receive official results updates directly in your inbox, subscribe at **sfelections.gov/trustedinfo**.
- ✓ Ballot counting processes are open to public observation either in person at the Department's office, Room 48, City Hall or through live streaming at **sfelections.gov/observe**.

Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

- 1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter.**
You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
 - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**
You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4. The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5. The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, if you have not already cast your ballot.**
You can:
 - **Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot; or
 - **Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place; or
 - **Vote using a provisional ballot**, if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.
- 6. The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7. The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
- 8. The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9. The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10. The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 - On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 - By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
 - By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

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

Maintaining your Voter Record

We mail ballots and other election materials to the address in your voter record. You can check your voter record at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. You can update the address in your voter record at registertovote.ca.gov.

By law, no one can use the information in your voter record for commercial purposes. But it can be used for certain non-commercial purposes. To learn more, call the Secretary of State at 800-345-8683 or visit sos.ca.gov.

Are you in a dangerous situation and want to use a confidential address for your election mail? To see if you qualify for the *Safe at Home* program, call 877-322-5227 or visit sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home.

Accessible Resources

All voters have the right to vote privately and independently. Any local voter can use any of the following:

Accessible Voter Information Pamphlet

You can find PDF, HTML, and MP3 versions of the voter pamphlet at sfelections.gov/vip. You can also call (415) 554-4375 to request a large print, audio flash drive, or CD version. You may also request a free audio player and a talking book version at the Talking Books and Braille Center on the 2nd Floor of the Main Library at 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Accessible Mail Ballot

Between October 7 and the close of the polls (8 p.m.) on Election Day, November 5, you can download an accessible ballot at sfelections.gov/access. You can use a personal device such as a screen-reader, head-pointer, or sip and puff to mark your ballot. (You must return your ballot printout via mail or hand-delivery.)

Accessible Voting Sites

You can move around any local polling place in a wheelchair. You can also use a page magnifier, an easy-grip pen, a signature guide with braille, a voting chair, or a ballot-marking device. Using a ballot-marking device, you can select a format

(touchscreen or audio), font, background color, and language for your ballot. You can also navigate through ballot contests using a braille keypad, headphones, or other device. To learn more about your assigned polling place, please see the back cover.

Between October 7 and Election Day, you can also use any of these resources at the City Hall Voting Center.

Personal Voting Service

You can get a ballot delivered outside at any voting site. Call (415) 554-4375 or ask someone to go inside and request this service for you. An elections worker will bring your voting materials outside and return later to collect them.

You can ask another person for help marking your ballot. Your helper can be an elections worker but cannot be your employer or a union representative. Helpers can provide physical assistance but cannot make voting decisions.

If you are unable to leave your house or are in the hospital during the last week of the voting period, you can request ballot delivery or pickup. Contact us at (415) 554-4375 to request that an elections worker provide this service.

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

This group works to improve access to voting in San Francisco. Call us at (415) 554-4375 to learn more or join.

Multilingual Resources

We provide all official ballots, informational materials, and help in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino. We also provide reference ballots in Burmese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese at all in-person voting sites as well as through the mail. Upon request, we can provide interpretive services in hundreds of other languages.

To change the language in which you receive election materials, visit sfelections.gov/language or call (415) 554-4375. To see a list of language resources at your polling place, visit sfelections.gov/voteatyourpollingplace.

我們可以協助您!

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

¡Le podemos ayudar!

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

Matutulungan namin kayo!

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

ကျွန်ုပ်တို့ သင့်ကို ကူညီနိုင်ပါသည်။

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お手伝いいたします。

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

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

一部の投票所では、投票用紙のサンプルが日本語で用意されています。サンフランシスコ市内の投票所の一覧と、言語のリソースを見るには、sfelections.gov/voteatyourpollingplace にアクセスしてください。

投票所は選挙当日の午前7時から午後8時まで開いています。

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

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투표소 운영시간: 선거 당일 오전 7시 ~ 오후 8시

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

เราช่วยคุณได้!

Department of Elections มีบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนา (สำหรับใช้อ้างอิง) เป็นภาษาไทยให้ บัตรลงคะแนนดังกล่าวมีเนื้อหาทุกอย่าง เหมือนกับบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับทางการและได้รับการแปลเป็นภาษาไทย

หากต้องการดูบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาที่มีภาสรเลือกตั้งที่คุณมีสิทธิ์ลงคะแนนเสียง โปรดไปที่ sfelections.gov/myvotinglocation

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

ในสถานที่เลือกตั้งบางแห่ง จะมีบัตรลงคะแนนฉบับสำเนาเป็นภาษาไทยเพื่อให้ผู้ใช้สำหรับอ้างอิง หากต้องการดูสถานที่เลือกตั้งทั้งหมด ในซานฟรานซิสโก พร้อมด้วยประเภทเอกสารที่มีให้เป็นภาษาต่าง ๆ โปรดไปที่ sfelections.gov/voteatyourpollingplace

สถานที่เลือกตั้งเปิดตั้งแต่เวลา 7.00 น. ถึง 20.00 น. ในวันเลือกตั้ง

ผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงสามารถขอให้บุคคลไม่เกินสองคน (ยกเว้นนายจ้างของผู้ลงคะแนนเสียง ตัวแทนของนายจ้างของผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงหรือเจ้าหน้าที่หรือตัวแทนของสหภาพที่ผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงเป็นสมาชิกอยู่) ช่วยเหลือผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงในกาบบัตรลงคะแนนได้ นอกจากนี้แล้ว ผู้ลงคะแนนเสียงยังอาจขอความช่วยเหลือดังกล่าวจากเจ้าหน้าที่ที่สถานที่เลือกตั้งได้ด้วย

Chúng tôi có thể trợ giúp quý vị!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidate Information

Candidate Party Preferences

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

Candidate Statements of Qualifications

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

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

Candidate information can be found as follows:

California Voter Information Guide available at voterguide.sos.ca.gov	San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet available at sfelections.gov/vip
<p>United States Senator (regular 6-year term ending January 3, 2031)</p> <p>United States Senator (remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025)</p>	<p>United States Representative District 11 and District 15</p> <p>State Senator District 11</p> <p>State Assembly Member District 17 and District 19</p> <p>Mayor</p> <p>Member, Board of Supervisors Districts, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 (only voters residing in odd-numbered Supervisorial Districts will have this contest on their ballots)</p> <p>City Attorney</p> <p>District Attorney</p> <p>Sheriff</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Member, Board of Education Seats 4, 5, 6, and 7</p> <p>Trustee, Community College Board Seats 4, 5, 6, and 7</p> <p>BART Board of Directors District 7 and District 9 (only voters residing in BART District 7 or BART District 9 will have this contest on their ballots)</p>

Voluntary Spending Limits

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

State Senator, District 11

Yvette Corkrean
Scott Wiener

State Assembly, District 19

David E. Lee
Catherine Stefani

State Assembly, District 17

Matt Haney
Manuel Noris-Barrera

Party Endorsements of Candidates

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

United States Senator

Democratic Party: Adam Schiff

United States Representative, District 11

Democratic Party: Nancy Pelosi
Republican Party: Bruce Lou
American Independent Party: Bruce Lou

United States Representative, District 15

Democratic Party: Kevin Mullin
Republican Party: Anna Cheng Kramer
American Independent Party: Anna Cheng Kramer

State Senator, District 11

Democratic Party: Scott Wiener
Republican Party: Yvette Corkrean
American Independent Party: Yvette Corkrean

State Assembly, District 17

Democratic Party: Matt Haney
Republican Party: Manuel Noris-Barrera
American Independent Party: Manuel Noris-Barrera

State Assembly, District 19

Democratic Party: Catherine Stefani
American Independent Party: Catherine Stefani

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

Mayor

The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the City and County of San Francisco. The full term of office for the Mayor is four years, with a current annual salary of \$383,760.

City Attorney

The City Attorney is the lawyer for the City and County of San Francisco in all civil actions. The City Attorney serves as the legal advisor to the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials, as well as to the approximately 100 departments, boards, commissions and offices that comprise the City and County of San Francisco's government. The City Attorney prepares or approves the form of all City laws, contracts, bonds, and any other legal documents that concern the City. The full term of office for the City Attorney is four years, with a current annual salary of \$316,758.

District Attorney

The District Attorney prosecutes criminal court cases for the City and County of San Francisco. The full term for the District Attorney is four years, with a current annual salary of \$355,784.

Sheriff

The Sheriff runs the county jails and provides bailiffs (security) for the courts. The full term of office for the Sheriff is four years, with a current salary of \$313,560.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for receiving, paying out, and investing all City and County funds. The Treasurer manages the day-to-day cash flow of the City and County, directs the Office of the Tax Collector, works closely with City departments to ensure timely deposit of funds received, and is a major participant in the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Revenue Bonds, and Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes. The full term of office for the Treasurer is four years, with a current annual salary of \$229,918.

Member, Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors is the legislative branch of government for the City and County of San Francisco. Its members make laws and establish the annual budget for City departments. The full term of office for members of the Board of Supervisors is four years, with a current annual salary of \$170,430. There are eleven members of the Board of Supervisors. Voters in Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will vote for their member of the Board of Supervisors in this election.

Member, Board of Education

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

Trustee, Community College Board

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

Candidates for United States Representative, District 11

BRUCE LOU

My occupation is Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

My name is Bruce Lou and I am running to represent San Francisco in Congress. I am a Bay Area native, a UC Berkeley graduate, a business owner, and a Jeopardy! champion.

I am young and represent the generation who will one day inherit this country. I am a fresh voice who will fight for the interests of the community as opposed to Washington insiders who only have their selfish interests in mind.

San Francisco represents the promise of opportunity and of a new life that has attracted people for generations, from the Forty-Niners to immigrants like my parents who came for a more free and prosperous future. I still believe in the promise of San Francisco, but it can be hard to do so when issues like crime, homelessness, and surging inflation make life bleak for the people of this city.

History is my passion and I both appreciate the unique place that San Francisco has in the world and understand the grave peril that America is in right now. Our cherished freedoms are under threat and we face the looming threat of global war. I will focus on finding common-sense solutions that put people above politics.

I will:

- direct federal funds to ensure public safety
- prevent intrusions upon our fundamental constitutional rights
- ensure fairness for all in admissions and under the law
- promote peace without getting entangled in foreign conflicts

Thank you, and please vote Bruce Lou for a brighter future.

www.bruceforcongress.org

Bruce Lou

NANCY PELOSI

My occupation is Member of Congress.

My qualifications are:

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to be a voice for our City in Congress and represent our San Francisco values. As your Representative, I promised to help expand health care, good paying union jobs and dignity for workers — and my office's efforts delivered thousands of jobs and billions in resources to help build a better future for our community.

But our progress is jeopardized by extremists working ruthlessly to attack reproductive freedoms, eliminate the Department of Education, scapegoat immigrants, repeal our law that lowers drug prices, roll back climate action, slash Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, cut Veterans' earned benefits and repeal the Affordable Care Act.

We will overcome their onslaught — and improve people's lives: bring home more resources for housing, transit and infrastructure projects, continue our work locally with Operation Overdrive — our partnership with the Department of Justice to address the fentanyl crisis - and invest in public education. We'll strengthen the Care Economy with a permanent Biden Child Tax Credit, child care, paid family leave, home health care and more union jobs. For our freedoms, we must codify Roe v Wade, pass the LGBTQ+ Equality Act and restore the Assault Weapons Ban.

American Democracy is on the line in 2024. We must restore voting rights, defend our Constitution, pass campaign finance reforms and ensure a strong Democracy at home and support for diplomacy and allies abroad.

These are the fights we face — and why I am running for re-election. I respectfully request your vote.

Thank you.

NANCY

Nancy Pelosi

Candidates for United States Representative, District 15

ANNA CHENG KRAMER

My occupation is Housing Policy Executive / Businesswoman.

My qualifications are:

I am an immigrant from Taiwan, and the Bay Area has been my home since 1976. I have lived in San Francisco, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks, Redwood City, and San Carlos.

After earning an MBA from the University of Santa Clara, I built my career making funding available to build and maintain homes for families across the West Coast and nationwide. In my public service roles, I served as the Chairwoman of North Fair Oaks and as a member of the Economic Development Advisory Commission in San Carlos.

As Chief Operating Officer of Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition, I learned how nonprofit, safe, affordable housing was financed, built, and occupied. I will initiate a comprehensive solution to our homelessness that includes drug treatment and shelter. Included in this solution is my top priority of ensuring public safety to spur the economy and protect our small businesses and communities. I am committed to finding real, local solutions without relying on top-down mandates from government.

We need change in Washington instead of divisive politics. I will work to secure our border, reform immigration, and stop fentanyl trafficking—a significant contributor to rising crime, homelessness, and the loss of life. Federal government expenditures should produce measurable results, not enrich special interest groups.

A thriving economy is based on a free-market system that does not rely on more taxes, regulation, borrowing, and spending. I will listen to all my constituents, irrespective of political affiliation, with the goal of achieving Safety, Security, and Prosperity for everyone. I would be honored to serve as your U.S. Congressional Representative with integrity and dedication.

Vote Anna Cheng Kramer

www.ackramerforcongress.org

Anna Cheng Kramer

KEVIN MULLIN

My occupation is U.S. Representative.

My qualifications are:

I was honored to be first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2022 after representing San Mateo County in the State Assembly for 10 years and previously as a Mayor/Councilmember and small business owner in South San Francisco.

During my first year in Congress, my district office staff has worked to return nearly \$2 Million Social Security and other tax dollars to constituents, resolved nearly 650 passport cases, and responded to over 100,000 letters, emails, and calls from District 15 constituents. I regularly hold “Coffee with Kevin” and “Conversations with Kevin” events, so I may hear directly from my constituents.

I’ve introduced the Weatherization Resilience and Adaptation Program (WRAP) Act to assist low-income homeowners and affordable housing providers in making their properties more resilient to climate change and authored the Poverty Line Act to modernize the federal poverty formula to include housing, child care, and health care costs so that we may build an economy that works for all. I’ve supported legislation tackling gun violence and protecting reproductive freedoms and brought in over \$14 million in federal funding for community projects and am advocating for an additional \$13 million.

I’m a leader on the Task Force on Strengthening Democracy and have pushed for the passage of H.R.11: the Freedom to Vote Act. I pledge to work in a bipartisan way to rebuild public trust in Congress and ensure we have a democracy that delivers on our biggest challenges.

I respectfully ask for your vote, so I can continue to fight for the protection of our democracy and our planet so this and future generations may thrive.

KevinMullinforCongress.com

Kevin Mullin

Candidate for State Senator, District 11

YVETTE CORKREAN

My occupation is Registered Nurse.

My qualifications are:

Yvette Corkrean is a single mother of two school-aged children and a registered nurse who has served her local community for 25 years.

Moms for America supports Yvette Corkrean for State Senate. Yvette believes that a solid education is the best remedy for a child's future success.

As your next State Senator, Yvette Corkrean's primary mission is keeping us safe. Yvette has worked to help increase penalties and prosecution of violent criminals. San Francisco must stop being a headquarters for criminal activity.

The California State Sheriffs' Association endorses Yvette Corkrean for State Senate. California Sheriffs and Yvette understand public safety must come first in a civilized society. We need to fully fund and support local law enforcement. This keeping us safe policy includes better support for first responders, crime victims and those suffering with severe addiction and mental illness.

Owning a home should not be out of reach for Californians. Yvette Corkrean will work to make living more affordable by reducing unfair regulations and excessive taxation. Gas, groceries and everyday expenses should not be a struggle for Californians.

Former Independent State Senator and retired judge Quentin Kopp along with the American Independent Party of California have endorsed Yvette Corkrean to be your next State Senator.

Join us in Voting for Yvette Corkrean for State Senate!

Thank you

yvetteforsenate.org
415-839-0251

Yvette Corkrean

Candidates for State Assembly, District 17

MATT HANEY

My occupation is State Assemblymember.

My qualifications are:

Over the past two years as your Assemblymember, I've led the fight to confront San Francisco's most pressing challenges.

Leadership:

- Serve as Majority Whip of the CA State Assembly.
- Chair of the Select Committee on Downtown Recovery, championing legislation to convert vacant office space into housing to bring back San Francisco's downtown economy.
- Chair of the Select Committee on Fentanyl, Opioid Addiction, and Overdose Prevention, finding effective public safety and public health solutions to get fentanyl off our streets and expand treatment.
- Co-founder and Chair of the first-ever California Legislative Renters' Caucus to advocate for pro-renter policies.

Some recent legislative accomplishments:

- Championed bills to confront the fentanyl crisis, like mandating overdose reversal drugs in first aid kits, expanding mobile pharmacies, and access to lifesaving addiction treatments.
- Prioritized public safety by banning guns for offenders with severe mental illness, implementing preventive measures for individuals leaving state hospitals to deter violent re-offenses, and authoring laws to confront retail theft.
- Cut through red tape to expedite housing construction.
- Capped security deposits at one month's rent and lowered HOA fees to make housing more affordable.

I'm dedicated to improving public safety, decreasing homelessness, ensuring proper funding for our schools and transit systems, and tackling climate change. I'm proud to have a 100% score from both Equality California and Planned Parenthood for consistently supporting impactful LGBTQ+ initiatives and pro-choice policies, and I received an 'A' rating from California Environmental Voters.

Endorsed by:

- California Professional Firefighters
- California Nurses Association
- California Teachers Association
- California Environmental Voters
- Equality California
- SEIU California
- Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund

Learn more at MattHaney.com

Matt Haney

MANUEL NORIS-BARRERA

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

Hello again! I want to extend my deepest thanks for your support in helping me advance to the Primaries. Now, as we head towards the General Election on November 5, I need your help more than ever. Your continued support is crucial for us to cross the finish line together. If I haven't yet earned your vote, I hope to earn it through our shared vision for the future.

Instead of dwelling on our differences, let's unite over our shared aspirations. We are all San Franciscans who want the best for our city. We seek economic stability, safe communities, and a bright future for our children. By coming together, we can work towards these common goals and build a stronger, more prosperous San Francisco for everyone.

As we look around, it's evident that our government is not functioning as efficiently or effectively as it should. Wasteful spending is rampant, and taxpayers are footing the bill for inefficiency and mismanagement. But wasteful spending is just one part of the problem. Drugs, crime, and homelessness are also major issues plaguing our communities, particularly here in San Francisco.

As an ordinary citizen, I am deeply committed to making a meaningful change. I believe that true progress comes from leaders who are accountable, transparent, and dedicated to serving the people. If elected, one of my top priorities will be to address these pressing issues head-on. We cannot afford to ignore the devastating impact of drugs, crime, homelessness, and fiscal irresponsibility any longer.

For more information, visit www.manuelnoris.com or @ManuelNoris2024.

Manuel Noris-Barrera

Candidates for State Assembly, District 19

DAVID E. LEE

My occupation is Educator.

My qualifications are:

This election is a choice between a different direction for our city — or more of the same.

As a lifelong San Franciscan, I've seen the challenges we face get worse because of politicians who make decisions that benefit their campaign contributors — like wealthy real estate interests — over the needs of the people.

That has to stop, and that's why I'm running to represent you in the Assembly and make progress on the issues that matter most to you:

- **Education:** I've devoted my career to being an educator and seen how a good education can change young people's lives. That's why it's critical that California's community colleges be completely tuition free, so everyone has the opportunity to pursue any career path at no cost.
- **Housing:** Too many residents of San Francisco are being pushed out of the neighborhoods they love. I support rent control and having more community input on big housing decisions. I'll protect our communities and promote smart growth to build affordable housing with the support of the community, rather than the runaway growth of recent years that threatens to destroy the rich diversity of San Francisco.
- **Public Safety:** While the East Side of San Francisco gets the vast majority of attention, I'll fight for more resources to address basic safety issues affecting residents and small businesses on the West Side.

Please join leaders like Assemblymember Phil Ting, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Former President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Norman Yee, and Former San Francisco Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer and vote for David Lee for Assembly.

<https://www.davidleeforassembly.com/>

David E. Lee

CATHERINE STEFANI

My occupation is County Supervisor.

My qualifications are:

I'm running for Assembly to fight for a safer and more affordable California for all of us.

This isn't an empty promise — I have the record to back it up. As a former prosecutor, national gun violence prevention advocate, county supervisor and mom. I've been unwavering in my commitment to fighting for safer neighborhoods and housing that's affordable for all Californians. As Supervisor, I increased police staffing, cracked down on car break-ins and expanded addiction services. I founded the San Francisco Chapter of Moms Demand Action and passed comprehensive gun safety laws, including California's first ghost gun ban. I've approved over 1,000 homes for low-income families and seniors, passed extensive anti-corruption and non-profit oversight legislation and worked alongside Planned Parenthood Northern California to open their new flagship health center.

Now, I'm ready to take our fight to the State Assembly. There, I'll fight for the resources we need to tackle the drug crisis and hold fentanyl dealers accountable. I'll work to increase access to housing that's affordable, to keep working families in their neighborhoods and push for the resources our cities need to prevent homelessness before it happens. And I'll never back down from protecting our reproductive rights and fighting for access to medical care for all.

As your Assemblymember, I'll always fight for our values. I'm proud to have the support of the California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, Sierra Club, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Kevin Mullin, Former Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Governor Gavin Newsom, Treasurer Fiona Ma, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Diane Papan and community leaders throughout Daly City, South San Francisco, Colma and San Francisco.

Learn more at VoteCatherineStefani.com

Catherine Stefani

Candidates for Mayor

LONDON BREED

My occupation is Mayor of San Francisco.

My qualifications are:

I'm a lifelong San Franciscan, the only woman and only graduate of SF public schools in this race.

And I'm proud to serve as your Mayor.

I led us through the worst pandemic in 100 years, issuing the first Covid safety measures in America. Together we saved thousands of lives.

Now, under my leadership our city is coming back stronger than ever.

- Crime and street homelessness are the lowest they've been in a decade!
- We're arresting drug dealers, adding hundreds of police officers, and District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, whom I proudly appointed, is prosecuting criminals.
- We've helped over 15,000 people out of homelessness and we're creating new homes across the city.
- We've waived city fees and helped over 5,000 small businesses open.
- We've created JFK Promenade, shared public spaces, and 20+ miles of bike lanes. Muni rider satisfaction is at a 10-year high.
- We're implementing my vision for a revitalized downtown with homes, universities, and 30,000 more people by 2030!

I'm proud to have support from LGBTQ leaders like Senator Scott Wiener and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, AAPI leaders like Betty Yee and California Treasurer Fiona Ma, unions including Nor Cal Carpenters Union, LiUNA Laborers Local 261, Teamsters Local 665, and many more.

San Franciscans are tired of the negativity. I'm running to lift our city up!

www.LondonforMayor.com

London Breed

MARK FARRELL

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

I am running for Mayor for my family and for families across San Francisco.

I served as the 44th Mayor of San Francisco, as the District 2 Supervisor for seven and a half years, and am the only candidate running with significant private sector experience.

I have a clear vision and detailed policies to help make San Francisco a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant City.

Here is what San Francisco will look like after my first term:

- Fully funded public safety departments, a police force back to 2,300 officers, and zero tolerance for crime
- 4,000 new shelter beds and a 24/7 centralized intake center to clear all tent encampments and connect people to shelter and services
- Closed open-air drug markets
- Reduced overdose deaths by 50% through my compassionate, recovery-first plan
- Permitted 36,000 affordable and middle-income homes for families across San Francisco
- Universal Childcare and Pre-K for all children and families
- Revitalized downtown and a local economy and neighborhoods that are thriving
- Digitized every constituent-facing public service, making them accessible and online 24/7

I humbly ask for your vote to help bring real change and results for San Francisco. Visit: www.markfarrell.com to learn more.

Sincerely,

Former Mayor Mark Farrell

Mark Farrell

Candidates for Mayor

HENRY FLYNN

My occupation is Security Specialist (San Francisco).

My qualifications are:

www.MayorFlynn.info

Henry Flynn Native Son

Henry Flynn: 4th Generation San Francisco Native, Working Class -- not a politician.

Henry Flynn: Born in 1976 at St. Mary's Hospital (Fulton / Stanyan) --Year of the Dragon.

Henry Flynn: Attended all City Schools -- Star of the Sea, Sacred Heart, City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State University.

Henry Flynn: I work as a Security Specialist in San Francisco, typically street level in high traffic areas pro-actively watching out for Our City.

Henry Flynn: I Listen to Locals City-Wide every day as I ride Muni / Public Transportation (continually for the last 20 years), walk the streets of SF, actively volunteer in Our Community and (again) vigilantly work street level in high traffic areas watching out for San Franciscans... and pass out dog treats -- Dogs are integral at Protecting and Unifying Our Community and deserve as many treats as their owners will allow.

Henry Flynn: 4th Generation San Francisco Native, Working Class -- not a politician.

Henry Flynn Native Son

www.MayorFlynn.info

Henry Flynn

KEITH FREEDMAN

My occupation is Business Owner /Teacher.

My qualifications are:

Keith Freedman for Mayor

Keith Freedman is a smart and passionate problem-solver bringing a wealth of technology expertise, educational leadership, and business experience to his mayoral campaign, aiming to fix San Francisco's inefficient and unproductive government operations. As a dedicated problem solver who understands voters' perspectives, Keith values identifying and implementing the right ideas at the right time.

Keith holds a master's degree in computer science and has worked as a software engineer at Los Alamos National Laboratory. As an educator, he has taught at City College of San Francisco and the University of California, Berkeley.

For the past eight years, Keith has successfully navigated his small business through San Francisco's administrative challenges and the pandemic, consistently providing exceptional value to locals and visitors from around the world.

A 28-year resident of San Francisco, Keith is deeply involved in community service. He serves on the San Francisco Tourism Improvement District Board, the South of Market Business Association, and AFT Local 2121. He is dedicated to working For A Better San Francisco.

Vote for Keith Freedman. With his vision, technology will enhance daily life, leadership will foster resilience and progress, and community empowerment will drive San Francisco toward a cleaner, brighter, more inclusive, and innovative future. Keith Freedman is the leader San Francisco needs.

Keith Freedman

Candidates for Mayor

DYLAN HIRSCH-SHELL

My occupation is Engineer / Small Business Investor.

My qualifications are:

I've lived in San Francisco for 12 years, and I'm proud to have family roots in the city going back 5 generations.

I've worked hard to achieve academic and professional successes:

- 2 bachelor's degrees from MIT
- Ph.D. in Neuroscience
- 12.5 years of experience as an engineer at Tesla, developing advanced Electric Vehicle technologies

Now, I'm ready to apply that same work ethic to solving San Francisco's problems, including:

- homelessness
- public drug use
- crime
- government bureaucracy, ineffectiveness, waste, and corruption

During my Ph.D., I took on many roles:

- brain surgeon
- anesthesiologist
- statistician
- data analyst

At Tesla, I led a global team developing safety-critical software running on millions of cars.

This background in tackling complex challenges makes me well-suited to solving government's complex problems.

I've already helped many San Franciscans:

- fed thousands of unhoused individuals by supporting Glide Foundation
- gave job opportunities to formerly-incarcerated or at-risk youths by supporting Old Skool Cafe

Now, I want to do more:

- \$1k/month for every San Franciscan (Universal Basic Income)
- reduce rents
- reduce taxes
- end chronic homelessness
- clean, safe streets

We can achieve these ambitious goals by tackling systemic issues with evidence-based policies and strong leadership, to deliver lasting change.

Policy details: votedylan.com

Endorsed by Gisèle Huff, Founder and President, Gerald Huff Fund for Humanity

Dylan Hirsch-Shell

DANIEL LURIE

My occupation is Nonprofit Executive.

My qualifications are:

We have given City Hall insiders growing budgets every year. But the crises' of public safety, drug markets, housing and business closures get worse. They blame bureaucrats. They blame commissions they created. They blame each other.

I'm running for mayor because this moment demands accountable leadership and new ideas. The City Hall insiders who created this mess are not the ones to get us out. It's time to overhaul the corrupt system that consumes more resources and achieves worse results. And we need to replace the politicians who built it.

I have shown throughout my career that we can get big things done in San Francisco.

Without any public money, I built one of the nation's largest anti-poverty organizations to deliver measurable results on education, housing, and employment

I'm the only candidate that's built affordable housing on-time and under budget with union labor.

I'm the only candidate that's housed nearly 40,000 people, and prevented many more from becoming homeless.

As CEO, the buck stopped with me. I will bring the same accountability and innovative ideas to City Hall.

As mayor, we will make our city safe, permanently end the drug markets, build enough housing and have thriving businesses.

Join us at daniellurie.com

Daniel Lurie

Candidates for Mayor

NELSON MEI

My occupation is Software Engineer.

My qualifications are:

My name is Nelson Mei, and I am running for the position of Mayor of San Francisco. I grew up in this city, and to me, San Francisco is more than just my home; it's where I've lived, learned, and loved. My passion for public service and dedication to improving our city have driven me to seek this office.

If elected, I will be committed to enhancing public safety, revitalizing our economy, addressing homelessness, improving our educational system, making San Francisco more exciting and enjoyable, and much more. My vision for the City is that everyone should be able to live here happily without worrying about safety and enjoy their daily lives.

I humbly ask for your support and vote in the upcoming election.

Nelson Mei

AARON PESKIN

My occupation is President, Board of Supervisors.

My qualifications are:

San Francisco is at a crossroads. I'm running for Mayor to keep San Francisco a city for diverse working and middle-class families, not just the wealthy.

As three-time President of the Board of Supervisors, I've worked to make the city more affordable with higher minimum wages, more affordable housing, better transit, expanded renter protections and stronger unions.

I've been a tough fiscal watchdog, attacking waste, fraud and corruption; and implemented community policing and pedestrian safety measures to keep neighborhoods safe.

I'm ready to take action:

- Build thousands of affordable middle-class housing units at no cost to taxpayers
- Fully-staff our police force, expand neighborhood foot patrols
- Provide forgivable college loans for youth seeking careers in public safety
- Fight corruption by creating an Inspector General
- Reduce taxes on small business
- Protect our neighborhood commercial districts

Endorsements: United Educators of San Francisco, American Federation of Teachers 2121, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Teamsters 853, San Francisco Tenants Union, Small Business Forward, Berniecrats, League of Pissed Off Voters, San Francisco Rising Action Fund, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Mayor Art Agnos (ret), State Senator Mark Leno (ret), Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (ret), Congressman John Burton (ret), Supervisors Connie Chan, Dean Preston & Hillary Ronen, former Judges Julie Tang & Lillian Sing, Former Supervisors Sophie Maxwell, Norman Yee and Sandra Lee Fewer, San Francisco Fire Marshall Paul Chin (ret).

Aaron Peskin

www.Aaron2024.com

Candidates for Mayor

AHSHA SAFAÍ

My occupation is County Supervisor.

My qualifications are:

Four years from now, will working and middle-class families be able to live in San Francisco? The answer is disturbingly unclear. Public safety, corruption, homelessness, and housing costs jeopardize our future.

I'm an immigrant, city planner, former small business owner, and County Supervisor. I've fought hard for my family. I worked my way through college, then became a math tutor for underserved students. I worked with Mayor Brown to stop youth violence and protect immigrant families from eviction, and with Mayor Newsom to connect formerly incarcerated people to good jobs.

As a labor organizer, I helped raise San Francisco's minimum wage.

As Supervisor, I've put working families first with affordable housing, foot patrols in every neighborhood, audits on homeless spending, and Free City College.

As Mayor, I'll attack corruption and focus on what matters: real safety for all, implementing my 5-point plan to end homelessness, and making San Francisco affordable for working families. We'll address mental health and addiction with compassion, fund public education, lead on climate, and revitalize downtown and neglected neighborhoods. And defend San Francisco values so this City of immigrants and working families remains welcoming to all.

We need San Francisco to work for all of us.

Read my plans: www.ahshaformayor.com/

Endorsements: United Educators of San Francisco, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Plumbers, Steamfitters, and HVACR Local 38

Ahsha Safai

SHAHRAM SHARIATI

My occupation is Transportation Engineer.

My qualifications are:

Tired of voting for career politicians and billionaire moguls?

I KNOW I AM!!!

Like many San Francisco residents, I became frustrated by our elected officials. How did pandas become more important than the needs of San Francisco residents?

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!

As a civil/transportation engineer and licensed real estate agent with over a decade of experience, I have in-depth understanding of the inner workings of our government. I currently work at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, where I am a Local 21 union member, designing infrastructure for various modes of transportation. Additionally, I help first-time homebuyers navigate San Francisco's affordable housing programs.

AS YOUR MAYOR, I WILL:

- Provide housing for all 8,000 homeless people within record time and under budget.
- Improve safety with an increase of police presence and infrastructure.
- Create programs that help existing local businesses while promoting new ones.
- Make Vision Zero a reality.
- Allow San Francisco residents with a green card the ability to vote in local elections.
- Hold elected and appointed officials accountable with an investigative documentary series.

I'm a proud Persian American and currently live in SoMa, where I see the problems firsthand. I am committed to addressing them with practical and effective solutions.

Learn more: Sfmayor2025.com

Shahram Shariati

Candidates for Mayor

ELLEN LEE ZHOU

My occupation is Family Social Worker.

My qualifications are:

Master of Social Work

June 2018 San Francisco Mayoral Candidate

November 2019 San Francisco Mayoral Candidate

2 terms San Francisco Civil Grand Jury 2014/2015 and 2016/2017.

Appointed to serve the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee 2016/2017

55 years old with two adult children, traditional family values

38 years worked and lived in San Francisco

31 years new born Christian

30 years, community activist to empower people to speak up

27 years, Family Social Worker

23 years, Sunday School Teacher.

17 years, volunteer with SFPD, 5 years with ALERT, graduated from the Community Police academy 2006.

16 years, Behavioral Health Clinician with CCSF Public Health Dept.

15 years, SEIU1021 Union Steward for San Francisco Government Workers

7 years, Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Member (NERT), CCSF Fire Dept.

2.5 years with CCSF Human Services Agency

As your new San Francisco Mayor, I will

End slavery systems and human trafficking to protect children and humanity

Let God Arise in government to cast out darkness

Create a free market for landlords and tenants

New programs to benefit children, youth, students, parents, workers, residents and business.

Redistribute resources to end homeless scam, heal homeless and drug dealers /abusers.

Restore righteousness, hope and mercy

Resist globalism agenda 2030

Bring business back and create jobs

Enforce the U.S. Constitution to eliminate crimes

Visit www.MayorEllen.com to see endorsement.

Together, we will protect our future!

Ellen Lee Zhou

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 1

JEREMIAH BOEHNER

My occupation is Entrepreneur.

My qualifications are:

Since 2000, District 1 has elected four Progressives in a row to the Board of Supervisors and for many years the dialogue at City Hall has been between "Left and Lefter". Small businesses, homeowners, soccer moms, and taxpayers have no voice or advocate at City Hall, which is why I'm running to become your next Supervisor.

I've been a renter in District 1 since 2006. I completed my studies at USF and received my commission as an MP Officer in the USAR. Since then, I've been a successful entrepreneur and gig worker. I've run my marketing firms and led sales teams for various start-ups.

Like you, I've witnessed the quality of life deteriorate in the City. The only thing City Hall is successful at doing is throwing more money at problems and the problems only get worse.

Please go to my website at jeremiahforsf.com to learn more about my proposals to restore vitality, law & order, and quality of life to San Francisco and to our diverse neighborhoods.

If you agree with me that we need to change course at City Hall, I invite you to cast your first-choice vote for me this November.

Together we will make a difference.

Jeremiah Bohner

CONNIE CHAN

My occupation is District 1 Supervisor.

My qualifications are:

I will always fight for District 1.

It has been my honor to be your Supervisor. I have worked to be an independent voice for safer and stronger neighborhoods:

A Safer District 1

- Successfully brought retired police ambassadors, more officers and new technology to District 1
- Working to expand deployment of Street Crisis Response Teams
- Pushing to fill vacant first responder positions

A Stronger District 1

- Secured funding for 100% affordable senior housing at 4200 Geary and an agreement for housing at the Alexandria Theatre
- Championed free summer camp for K-8 students
- Advocated for traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements
- Fought cuts to nutrition programs and support for working families
- Provided fee waivers, grant support, and resources for small businesses in the Richmond

And, as Budget Chair, I have held City departments and the Administration accountable and will continue to work to make sure our government is working for us.

We often hear about dark money groups that seek to influence our elections. I pledge again to only work for you.

I'm proud to be endorsed by:

U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff
 U.S. Congressman Kevin Mullin
 Former State Senator Mark Leno
 Assemblymember Phil Ting
 Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin
 Former District 1 Supervisors Sandra Lee Fewer, Eric Mar and Jake McGoldrick
 California Nurses Association
 San Francisco Labor Council
 San Francisco Building and Construction Trades
 United Educators of San Francisco
 San Francisco Tenants Union
 Community Tenants Association
 Richmond District Democratic Club
 Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

Learn more at ConnieChanSF.com

Connie Chan

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 1

SHERMAN R. D'SILVA

My occupation is Operations Manager.

My qualifications are:

Put the condition of our neighborhood first

- Clean Streets - No garbage, graffiti, needles or feces on our streets
- Homelessness - No more camping or sleeping on streets
 - Safe shelters and rehabilitation services
- Safety - Increased police presence to deter theft and vandalism
- Pedestrian Safety - Timed traffic lights on all major streets
- Crime - Enforcement of city laws
- Accessibility - Neighborhood office with set hours
- Accountability - Focus on city departments to determine if money is used effectively
- Infrastructure - Ten year plan for replacing sidewalks and roads
- Environment - Acquisition of additional open space
 - Distribution of recycled water for cleaning and irrigation
- Police Accountability - Increased oversight and transparency
- Business - Streamline application and permit process
- Independence - No money accepted from special interests, corporations or unions

As a native San Franciscan and Richmond District resident, I have seen the quality of the neighborhood deteriorate every year. A clean and safe neighborhood is what government is supposed to take care of first - before doing anything else

There will always be something that needs to be addressed, but if we can not take care of these basic needs, our priorities are wrong

If you believe we should focus on these issues first, I would be honored by your vote

Sherman R. D'Silva

www.DSILVA2024.com

JEN NOSSOKOFF

My occupation is Physician Assistant.

My qualifications are:

It's time for bold, decisive leadership on San Francisco's Upper West Side. I'm Jen Nossokoff, and I'm running for Supervisor because I believe in taking action and delivering results.

Our district faces critical challenges—safety concerns, inadequate transportation solutions, and quality of life disparities—that demand immediate and innovative solutions. As an experienced healthcare professional, I know how to tackle complex problems head-on. I led the first city-sponsored COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the district, ensuring vulnerable residents had access to life-saving health services.

My vision for the district includes:

- Safer Neighborhoods
 - Strategic policing and community-driven safety measures to reduce crime and protect residents.
- Enhanced Transportation
 - Expanding and improving transit options to reduce car dependency and make our streets safer.
- Healthier Environment
 - Promoting health outcomes through sustainable urban development, equitable policies, and stable housing.

I'm not just talking about change; I'm committed to making it happen. As a Moms Demand Action candidate training program graduate, I am dedicated to growing strong, connected communities. My experience as a public school parent, long-term renter turned homeowner, and healthcare provider equips me with the skills and determination to lead.

Vote Jen Nossokoff as your #1 choice for Supervisor.

Learn more at www.Jen2024.vote.

Thank you for your support,

Jen Nossokoff

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 1

MARJAN PHILHOUR

My occupation is Neighborhood Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

I was born in the Richmond District. My husband and I are raising our three children here. I have over three decades of government and business experience, and for years I ran our family's shop with my sister on Balboa Street.

We love the Richmond, but we are fed up.

The "hands-off" approach to public safety has hurt our neighborhood. We've had enough of the failed policies that have affected us all.

We can do better.

As Supervisor, I will:

Fully fund the police department so that we can walk down the street without being accosted, assaulted, or worse.

Ensure access to housing so that families and working people stay in the neighborhood.

Close the open-air drug markets by arresting dealers and public users of deadly fentanyl and other hard drugs.

Remove tents and encampments from our sidewalks; support the City Attorney in his efforts to overturn the misguided court injunction.

Compel the most troubled on our streets to shelter, treatment or conservatorship.

Fight for small businesses by protecting store employees from assault, and by streamlining a bureaucracy designed to make opening and running a business impossible.

VOTE for CHANGE - a new direction is possible. Learn more at votemarjan.com.

Marjan Philhour

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 3

WENDY HA CHAU

My occupation is Lawyer.

My qualifications are:

Hello fellow residents of District 3:

My name is Wendy Chau and I have been living in District 3 for 15 years. I am also a Civil Rights attorney with a lot of experience litigating.

My experience as a Civil Rights attorney (which involves Constitutional law and Government Administrative Policies) has given me the qualifications needed to tackle the issues that plague San Francisco and District 3.

My experience has taught me how to successfully tackle issues of crime, homelessness, SUD services, how to bring back business into our neglected neighborhoods and better our education for the children of District 3.

I am running for the District 3 seat because I love San Francisco and District 3. I have the political will to hold agencies accountable for their actions. I want to bring full transparency to San Francisco while ending all transactions that are "back ally" deals. I want to audit all city's contractors annually to ensure that services are provided to the people as promised.

I also want to help revitalize China Town, Downtown Fidi, Lower & Upper Polk business by helping bring back our unique SF culture, art and entertainment to these areas.

Wendy Ha Chau

MOE JAMIL

My occupation is Deputy City Attorney.

My qualifications are:

We know what's important: keeping our streets safe and clean, helping small businesses and protecting the character of our neighborhoods. Experienced leadership can make it happen.

A Deputy City Attorney for 10 years, I know City Hall inside and out.

The son of immigrants and a graduate of University of California at Berkeley, I learned Cantonese studying at Chinese University of Hong Kong.

My wife Annie Yang and I are proudly raising our children in District 3. For the past decade, I've served on boards of Russian Hill Neighbors, Union Square Foundation, San Francisco Heritage, and Middle Polk Neighborhood Association.

I'll stand with our neighbors and local businesses to fight for San Francisco.

Let's get Back to Basics to protect and preserve the City we love:

Safer, cleaner neighborhoods protected by fully-funded police, firefighters, and 911 operators within our existing budget. End open air drug supermarkets, prevent fencing of stolen goods, arrest and prosecute drug dealers.

Demand developers put current residents first. Build affordable housing while preserving the character of our neighborhoods and waterfront.

Protect existing tenants and homeowners to prevent displacement.

Stop overdoses on our streets by investing in recovery and services that treat addiction and mental illness. Consult neighbors about locating homeless facilities.

Endorsers: Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin, Supervisor Matt Dorsey, Former Mayor Art Agnos, Police Commissioner Debra Walker, San Francisco Tenants Union, and many more.

www.moejamil.com

Moe Jamil

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 3

SHARON LAI

My occupation is Director, Economic Non-profit.

My qualifications are:

19 years of public service and private-sector experience:

- Tripled Muni's public safety budget as MTA Commissioner
- Helped create 8,000 new homes, with 25% affordable, on Treasure Island
- Led statewide non-profit to deliver innovative homeless housing
- Built San Francisco tiny homes community, on-budget, in record time
- Led economic revitalization non-profit to bring innovative sustainability firms to San Francisco

My priorities:

- Strengthen public safety, fully-staff our police department, improve pedestrian safety
- Economic recovery in both downtown and neighborhoods
- Protect renters from eviction, preventing greater homelessness
- Grow housing options at all income levels in every neighborhood
- Ensure clean, safe streets and sidewalks, moving homeless people into treatment and shelter
- Make San Francisco family-friendly with stronger schools, expanded child care, and afterschool and summer programs

I was raised in Hong Kong public housing and emigrated to United States as a teenager. My spouse and I are raising two young boys.

My endorsers include: United Educators of San Francisco, Community Tenants Association, Teamsters Joint Council 7, IFPTE 21, SEIU 1021, AFT 2121, SF Rising, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, Supervisors Connie Chan, Catherine Stefani, Aaron Peskin, Myrna Melgar, Rafael Mandelman, Shamann Walton & Ahsha Safai; Community leaders Norman Fong, Gail Gilman, Ivy Lee, Jodie Medeiros.

Sharon Lai

www.SharonLaiSF.com

EDUARD NAVARRO

My occupation is Urban Designer & International Entrepreneur.

My qualifications are:

My priority is ensuring San Francisco remains a place where people can be who they want to be. I was born in Valencia, Spain. I'm LGBTQIA+, Hispanic, and a government outsider.

We must focus on the city's design, transit and architecture to build 82,000 units of housing that preserve and enhance our neighborhoods, while increasing affordability and economic development. I have the direct experience, relevant skill set, and the vision to lead this effort.

We'll achieve safer, more affordable, healthier, diverse, and thriving neighborhood places where San Franciscans of all incomes can find their place, together with innovation and global influence.

At 44, I bring over twenty years of international experience in urban design, investments, development, and entrepreneurship. I hold a Master of Architecture and a Master of Real Estate Development from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Georgia Tech. I also studied at École d'Architecture de Paris La Villette and completed Level I of the CFA Institute. I built my own investment firm, designed new towns, managed over \$344M in investments, and led significant housing and infrastructure projects.

Vote Navarro for a safer, stronger, and united San Francisco. Visit www.navarro.vote for more information.

Eduard Navarro

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 3

DANNY SAUTER

My occupation is Neighborhood Center Director.

My qualifications are:

I will be an independent voice in City Hall to fight for better results: safer neighborhoods, cleaner streets, more housing, and a vibrant and thriving San Francisco.

I'm a 10+ year resident of District 3, a renter, and a community organizer. As the Executive Director of San Francisco Neighborhood Centers Together, I've expanded programs to serve thousands of low-income families, youth, and immigrants in Chinatown, Russian Hill, and North Beach. As the President of my neighborhood association, I worked on legislation to fill empty storefronts, organized safety town halls, started the North Beach Farmers Market, and fought for more affordable housing.

As your next District 3 Supervisor, I will:

- Hire more first responders, from police officers to 911 dispatchers, to keep our communities safe
- Make it easier for new homes to be built and strengthen renter protections
- Fill vacant storefronts on Polk Street, expand the Central Subway to North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf, and create new open space in Lower Nob Hill
- Expand drug treatment programs, arrest drug dealers, and lower barriers to recovery
- Add 1,500 new trash cans and expand street cleaning
- Reimagine our Downtown with more housing and clean and safe streets

I'm proudly endorsed by:

Senator Scott Wiener
 Supervisor Matt Dorsey
 Supervisor Joel Engardio
 Sheriff Paul Miyamoto
 Nancy Tung, San Francisco Democratic Party Chair
 LiUNA Laborers Local 261
 Nor Cal Carpenters Union

Danny Sauter

Learn more at www.DannyD3.com or call me:
 (415) 562-6441

MATTHEW SUSK

My occupation is Businessman / Safety Director.

My qualifications are:

Matthew Susk is a third-generation San Franciscan. He has worked in the private sector for the past decade, and lives in Russian Hill with his wife. Susk is deeply rooted in the community he hopes to represent, is focused on revitalizing San Francisco, and will ensure District 3 is a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving part of the city for generations to come.

Susk's campaign is built on three key promises: safe streets (fully fund SFPD), thriving businesses (cut small business fees), and government accountability (quantifiable success metrics).

With a decade of experience in the private sector Susk has demonstrated his business acumen by advising government pension plans, founding a successful laundry business, and helping thousands of renters become homeowners through a real estate startup. His diverse professional background equips him with a well-rounded perspective on economic development and community needs.

Susk's educational background includes a BA from St. Lawrence University and an MBA from Georgetown University. These achievements, combined with his hands-on business experience, have prepared him for the Board of Supervisors.

Matthew Susk will use his unique skill set and deep personal connection to make a lasting and positive impact on District 3 and San Francisco.

Matthew Susk

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 5

SCOTTY JACOBS

My occupation is Private Sector Businessperson.

My qualifications are:

As a 30-year-old LGBTQIA renter and fourth-generation San Francisco resident, I'm running for District 5 Supervisor to represent the voices of those who believe in a productive and prosperous future for all San Franciscans.

Our local government has a clear, critical, and necessary role to play in shaping the future of San Francisco. We need to get serious about our commitment to affordable housing, end the mental health and addiction crises on our streets, support law enforcement, and invest in our critical urban infrastructure like MUNI and the education system. I will work with my fellow Supervisors and the Mayor to make actual progress on quality of life issues for San Franciscans.

As the youngest Supervisor, I'll be the voice of common-sense San Francisco; I'll focus on pragmatic, reasonable, compassionate, and achievable solutions to our current challenges, and be an optimistic, forward-looking steward of our future. Most importantly, I will put progress in front of ideology.

I've worked in non-profits and the corporate world, and am excited to devote the next chapter of my life to public service. I know our city's brightest days are ahead, and I look forward to serving as your next District 5 Supervisor.

Scotty Jacobs

ALLEN JONES

My occupation is Draftsman.

My qualifications are:

After graduating from high school in 1975, my 22 years of work was as a mechanical and electrical draftsman, primarily for San Francisco consulting engineering firms. This period included living in Oregon from 1979 to 1981. However, that one night in a Portland jail whispered: Go home.

From 1983 to 1993, I taught the Bible and counseled in the maximum-security unit of the San Francisco juvenile hall. It was the beginning of a 40-year journey of service and activism in the city.

My first try at shaping city policy resulted in a win in defeat. While homeless, I penned a ballot measure that garnered an impressive 98,000 yes votes in the June 2018 special election.

Grandstanding and hypocrisy are the two traits in politics that I find most infuriating. They are obstacles that hinder good ideas from blossoming into successful projects, policies, or laws.

Good ideas cut costs, and great ideas cut checks. I have a lot of both—one great idea: In addition to duties as supervisor, spearhead the creation of a museum to honor the world's greatest acts of heroism. These exhibits will inspire school-aged children, and tourists will affirm a "World-class city" afresh.

Allen Jones

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 5

AUTUMN HOPE LOOIJEN

My occupation is Community Organizer.

My qualifications are:

I'm the mom who fought to bring algebra back to middle school, and ran the school board recall when our kids were suffering. Both won in a landslide. (Thank you!)

Our schools are now on the mend, but our City is in crisis.

Open drug markets are destroying the Tenderloin, where 3500 kids live... and the problems spread like cancer. Fentanyl is so addictive that people choose it over their own limbs.

We are a sanctuary city: a beacon for gay teens, trans youth, and quirky people who need a place to belong. But when we let drug dealers prey on them, we are no longer a sanctuary.

We have a moral responsibility to stop this suffering and bring our City HOPE.

We must shut down the dealers, enforce the rules against open drug use, and provide effective medication-based treatment to make the Tenderloin the vibrant neighborhood it was before.

ALL our neighborhoods deserve safe clean streets and thriving small businesses... and a city that helps them get things done.

I have a track record of getting things done, and I would be honored to have your vote.

Endorsed by the SF Police Officers Association

Autumn Hope Looijen

BILAL MAHMOOD

My occupation is Climate Nonprofit Director.

My qualifications are:

With yet another record budget, San Francisco doesn't lack resources - we lack leadership. I've exposed government corruption through investigative writing and as your supervisor, I'll fight to hold City Hall accountable for its failure to address worsening affordability, housing, homelessness, and street safety. It's time for results over excuses — collaboration over division.

Together, we can achieve great things. My story represents this. I'm the child of immigrants, a renter living in the Tenderloin, and former Obama Administration staffer. With over a decade of delivering results in government, nonprofits, and entrepreneurship to uplift marginalized communities, I will ensure San Francisco remains a beacon of opportunity for all.

Let's bring change to City Hall and get to work on:

- Improving Housing Affordability by cutting red tape to build affordable and middle-income housing faster
- Ending Homelessness by holding City Hall accountable to ensure actual delivery of shelter, care, and services for our most vulnerable
- Stopping the Fentanyl Epidemic by arresting drug-dealers to make our communities safe again for children and families

Endorsed by:

- Scott Wiener, State Senator
- Honey Mahogany, Cofounder of SF Transgender District
- Nancy Tung, Chair of SF Democratic County Central Committee
- Reverend Arnold G. Townsend
- NorCal Carpenters Union
- Operating Engineers Local 3

Learn more at BilalMahmood.com

Humbly,

Bilal Mahmood

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 5

DEAN PRESTON

My occupation is District 5 Supervisor.

My qualifications are:

I'm a 28-year District 5 resident with two children in San Francisco public schools, former small business owner and tenant attorney.

As Supervisor, I have focused on results:

- Saved over 20,000 renters from eviction
- Provided free attorney for any tenant facing eviction
- Won \$250 million for rent relief and affordable housing
- Brought community ambassadors to every district neighborhood
- Voted to approve 30,000 new homes, 86% affordable
- Secured \$10 million for Tenderloin SRO elevator repairs
- Passed vacancy tax to bring 40,000 vacant units back to market
- Helped small businesses victimized by crime
- Brought district \$30 million for street safety, open space and community wellness

I am fighting for:

- Hundreds of District 5 affordable homes at Haight & Stanyan, DMV and Turk St.
- Four Pillars comprehensive approach to reduce overdoses and crime
- Public Bank to fund affordable housing, small businesses, and green infrastructure

Endorsed by: San Francisco Labor Council, California Nurses, United Educators of San Francisco, Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club, San Francisco Tenants Union, Affordable Housing Alliance, SF Rising, Small Business Forward, Democratic Socialists of America, Teamsters Joint Council 7, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Tom Ammiano, Mark Leno, Art Agnos, Supervisors Chan, Peskin, Ronen & Walton.

Dean Preston

www.dean2024.com

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 7

MATT BOSCHETTO

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

Matt Boschetto
Small Business Owner

We've all got too much at stake to sit on the sidelines while City Hall stumbles on its most essential task: Keeping our homes and streets safe. I believe District 7 deserves a leader who is truly invested in fixing the problems that we all face every day.

I am deeply rooted in District 7 as a 4th generation San Franciscan with nearly 100 years of family history on the West Side. My wife Emily and I are raising our three children here.

By day, Emily and I own and run a flower business. Balancing a budget and making essential strategic changes are essential to running a small business like ours. I pledge to bring that level of creative problem-solving and accountability to the role as your next Supervisor.

First and foremost, I'll serve you, my constituents, and nobody else. My highest priority is restoring public safety to ensure thriving commercial corridors and neighborhoods everyone can call home. That's why I have the sole endorsement of the San Francisco Police Officers Association.

Most importantly, what I say now is what I will stick to over the next four years, and I urge you to hold me accountable to that.

Matt Boschetto

STEPHEN MARTIN-PINTO

My occupation is Firefighter / Military Reservist.

My qualifications are:

Are you satisfied with city government and believe that it has your best interests in mind?

Do you feel confident in your current leadership to lead our City into prosperity when for so many years, they did nothing while the quality of life declined?

From the moment I take office, this will change. I'm bringing my experience as a firefighter, union ironworker, Marine Corps veteran, community leader, Veteran Affairs Commissioner, family man, and San Francisco native to serve you.

I will have a zero-tolerance policy for crime, corruption, and open-air drug markets.

I will put forth strong proposals to audit all departments and non-profits while implementing clear performance-based metrics.

I will reduce the number of commissions and department by consolidating and eliminating redundant and unnecessary positions, saving taxpayer money.

I will restore SFPD to full staffing while reforming the SFPD commission to allow them to provide high-quality public safety.

I will advocate for sensible housing development that respects the character of our community.

Finally, I will advocate for world-class public education. As a Lowell High School graduate, this is very personal to me!

Let me prove to you that the city that used to know how, still knows how!

supporters listed at stephenmartinpinto.com

Stephen Martin-Pinto

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 7

MYRNA MELGAR

My occupation is District 7 Supervisor (Incumbent).

My qualifications are:

As your Supervisor, I am focusing on practical solutions, not political posturing — to make our neighborhoods safer, housing more affordable, and the Westside a better place for everyone.

I'm delivering practical solutions to public safety— adding \$25 million to put more police officers in Westside neighborhoods, expanding the community ambassador program to keep West Portal, Ocean Avenue and Inner Sunset safe, and securing funding for license plate readers in crime hotspots like the Twin Peaks Overlook.

As a housing policy expert, I've worked on practical solutions to increase housing opportunities and protect tenants so more people can continue to call the Westside home. I've streamlined multi-family housing development and cut through red tape on housing construction and remodeling.

As a longtime Westside resident, nonprofit executive, and mom, I'm deeply committed to our community. I fought to save Laguna Honda Hospital, secured funding for traffic and transit improvements in business corridors, and invested in programs that improve academic success in our public schools.

That's why I'm supported by the San Francisco Labor Council, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Phil Ting, District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, Former Supervisor Norman Yee, SF Democratic Party Chair Nancy Tung and dozens more.

I'm working daily to make the Westside the best it can be. Let's continue building a vibrant, safe, and welcoming community together.

MyrnaMelgar.com

Myrna Melgar

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 9

JULIAN BERMUDEZ

My occupation is Small Businessman.

My qualifications are:

I am not the obvious choice for supervisor.

It is said that I am too young—only 27. I lack political experience. True, I am not an “insider” climbing the political ladder. I cannot raise enough funds to compete with the big spenders. We’ll see about it.

I believe I am the best choice for your vote.

I’m a native San Franciscan, having attended our schools and grown up in the neighborhood. I am the third generation to work at Rancho Grande Appliances, my family’s business.

When we deliver appliances, I see how our neighborhoods are declining. I see that the cost of living is driving away so many of our customers.

I’m running to improve the quality of life for all of us. I believe that a strong supervisor should actively listen rather than constantly speaking.

My big idea : a “Millionaires’ Tax,” a 3% surcharge on annual incomes exceeding \$1,000,000 to fund innovative solutions to our homeless crisis. I will advocate for focusing our interventions on four subgroups: the disabled, drugs addicts, the economically distressed, and our veterans.

For more information, visit votelocalsf.com.

I promise to serve you with integrity, compassion.

I respectfully ask for your vote

Julian Bermudez

H. BROWN

My occupation is Retired Special Ed Teacher.

My qualifications are:

I began working shining shoes in tough St. Louis Brewery hood bars before I was ten. Harry Truman was the President.

My dad Organized for Hoffa on the Kroger docks and used to get beaten up.

In 1952 I put Adlai Stevenson bumper stickers on Cadillacs parked in the lots of fancy hotels.

I’ve been involved in every election since and I’ve always worked for the candidates or causes whom I believed offered most to the Poor.

I’ve always dealt with violence in school and on the streets.

As a result, I ended up as a Special Ed teacher with a Masters from Clemson in teaching Behaviorally Disturbed Adolescents.

I passed national Certification exams to teach English and Social Studies and Special Ed in California Secondary Schools.

I’ve broken up a thousand fights.

In the Navy I earned 3 Top Secret Clearances and was a member of the Naval Special Warfare Group that became the Seals.

I designed a Student Security Force at Potrero Hill Middle School and worked with SFPD in their Ropes Course and Wilderness Program 30 years ago with my students.

My Goal in entering this Race is to help repair a Criminal Justice System that’s broken.

H. Brown

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 9

TREVOR CHANDLER

My occupation is Public School Teacher.

My qualifications are:

I'm a renter, public school teacher, union member and a longtime LGBTQ civil rights activist who lives in the Mission and takes the safety of D9 families seriously. I believe City Hall is broken and isn't working for our neighborhoods.

I'm committed to using our shared values to identify reasonable solutions to get the basics done right and move us all forward. I'm a powerful advocate for an accountable, responsive and fully staffed police department. We don't need to sacrifice our values to have safe and clean streets.

I'll streamline City Hall's broken permitting process to expedite building 100% affordable and middle income housing to lower rents. That's why I'm endorsed by housing champion Senator Scott Wiener.

To keep our neighborhoods thriving, my plan fast-tracks permitting for small businesses so they can open more quickly.

To solve our addiction and mental health crises, I'll balance compassion and accountability to ensure those at risk get the treatment they need. I'll hold government agencies and nonprofits accountable with regular audits.

Together we can celebrate and honor the diversity of the Mission, Bernal Heights, the Portola, and St. Mary's Park. And together we can help San Francisco come back stronger than before. Learn more: www.trevor4sf.com

Trevor Chandler

JACKIE FIELDER

My occupation is Director, Environmental Nonprofit.

My qualifications are:

JACKIE FIELDER

My occupation is: Director Climate-Action Nonprofit

My qualifications are:

- City Commissioner
- Educator
- Co-founder, San Francisco Public Bank Coalition

My priorities as your Supervisor are:

- Comprehensive support of crime victims, strengthening protection of women from sexual assault and domestic violence, robust community ambassador and crime prevention programs
- Expand mental health and substance use treatment, end student homelessness, curb waste and overlap in homelessness services
- Create housing at every income level with a focus on affordable housing, strengthen renter relief and eviction protection to prevent homelessness
- Revolutionize our approach to substance use disorder, increase staffing of medics, 911 dispatchers and emergency room nurses
- Reduce waiting times for Muni, revamp the Valencia St. center bike lane, fix potholes and roads to increase safety of cyclists, scooters, pedestrians, and drivers.
- Protect neighborhood small businesses and preserve the cultural heritage of our neighborhoods and communities

I am proud to be endorsed by: United Educators of San Francisco, California Nurses Association, San Francisco Tenants Union, Harvey Milk LGTBO Democratic Club, Small Business Forward, SEIU 1021, IFPTE Local 21, AFT 2121, SEIU Healthcare CIR, Community Tenants Association, SF Rising, Former Mayor Art Agnos, former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, Walton, Preston & Chan, and community leaders across the district.

I would be honored to have your support

Jackie Fielder

Jackieforsf.com

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 9

JAIME GUTIERREZ

My occupation is Transit Supervisor.

My qualifications are:

I am running for District 9 Supervisor because I can form relationships that will create solutions for the problems that plague our District. Promoting public safety, clean streets, small business — including street vending, and community building to protect the elderly, children, and newly arrived immigrant families. Furthermore, I can come up with viable solutions that deal directly with addiction, mental health, and the creation of housing for all.

My qualifications are that I am a lifelong resident of the district. I am the child of immigrant parents that were union workers. The woman that raised me instilled a strong work ethic that I've always lived up to even when I was not on the straight and narrow path. I truly have been on both sides of the issues that are plaguing us today, and I am uniquely qualified to offer a perspective which can go a long way toward bringing the City back from its current depth.

I was born here, hope to die here, and not be run out by civic incompetence. Please do not elect the status quo... again! Elect a person that wants to give voice to the socially disenfranchised.

For more information visit www.gutierrez2024.com.

Jaime Gutierrez

ROBERTO HERNANDEZ

My occupation is Nonprofit Executive Director.

My qualifications are:

City Hall seems unable to find or implement effective solutions to many of our pressing challenges. This isn't a progressive, moderate or conservative problem — it's everyone's problem.

I'm a problem solver with a long, proven track record. I bring people together to get things done.

Mission born and raised, I've spent my whole life in District 9, working and raising a family. As a young man, I learned from César Chavez and Dolores Huerta the value of investing in our community.

As a nonprofit Executive Director, through Roadmap to Peace I championed violence prevention, employment and education for young people. I helped launch the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center and led Carnaval SF for 36 years.

Through Our Mission No Eviction, we stopped the displacement of thousands of District 9 families, securing 1,300 affordable housing units. During the pandemic, I founded the Mission Food Hub, serving over 9,000 District 9 families every week, and I've helped stabilize small businesses through the Mission Merchants Association.

I'll bring my lifetime of experience to City Hall to tackle our most challenging problems: ensuring public safety, ending the fentanyl epidemic, helping our homeless off the streets and into wrap-around services — and creating housing that's affordable for all.

Endorsed by:

Dolores Huerta

State Treasurer Fiona Ma

State Senator Scott Wiener

Supervisor Shamann Walton

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

United Educators of San Francisco

Carpenters Union Local 22

Laborers Union Local 261

Teamsters Joint Council 7

Operating Engineers Local 3

roberto4sf.com

Roberto Hernandez

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 9

STEPHEN JON TORRES

My occupation is Hospitality Worker / Journalist.

My qualifications are:

I am a community advocate, service worker, renter and longtime District 9 resident, and I would be honored to be your next Supervisor.

Today, many residents are deeply concerned that it's too hard to stay in our city. I am running to make sure we have a voice in City Hall.

I am not beholden to any special interests. Instead, I have advocated for every day residents: Improving outreach and services during COVID-19, supporting workers and small businesses during closures, working to make District 9 greener and more resilient to climate change.

As your Supervisor, I will work to:

- Strengthen public safety through preservation, intervention and stronger connections with residents
- Create and preserve housing that's affordable to working families and strengthen tenants protections.
- Advocate for a compassionate and comprehensive response to homelessness
- Ensure San Francisco is ready for our climate crisis with flood mitigation and resiliency

Through my work with the Entertainment Commission, the San Francisco Cultural Districts program and many other organizations, I have focused on solving problems, not pointing fingers. I will take that approach to City Hall.

I'm proud to be endorsed by Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin; former State Senator Mark Leno; Supervisor Hillary Ronen; former Supervisor David Campos; BART Director Bevan Dufty; Laura Thomas, Community Leader & Public Health Advocate; Ani Rivera, Community Leader & Advocate; Lynne Angel, Co-Owner, El Rio; the Harvey Milk LGBTQ+ Democratic Club and many more.

StephenTorresSF.com

Stephen Jon Torres

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 11

CHYANNE CHEN

My occupation is Community Advocate.

My qualifications are:

District 11 has been my home since my family immigrated to America from China 24 years ago. I'm a mom of two daughters and care for my elderly parents who live nearby. I know our city can do more to help our families succeed.

For over twenty years, I've worked for San Francisco's everyday people as a SEIU union organizer and community advocate. I pushed to empower workers, strengthen language access, promote cross-racial solidarity and improve services for families.

Families are struggling. My family and neighbors have felt the impacts of anti-Asian hate, higher costs and inequitable access to community services. Sadly, despite these challenges, District 11 has often been ignored by City Hall.

My priorities as Supervisor:

- Safer streets with increased community patrols and ambassadors
- Improving services for seniors, children and small businesses
- More affordable housing for essential workers, working families and seniors

I'm committed to amplifying our voices in City Hall, ensuring every resident is heard and supported.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Former State Senator Mark Leno
 Assemblymember Phil Ting
 Supervisor Myrna Melgar
 Former Supervisors Norman Yee, John Avalos
 Retired Judge Julie Tang
 Board of Education Members Matt Alexander, Jenny Lam
 Community Leaders Raquel Redondiez, Mrs. Daisy McArthur, Maria Luz Torre
 Teachers Alisa Messer, Winnie Porter
 American Federation of Teachers Local 2121
 Community Tenants Association
 SF Rising Action Fund
 United Educators of San Francisco
 Service Employees International Union 1021

I hope to earn your support this November.

ChyanneChen.com

Chyanne Chen

ADLAH CHISTI

My occupation is Policy Analyst / Environmental Planner.

My qualifications are:

I'm running for Supervisor for District 11 to ensure our children, families, and seniors feel safe, have job and housing opportunities, and enjoy beautiful parks and libraries. I am ready to work hard for you and lead our recovery as Supervisor.

Extensive background:

- Several local supervisor campaigns including campaign manager for Supervisor Myrna Melgar's campaign in 2020.
- Policy Analyst, Vice President Kamala Harris 2016 U.S. Senate campaign.
- Education policy experience over 10 years.
- Teacher 8th Grade James Lick Middle School.
- Environmental Planner Caltrans.
- Emergency Dispatcher (certified Peace Officer Standards and Training).

Educational Background:

- Master's in Education, University of San Francisco.
- Master's in Public Policy, Georgetown University.
- Juris Doctorate, UC Law SF (Hastings).

Attended locally:

- Sunnyside Elementary,
- Aptos Middle School, and
- Lick-Wilmerding High School.

About me:

- Lifelong San Franciscan resident, a woman, and a mother.
- Live in the same home I was raised in with my 2-year-old daughter and my parents.
- Primary caregiver for my parents.
- Proud member of SEIU 2015 for in-home support services (IHSS) providers.

I am committed to making District 11 a thriving community for all its residents.

Proud support of District 11 community:

- Nicky Trasvina
- Kathy Johnson
- Nadia C. Bick
- Alondra Esquivel
- Michelle Cody
- Lupe Oropeza
- And many more

Proud endorsement by the United Educators of San Francisco.

Adlah Chisti

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 11

OSCAR FLORES

My occupation is Project Engineer.

My qualifications are:

I was born and raised in San Francisco, specifically in the Excelsior District. I am the son of immigrant parents from El Salvador who fled a bloody civil war. I am a product of the entire SFUSD K-12 system and received my college education in Mechanical / space engineering in England, UK. I am a project engineer and also serve on the board of my church.

I am running for District 11 supervisor because I have the courage to say and do what is necessary. Many solutions to our district and City's problems already exist. The San Francisco Bay Area attracts some of the smartest people in the world who can produce solutions if needed. So, in this race, it's about who has the courage and willingness to implement those plans and not be afraid.

As a Christian, I have a duty to challenge leadership that only brings decay, suffering, and a lack of means to thrive. My approach is one of love, firmness, justice, and peace.

Thank you for your vote!

Isaiah 6:8

In Christ,

Oscar Flores

ERNEST EJ JONES

My occupation is Community Organizer.

My qualifications are:

Our community needs real love and commitment. I am a third generation Lakeview OMI resident - I grew up here, the son of a SFUSD teacher and a MUNI operator.

The San Francisco I was raised in is in peril. Our streets aren't safe, housing isn't affordable, and our local businesses are suffering. We need change, and I have the community roots and experience to make it happen.

I've worked as a public service employee for SFUSD and as a member of SEIU 1021, providing critical services to the city's most vulnerable residents. As Affordable Housing Director with Bernal Heights Housing Corporation, I advocated for policies supporting families staying in San Francisco. As Board President, I revitalized the Southwest Community Center at IT Bookman. During the pandemic, I led our COVID Testing and Vaccination hub, ensuring every community member was cared for with love and respect.

I understand the importance of building strong community connections and working together to tackle the challenges ahead.

As your Supervisor, I'll address safety, housing, our local economy, transit, and cleanliness through collaboration.

Please join Supervisors Safai, Walton, Melgar, Assemblymember Haney, Sheriff Miyamoto, SF Transit Workers, Teamsters, SEIU 1021, and thousands of our neighbors in endorsing me. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

<https://www.ejforsf.com/>

Ernest EJ Jones

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 11

MICHAEL LAI

My occupation is

My qualifications are:

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Like many working families, my parents came to the US with \$100 and my mom bussed tables at a Chinese restaurant.

I moved to SF 10 years ago and worked on creative solutions to three of our biggest neighborhood challenges: workforce housing, childcare, and small business. During COVID I raised \$17.9 million to start 30 daycares that include teacher housing, and serve today on the Board of free Head Start centers on Ocean / Alemany and Beverly. I've organized restaurant tours, festivals, and raised \$30,000 for the Excelsior's new neon sign.

Now, I'm running for supervisor to bring common-sense, competent leadership to our overlooked neighborhoods:

- Safe, clean streets: staff up the police department, arrest fentanyl dealers, stop illegal dumping, & get homeless people mental health beds & treatment.
- Affordability: build workforce housing, reduce PG&E bills, and increase affordable childcare.
- Small business vibrancy: cut permits & taxes, fill vacancies, and increase street festivals.
- Honest government: root out corruption, reduce bureaucracy, and measure results for nonprofit contracts

I'm endorsed by leaders & locals:

- Attorney General Rob Bonta
- Sheriff Paul Miyamoto
- Senator Scott Wiener
- Supervisors Matt Dorsey & Joel Engardio
- Board of Education Commissioner Jenny Lam
- SF Democratic Party Chair Nancy Tung
- The NorCal Carpenters Union
- Operating Engineers Local 3
- Al Perez

Hope you will join them.

I'm Here to help: michael@votemichaellai.com
www.votemichaellai.com

Michael Lai

ROGER K. MARENCO

My occupation is Transit Operator.

My qualifications are:

Backwards thinking politicians believe that giving more never-ending second chances and more of our tax dollars to the homeless, to drug users, and to criminals, will reduce crime. This backwards thinking insanity is the reason why vagrants are allowed to defecate everywhere on the streets, why people are allowed to use drugs in public spaces, and why criminals are given never-ending second chances. Let's stop protecting criminals and let's start protecting our families. As the former President of Local 250A, I was able to open the books and expose theft and corruption in the organization. This allowed me to grow our bank account from negative \$80,000 to positive \$600,000 within just three years. In this same manner, we need to open the books in City Hall and expose where the money is going, so that we can start fixing this broken system. Let's cut the red tape, the bickering, and the BS inside City Hall which hinders us from being able to implement the necessary safety programs that are needed in order to protect our families. It's time to clean the streets, fix the potholes, sanitize the buses, put students in school, workers to work, and criminals in jail.

Roger K. Marenco

Candidates for Board of Supervisors, District 11

JOSE MORALES

My occupation is Salesman.

My qualifications are:

Being your neighbor for 28 years has shown me first-hand the struggles we face as a community. I'm fed up with the rise in crime that frightens our elders and the addiction crisis plaguing our streets. It's heartbreaking to witness businesses closing down and families being forced out due to soaring prices.

But I'm not just tired of the problems; I'm ready to do something about them. This community needs someone in office who cares about what's going on, someone who has common sense. Someone who isn't scared to say what's on their mind and share their opinions.

I'm running for the board of supervisors because I believe in our neighborhood's strength and potential. Together, we can turn things around and create a brighter future for everyone. Let's work together to make our community safer, more affordable, & full of opportunity.

Jose Morales

Candidates for City Attorney

DAVID CHIU

My occupation is San Francisco City Attorney.

My qualifications are:

The fight for justice has shaped my career — as a civil rights attorney, prosecutor, Supervisor, and Assemblymember.

As City Attorney, I've stood up for San Franciscans and held special interests accountable:

- Made the opioid industry pay \$350M for flooding our City with dangerous drugs
- Saved Laguna Honda Hospital to protect our most vulnerable seniors
- Took on Big Oil to make them to pay for climate change and sea level rise
- Cracked down on Big Tobacco and companies defrauding consumers
- Launched the Legal Alliance for Reproductive Rights to provide pro bono services to those seeking abortions after Roe was overturned
- Secured millions in settlements for workers illegally denied healthcare and sick leave
- Enforced health and safety codes to protect tenants living in dangerous conditions
- Established a Gun Violence Restraining Order program removing firearms from those who threaten public safety
- Petitioned courts to provide care for people with mental health and substance abuse disorders
- Rooted out corruption by public officials, city contractors and those who abuse the public trust

Supporters:

- Governor Gavin Newsom
- Attorney General Rob Bonta
- Treasurer Fiona Ma
- Controller Malia Cohen
- State Senator Scott Wiener
- Mayor London Breed
- District Attorney Brooke Jenkins
- Assessor Joaquin Torres
- Supervisors Connie Chan, Catherine Stefani, Aaron Peskin, Joel Engardio, Matt Dorsey, Myrna Melgar, Rafael Mandelman, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ahsha Safai

I humbly ask for your support as we continue this work together.

www.VoteDavidChiu.com

David Chiu

RICHARD T. WOON

My occupation is Attorney / Football Coach.

My qualifications are:

Born 1972 in San Francisco to hardworking immigrants from China and Guam, I grew up across the bay in Union City. I attended Chabot Community College, UCSD and Golden Gate University School of Law.

At heart, I'm an old school hippie and 49er fan. I love spending time with my kids, coaching football and directing youth camp programs. I've never sought public office but I'm fed up! I can't stand idly by while our city is devastated by ridiculously poor judgment.

I got arrested in 2021 while protesting unlawful COVID mandates. In 2022, I led the Patriot Pub Crawl to end the unreasonable, shortsighted and illegal restrictions. I stood up when other attorneys were cowards.

I promise to be your ferocious advocate, to defend your rights, protect your city's funds and finally establish transparent government with checks and balances. Public safety and law enforcement are my priorities, and I'll enable them to provide health, safety, prosperity and order. I am pro-family, pro-common sense and anti-fake politicians.

It's absurd that elections for this office have been uncontested for more than two decades. This is our opportunity for real change.

Vote for Richard T. Woon because San Francisco and its people deserve better!

For more info: www.makeSFgreat.com

Richard T. Woon

Candidates for District Attorney

BROOKE JENKINS

My occupation is District Attorney.

My qualifications are:

In my first two years as District Attorney, I cleaned up the mess I inherited from my predecessor and put prosecutors back to work fighting crime.

San Francisco is now seeing its lowest crime rates in a decade. I'm running for re-election to continue my progress making San Francisco safer.

Crime rates have plummeted in nearly every San Francisco neighborhood under my leadership. Property crime rates are down 32% citywide, violent crime is down 14%, and gun violence is down 37%. My office has worked with the San Francisco Police Department to crack down on organized retail theft and drug dealing, sending the message that crime in San Francisco will not be tolerated.

I'm also proud to have expanded victims' services being offered by my office, and I continue to support responsible alternatives to incarceration that allow offenders opportunities to address the root causes of their criminal conduct and change the trajectory of their lives.

I do not believe that we have to sacrifice much needed criminal justice system reform to achieve public safety and I continue to implement and fight for those much needed reforms.

Read my full bio at BrookeJenkinsSF.com

Endorsements:

Governor Gavin Newsom

Mayor London Breed

State Senator Scott Wiener

SF County Sheriff Paul Miyamoto

San Francisco Firefighters Local 798

Teamsters Joint Council 7

Brooke Jenkins

RYAN KHOJASTEH

My occupation is Deputy District Attorney.

My qualifications are:

I'm a career prosecutor who will focus on results, not rhetoric. We will vigorously prosecute serious and violent crimes, protect victims and implement evidence-based programs to reduce crime and save lives — striking the right balance between accountability and rehabilitation.

At a young age, I lost my uncle to an armed robbery-turned-homicide, sparking my lifelong devotion to public safety. As a prosecutor, I have:

- Prosecuted violent crimes and major drug-dealing.
- Secured restitution for thousands of victims.
- Helped hundreds of kids get back on track in our juvenile justice system.
- Worked extensively in our treatment courts.
- Led the fight against hate-crimes as a San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commissioner.

Politicians have made our safety a battleground for political gain — and we are paying the price.

Successful crime-reduction programs have been eliminated. Treatment courts are underutilized. Mismanagement of the criminal justice system has led to thousands of cases dismissed, making us less safe.

I have experience in multiple District Attorney's Offices to know what works and what doesn't. I will not play politics with public safety. This is life and death.

Please join law enforcement officials, District Attorneys nationwide, judges, teachers (United Educators of San Francisco; American Federation of Teachers Local 2121), National Union of Healthcare Workers and thousands of neighbors for a better way on safety.

www.RyanforSFDA.com

Ryan Khojasteh

Candidates for Sheriff

MICHAEL JUAN

My occupation is Police Officer.

My qualifications are:

Michael Juan for Sheriff 2024
Candidate Statement of Qualifications

My qualifications are:

I am a San Francisco native with a combined 20 years of service. I served 10 years in the United States Marine Corps and served in law enforcement for another 10 years.

Growing up in the city, I attended Archbishop Riordan High School. In 2010, I graduated from San Francisco State University earning a BA in Criminal Justice and Minor in Asian American Studies. Currently, I am working towards my Master of Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

In the Marine Corps, I earned the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, and Staff Sergeant. I held roles to include fire team leader, squad leader, section chief and platoon sergeant. At a young age, I was tasked with training, mentoring and leading Marines.

In law enforcement, I have worked for various agencies in San Francisco, with experience in both custody and patrol. Some assignments/training include Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Citizen's Academy Coordinator, Tactical Medicine Technician, Hostage Negotiations, Police Corporal and Union Director.

My mission is to help bring back public safety to San Francisco by working with the Police Department, as well as other city agencies and community members. I will utilize interagency collaboration to provide community oriented solutions.

Michael Juan

PAUL MIYAMOTO

My occupation is San Francisco Sheriff.

My qualifications are:

A fourth generation San Franciscan, I'm proud to be the City's first Asian-American Sheriff.

In my 28 years with the Sheriff's Office, I have always prioritized the safety of our community, staff, and those in our custody and care.

As Sheriff, I've fought tirelessly to recruit more deputies to improve public safety. I launched Operation Safe Streets, deploying deputies to patrol and make arrests to help address the city's drug crisis, while still supporting treatment for those suffering from addiction — including harm reduction, jail-based treatment, and abstinence-based residential treatment.

I've worked to improve conditions in our jails by renovating facilities and adding technology to improve safety for those in our custody and our staff.

I remain committed to protecting the rights of the incarcerated, and providing opportunities for rehabilitation. Under my leadership, the jail population has access to free tablets, phone calls, and video visits thanks to the creation of an internet infrastructure.

I'm proud to have earned the support of leaders including Mayor London Breed, Senator Scott Wiener, and District Attorney Brooke Jenkins.

The Sheriff's Office is even responsible for introducing me to my wife, LeeAnn, who I met on my first day on the job. I respectfully ask for your vote on November 5th.

ReElectSheriffMiyamoto.com

Paul Miyamoto

Candidate for Treasurer

JOSÉ CISNEROS

My occupation is Treasurer.

My qualifications are:

As the elected Treasurer for the City and County of San Francisco for the last 20 years I serve as the City's banker and Chief Investment Officer, managing all tax and revenue collection. I've used my experience in the tech and banking industries to modernize taxpayer systems and successfully manage the City's portfolio through a major recession and the pandemic.

I believe that my role of safeguarding the City's money extends to all San Francisco residents. I've:

- Helped 57,000 families save for college through the Kindergarten to College program.
- Founded SF Lends, which helps struggling small businesses secure loans.
- Reduced the burden of fines and fees that disproportionately affect lower-income San Franciscans by introducing payment plans and community service options.
- Helped people on probation get back on their feet by ending harsh release fees.
- Raised the financial compensation for low income workers serving on juries, giving people the opportunity to serve and still put food on the table.

My successful safe money management and revenue collection has helped San Francisco by ensuring resources for public safety, healthcare, education, transit, and other vital services.

I'm honored to be endorsed by Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, and I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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José Cisneros

Candidates for Board of Education

MATT ALEXANDER

My occupation is School Board Vice-President.

My qualifications are:

I am a San Francisco School District educator who taught high school social studies for 10 years before serving as the principal of June Jordan School for Equity for 10 years.

I am the only person running who has dedicated their professional life to teaching and education.

I have the support of thousands of parents, teachers, and educators because I'm only committed to making our schools better for all students and families, and will not use the board as a stepping-stone for political office.

I was the first candidate endorsed by our Teachers' Union, and am honored by the support of educators across the city who want to keep an experienced and effective leader on the board who understands the ins and outs of the district.

Examples of these supporters include:

United Educators of San Francisco
 Mark Sanchez, Elementary School Teacher, former SF School Board President
 Brian Delapena, Mathematics Teacher, Lincoln High School
 Roque Baron, Latin American Teachers Association President
 Tina Leung, Speech Pathologist, Gordon J. Lau Elementary School
 Nick Chandler, Social Worker, Buena Vista Horace Mann School
 Chun Li, Family Liaison, Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
 Diana Momiye Mueller, Paraeducator, Burton High School
 Karina Cervantes, Family Liaison, Sanchez Elementary School
 Darren Kawaii, Principal, Rooftop K-8 School
 Maya Baker, Principal, Visitacion Valley Middle School
 Amanda Chui, Principal, June Jordan High School
 Ben Wong, Executive Director, Wah Mei Preschool
 Diane Gray, Executive Director, 100% College Prep
 Dawn Stueckle, Executive Director, Sunset Youth Services
 Alysse Castro, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools

Matt Alexander

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MIN CHANG

My occupation is CEO.

My qualifications are:

Experience matters on the School Board, and I bring 35 years of experience in solving problems collaboratively and getting things done. This is what I do every day as CEO of a SF healthcare company with 500+ employees. Managing \$1B budgets is not foreign to me. In fact, I have worked for Fortune 100 companies in six continents (speak English, French, Chinese), headed up regions and businesses, and collaborated with all types of groups to achieve financial and operational results. Having been CEO multiple times gives me the unique ability to turnaround businesses, which is what is needed given the fiscal crisis at SFUSD. I know how to grow revenues along with reducing costs. I believe strongly in education as a mother and product of public schools myself. I hold two bachelor's degrees from Penn, two master's from MIT and Johns Hopkins and a doctorate from Johns Hopkins. The Board needs the experience I bring to grow our schools, not close them, and bring families back to public schools as well as to push for a stronger curriculum by bringing back core subjects: math, science, languages, and the arts. Join me to make good education a right for our children.

Min Chang

Candidates for Board of Education

VIRGINIA CHEUNG

My occupation is Non Profit Educator / Mother.

My qualifications are:

On my first day of school, I waited alone and scared at the bus stop. I didn't speak English. I knew no one.

My transition to public school was difficult. Luckily, I had an amazing Kindergarten teacher who set me on course to be the first person in my family to graduate college.

I want the same encouragement for all San Francisco children - nobody should not have to rely on luck to get help.

We must prioritize early intervention, support teachers, fight for equity, restore fiscal accountability, and prepare students for lifelong success.

For over 7 years, I directed policy and advocacy efforts at Wu Yee Children's Services where I worked to usher in reforms to help San Francisco's children and families.

But most importantly, I am the single mother of a 3rd grader.

Every child deserves access to early intervention, excellent schools, and the opportunity to succeed. I will work to make this a reality.

I'm supported by:

Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
 Phil Ting, Assemblymember
 London Breed, Mayor
 Aaron Peskin, Supervisor
 Rafael Mandelman, Supervisor
 Shamann Walton, Supervisor
 Ahsha Safai, Supervisor
 Jenny Lam, School Board
 Mark Sanchez, School Board
 Alan Wong, President, CCSF Board of Trustees
 Norman Yee, Fmr. President, SF Board of Supervisors
 Sandra Lee Fewer, Fmr. Supervisor
 Gordon Mar, Fmr. Supervisor
 Eric Mar, Fmr. Supervisor
 Emily Murase, PhD, Fmr. School Board

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Virginia Cheung

LEFTERIS ELEFThERIOU

My occupation is Engineer & Educator.

My qualifications are:

I have a bachelor's degree in engineering, a master's degree in education, and I owned and operated a school in Belmont, CA for eight years. I speak English, Japanese and Greek. In addition to my experience in the education sector, I have worked as an engineer in the automotive industry in Japan and North America, and have also worked in sales, marketing, and business development in Silicon Valley, where I managed multi-million dollar accounts for Fortune 100 companies. Therefore, I am in a unique position where I understand how to acquire the skills to be successful in the workplace, and how to teach these skills to children. I understand how to balance large, complicated budgets, pay staff, hire and train employees, develop lesson plans and curriculums, and communicate effectively with end-users and stakeholders, such as customers, parents, teachers, and students. I enjoy what I do and take responsibility for my actions and the results they produce, whether it is meeting the price and scheduling demands of customers purchasing components for laptops and smartphones, paying staff on time, or ensuring that the voice of parents and students of all ages and experience levels is heard and their educational goals are met.

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Candidates for Board of Education

PARAG GUPTA

My occupation is Affordable Housing Director / Parent.

My qualifications are:

I have a daughter attending our school district and our kids' education means everything.

Education shaped my family's history. My grandfather started the first women's college in his region in India. My father navigated the British colonial system to attend a prestigious engineering school in India, which enabled him to come to America. My parents arrived with only \$200 but put my education first and raised me in excellent public schools. I graduated with a Masters from Harvard University.

My whole career I've fought to uplift families:

- As a leader at Mercy Housing, the largest US affordable housing nonprofit, I fight to improve thousands of children's lives to provide fresh starts.
- As School Site Council Chair and a member of the District Algebra Workgroup, I fought to improve all student outcomes including smaller classes, STEM curriculum, and additional tutoring for struggling students.

SFUSD has major challenges: a \$421M budget deficit, school closures, and a state takeover.

I am a consensus candidate supported by:

- Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi
- State Treasurer Fiona Ma
- Senator Scott Wiener
- Assemblymember Matt Haney
- United Educators of San Francisco
- SF Parent Action
- Mayor London Breed
- Former-Mayor Mark Farrell
- Supervisors Matt Dorsey, Joel Engardio, Rafael Mandelman, Myrna Melgar, Connie Chan
- Board of Education Commissioner Jenny Lam
- Former-Democratic Party Chair Honey Mahogany
- TogetherSF
- GrowSF
- Asian-Americans Rise
- Former-SFUSD Superintendent Vincent Matthews

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Parag Gupta

ANN HSU

My occupation is School Principal.

My qualifications are:

Students and parents deserve an experienced commissioner to fight for them. I will focus on education and not politics; I've pledged to tell the truth, be transparent, and not use this position as a steppingstone to higher office. I commit to serving all students, involving parents and practicing the values I hold which include integrity, respect and service. I will collaborate with people from all walks of life and across the political spectrum.

My priorities: address SFUSD's fiscal crisis to rebuild stability, retain and attract families to stop the financial hemorrhage, and retain and attract teachers to serve students' needs.

I am the principal and founder of a San Francisco non-profit K-8 school and an SFUSD parent. I am a former Board of Education Commissioner, CBOC Chair, Galileo PTSA President and Recall School Board leader. My financial and operations experience comes from founding and managing 3 companies over 18 years.

My endorsers include Matt Gonzalez, former Board of Supervisors President; Honorable Quentin Kopp, former Superior Court Judge and State Senator; John Rothmann, Voice of San Francisco and former KGO host; Lope Yap Jr, film producer and George Washington HS Alumni Board Member and Rex Ridgeway, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee 2024 Public Education Hero.

www.annforsfboe.com

Ann Hsu

Candidates for Board of Education

JAIME HULING

My occupation is Deputy City Attorney.

My qualifications are:

I've watched in frustration as our school board became a national embarrassment. As a civil rights attorney with expertise solving complex government problems and the mom of a toddler and SFUSD second grader, I can't sit on the sidelines as we face school closures and a state takeover.

I'm the daughter of a conservative drill sergeant and working-class Latina who raised me with liberal Catholic values.

As the first woman in my mom's family to graduate college, I understand education's transformative power. That's why I've volunteered as a college coach, taught law students, and served as director of an education nonprofit in the Mission.

I've spent my career fighting for San Franciscans, and winning against long odds. From litigating for marriage equality, to suing the opioid industry, to taking the Trump administration to court to stop discrimination in healthcare.

I'm ready to fight for our kids!

I'm proud to have endorsements across San Francisco's political spectrum, including:

SF Parent Action
 United Educators of San Francisco
 TogetherSF Action
 GrowSF
 Asian Americans Rise
 State Senator Scott Wiener
 Assemblymember Matt Haney
 Mayor London Breed
 Former Mayor Mark Farrell
 Supervisors Matt Dorsey, Myrna Melgar, Rafael Mandelman, and Connie Chan
 Former Superintendent Dr. Vincent Matthews
 San Francisco Board of Education Commissioner Jenny Lam... and more!

Join my fight at:

jaime4schoolboard.com

Jaime Huling

JOHN JERSIN

My occupation is Education Foundation Founder.

My qualifications are:

Public school math shaped my family.

My mom grew up in poverty, but a love of math landed her a bank job, and a way out.

My dad was raised by a single mother battling mental illness. But his talent at math led him to open a small CPA business.

As a math-y public school kid, I learned to code. I loved staying up late writing computer games to share with friends. After studying Computer Science at Stanford, I started a company in a storage closet writing algorithms to match people to jobs. LinkedIn bought the company and asked me to lead their core business. I was suddenly a math kid leading an organization of thousands, with a multi-billion dollar budget.

Having kids changed everything. In 2019, I started an education foundation. Now, I want to use my experience to help kids in our schools.

I'm endorsed by our teachers union and leaders across the political spectrum because they know I can fight our schools' financial crisis.

Endorsements:

Mayor London Breed
 Former Mayor Mark Farrell
 Teacher's union: United Educators of San Francisco
 GrowSF
 TogetherSF Action
 Asian Americans Rise
 State Senator Scott Wiener
 State Assemblymember Matt Haney
 Supervisor Joel Engardio
 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
 Supervisor Connie Chan
 Supervisor Matt Dorsey
 City College Board President Alan Wong
 Former San Francisco Democratic Party Chair,
 Honey Mahogany

John Jersin

Candidates for Board of Education

MADDY KRANTZ

My occupation is College Student.

My qualifications are:

I'm a 19-year-old CCSF freshman who is passionate about making San Francisco's public schools safe, clean, and great learning environments for everyone.

I recently graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School. During my time there I experienced a year of online school, then the years afterward, when teachers were striking and many left the profession altogether. I saw firsthand how much inaction from the Board of Education hurts our schools and I want those days to end. Especially in this time of budget crisis, we need to encourage teachers and administrators to speak honestly about the problems they face—and we all need to work together creatively to solve them.

I also want to be a voice for LGBT students, students with learning differences and other challenges, and really, all students. As a young person who just left high school I believe I have a unique perspective. Kids today don't think public officials care about their needs. Lots of students don't bother discussing school issues with adults because they assume nothing will change. I'm not an expert on SFUSD issues yet, but I'll work hard to learn, and get people thinking differently about our schools, our leaders, and our amazing city.

Maddy Krantz

LAURANCE LEE

My occupation is Small Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

If you VOTED to RECALL the SCHOOL BOARD, if you VOTED to BRING BACK ALGEBRA, THEN YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR ME!

I collected hundreds of recall signatures. I worked to get the algebra ballot measure to pass. I am now running for school board to have a better run school district!

I am a San Francisco K-12 public school graduate—Argonne, Presidio, and Lowell.

Our students deserve a great public school system like I experienced. I owe much to my seventh grade algebra teacher, my high school counselor, and many others. My SFUSD education prepared me for Harvard and a great career in biotech.

I'm the ONLY candidate who:

- Restored oversight of \$744 million in bond funds,
- Supported educators from Day One during the EmPower payroll protest,
- Helped create the Asian American Parents Advisory Committee,
- Supported the students' rally for safer schools,
- Pushed for proven methods to bring all kids to grade-level reading.

My top priorities are to balance the budget and improve student outcomes.

Vote for the SFUSD graduate, Laurance Lem Lee.

Endorsed by:

SF Guardians

Fiona Ma, State Treasurer

Dr. Emily Murase, former President, Board of Education

Eddie Chin, former Commissioner, Board of Education

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Laurance Lee

Candidates for Board of Education

SUPRYIA RAY

My occupation is Attorney / Parent Organizer.

My qualifications are:

I'm a parent of two SFUSD kids and an attorney/writer who has worked with families across San Francisco over the past four years to reopen and improve our schools.

Our city's future depends on strong public schools to help all students reach their full potential. Growing up in a turbulent atmosphere, I had schools for my safe haven. My teachers provided critical support. I'm committed to doing all we can to prepare our youth for thriving lives.

My priorities include:

- Providing quality education, including Lowell academics, 8th grade Algebra, high-impact tutoring, and better literacy instruction
- Ensuring schools are safe — from bullying, violence, campus disturbances, and environmental hazards
- Supporting students, families, and teachers most affected by school closures
- Restoring trust in SFUSD through transparency, accountability, and program and budget decisions tied to better student outcomes

My supporters have a variety of perspectives and are united behind improving our schools:

SF Parent Action
 SF Guardians
 GrowSF
 TogetherSF Action
 Senator Scott Wiener
 Assemblymember Phil Ting
 Supervisor Joel Engardio
 BART Director Bevan Dufty
 Former Supervisor Matt Gonzalez
 DCCC Members Lily Ho & Cedric Akbar
 Former Youth Commission Chair Ewan Barker Plummer
 Carol Kocivar
 John Trasviña
 John Rothmann

I ask for your vote. Join us at RayForBOE.com!

Supryia Ray

Candidates for Community College Board

ALIYA CHISTI

My occupation is Trustee, City College Board.

My qualifications are:

City College of San Francisco transforms lives. It is a place for first, second, and even third chances. My family and I have experienced these opportunities firsthand.

I was born and raised in San Francisco, attending Sunnyside, Aptos, and Lowell, ultimately earning a Master's in Education Policy from Columbia University. My experience in public education spans over a decade as a teacher, education policy advisor, and Fulbright Scholar. I have overseen the entire "Free City College Program" for the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families.

As your City College Trustee for the past four years, I fought for transparency in governing processes, stronger fiscal accountability, facilities/technology improvements, and student-centered policies.

- Eliminated \$2.1 million in student fees for 14,000+ students, resulting in students re-enrolling.
- Oversaw stronger financial practices to stabilize City College's budget, ensuring oversight of taxpayer dollars.
- Spearheaded efforts to increase job training opportunities as Committee Chair of Student Success and Policy.

I recognize that even after this progress, City College still faces many challenges. In my next term, I will address accreditation issues, continue to strengthen the budget, protect "Free City," and grow enrollment.

With your vote, I will continue to fight to keep City College as the "People's College."

Endorsements:

California State Controller Malia Cohen
Assemblymember Matt Haney
Assemblymember Phil Ting
Mayor London Breed

San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

- Rafael Mandelman
- Myrna Melgar
- Hillary Ronen
- Ahsha Safaí
- Shamann Walton
- Jane Kim (former)
- Norman Yee (former)

City College of San Francisco Trustees:

- Shanell Williams
- Alex Randolph (former)

SFUSD Board Member Carlota T. del Portillo (former)

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Aliya Chisti

RUTH FERGUSON

My occupation is Policy Advocate.

My qualifications are:

City College of San Francisco is a place where every San Franciscan can find economic opportunity, exploration and reinvention. But it is facing serious challenges—low enrollment and its second accreditation warning in the past decade.

As a policy advocate, community organizer and community college graduate, I will build collaboration to reform the board and support a thriving City College.

I've built and led a statewide coalition to advocate for workers' rights, stabilized working families during the pandemic and served as a leading organizer on critical social justice issues. I know how to work collaboratively to achieve real change. As Trustee, I will bridge divides between the administration, board, teachers and students to increase enrollment, stabilize the school's finances and prioritize student success.

I know the difference that community colleges make because my family relied on them to break the cycle of poverty. A product of community college myself, I went on to graduate from a four-year university and then get a Master's in Public Policy from UC Berkeley.

I'm proud to be supported by teachers, students, community leaders and Congressman Adam Schiff, former State Controller Betty Yee, Senator Scott Wiener, Mayor London Breed, Supervisors Rafael Mandelman and Joel Engardio, former Supervisor David Campos and former San Francisco Democratic Party Chair Honey Mahogany.

Join me and learn more at RuthFerguson.com.

Ruth Ferguson

Candidates for Community College Board

BEN KAPLAN

My occupation is College Author / Economist.

My qualifications are:

I'm a higher education advocate, speaker, and author of *How to Go to College Almost for Free*. I'm also a current adult returning student at City College of San Francisco. I'm running for the Board of Trustees because City College holds the key to solving San Francisco's toughest challenges — but we need a plan of action now.

City College was originally founded to provide a pipeline of skilled workers. But currently, the college doesn't produce nearly enough future police officers, drug counselors, or mental health professionals. The result? San Francisco has a critical worker shortage that is compounded by City College's plummeting enrollment. It doesn't have to be this way.

We need to (1) create new worker pipelines in San Francisco priority areas, (2) achieve permanent financial stability by ensuring ample financial reserves, and (3) reignite declining enrollment by tailoring outreach to each type of City College student.

I can deliver on this plan because I'm a Harvard-trained economist (financial experience), San Francisco political columnist and podcast host (government experience), marketing agency CEO (small business experience), and Asian-American organizer (community experience). And I'm not a politician.

To fix San Francisco, we must fix City College. Will you join me? Visit votebenkaplan.com

Ben Kaplan

LEANNA LOUIE

My occupation is Parent / Business Owner.

My qualifications are:

I am a sensible problem solver rooted in the community. CCSF is in danger of losing its accreditation, operating in financial debt, and suffering from low enrollment levels. I want to help change that.

I'm excited to bring my experience in organizational leadership skills and balancing public budgets to fix these issues.

Like many city natives, I attended SF public schools & City College. I earned my Bachelor's Degree at Pacific Lutheran University. I'm a proud US Army veteran of 11 years, and worked as an Administrative Analyst for Sacramento Fire Dept for 10 years, where I managed the Emergency Medical Services billing and budget, resulting in a revenue increase from \$9M to \$15M in my first year.

My father was a Culinary Arts Instructor at City College 2003-2005. My younger son just started his first semester at CCSF. Everything that affects CCSF matters to me.

CCSF needs strong leaders who are willing to make difficult decisions to improve the education system. I am committed to putting students, faculty, staff as top priorities, along with balancing the budget, increasing enrollment levels, and attaining full accreditation for City College. A vote for me is a vote for accountability, sensibility, and balance.

Leanna Louie

Candidates for Community College Board

HEATHER McCARTY

My occupation is Community College Professor.

My qualifications are:

As a former community college student who progressed from public K-12 to a Ph.D., I've experienced firsthand how accessible, high-quality education transforms lives. This inspired me to become a community college professor two decades ago, dedicating my career to empowering others through education.

City College is the best avenue for economic and social uplift in the city, but it faces critical challenges: low enrollment, financial difficulties, and an accreditation warning due to actions by the current Board.

My experience as the former chief negotiator for my faculty union, budget committee member, and Faculty Senate leader provides invaluable insights into community college challenges. As a board member of a nonprofit supporting underserved first-generation students and the co-founder of an academic center focused on access, equity, and justice, I'm committed to educational access.

If elected, I'll bring accountability, transparency, and stability to CCSF. My priorities will be:

- Resolve the accreditation warning
- Increase enrollment
- Ensure long-term fiscal health
- Foster collaborative leadership

I'm honored to be endorsed by a diverse range of supporters, including:

State Senator Scott Wiener
 Supervisor Joel Engardio
 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
 Supervisor Myrna Melgar
 Supervisor Hillary Ronen
 Former Supervisor Jane Kim
 Assessor-Recorder Joaquín Torres
 and many more!

Together, we can build a brighter future for City College.
www.heatherforccsf.com

Heather McCarty

JULIO J. RAMOS

My occupation is Consumer Rights Lawyer.

My qualifications are:

Keep City College Free!

Due to budget cuts, the mayor and the Board of Supervisors are contemplating eliminating the Free City College Program. Throughout my professional career as a lawyer, I have fought on behalf of the most vulnerable groups in our society. I was elected to the San Francisco Community College District Board of Trustees in 2000 and 2004, serving as Vice President in 2007 and as chairperson of the legislation committee, dealing with policymakers in Sacramento. My service on the College Board enabled me to be an advocate for students and teachers.

City College needs a forceful voice willing to fight for what is right! Keeping City College Free will be my primary policy objective if entrusted with a seat on the College Board.

I am a graduate of Columbia University Law School and Pitzer College with a degree in political studies. I have raised a family in San Francisco and consider City College part of my family.

I am supported by:

- President SF Board of Supervisors, Aaron Perkin
- SF Public Defender, Mano Raju
- Former President SF Board of Supervisors, Matt Gonzalez
- Former President SF Unified School District, Dr. Carlotta del Portillo

Julio J. Ramos

Candidates for Community College Board

ALAN WONG

My occupation is President, Community College Board / Children's Nonprofit Policy Director / Military Commander.

My qualifications are:

I serve as President of the City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of the Free City College Oversight Committee. I was born and raised in San Francisco, and my entire family attended City College of San Francisco.

As a youth, I served on the San Francisco Unified School District Student Advisory Council and as Student Delegate to the San Francisco Board of Education. In 2019, I was the principal legislative staffer responsible for drafting and passing the legislation bringing San Franciscans the current Free City College program.

As policy director at Children's Council of San Francisco, I advocate for childcare and to ensure every child can reach their full potential. With a comprehensive education policy background spanning childcare, K-12, and higher education, my aim is to support the success of young San Franciscans from birth to adulthood.

If re-elected to the City College Board, my priorities are:

- Maintaining a balanced budget, rainy-day reserve fund, and strong financial controls.
- Keeping City College of San Francisco accredited and accessible to all.
- Expanding job training opportunities for San Franciscans.
- Protecting Free City College from budget cuts.
- Closing the opportunity and achievement gap for African American and Latino students.

Endorsements:

American Federation of Teachers Local 2121 - City College of San Francisco Chapter
 California Faculty Association - San Francisco State University Chapter
 United Educators of San Francisco - San Francisco Unified School District Teachers
 Operating Engineers Local 39 - City College Stationary Engineers
 Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
 Teamsters Joint Council 7
 Carpenters Local 22
 LiUNA! Laborers Local 261
 Engineers and Scientists Local 20
 SEIU United Healthcare Workers
 National Union of Healthcare Workers
 United Food and Commercial Workers Local 648
 VoteVets
 California State Treasurer Fiona Ma
 State Senator Scott Wiener
 State Assemblymember Matt Haney
 Mark Leno, Tom Ammiano
 California Democratic Party Vice Chair David Campos
 Public Defender Mano Raju
 Sheriff Paul Miyamoto
 Assessor-Recorder Joaquín Torres
 San Francisco Board of Supervisors: Catherine Stefani, Aaron Peskin, Myrna Melgar, Shamann Walton, Ahsha Safai
 www.alanwong.com

Alan Wong

LUIS ZAMORA

My occupation is Community Relations Director.

My qualifications are:

I'm running for College Board because I know firsthand how important community colleges are.

I'm the first in my family to go to college, I earned my Associate's Degree from a community college, and I worked full time while doing it. I have personally benefited from schools like City College, and I know what it takes to help students succeed.

City College of San Francisco hasn't been accountable to our community, and we've seen declining enrollment, painful curriculum cuts, and a financial crisis that puts our accreditation at risk. CCSF provides invaluable opportunities for residents, but only if we are smart, responsible, and forward looking. We need leadership that is accountable, who make strategic investments to boost enrollment and provide new opportunities for our students.

I'm an LGBTQ+ activist, renter, union member, and community volunteer with a proven track record of getting things done. As an Immigrants Rights Commissioner, I fought against Trump-era immigration policies, and I'm a proud delegate to the California Democratic Party where I chair the LGBTQ+ Caucus.

I'm endorsed by Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Mayor London Breed, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Matt Haney, Assessor-Recorder Joaquín Torres, Supervisors Rafael Mandelman, Myrna Melgar, Joel Engardio, and Matt Dorsey, and current and former CCSF Trustees Shanell Williams, Alex Randolph, Steve Ngo, and Equality California.

Learn more: <https://luiszamoraforsf.com/>

Luis Zamora

Candidates for BART Director, District 7

VICTOR E. FLORES

My occupation is Environmental Transit Advocate.

My qualifications are:

BART is more than just a transit system; it is a vehicle for economic mobility for working-class families, a critical link between Bay Area communities, and a tool to combat climate change. I'm running to be your BART Director because I know that for the Bay Area to work - BART must work.

I was raised in the Fruitvale District of Oakland, born to immigrant parents, and I experienced incarceration at 17. I've faced real struggle, and I've overcome it. I graduated from UC Berkeley and spent my career as a transit, housing, and environmental advocate.

At Greenbelt Alliance, I've fought to protect open space, create green jobs, and improve transit systems across the Bay Area. As a co-convenor of the California Jobs First program, I've worked to grow a coalition of environmental groups, community members, and labor organizations to build an equitable, carbon-neutral economy.

BART faces tough challenges, but we will rise above. I will prioritize train safety, cleanliness, environmental justice, and systemwide financial sustainability to ensure that BART's best days are those that lie ahead.

I'm proud to have earned the sole endorsement of CA Attorney General Rob Bonta and BART Director Lateefah Simon. Join me - let's fight to build a better BART!

www.victorfloresforbart.com

Victor E. Flores

DANA LANG

My occupation is Transportation Funding Advisor.

My qualifications are:

With BART facing devastating fiscal threats to service, reliability, and safety, and faith in the system at an all-time low, we need experienced forward-thinking leadership to weather this storm and look out for riders and taxpayers--and I am the one candidate qualified to navigate a financial crisis.

I earned a BA in Economics from Wellesley College, an MBA from Cal Berkeley's Haas Business School, then married, and while raising three sons, spent 24 years securing hundreds of millions in transportation and security grants. It is critical that BART prioritize safety, cleanliness, fiscal stability, and vitality--and new funding is key to maintaining staff and service levels, enhancing security and navigating the fiscal crisis.

I've served as grants liaison for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the SFMTA (Muni) security grants coordinator, grants unit manager for the San Francisco Police Department, and small business affairs officer for San Francisco International Airport. I'm currently Vice Chair of BART's Police Civilian Review Board and former chapter president of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, where I created scholarships to help young people enter transportation careers.

I'm endorsed by Alameda County Supervisors Keith Carson and Nate Miley, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, former Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris, Oakland City Attorney Barbara Parker, BART Director Robert Raburn, and AC Transit Director Joel Young.

www.DanaForBart.com

Dana Lang

Candidates for BART Director, District 9

JOE SANGIRARDI

My occupation is Housing Policy Director.

My qualifications are:

My name is Joe and I'm a transit and bike riding, housing organizer, who lives with my husband in the Castro.

I'm an optimist who knows that San Francisco's best days are ahead of her, not in the past. I believe that with hard work we're only a decade away from a modern, world-class transit system. I'm running to make BART safe, clean, and reliable — basic qualities we should expect from public transit.

I'm not a politician and I've never worked for one. I don't owe City Hall any favors and I believe strongly in government accountability. What I do have is years of success fighting for new housing, new transit, new parks, and new urbanism.

It's getting hotter every year, and I'm strongly committed to fighting climate change. Working public transit is essential to stop the looming climate crisis.

If you're tired of the negative politics that are keeping us stuck in the past, join me and let's fight for our future!

Proud to be endorsed by:

BART Board President Bevan Dufty
 BART Workers Union (AFSCME 3993)
 San Francisco YIMBY
 Senator Scott Wiener
 Assemblymember Matt Haney
 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
 Supervisor Matt Dorsey
 Supervisor Catherine Stefani
 Former SF Democratic Party Chair Honey Mahogany

www.joesangirardi.com

Joe Sangirardi

EDWARD WRIGHT

My occupation is Senior Transit Advisor.

My qualifications are:

Funding for public transit is broken. Our politics are broken too. These are the problems I spend every day working on, and these are the reasons I'm running for BART Board.

The pandemic decimated BART's ridership, and a \$385 million deficit threatens the system as we know it. We need to modernize BART's funding — and make it safer and cleaner, more affordable and accessible, and more vibrant and welcoming to bring riders back.

I'm an organizer, policymaker, and transit professional. I've written laws for three legislators, overseen budgets to keep projects on track, and built consensus to get difficult things done. I'm the only candidate running with experience in public transit, public policy, and public budgets, which are the BART Board's responsibilities.

I am proudly endorsed by:

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi
 Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
 National Union of Healthcare Workers
 American Federation of Teachers Local 2121
 San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition
 BART Director Janice Li
 Assemblymember Phil Ting
 Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Connie Chan, Dean Preston,
 Myrna Melgar, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton
 Public Defender Mano Raju
 Assessor-Recorder Joaquín Torres
 City College Trustees Alan Wong, Anita Martinez, Aliya Chisti, Susan Solomon, Vick Chung
 SFUSD Commissioners Matt Alexander, Mark Sanchez,
 Alida Fisher
 Former elected leaders Mark Leno, Art Agnos, Jane Kim, David Campos, John Avalos
 Community leaders Cleve Jones, EJ Jones, Chyanne Chen, Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Raquel Redondiez

I would be honored to earn your vote. Together, we'll make sure BART survives — and thrives.

Edward Wright

www.WrightForBART.com

Local Ballot Measure and Argument Information

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

1. The identification of each measure by letter and title,
2. The City Attorney's statement or question,
3. The Ballot Simplification Committee's digest (summary),
4. The Controller's financial analysis,
5. An explanation of how the measure qualified to be on the ballot,
6. Arguments submitted to the Department,
7. The legal text of each measure which begins on page 210 and
8. Any additional information required by the San Francisco Municipal Elections Code (SFMEC) §500.

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

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

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in San Francisco!



Words You Need to Know

By the Ballot Simplification Committee

Administrative Office Tax: A tax on a business based on its payroll expense that applies to businesses with more than \$1 billion in gross receipts, more than 1,000 employees nationwide and an administrative office in San Francisco. (Proposition M)

Advisory Body: A group of appointed individuals who generally make recommendations to City boards, commissions and departments. (Propositions D, E)

Affordable Housing: Housing defined as affordable for households at certain low- and moderate-income levels. The rents or prices of this housing generally aim for the household to pay approximately 30% of their income toward housing costs. (Proposition G)

Area Median Income: An income level published by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for San Francisco based, in part, on all incomes earned within the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Metro Fair Market Rent Area that contains San Francisco, and is adjusted based on historical income growth trends for San Francisco. In 2024, the median income for the following percentages and family size is as follows:

	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person
30% of Median Income (Extremely Low-Income)	\$31,450	\$35,950	\$40,450	\$44,950
50% of Median Income (Very Low-Income)	\$52,450	\$59,950	\$67,450	\$74,950
80% of Median Income (Lower-Income)	\$83,900	\$95,900	\$107,900	\$119,900
120% of Median Income (Moderate-Income)	\$125,900	\$143,900	\$161,800	\$179,800

(Proposition G)

Amend: To change. (general)

Autonomous Vehicle: A vehicle driven without the active control of a human operator, for example, a self-driving car. (Proposition L)

Board or Commission: A policy body that is created and authorized by Charter or ordinance to perform certain government functions and whose members are typically appointed. (Propositions D, E)

Bond: 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, hospital or other project or program, it may borrow the money by selling bonds. (see also "General Obligation Bond."). (Propositions A, B)

Budget and Legislative Analyst: A group that provides the Board of Supervisors with independent fiscal and policy analyses, special studies and management audit reports on City departments and programs. (Proposition E)

California Coastal Act: A State law that governs the use of land in the coastal zone, which includes both land and water areas along the California coastline. The Upper Great Highway is within the coastal zone. (Proposition K)

Central Food Hub: A facility for assembling and distributing food to schools within the San Francisco Unified School District. (Proposition A)

Charter: The Charter is the City's Constitution adopted by the voters of San Francisco, relating to how the City is governed. The Charter can be changed only by a majority of the votes cast in San Francisco. (general)

Charter Amendment: A change to the City's Charter. The Charter is the City's Constitution. The Charter can be changed only by a majority of the votes cast. (general)

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

City Administrator: A person appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors to a five-year term overseeing more than 25 departments and programs. (Propositions D, E)

Commissions Removed from the Charter: As used in Proposition D, this phrase refers to the Arts Commission; Building Inspection Commission; Children Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee; Commission on the Environment; Commission on the Status of Women; Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee; Entertainment Commission; Health Commission; Historic Preservation Commission; Homelessness Oversight Commission; Human Rights Commission; Human Services Commission; Juvenile Probation Commission; Library Commission; Long Term Care Coordinating Council; Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council; Our Children Our Families Council; Park, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee; Public Utilities Rate Fairness Board; Public Works Commission; Sanitation and Streets Commission;

Sheriff's Department Oversight Board; Small Business Commission; and Youth Commission. (Proposition D)

Controller: The City's chief accounting officer and auditor, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, is responsible for the City's financial systems and procedures. (Propositions C, D, E)

Early Childhood Education: Education programs and services for children from birth through age 5. (Proposition J)

Early Voting: Voting in person at City Hall before Election Day or mailing a vote-by-mail ballot before Election Day. (general)

Ethics Commission: A five-member commission responsible for administering, interpreting and enforcing City ethics laws, including laws regulating campaign contributions, conflicts of interest, lobbyists, campaign consultants, whistleblowing, public records and public meetings. (Proposition C)

First Responder: A sworn member of the Police, Fire or Sheriff's Department; a paramedic; a registered nurse; or a 911 dispatcher, supervisor or coordinator. (Propositions I, N)

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

General Fund: The part of the City's budget that can be used for any City purpose. Money for the General Fund comes from taxes and fees on properties, businesses, sales and other sources. (Proposition G)

General Obligation Bond: A promise issued by a government body to pay back money borrowed, plus interest, over time by a certain date. The government body repays the money, plus interest, with property taxes and can, if necessary, increase property taxes to repay the bond. (Propositions A, B)

General Plan: The General Plan is broad in scope and specific in nature and is intended to guide the community vision for the future of San Francisco. It is adopted by the Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Plan is implemented by decisions that direct the allocation of public resources and that shape private development. (Proposition K)

Gross Receipts: The total amount of money a business receives for its products and services. (Propositions L, M)

Gross Receipts Tax: A tax generally based on the total gross receipts a business receives in San Francisco. (Propositions L, M)

Ground Floor: The street level of a building. (Proposition O)

Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax: A tax that generally applies to businesses with more than \$50 million in San Francisco gross receipts. The revenues from this tax fund services for people experiencing homelessness. Under Proposition M this tax would apply to business activities with more than \$25 million in San Francisco gross receipts. (Proposition M)

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

Limited Services Pregnancy Centers: A facility that has a primary purpose to provide services to people who are or may be pregnant but does not directly provide abortions or emergency contraception to its clients or provide referrals for those services. (Proposition O)

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

Pension: Financial benefits paid in retirement based on employees' age, years of service and final compensation. (Propositions F, H, I)

Policy: A high-level overall plan embracing the general goals and acceptable procedures especially of a government body. (Propositions D, E)

Per Diem Nurse: A registered nurse employed by the City on an occasional and temporary basis to provide additional nursing staff when needed due to leave of absence, vacant positions, sick leave or other situations. (Proposition I)

Private Motor Vehicles: Any vehicle operated under engine power, such as an automobile, van, truck, or motorcycle, except for vehicles operated for governmental purposes. (Proposition K)

Property Tax: A tax assessed by the City on buildings and land. (Propositions A, B, J)

Proposition: Any measure that is submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval. (general)

Provisional Ballot: A ballot cast at a polling place that will not be counted until the Department of Elections verifies the voter's eligibility to cast that ballot. (general)

Public Integrity: The government's use of resources and powers in an ethical, honest and effective manner for the public's benefit. (Proposition C)

Qualified Write-In Candidate: A person who has completed the required paperwork and signatures for inclusion as a write-in candidate. Although the name of this person will not appear on the ballot, voters can vote for this person by writing the name of the person in the space on the ballot provided for write-in votes and following specific ballot instructions. The Department of Elections counts write-in votes only for qualified write-in candidates. (general)

Reproductive Health Clinics: A clinic licensed under State law that primarily specializes in reproductive health services and that directly provides patients with abortions or emergency contraception. (Proposition O)

Retained Commissions: As used in Proposition D, this phrase refers to the Airport Commission; Asian Art Commission; Board of Appeals; Civil Service Commission; Disability and Aging Services Commission; Elections Commission; Elections Task Force (Redistricting Task Force); Ethics Commission; Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees; Fire Commission; Health Services Board; Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors; Planning Commission; Police Commission; Port Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Recreation and Park Commission; Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board; Refuse Rate Board; Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board; Retirement Board; and War Memorial Board of Trustees. (Proposition D)

San Francisco Employee Retirement System (SFERS): A City-run system that provides pension benefits to most City employees. SFERS also provides pension benefits to some employees of the Unified School District, Community College District, and Superior Court. (Propositions F, H, I)

Search Warrant: A written order from a judge authorizing the search of a specified place and the seizure of evidence. (Proposition C)

Seismic Retrofitting: Improving or renovating a structure to protect it from potential earthquake damage. (Propositions A, B)

Social/Emotional Wellness: Student health and well-being related to their social connections, mental health and other barriers to learning. (Proposition J)

Street Safety Project: A project to improve pedestrian, bicycle or traffic safety. This may include traffic signal upgrades, constructing and redesigning streets and sidewalks, and other infrastructure or equipment projects. (Proposition B)

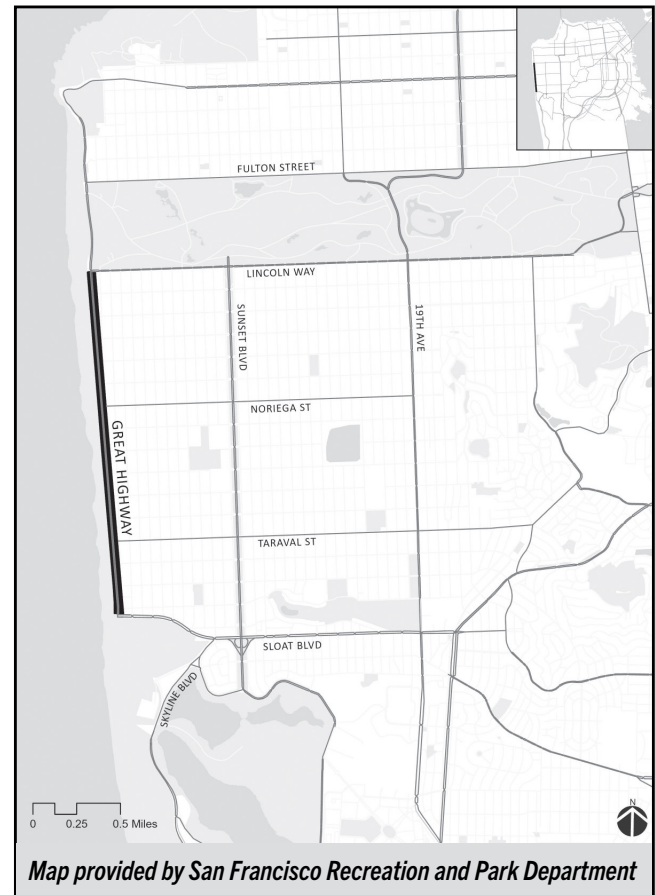
Subpoena: A command to deliver documents or provide sworn testimony to an administrative agency or court. (Proposition C)

Sworn Officer: An employee of a law enforcement agency, such as a Police or Sheriff's Department, who is duly authorized under state law as a law enforcement officer and is authorized to carry a firearm, has the power to make arrests and carries a law enforcement badge. (Proposition F)

Technology Infrastructure: The hardware, network cabling, and similar equipment needed to operate building and network connectivity systems. (Proposition J)

Transportation network company: A company that uses an online application or similar platform to connect paying customers to drivers that provide transportation using a personal vehicle. (Proposition L)

Upper Great Highway: The 2-mile section of the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard depicted in the map below. It is a four-lane public roadway that runs along Ocean Beach. (Proposition K)



Vote-By-Mail Ballot: Ballots mailed to voters or given to voters in person at the Department of Elections. Vote-by-mail ballots can be mailed to the Department of Elections, turned in on or before Election Day at the Department of Elections office in City Hall or at the City Hall Voting Center, or turned in on Election Day at any California polling place. They are also known as absentee ballots. (general)

Poll Workers Needed!

The Department of Elections invites you to join San Francisco's Poll Worker Team for the November 5, 2024 election.



Your responsibilities would include helping local voters as well as working with a team to set up and close a polling place. For your service, you would receive a stipend ranging from \$225 to \$295, along with a collectable pin.

As a poll worker, you would serve between 6 a.m. and about 11 p.m. on Election Day – a long but rewarding day! In fact, many poll workers find service so rewarding that they come back again and again – some for 50 or more elections.

Whether you have served as a poll worker in the past or are now considering doing so for the first time, we thank you!

To apply for the November 5 election, please visit sfelections.gov/pwvip, call (415) 554-4395, or scan this code:



An Overview of San Francisco's Debt

What is Bond Financing?

Bond financing is a long-term borrowing strategy used to raise money for capital projects such as fire and police stations, affordable housing programs, hospitals, libraries, parks, and other city facilities. The City receives money upfront by selling bonds to investors. Then, over time, the City pays those investors back for the original amount borrowed plus interest. Because capital projects provide a public benefit that will last many years, bond financing allows the City and its taxpayers to pay for that benefit over the useful life of the capital improvement, rather than needing to pay for potentially large dollar costs all at once.

Types of Bonds

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

General Obligation Bonds

General Obligation Bonds issued by the City must be approved by the voters. The City issues general obligation bonds to pay for capital projects that benefit the citizens of the City. When general obligation bonds are approved and sold, they are repaid by property taxes.

Revenue Bonds

Revenue Bonds are used to pay for capital projects, such as major improvements to an airport, water system, garage, or other large public facilities that generate revenue which can be pledged to pay debt service. When revenue bonds are approved and sold, they are generally repaid from revenues generated by the bond-financed projects (e.g. usage fees or parking fees). Under the City's Charter, revenue bonds must be approved by the voters, subject to certain exceptions. For example, revenue bonds issued to finance MTA, SFPU, Port or Airport capital projects and secured solely by each department's revenues are not subject to voter approval.

What Does it Cost to Borrow?

The City's cost to borrow money depends on the total dollar amount borrowed, the interest rate on the borrowed amount, and the number of years over which the debt will be repaid. When the City issues bonds, the borrowed money is typically repaid over a period of 20 to 30 years. Assuming an average interest rate of 6%, the cost of paying off debt over 20 years is about \$1.74 for each dollar borrowed — \$1 for the amount borrowed and 74 cents for the interest. These payments, however, are spread over the 20-year period. Therefore, inflation reduces the effective cost of borrowing because the future payments are made with cheaper dollars. For example, assuming a 4% annual inflation rate, the cost of paying off debt in today's dollars would be about \$1.18 for every \$1 borrowed.

The City's Current Debt Situation

Debt Payments

During fiscal year 2023–2024 property taxpayers in the City budgeted approximately \$646 million to pay principal and interest on outstanding general obligation bonds of the City and the other issuers of general obligation bond debt—these are the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), the San Francisco Community College District (SFCCD), and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). The net property tax rate for the year to provide for debt requirements was 17.77 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or an estimated \$1,231 on a home assessed at \$700,000, reflecting a \$7,000 homeowner's exemption.

Legal Debt Limit

The Charter imposes a limit on the amount of general obligation bonds the City can have outstanding at any given time. The Charter limit is 3% of the *assessed value* of taxable property in the City—currently about \$10.6 billion—and voters give the City *authorization* to issue bonds within this limit. Bonds that have been issued and not yet repaid are considered *outstanding*. As of June 30, 2024, there was \$2.2 billion in outstanding City general obligation

bonds, which is approximately 0.6% of the City's assessed value for fiscal year 2024–25. There is an additional \$1.6 billion of City general obligation bonds that are *authorized but unissued*. If these bonds were issued and outstanding, the total debt burden would be 1.1% of the assessed value of taxable property.

Bonds issued by BART, SFCCD, and SFUSD do not increase the City's debt burden for the purposes of the Charter limit. However, these bonds are repaid from the same property tax base as City general obligation bonds (see Prudent Debt Management below). Moreover, while the overall property tax rate may change based on several factors, the City's current debt management policy is to keep the rate from City bond issuances below the 2006 property tax rate by issuing new bonds as older bonds are retired and the tax base grows. This policy applies only to general obligation bonds issued by the City, and not to those issued by other governments, such as BART, SFCCD, and SFUSD.

Prudent Debt Management

Even though the City is well within its legal debt limit for issuing new general obligation bonds, bond rating agencies consider additional factors when assessing how the City's debt burden affects its overall financial health. For example, Standard & Poor's (S&P) identifies an "overall net debt ratio" by calculating the sum of the City's net direct debt and overlapping debt—debt issued by other local agencies which leverage the City's tax base—as a percentage of the City's assessed value. S&P states that a ratio higher than 10% will have a negative impact on a city's bond rating and a score below 3% will have a positive impact on a city's bond rating. As of Spring 2024, the City's overall net debt ratio is approximately 2.5%. **While this ratio suggests a relatively low debt burden, the City will continue to monitor its debt profile to set priorities for future debt issuances and to maintain strong credit ratings.**

Citizen Oversight of General Obligation Bonds

Voters must approve the purpose and amount of the money to be borrowed through bonds. Bond money may be spent only for the purposes approved by the voters.

For general obligation bonds issued by the City and County of San Francisco, the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee reviews and reports on how bond money is spent. The nine seats of the Committee are appointed by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Controller, and Civil Grand Jury. If the Committee finds that bond money has been spent for purposes not approved by the voters, the Committee can require corrective action and prohibit the sale of any authorized but unissued bonds until such action is taken. The Board of Supervisors can reverse the decisions of the committee by a two-thirds vote. The Controller may audit any of the City's bond expenditures.

Prepared by *Greg Wagner*, Controller

A – Schools Improvement and Safety Bond

To improve earthquake safety and accessibility at San Francisco public schools; provide reliable internet in classrooms; replace worn-out plumbing, electrical and ventilation systems; improve student nutrition services; and have updated security features; shall San Francisco Unified School District's measure authorizing \$790,000,000 in bonds at legal rates levying approximately \$12.95 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$56,400,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight and all funds staying local, be adopted?

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

This measure requires 55% affirmative votes to pass.

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Unified School District (School District) operates the San Francisco public school system and educates more than 49,500 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. The School District builds, repairs and maintains its facilities, primarily using funds from voter-approved bond measures, as well as from local parcel taxes and developer fees.

In order to issue general obligation bonds, the School District must provide voters with a list of types of projects on which the funds will be spent.

Under State law, school districts cannot use bond funds for teacher and administrator salaries or operating expenses.

The most recent school bond was approved by voters in 2016. Property tax revenues are used to pay the principal and interest on general obligation bonds.

The Proposal: Proposition A would authorize the School District to borrow up to \$790 million by issuing general obligation bonds. The School District may use these bond funds to improve, repair and upgrade any of its sites to:

- address health and safety risks by making seismic upgrades, improving accessibility for people with disabilities, fixing damaged buildings and removing hazardous materials;

- repair and replace major building systems, including electrical, heating, water, sewer, lighting, security and fire sprinkler systems;
- modify building interiors, such as classrooms, and exteriors, including playgrounds, fences and gates, fields and bleachers, and landscaping;
- add or expand existing classrooms or school buildings, including portable classrooms and transitional kindergarten facilities;
- upgrade security and technology infrastructure;
- build or renovate common, administrative or athletic areas, such as kitchens, student nutrition facilities, theaters, auditoriums, gymnasiums, locker rooms, offices, transportation facilities and infrastructure, warehouses, and buildings and grounds facilities;
- construct a new central food hub;
- replace temporary classroom facilities with permanent structures;
- perform work necessary to comply with applicable codes or regulations.

The School District would be required to create an independent citizens' oversight committee to review and report on the use of these bond funds.

Proposition A may require an increase in the property tax to pay principal and interest on the bonds. This measure requires the approval of 55% of the votes cast.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the School District to issue up to \$790 million in general obligation bonds to improve, repair and upgrade School District sites, and to build new facilities.

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

How "A" Got on the Ballot

On May 14, 2024, the San Francisco Board of Education voted 7 to 0 to place Proposition A on the ballot. The members voted as follows:

Yes: Alexander, Boggess, Fisher, Lam, Motamedi, Sanchez, Weissman-Ward.

No: None.

Controller's Statement on "A"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition A:

Should the proposed \$790 million in bonds be authorized and sold under current assumptions, the approximate costs will be as follows:

a) In Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–2026, following issuance of the first series of bonds, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.00904 per \$100 (\$9.04 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

b) In FY 2030–2031, the year with the highest estimated tax rate following the issuance of the last series of bonds, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.01870 per \$100 (\$18.70 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

c) The best estimate of the average tax rate for these bonds over the entire projected duration of the bond debt service from FY 2025–2026 through FY 2047–2048 is \$0.01295 per \$100 (\$12.95 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

d) Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual property tax cost for these bonds for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$700,000 would be approximately \$129.45.

The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all proposed \$790 million in bonds are issued and sold, would be approximately \$1.298 billion.

Under current law, landlords may be able to pass through a portion of general obligation bond repayment costs to tenants. The amount of any permissible passthrough is determined by tenancy start date among other factors. The Rent Board publishes information on passthroughs each year.

These estimates are based on projections only, which are not binding. Projections and estimates may vary due to the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual assessed valuation over the term of repayment of the bonds. Hence, the actual tax rate and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those estimated above.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of this measure. Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow. The full text begins on page 210. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained starting on page 68.

Proponent's Argument

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

Vote Yes on Proposition A to fund essential upgrades to San Francisco public school classrooms, schoolyards and kitchens without increasing taxes.

San Francisco public schools need repair and improvement to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for our children and teachers. Proposition A is a crucial initiative that addresses these pressing issues without burdening taxpayers.

Proposition A will fix and improve San Francisco public school classrooms.

Currently, many of our classrooms are located in buildings built more than 60 years ago or housed in aging portables that must be improved to meet modern safety standards. Some of these classrooms have heating systems that don't work well and were built with no mechanical ventilation and other essential amenities, making them uncomfortable for teachers and students. Proposition A will replace these deteriorating portables with updated classrooms, ensuring every child can access a safe and modern learning space.

Proposition A allocates funds to make essential seismic upgrades, protecting our schools and everyone inside them during emergencies. It will also allow basic repairs to restrooms, plumbing, lighting and electrical systems, addressing long-standing maintenance issues that impact daily school operations.

Proposition A will upgrade inadequate kitchens and cafeterias so schools can provide fresh and healthy meals.

Nearly two-thirds of students — or about 30,000 kids in the city of San Francisco — rely on the school district for the majority of their daily nutrition. This proposition will upgrade outdated kitchens and cafeterias, enabling schools to offer fresher, healthier meal options that support our students' overall health and academic success.

Proposition A is a smart investment that will keep our kids safe without raising taxes.

SF building const. trade council

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

Proposition A's proponents disingenuously claim the measure won't raise taxes. (What it does is prevent tax rates that were raised in order to pay for *previous* bonds, from *going back down after the investors in those bonds have been paid off.*) Officials deliberately structure their borrowing this way, so that each time they put forward a new measure, they can **claim** it's not a tax increase!

But if you own property in San Francisco, **the reality is you'll be paying higher taxes on it if this measure passes than if it doesn't.** For homeowners, this could mean paying over \$100 per year more from now until 2048.

And if you're a renter, you may well see some of these costs passed along to you in the form of higher rents.

We invite you to consider the questions we raised in our initial argument against Prop. A:

- **Why can't they raise money by cutting salaries of overpaid administrators**, like the district superintendent whose pay is over \$300,000 a year, instead of taxing the public?
- **How is it that other districts** (and independent San Francisco schools), **achieve just as good or better educational outcomes at far lower cost** than the **over \$26,000** per student that SFUSD spends each year?

We haven't read their rebuttal — we won't see it until after we submit ours — but past experience virtually guarantees **they won't answer these questions.**
"Ignore the waste, pony up suckers!"

Don't fall for it. **Vote NO.**

Libertarian Party of San Francisco
LPSF.org

Opponent's Argument

There are many logical reasons to oppose this school bond. Unfortunately most people vote on these measures *emotionally*, heeding the cry of "it's for the children". If you're reading this however, *you are not most people*. Sadly, few voters do any real research prior to voting!

It's admittedly tough to make an informed decision on **a long laundry list of projects about which few details are given**. Proposition A promises to fund everything from building repairs, to interior redesign, to a central food hub. *Why not split it into multiple smaller measures and let us vote individual projects up or down?* This is common practice in districts like the one in Texas an author of this argument lived in before coming to San Francisco and making the dubious decision to enroll his two kids in government schools here.

Or better yet, **learn to responsibly live within a budget** rather than borrowing \$790 million at an estimated repayment cost (per the Controller's analysis) of **nearly \$1.3 billion** — coincidentally(?) the same size as the SFUSD's 2024 budget, which irresponsibly exceeds district revenues by \$148 million.

With under 50,000 children now enrolled, they're spending over \$26,000 per student per year!

Meanwhile, you're being asked to swallow this gigantic, jagged \$1.3 billion pill whole, increasing your debt servitude via property taxes. Paying taxes every year on something you already own hurts, especially when you don't even own the property but see your rent increase because the landlord has to pay more.

Why not **cut the salaries of the superintendent (\$310,000/year)** and other overpaid administrators instead? **How do other districts manage to spend far less per student?** Unless you ask these tough questions, expect to keep getting more of the same.

Vote NO on Prop. A!

Libertarian Party of San Francisco
LPSF.org

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

Prop A ensures that San Francisco's students have the safe, modern classrooms they need to learn and thrive.

We all agree that our school district faces significant financial challenges that must be addressed. But in the meantime, we must ensure we are meeting our students' basic needs—safe schools and access to nutrition.

Our schools' current financial challenges highlight the necessity of directing our resources wisely. **Prop A is a smart investment in the schools we need, with no new taxes.**

Many of our school buildings are outdated, with some over 60 years old and others housed in temporary portables that don't meet modern safety standards. These aging structures create uncomfortable learning environments, with failing heating systems and inadequate ventilation. Prop A replaces these deteriorating facilities, ensuring all students can access safe, up-to-date classrooms to focus on their education. It overhauls outdated kitchens and cafeterias, ensuring that the thousands of San Francisco kids who rely on school meals for their nutrition receive fresh, healthy food.

Prop A is a forward-looking solution that addresses the urgent facility problems facing our schools today without raising taxes.

By voting Yes on Prop A, we are prioritizing the safety and success of our children. This measure provides funds to directly benefit our schools, making it a financially responsible choice that avoids new taxes. That's why it's supported by **teachers, students, parents, community leaders and elected officials throughout San Francisco. Please vote Yes on A!**

Meredith Dodson, San Francisco Parent Coalition
Cassandra Curiel, United Educators of San Francisco
*Connor Skelly, Former Teacher and Mission YMCA Board Member**

Jose Fuentes, San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council

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Paid Arguments in Favor

Vote Yes on Prop A: Invest in Our Children's Future

Our children deserve safe, modernized schools, but many San Francisco public schools are in aging buildings that no longer meet today's educational needs. Prop A is a crucial school bond that will update school facilities without raising taxes, ensuring a better learning environment for all.

Without the passage of Prop A, our school district will need to dip into instructional funding streams in order to replace deteriorating classrooms, address heating and cooling issues, make seismic improvements, and upgrade outdated kitchens and cafeterias.

A "Yes" vote on Prop A means investing in our children's future, ensuring they have access to safe, state-of-the-art education. Let's give our kids the schools they deserve—vote Yes on Prop A.

SF Parent Action

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Paid Arguments Against

Voters should reject Prop A, the most expensive school bond measure in San Francisco history.

SFUSD's total mismanagement of a recent \$700+ Million-dollar bond measure shows that voters can't trust SFUSD with almost \$800 Million more dollars now.

After voters approved \$744 Million dollars in funding in 2016, SFUSD did not publish audited financial statements for its bond program for years and even refused to convene a legally required bond oversight committee.

With the last SFUSD bond measure, projects that were supposed to be funded were scrapped, and SFUSD even spent voter-approved funding to defend against lawsuits over the School Board's ill-fated attempts to rename public schools during COVID.

SFUSD has demonstrated a track record of improper spending practices with voter-approved bond money and fiscal mismanagement, and even recently spent

\$34 Million on a new payroll system that failed to pay its teachers on time. They shouldn't be trusted with hundreds of millions of dollars in new funding.

With a ballooning City budget of almost \$16 Billion dollars and an alarming budget deficit of nearly \$800 Million, now is not the right time to approve \$790 Million dollars in even more funding at the expense of taxpayers.

If Prop A passes, the Controller estimates that almost \$1.3 Billion dollars will be required to be repaid when accounting for principal and interest.

Now is the time for voters to show the City and SFUSD that we deserve accountability, results, and fiscal responsibility from City government before we approve hundreds of millions of dollars in more spending.

Send a message to City Hall and SFUSD. Voters need city government to get on the right track and to spend within its means.

Vote No on Prop A.

San Francisco Apartment Association

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B – Community Health and Medical Facilities, Street Safety, Public Spaces, and Shelter to Reduce Homelessness Bond

HEALTHY, SAFE, AND VIBRANT SAN FRANCISCO BOND. To finance the acquisition or improvement of real property, including: temporary shelters, particularly for families; facilities that deliver healthcare services, including preventive care and behavioral health services, such as the Chinatown Public Health Center; critical repairs, renovations, and seismic upgrades at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Laguna Honda Hospital; and pedestrian and street safety improvements, streetscape enhancements, and other public space improvements; and to pay related costs; shall the City and County of San Francisco issue \$390,000,000 in general obligation bonds with a duration of up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated average tax rate of \$0.0069/\$100 of assessed property value, and projected average annual revenues of \$31,000,000, subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits? The City’s current debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and the tax base grows, though this property tax rate may vary based on other factors.

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

This measure requires 66% affirmative votes to pass. However, this measure will require 55% to pass if voters also approve State Proposition 5.

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City provides and maintains public facilities and infrastructure.

The City can issue voter-approved general obligation bonds to help fund these projects.

The Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee reviews how the bond proceeds are spent.

The Proposal: Proposition B is a bond measure that would allow the City to borrow up to \$390 million by issuing general obligation bonds. The City would fund:

- up to \$99.1 million to acquire or improve community health centers, including up to \$71.1 million to seismically retrofit and renovate the Chinatown Public Health Center and up to \$28 million to relocate the City Clinic;
- up to \$66 million to repair and renovate Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (General Hospital) and Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center;

- up to \$40 million to seismically retrofit General Hospital;
- up to \$63.9 million for street and sidewalk safety projects;
- up to \$41 million to improve and modernize public spaces in downtown San Francisco;
- up to \$25 million for Harvey Milk Plaza;
- up to \$5 million for parks and recreation centers; and
- up to \$50 million for shelter or interim housing sites to reduce family homelessness.

Proposition B would require the Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to review how this bond money is spent.

City policy is to limit the amount of money it borrows by issuing new bonds only as prior bonds are paid off. If needed, an increase in the property tax rate would be allowed. Landlords would be permitted to pass through up to 50% of any resulting property tax increase to tenants.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to issue up to \$390 million in general obligation bonds to fund projects related to community health and medical facilities, street safety, public spaces and interim housing to reduce family homelessness.

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

Controller's Statement on "B"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition B:

Should the proposed \$390 million in general obligation bonds ("Proposed GO Bond") be authorized and sold under current assumptions, the approximate costs will be as follows:

- a) In Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–2026, following issuance of the first series of bonds, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.0040 per \$100 (\$4.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- b) In FY 2029–2030, the year with the highest estimated tax rate following the issuance of the last series of bonds, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.0101 per \$100 (\$10.10 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- c) The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all proposed \$390 million in general obligation bonds are issued and sold, would be approximately \$737 million.
- d) The best estimate of the average tax rate for these bonds over the entire projected duration of the bond debt service from FY 2025–2026 through FY 2046–2047 is \$0.0069 per \$100 (\$6.90 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- e) Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual property tax cost for these bonds for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$700,000 would be approximately \$70.00.

The City Charter limits the amount of City general obligation bonds ("City GO bonds") that can be outstanding at any given time to 3% of the assessed value of taxable property in the City. Bonds issued by the San Francisco Community College District, San Francisco Unified School District, the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) or other non-City entities are not counted for the purposes of the City Charter limit. As of June 30, 2024, there was \$2.2 billion in

outstanding City GO bonds (representing 0.6% of assessed value of taxable property in the City). An additional \$1.6 billion of City GO bonds remains authorized but unissued. Should the Proposed GO Bond be approved by the voters, the total amount of (i) outstanding and (ii) authorized but unissued City GO bonds would be \$4.2 billion, or approximately 1.2% of the assessed value of taxable property in the City. This calculation assumes the issuance of all of the bonds authorized by the voters, including the Proposed GO Bond measure.

The City's current non-binding debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City general obligation bonds below the 2005–2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and the tax base grows, though this property tax rate may vary based on other factors. Given this policy, it is not anticipated that the levy of the City's GO bond property taxes for this measure, if approved by the voters, would increase the property tax rate for City GO bonds above the 2006 fiscal year level.

Under current law, landlords may be able to pass through a portion of general obligation bond repayment costs to tenants. The amount of any permissible passthrough is determined by tenancy start date among other factors. The Rent Board publishes information on passthroughs each year.

These estimates are based on projections only, which are not binding upon the City. Projections and estimates may vary due to the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual assessed valuation over the term of repayment of the bonds. Hence, the actual tax rate and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those estimated above.

The City will incur nominal costs related to staff time administering the Proposed GO Bond program. Certain capitalizable staff costs (i.e. staff costs directly related to the construction or acquisition of the underlying asset) of the City may be eligible for reimbursement by bond proceeds and accordingly impose no increased cost of City government.

How "B" Got on the Ballot

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition B on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument

YES ON PROP B FOR A HEALTHY, SAFE, VIBRANT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco has faced unprecedented challenges since the pandemic and we've shown remarkable resilience. The last few years have shown the vital importance of the public health and safety infrastructure that all San Franciscans rely on.

Prop B, a \$390 million General Obligation Bond, will make critical investments to repair and upgrade our public hospitals and clinics, reduce family homelessness, and improve roads, street safety, and public spaces.

Prop B WILL NOT raise property taxes. Prop B WILL make smart, badly-needed investments to protect our health and safety.

Prop B requires strict transparency and full public disclosure of all spending, annual independent reviews, audits, and reports to the Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee.

Prop B Strengthens Our Public Hospitals and Clinics:

- Makes urgent seismic and safety improvements to Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, the only Level 1 Trauma Center serving San Francisco, and the hub of the city's disaster response in an earthquake or major crisis.
- Doubles the capacity of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services, increasing needed access to mental health care.
- Ensures critical infrastructure and seismic repairs to Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center that will keep the hospital operational, meeting strict state and federal regulatory requirements to deliver the highest-quality care.
- Expands needed capacity at the Chinatown Public Health Center and City Clinic.

Prop B Adds Shelter and Housing for Homeless Families:

- Provides over 2,300 new units of housing for families with children, or a pregnant person, with the goal of ending family homelessness.
- Provides over 330 urgently-needed new units of shelter and transitional housing.

Prop B Improves Street and Pedestrian Safety:

- Provides funding for safer crosswalks, sidewalks, and road repaving.

Vote YES on Prop B, for a healthy, safe, vibrant San Francisco!

<i>Mayor London Breed</i>	<i>Supervisor Myrna Melgar</i>
<i>Board President Aaron Peskin</i>	<i>Supervisor Dean Preston</i>
<i>Supervisor Connie Chan</i>	<i>Supervisor Hillary Ronen</i>
<i>Supervisor Matt Dorsey</i>	<i>Supervisor Ahsha Safaí</i>
<i>Supervisor Joel Engardio</i>	<i>Supervisor Catherine Stefani</i>
<i>Supervisor Rafael Mandelman</i>	<i>Supervisor Shamann Walton</i>

www.HealthyVibrantSF.com

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

San Francisco, a city of fewer than 800 thousand residents, has an annual budget of more than \$15 billion dollars. We spend 40 percent more per capita than peer consolidated city counties – even after adjusting for our high cost of living. In exchange for their generosity, taxpayers have seen multiple government officials indicted for corruption, steadily declining municipal services, and San Francisco crowned, by one ranking, as the “worst run city in America.”

Building and maintaining public infrastructure is an essential function of government, but Proposition B reflects the same approach that has failed us time and again: throw money at a problem, with hardly any real oversight, and cross our fingers that the special interests who scoop it up will save the day. This approach is why, despite technological progress yielding higher efficiencies across almost every other industry over time, the cost of public projects keeps going up. It's why San Francisco has more government employees and contractors today than it did six years ago, despite having fewer residents. Unless voters send a clear message to our elected officials that we won't approve new spending without meaningful oversight reforms, we will continue to be a city that spends \$60 thousand on a tent, \$20 thousand on a trash can, and \$1.7 million on a toilet. **Vote No on Proposition B.**

The Briones Society
www.brionessociety.org

Opponent's Argument

San Francisco is already spending more on homelessness than nearly any other city in the country, yet the crisis on our streets continues to worsen. This new \$390 million bond asks voters to pour even more money into a system that has proven to be ineffective and mismanaged. We agree that San Francisco must focus on shelter, recovery, and mental health services. However, the City should reallocate existing resources rather than burdening taxpayers with additional debt. Proposition C, passed in 2018, was intended to address homelessness by creating a dedicated fund from the gross receipts tax. But where has that money gone? Instead of throwing more money at the problem, we need reforms to ensure that funds are effectively allocated to high-impact programs that deliver real results.

Furthermore, many of the non-profits currently receiving City funding are not meeting performance goals. Some have been accused of fraud. Some are enabling and attracting drug tourists. It's time to hold these organizations accountable by defunding those that underperform and redirecting those resources to programs that actually work.

This bond is not the solution. It's a costly Band-Aid that ignores the real issues within our current system. San Francisco voters should demand accountability and effective reform before agreeing to fund another \$390 million in homeless services.

Vote NO on Proposition B.

The Briones Society

www.brionessociety.org

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

Prop B is a fiscally smart investment in urgent seismic safety improvements to our public hospitals and expanded shelter for homeless families.

Prop B WILL NOT raise property taxes and, and requires FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE of all spending.

Prop B is subject to annual independent reviews, audits, and reports to the Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee. As taxpayers, we have direct access to those reports and audits.

Prop B invests responsibly in our health and safety infrastructure.

- Makes urgent seismic and safety improvements to Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, the hub of the city's disaster response in an earthquake or major crisis.
- Expands needed access to mental health care facilities by doubling the capacity of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services.
- Provides needed seismic improvements to Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center to ensure the hospital meets strict state and federal regulatory requirements to remain open and deliver the highest-quality care.
- Expands needed capacity at the Chinatown Public Health Center and City Clinic.
- Adds over 2,300 new units of housing for families with children, or a pregnant person, and over 330 urgently-needed new units of family shelter and transitional housing, with the goal of ending family homelessness.

Prop B WON'T raise your taxes. Prop B WILL make our public hospitals safer and expand housing and shelter for homeless families.

Mayor London Breed

*Susan Ehrlich, Chief Executive Officer, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center**

www.HealthyVibrantSF.com

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Paid Arguments in Favor

PROP B PROVIDES CRITICAL SEISMIC UPGRADES TO ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital is the heart of our city's public health system, providing critical care to everyone who walks through our doors, regardless of their ability to pay. Prop B will ensure our hospital remains a beacon of hope and care.

As the only Level 1 Trauma Center in the city, our hospital delivers life-saving services 24/7. Our dedicated staff works tirelessly to provide high-quality care to those in need. However, our facilities need significant upgrades to continue meeting the growing needs of our community.

Prop B will invest \$40 million in seismic upgrades for our campus, ensuring it is safe and functional in the event of an earthquake. This investment is crucial to protect our patients, staff, and the integrity of the care we provide. Additionally, \$66 million will fund critical repairs and renovations, addressing deferred maintenance and modernizing our infrastructure to keep pace with advancements in medical care.

These investments are made without any increases in taxes, and with strict financial oversight, audits and accountability.

By voting YES on Prop B, you are supporting:

- **Seismic Safety:** Protecting the hospital's structural integrity to withstand earthquakes, safeguarding patients and staff.
- **Doubles the capacity of Psychiatric Emergency Services:** Increasing needed access to mental health care.
- **Modern Facilities:** Upgrading outdated systems and facilities to enhance patient care and ensure compliance with health and safety standards.
- **Uninterrupted Services:** Ensuring our hospital can provide uninterrupted, high-quality care during and after emergencies.

These improvements are essential for the health and safety of every San Franciscan. When you or your loved ones need critical care, our hospital will be ready to provide it safely and effectively.

Join us in supporting Prop B to strengthen Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

*Dr. Susan Ehrlich, CEO, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital**
San Francisco General Hospital Foundation

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PROP B IS A SMART INVESTMENT IN OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT DOESN'T RAISE OUR TAXES

As San Francisco taxpayers, we are supporting Prop B because it WILL NOT raise property taxes, while making smart, badly-needed investments to:

- Repair and seismically upgrade our public hospitals and clinics including Zuckerberg SF General and Laguna Honda Hospital.
- Provide over 2,300 new units of housing for families with children, or a pregnant person, and over 330 urgently-needed new units of family shelter and transitional housing.

Prop B requires strict transparency and full public disclosure of all spending, independent reviews, audits, and reports to the Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee.

The City's current debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds **ONLY** as older ones are retired. **That means no tax increase for you.**

Prop B makes smart fiscal sense and ensures that we as taxpayers have clear oversight over bond spending.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
California State Controller Malia Cohen

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PROP B ENSURES CRITICALLY NEEDED SEISMIC UPGRADES TO CHINATOWN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

San Francisco's Chinatown Public Health Center has been a pillar of support for our Chinese American and immigrant communities for over half a century. ***Prop B ensures that we continue to provide culturally competent and accessible healthcare without raising taxes.***

Chinatown Public Health Center is more than just a health center; it is a lifeline for thousands of San Franciscans who rely on its services for primary care, dental care, mental health support, and more. With 80% of patients speaking Chinese as their primary language, the clinic offers an essential bridge to quality healthcare for our immigrant community.

However, the current facility is outdated and seismically vulnerable. Prop B will allocate \$71 million to renovate and seismically upgrade the facility, transforming it into a modern, safe, and efficient healthcare hub.

Prop B will also upgrade the Center to ensure it can withstand earthquakes. It will allow us to increase the number of medical exam rooms, behavioral health consultation rooms, and dental service areas to better meet the needs of our community. And it will help us implement state-of-the-art air quality and ventilation systems to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all.

These improvements are critical for maintaining the health and well-being of San Francisco's Asian American communities under one comprehensive, multigenerational location.

Please vote YES on Prop B to ensure that we can continue to provide essential healthcare services to our diverse Asian American and immigrant communities for generations to come, with no new taxes!

Dr. Sunny Pak, Former Director, Chinatown Public Health Center

Dr. Albert Yu, Former Director, Chinatown Public Health Center

Annie Chung, President & CEO, Self Help for the Elderly
Kent Woo, Executive Director, NICOS Chinese Health Coalition

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PROP B SUPPORTS THE HEALTH OF OUR QUEER COMMUNITY

Prop B will enable City Clinic to continue its vital role serving the health of the queer community, preventing and managing outbreaks, and reducing STI rates.

In San Francisco, our commitment to public health has never been more critical. Prop B will provide the necessary funding to enhance and expand our public health infrastructure, ensuring that we can continue to protect and serve every resident of our city.

A cornerstone of this effort is the San Francisco City Clinic, a national model for sexual health services and a lifeline for our queer community. For over 100 years, City Clinic has delivered compassionate, patient-centered care, offering low-barrier access to HIV testing, STI screening and treatment, and prevention services. It has been at the forefront of groundbreaking studies and has played a pivotal role in San Francisco's public health response to crises like the mpox outbreak in 2022.

Despite its critical role, City Clinic currently operates out of a nearly 100-year-old converted firehouse that does not meet the needs of staff or patients. The building lacks sufficient space, proper ventilation, and ADA compliance, compromising the quality and safety of care.

Prop B will allocate \$28 million to acquire a new facility for City Clinic, transforming it into a modern, fully equipped health center. This investment will:

- Increase the capacity for on-site lab testing, ensuring faster and more accurate results for patients.
- Provide ADA-compliant facilities to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.
- Implement state-of-the-art air quality and ventilation systems to protect patients and staff from airborne diseases.

Importantly, Prop B is a fiscally responsible measure that will NOT raise taxes and has high transparency and accountability standards, including independent annual reviews, audits, and reports to the Citizens General Obligation Oversight Committee.

Vote YES on Prop B.

Senator Scott Wiener

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Join Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza in Building Vibrant Community Space with Prop B

Prop A delivers \$25 million to rebuild Harvey Milk Plaza at the Castro Muni Station, a smart investment in a vibrant, more accessible, and safer gathering spot with new green space, places to sit, and a central plaza at Castro and Market. Harvey Milk is a worldwide ambassador for San Francisco, and he deserves a world-class civic space honoring his legacy that will inspire all with his message of social justice, inclusivity, and hope.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to create the nation's first major memorial to an LGBTQ+ individual, at this historic center of progressive social action, by voting Yes on Prop B.

Learn more at harveymilkplaza.org.

Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza

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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS SUPPORT PROP B TO SEISMICALLY UPGRADE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND EXPAND SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

As leaders within the Democratic Party and committed advocates for a better San Francisco, we believe Prop B is essential to addressing our city's most pressing issues. Our shared values drive us to support this bond measure for its comprehensive and transformative potential.

- Prop B will fund crucial upgrades to our public health facilities including SF General and Laguna Honda Hospital, ensuring they are safe, accessible, and equipped to serve all residents, especially our most vulnerable communities.
- Prop B Adds Shelter and Housing for Homeless Families, providing over 2,300 new units of housing for families with children, or a pregnant person, with the goal of ending family homelessness.

- Prop B makes critical street safety improvements, creating safe neighborhoods for everyone.
- Prop B invests in creating vibrant public spaces that foster community connection and economic vitality.

By upgrading our city's public health and public space infrastructure, we are not only addressing immediate needs but also building a foundation for a resilient, thriving San Francisco.

Lastly, Prop B does NOT increase property tax rates because it is City policy to retire old bonds before issuing new ones, keeping the tax rate the same.

We urge you to vote YES on Prop B.

*Vallie Brown, Former Supervisor
Carrie Barnes, Vice Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party
Emma Heiken Hare, Vice Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party
Lanier Coles, Director, San Francisco Democratic Party
Peter Gallotta, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Lily Ho, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Bilal Mahmood, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Marjan Philhour, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Jade Tu, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party*

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Small Businesses Support Prop B

As the backbone of our local economy, small businesses thrive in vibrant, safe, and well-maintained neighborhoods. By investing in key infrastructure and public spaces, Prop B supports the environment in which our businesses operate, ensuring a thriving commercial landscape for years to come.

Small businesses depend on well-kept streets, accessible public spaces, and a safe environment to attract customers and provide exceptional service. Prop B will invest in street safety improvements, ensuring that pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers can navigate our city safely. These enhancements will not only protect our community but also encourage more foot traffic, which is essential for local businesses.

Additionally, Prop B will fund critical repairs and upgrades to our public spaces, including parks, plazas, and commercial corridors. These investments will make our neighborhoods more attractive and welcoming, drawing in both residents and visitors.

The bond also prioritizes improving the safety and vitality of public spaces, including Powell Street and the nearby cable car turnaround, and Harvey Milk Plaza. By making these areas more attractive and accessible, Prop B will help drive the recovery of our downtown and commercial districts.

Prop B is a strategic investment in the future of San Francisco's small businesses. It addresses the immediate needs for infrastructure improvements while laying the groundwork for long-term economic growth and stability.

Prop B has the support of businesses because it imposes no new taxes and has strict fiscal oversight and accountability.

San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

Castro Merchants Association

California Nightlife Association

Polk District Merchants Association

*Sharky Laguana, Former President, Small Business Commission**

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YES on Prop B to support our downtown recovery and economic growth.

Prop B is a vital investment in the future of San Francisco's economy, supporting downtown recovery, creating jobs, and boosting tourism. These critical investments in infrastructure and public spaces will maintain San Francisco's status as a world-class destination for commerce and tourism.

Prop B supports our downtown recovery without raising taxes!

Prop B funds essential street safety enhancements, making our streets safer for everyone and fostering a

more vibrant and accessible city. These improvements will encourage more people to visit and spend time in our neighborhoods, directly supporting local businesses and driving economic growth.

Prop B will also support downtown recovery efforts by making our commercial corridors more inviting. Upgraded public spaces and improved infrastructure will help draw back businesses and tourists, contributing to a thriving downtown economy. This is especially important as we continue to recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prop B represents a strategic investment in San Francisco's economic future without raising taxes, by providing the necessary tools to support business growth, attract tourists, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents and visitors.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

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Vote YES on Prop B to support the health, safety, and vibrancy of our LGBTQ+ community and all San Franciscans.

Prop B is an investment in our city's LGBTQ+ communities. Here's why it matters:

City Clinic, which so many of our youth and low-income residents rely on for STI prevention and treatment, will be relocated and expanded under Prop B. This new facility will enhance services, provide faster lab results, and create a more inclusive environment for everyone. With Prop B, we can guarantee these services for years to come.

Additionally, Harvey Milk Plaza will be transformed into a safer, more vibrant space that honors our history and serves as a vital gathering place. This renovation is about more than aesthetics; it's about fostering a space where everyone feels welcome and safe.

Prop B also increases shelter and housing capacity for homeless families, ensuring our most vulnerable residents have a safe place to stay. As a City of refuge, especially for queer youth, this aligns with our city's values of compassion and inclusivity.

Prop B is more than an infrastructure investment. It's about building a city where everyone, regardless of who they are, has the opportunity to live a healthy, safe, and fulfilling life.

YES on Prop B

*Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
Senator Scott Wiener
Bevan Dufty, BART Board Director
Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Honey Mahogany, Speaker Emerita, San Francisco Democratic Party
Debra Walker, Artist*

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Prop B is essential to protecting and improving our public health and safety infrastructure without raising taxes.

Prop B invests \$205 million into our public health infrastructure, investments that will not only save lives but ensure every resident has access to the best healthcare possible. Prop B provides for critical upgrades to:

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, ensuring it remains a state-of-the-art facility that can handle emergencies and provide top-tier care.

Laguna Honda Hospital, the nation's largest publicly run skilled nursing facility, will receive much-needed renovations to meet federal and state standards.

Double the capacity of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services, increasing needed access to mental health care.

Redesign high-risk intersections, repave roads, and enhance public spaces. This means safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, reducing accidents, and making our city more navigable.

Prop B will create thousands of jobs and stimulate our local economy without increasing taxes. The revitalization of downtown and Union Square, improved public spaces, and safer streets will attract more visitors

and boost our tourism industry, which is vital for our economic recovery post-COVID-19.

Prop B will also ensure that our facilities meet modern environmental standards. For example, the renovations at Chinatown Public Health Center will make it the first fully electric building in the San Francisco Health Network, setting a precedent for sustainable development across the city.

Vote YES on Prop B to support a healthier, safer, and more vibrant San Francisco for all, without raising taxes!

*Senator Scott Wiener
California State Controller Malia Cohen
San Francisco Assessor Joaquín Torres
District Attorney Brooke Jenkins
Bevan Dufty, BART Board Director*

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Help revitalize San Francisco's economy by activating public spaces

From a spectacular festive Powell Street promenade to an inspirational Harvey Milk Plaza, it's time to show the world that San Francisco is on a boom loop of new public investment in our civic treasures. We can improve our physical, social, and community health by targeted public investments in our shared public spaces and facilities, bringing our diverse populations together.

Join your fellow San Franciscans in voting Yes on Prop A and send the message: San Francisco's best days are ahead of us.

*Jim Chappell, Former Director, SPUR**

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Paid Arguments Against

Tell City Hall that residents deserve accountability and results from City government before we authorize hundreds of millions of dollars in more government spending: **Vote No on Prop B.**

In just the last ten years alone, voters have approved more than \$5 Billion dollars in bond spending. But the City is on the wrong track, and we aren't seeing results from City Hall.

Despite astronomical spending, homelessness has become an unmanageable crisis, City College is in disarray, the School District is in decline, transportation projects are delivered years late and hundreds of millions of dollars over budget, and our infrastructure is failing—all while the City budget has expanded to almost \$16 Billion annually.

Despite having a budget that is larger than most states, **San Francisco is now facing an alarming budget deficit of nearly \$800 Million dollars.** Now is certainly not the right time to approve \$390 Million dollars in more government spending at the expense of taxpayers.

And while proponents will tell you that Prop B won't raise taxes, what they won't tell you is that your tax rate will actually go down if Prop B fails.

It's time for voters to tell the City that we deserve accountability, results, and fiscal responsibility from City government before we approve hundreds of millions of dollars in more spending.

Throwing more money at our problems hasn't worked in the past and it won't work now.

Send a message to City Hall. Residents need city government to function properly and to spend within its means.

Vote No on Prop B.

San Francisco Apartment Association

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San Francisco Apartment Association Political Action Committee.

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1. West Coast Property Management & Maintenance Company, 2. Geary Real Estate Inc., 3. SkylinePMG, Inc.

C – Inspector General

Shall the City amend the Charter to create the new position of Inspector General in the Controller’s Office to review and investigate complaints of fraud, waste, and abuse, and give the Controller’s Office additional powers to issue subpoenas and execute search warrants when permitted by State law?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The Controller is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors to oversee the City’s financial affairs. The Charter requires the Controller to receive and investigate complaints concerning the quality and delivery of government services, wasteful or inefficient City government practices, misuse of City funds, and improper activities by City officers and employees. The Charter also requires the Controller to monitor the level and effectiveness of services the City provides to its residents.

Other City departments, including the City Attorney, District Attorney and Ethics Commission, have jurisdiction to investigate fraud, abuse and other matters related to public integrity. The Department of Human Resources has jurisdiction to investigate employee misconduct.

The Controller can examine the records of City boards, commissions, officers and departments, but the Controller cannot issue subpoenas to require third parties such as City contractors, permittees or lobbyists to produce records. State law authorizes employees of the Controller’s Office to execute search warrants under certain circumstances, but there is no similar provision in the Charter.

The Charter also establishes a separate department called the Sheriff’s Department Office of Inspector General to investigate complaints involving employees of the Sheriff’s Office. That department is not connected to the Controller’s Office.

The Proposal: Proposition C would amend the Charter to create a new position of Inspector General in the Controller’s Office to review and investigate complaints of fraud, waste and abuse. The Controller would appoint the Inspector General, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. The Controller would supervise and could terminate the Inspector General.

The Inspector General would consult with the Ethics Commission, City Attorney, District Attorney and Department of Human Resources regarding those departments’ investigations involving fraud, waste or abuse. The Inspector General could either refer specific matters to those departments, could investigate those matters in coordination with the relevant department, or could conduct its own investigation. At least twice a year, the Inspector General would be required to issue public reports on its activities and the outcomes of all investigations by other city agencies into matters concerning public integrity.

Proposition C would give the Controller power to issue subpoenas to third parties, including contractors, permittees and lobbyists. It would also allow the Inspector General, the Controller and employees of the Controller’s Office to execute search warrants when permitted by State law.

Under Proposition C, the Sheriff’s Department Office of Inspector General would be renamed the “Office of Sheriff’s Inspector General.”

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to create the new position of Inspector General in the Controller's Office to review and investigate complaints of fraud, waste and abuse, and grant the Controller's Office the power to issue subpoenas and execute search warrants when permitted by State law.

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

Controller's Statement on "C"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition C:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a moderate impact on the cost of government – ranging from \$725,000 to \$775,000 annually plus additional investigative legal support that is likely to vary year to year depending on need.

The proposed Charter amendment would establish the position of Inspector General within the Controller's Office and expand the Controller's investigative powers. The Inspector General's functions will be funded through the City Services Auditor's existing Charter-mandated set-aside of two-tenths of one percent of the City's overall budget. By redirecting existing funding to the new duties of the Inspector General, the amendment may reduce resources that would otherwise be available for alternative activities by the City Services Auditor to monitor the level and effectiveness of City services.

The amendment also expands the Controller's authority to subpoena witnesses, compel the production of evidence and execute search warrants to the extent permitted by State law. It also expands the scope of whistleblower complaints the Controller can receive to include those doing business with the City.

The proposed amendment would cost approximately \$725,000 to \$775,000 annually for an Inspector General and two staff positions within the City Services Auditor. Additionally, one-time office setup costs may cost between approximately \$125,000 and \$175,000. This cost does not include the cost for search warrants and subpoenas. For context, executing a subpoena may cost between \$1,000 and \$20,000 per subpoena depending on whether litigation is required to enforce

the subpoena. Preparing a search warrant may cost between \$9,000 and \$20,000 per search warrant. To the extent the proposed amendment results in an increased number of whistleblower complaints, the cost of government may also increase, although at a level that cannot be determined at this time.

Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller's Office, which has prepared this statement.

How "C" Got on the Ballot

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition C on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument

For Effective & Accountable Government, Vote Yes on C

In the past decades, the FBI has led the way in uncovering San Francisco's corruption, leading to more than two dozen arrests, indictments, and convictions of top department heads, elected officials, non-profit leaders and corporate lobbyists. Yet this may just be the tip of the iceberg.

To create a more effective, accountable government, voters can approve the Inspector General Charter Amendment. This will establish our own Inspector General with the power to investigate and bring to justice complaints of waste, fraud, and abuse.

And since it will be part of the Controller's Office, no new taxes will be needed to fund the Office.

Powers of the Inspector General

- **Established in the Controller's Office** which manages city government's finances
- **Charged with investigating waste, fraud and abuse,** and any other matters regarding public integrity
- **Empowered to subpoena** all city records as well as third parties including contractors, permittees and lobbyists
- **Coordinated with existing enforcement agencies** including District Attorney, City Attorney and Ethics Commission

Investigations to be conducted by the Inspector General:

- **Misuse of taxpayer funds** by city officials, city-funded non-profits, and third parties
- **Pay-to-play political favoritism** where elected officials grant illegal favors to large campaign contributors
- **Political intimidation and retaliation** which prevents corrupt activity from coming to light
- **Public integrity violations** at every level of government from bottom to top

San Francisco has a chance to join other major American cities who have an Inspector General. Based on the arrests over the last few years, we need one.

Please join us and vote Yes on C..

Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Connie Chan

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Supervisor Joel Engardio

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Supervisor Shamann Walton

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

The Board of Supervisors says Proposition C will clean up City Hall.

Don't be misled. Proposition C grows the untethered bureaucracy blind to a simple truth: **a fish rots from the head down.**

An "Inspector General" doesn't bring accountability, Proposition C grants power that needn't answer to voters. **It's undemocratic, even dangerous.**

San Francisco citizens want senior government officials who take responsibility! **Mayor** London Breed, **District Attorney** Brooke Jenkins, and **City Attorney** David Chiu—or better yet, new leaders this November.

Why aren't the Supervisors calling out failed enforcement by the Mayor, District Attorney and City Attorney? Don't forget, *we could have voted them all out last year, but the Supervisors canceled the election!*

Proposition C will cost at least \$750,000 annually, a million with legal and enforcement costs. That means fewer critical city services.

Vote NO on Proposition C.

Demand our leaders take personal responsibility for our city's integrity.

Larry Marso, Esq.

Opponent's Argument

Proposition C is a power grab disguised as reform. The charter amendment installs an **unelected Inspector General** in the Controller's Office to "investigate corruption." But let's be clear—this is more bureaucracy.

San Francisco doesn't need unelected officials with unchecked power. We need accountability from leaders we already have: Mayor London Breed, District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, and City Attorney David Chiu—or democratically elected replacements—not a figurehead who doesn't answer to voters.

Sadly, under current leadership, we've needed the FBI. **So vote them out!**

Why trust some new official to solve our problems?

San Francisco has a long history of corruption scandals, another bureaucrat won't fix that. What's needed is fresh faces in elected office, transparency and accountability.

We've seen these "reforms" before. They promise to clean up City Hall, yet the problems deepen. This is more of the same—a distraction from the real work of holding civil servants accountable.

Vote NO on Proposition C.

Larry Marso

Mr. Marso is a technology executive, M&A advisor and attorney. A staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility, he authored a ballot measure to regulate San Francisco navigation/linkage centers, has fought corruption and fraud in our political parties and nonprofits, and as a member and former executive of the local Republican Party committee, has offered principled opposition.

Stop the Big Fraud on San Francisco voters! visit:
<https://bigfraud.com>

Larry S. Marso

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

Voting Yes on C gives San Francisco the opportunity to join other major American cities like New York and Chicago who have successfully established an Inspector General. Based on the corruption over the last decades, we need one.

Here are some of the benefits of the Inspector General that opponents ignore:

Politically Independent: By putting the Inspector General in the Controller's Office, it is protected from political interference by those who are politically powerful and might be under investigation.

Fiscally Responsible: Yes on C provides money for the Inspector General from a fund set aside for the Controller, which means there doesn't need to be any additional funds budgeted for this effort.

Empowered to take on fraud, waste and corruption: The Controller's Office currently conducts audits and answers the whistleblower hotline. The Inspector General will be enabled to subpoena records of contractors, nonprofits and third-parties who do business with the city.

If you are tired of hearing about new scandals involving misuse of taxpayer funds, pay-to-play political favoritism, political intimidation and retaliation, and public integrity violations, now is your chance to take action.

Please vote Yes on C to give San Francisco the tool many other major cities have to create more effective and accountable government.

Please join us and vote Yes on C.

*Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Connie Chan
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Supervisor Joel Engardio
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Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Shamann Walton
Supervisor Ahsha Safai*

Paid Arguments in Favor

Prop C: CUT OUT THE CORRUPTION

Since 1999 more than two dozen San Francisco City employees, officials, and contractors have been arrested and criminally charged for corruption in City business or taking bribes -including two department heads in charge of Public Works and Public Utilities!

This longtime Culture of Corruption in our City Hall was exposed thanks only to federal prosecutors.

Why is this?

Because San Francisco is one of the few major American cities without its own Inspector General dedicated to investigating questionable City activities and rooting out civic corruption. Let's finally make sure that really gets done from now on!

YES ON C, LETS CLEAN UP CITY HALL AT LONG LAST!

Build Affordable Faster California
John Elberling
Peter Stevens

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Tenants and Owners Development Corporation.

Yes on C for a San Francisco government you can trust

I served as the City Controller for seventeen years. During that time we created the City Services Auditor division and started the City's whistleblower hotline. But those kinds of controls haven't been good enough to stop the recent fraud that has been found by the FBI and US Attorney. Prop C would give the Controller an Inspector General with the authority to find and root out corruption in City government and with people who do business with the City. By putting it in the independent Controller's Office it protects it from political interference. It also provides money for this work from a fund set aside for the Controller which means there does not need to be any additional funds budgeted for this effort. I urge your support.

Vote Yes on Prop C

Ed Harrington, Former City Controller

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1. Douglas Engmann, 2. Robert Anderson, 3. Christin Evans.

Yes on C to combat corruption

Establishing an Inspector General is essential in rooting out corruption and restoring public trust in City Hall. Until now, the FBI has uncovered and arrested dozens of elected officials, department heads, contractors, and nonprofits. Yes on C will create an Inspector General with the authority to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse, and dismantle the entrenched systems of pay to play favoritism and intimidation.

San Franciscans have the chance to take a decisive step in cleaning up our government and creating one that is transparent, accountable, and truly serves the people of San Francisco. Vote Yes on C!

Assemblymember Phil Ting
Former Mayor Art Agnos
Former State Senator Mark Leno
Former Assemblymember Tom Amiano
*Bruce Wolfe Member of the Sunshine Task Force**
Former President Ethics Commissioner Paul Melbostad

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Vote Yes on C, the smart choice for ensuring fairness and justice in government

Housed within the Controller's Office, the Inspector General will coordinate with existing enforcement agencies including the District Attorney, City Attorney, and Ethics Commission to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse. As an independent watchdog, the Inspector General will hold our government to the highest standard of public integrity and ensure that no one is above the law. **Vote Yes on C!**

Judge Ellen Chaitin (ret)
Judge Julie Tang (ret)

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Democratic leaders say Yes on C

As a proudly Democratic city in this political moment, we've seen how unethical behavior and corruption can erode the foundations of democracy. It is more important than ever to commit to our values of government accountability on every level.

Voting Yes on C to establish an Inspector General with the authority to investigate abuse, waste, and fraud will safeguard our city from corruption, and set a national example of our San Francisco values
Vote Yes on C!

Former Mayor Art Agnos
Former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
BART Board Director Bevan Dufty
Former Supervisor Norman Yee
Former Supervisor John Avalos
Former Supervisor Sophie Maxwell
Former Supervisor Sandra Fewer
San Francisco Tenants Union
Affordable Housing Alliance

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Establishing an Inspector General will ensure City Hall serves our communities with integrity and transparency. Mismanagement of city funds and favoritism have a direct impact on our organizations.

Voting Yes on C establishes a clear process for investigating corruption and restoring the public's trust in government. Vote on C!

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council
Coalition for San Francisco Neighbors
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Paid Arguments Against

All of the powers afforded to the Inspector General under this proposition already exist within San Francisco government. The Controller's Office includes a City Services Auditor responsible for performance, financial, and compliance auditing. The Board of Supervisors can issue subpoenas, the District Attorney can pursue criminal indictments, the City Attorney can file civil suits, and the Ethics Commission, Civil Grand Jury, and more than 100 other commissions and committees possess oversight powers, too.

Each of these has failed to meaningfully reduce corruption because they either have other priorities or, worse, they are not independent. Proposition C replicates this fatal flaw, mandating that the Inspector General's appointment be approved by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors — the very same officials whose performance should be at the top of any list of targets ripe for an audit. This conflict of interest would and should undermine any trust voters might have in the Inspector General, who is liable to become a mere political attack dog for whichever faction holds momentary sway at City Hall. Voters deserve better — a professional, empowered, and independent oversight official who answers to them, not to politicians, as described here:

<https://www.sfgate.com/politics-op-eds/article/how-to-fix-sf-government-17430726.php>.

Vote No on Proposition C.

*Jay Donde - President, The Briones Society**

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D – City Commissions and Mayoral Authority

Shall the City amend the Charter to limit the total number of commissions the City may have to 65, retaining certain decision-making commissions and dissolving the others unless the Board of Supervisors instead continues any as advisory bodies; give the Mayor sole authority to appoint and remove City department heads; and give the Police Chief sole authority to adopt rules governing police officers’ conduct?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City currently has about 130 appointed boards, commissions and advisory bodies (commissions). Of the 130 commissions, 44 are established in the Charter and can be changed only by the voters. The rest of the commissions are created by ordinance and typically may be amended or deleted by act of the Board of Supervisors (Board). Under current law:

- There is no limit on how many commissions the City may have.
- Many commissions have decision-making authority. Others are merely advisory. Some decide appeals and other administrative proceedings.
- Some commissions oversee and set policy for City departments. These commissions generally nominate candidates to serve as department head. The Mayor has authority to appoint the department head solely from the candidates the commission nominates. Generally, only the commission has authority to remove the department head.
- For many commissions, the Mayor appoints at least a majority of its members and the Board appoints the rest. The Mayor’s appointments are generally subject to Board confirmation or rejection.
- The Mayor and Board may remove members from some commissions only for official misconduct.
- The City pays members of some commissions.
- The City provides members of some commissions with health care benefits.
- The Police Commission adopts rules governing police officers’ conduct.

The Proposal: The proposed measure would make these changes to the City Charter:

- Limit the City to a total of 65 commissions.
- Retain 20 Charter commissions, including Police, Fire, Recreation and Park, Municipal Transportation Agency, Public Utilities and Ethics, and those overseeing

employee health benefits and retirement. The measure would also allow the City to retain commissions that are required by federal or state law.

- Remove 24 Charter commissions, including Public Health, Library, Human Rights, Human Services, Arts, Environment, Small Business and Juvenile Probation, subject to the City reauthorizing or restructuring them within the 65-commission limit. The Board could later reestablish these bodies as advisory commissions by ordinance.
- Establish a five-member task force that would recommend within nine months which commissions should be reauthorized or restructured or dissolved to stay within the 65-commission limit. This task force would be appointed by the Mayor, the President of the Board, the Controller, the City Administrator and the City Attorney.
- The Board could by ordinance reauthorize or restructure those commissions within the 16-month period after the measure’s effective date to prevent them from being dissolved. The Board could later reestablish and create new commissions, subject to the 65-commission limit.
- Require that any commissions the Board reauthorizes, restructures or creates could only advise the Board and Mayor, and have no decision-making authority except as mandated by state or federal law. Decision-making authority would transfer from commissioners to department heads. Authority to decide appeals and other proceedings would transfer to hearing officers.
- Allow the Mayor to appoint, without Board review, at least two-thirds of the members of reauthorized, restructured or new commissions, and some retained commissions. The Board would have authority to appoint up to one-third of the members of those commissions. The Board and Mayor could each remove the members they appoint for any lawful reason.

Proposition D also would:

- Prohibit the City from paying commissioners or providing them with health care benefits.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of this measure. Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow. The full text begins on page 210. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained starting on page 68.

- Give the Mayor sole authority to appoint and remove most City department heads.
- Give the Police Chief sole authority to adopt rules governing police officers' conduct. The Police Commission would retain authority to discipline police officers and retain oversight over the Department of Police Accountability.

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

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to limit the total number of commissions the City may have to 65, give the Mayor sole authority to appoint and remove City department heads, and give the Police Chief sole authority to adopt rules governing police officers' conduct.

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

Controller's Statement on "D"

City Controller Greg Wagner 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, it would generate moderate savings ranging from \$350,000 to \$630,000 annually in stipend and health benefit costs. Additional savings may result from reduced administrative or staff costs as the number of commissions decreases, although at a level that cannot be estimated at this time.

The proposed Charter amendment would limit the City to a total of 65 commissions. Currently, approximately 125 commissions operate in the City, with some commissions established in the City Charter, while others are established by ordinance or other authority. The amendment would remove approximately 27 commissions from the City Charter, while retaining another 22 commissions in the Charter. The City would need to eliminate a total of approximately 60 commissions from some combination of the Charter and other sources to satisfy the 65-commission limit. The proposed Charter amendment would establish the five-member Commission Streamlining Task Force to make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on changing, eliminating, or consolidating the City's appointive boards and commissions within the 65-commission limit. The Task Force will be appointed by City officials and would have the authority to hire staff and consultants and receive support from the City Attorney and the City Administrator as needed.

All adjudicatory functions of an eliminated commission shall be performed by hearing officers or Administrative Law Judges. For context, this may cost between \$450 and \$2,000 per hearing.

The Charter amendment would prohibit the City from paying members of these commissions or providing

them healthcare benefits. Certain appointive boards and commissions pay stipends to the commissioners on a per meeting basis ranging from \$25 to \$500 per meeting, while some commissioners are paid between \$100 and \$500 per month. Not all commissioners receive stipends. For context, in FY 2022–23 the City paid approximately \$350,000 for stipends and health benefits for 180 commissioners citywide. These costs could range up to approximately \$630,000 if more commission seats were filled and commissions met more often. The proposed Charter amendment would result in cost savings ranging from approximately \$350,000 to \$630,000 annually.

In addition to commissioner stipends and health insurance, commissions also require staff time from City employees who support commissions' operations and prepare briefing materials to present at hearings. The amount of staff time needed to support commissions would decrease as the City changes, eliminates, or combines commissions – freeing staff to work on other government functions, although at a level that cannot be determined at this time. To the extent the City hires additional staff to run the Commission Streamlining Task Force, the cost to government may increase.

The average annual operating costs of the 27 commissions that would be removed from the Charter is approximately \$85,000 per commission. These operating costs include stipends, health benefits, some staff costs, operating expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses. If all 27 of the commissions removed from the Charter were not recommended by the Task Force for inclusion in the 65-commission limit and fully eliminated, the total savings would be approximately \$2.3 million. The total level of savings will depend on which commissions the Task Force recommends for removal to fit within the 65-commission limit. Some of these 27 commissions are staffed by full time employees with an average of 1.5 employees, while others are staffed by employees who split their time between the commission and other responsibilities with an average of .6 employees.

How "D" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2024, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition D to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

50,012 signatures were required to place an initiative Charter Amendment on the ballot. This number is equal to 10% of the registered voters at the time a "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" was published. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 8, 2024, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Proponent's Argument

San Francisco needs change.

Vote Yes on Proposition D to fight corruption and create a more accountable and efficient government.

Our government is dysfunctional and has failed to solve the challenges San Francisco faces from open air drug markets to homelessness. **A major reason why are hidden layers of bureaucracy and a bloated commission system.**

San Francisco has an absurd number of City commissions. There are approximately 130 commissions and over 1,200 commissioners even though cities like Los Angeles and San Diego have fewer than 50 city commissions each. Many of our commissions are redundant, wasteful, and ineffective. Here are a few examples:

Five separate commissions related to homelessness that have failed to reduce homelessness.

Six commissions related to the Public Health Department, yet we still have a raging fentanyl crisis.

Two commissions overseeing our Public Works Department. One of them was created to oversee a department that doesn't even exist anymore

Many of these un-elected commissions can make big policy decisions behind the scenes. Yet many commissioners are not qualified and have used their positions for self-gain. A few examples of commission corruption and incompetence include:

Commissioners missing meetings, showing up unprepared, and in some cases, falling asleep during commission meetings.

A former Planning Commissioner accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars from developers seeking approval of permits.

City staff literally presenting to a room of empty chairs for the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board.

The Human Services Commission failed to hold the Human Services Agency accountable for keeping track of \$2.5 million of gift cards, some of which went mysteriously missing.

We need to change our commission system and reduce the number. To create a more accountable and efficient government, vote for Proposition D.

Kanishka Cheng
CEO, TogetherSF Action

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

Don't be misled by Republican opponents. Yes on E is the right reform for San Francisco!

Yes on E is clear, simple and effective:

- 1) Conduct an independent, cost-benefit analysis of every San Francisco commission
- 2) Hold public hearings and develop a plan to consolidate, eliminate and reorganize to make them more effective
- 3) Put the plan before voters in November of 2026 *to let voters decide*

This is the *right* way to reform city government.

The Republican-supported alternative, Prop D, takes a destructive approach. D completely eliminates the Arts, Library, Health, Youth, Small Business and Environment Commissions. D dismantles citizen oversight of police conduct policies. D gives future Mayors unchecked power. D takes power away from everyday San Franciscans. D puts government back behind closed doors, ripe for abuse and corruption.

We are neighborhood groups, environmentalists, union leaders, advocates for children and youth, educators, small business owners, affordable housing advocates, and city leaders who believe government is here to serve people, not special interests.

Please join us in voting Yes on E and No on D.

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
San Francisco League of Conservation Voters
San Francisco Labor Council
Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth
United Educators of San Francisco
Small Business Forward
San Francisco Tenants Union
Affordable Housing Alliance
Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (ret)
San Francisco Controller Ed Harrington (ret)
Judge Ellen Chaitin (ret)

Opponent's Argument

Prop D claims to make government more effective but will in fact drastically reduce public oversight and accountability:

- **Written in secret**, with no public hearings or public input
- **Billionaire-funded**, with paid petition gatherers providing misleading information
- **Eliminates Arts, Library, Health, Youth, Environment** and 19 other voter-approved commissions, undermining key city services
- **Ends citizen oversight over police** conduct policies including use of deadly force
- **Reduces checks and balances** in city government
- **Gives future Mayors virtually unchecked control**, shifting power away from voters
- **Reduces citizen engagement** by setting an arbitrary cap on commissions
- **Puts city government back behind closed doors**, creating a new breeding ground for corruption
- **Empowers five unaccountable commissioners** to determine the future of San Francisco government

Prop D takes a meat ax to dozens of commissions which provide for public participation, oversight and accountability, checks and balances in government, citizen engagement, and transparency.

There's a better way to streamline our commissions: Yes on E. It mandates an independent, public cost and benefit analysis of every San Francisco commission. After this review, recommendations for eliminating, consolidating and streamlining lower-level commissions will be adopted by the Board. Recommendations for Charter commission reforms will be placed on the November 2026 ballot *so that voters can decide*.

Please join us in voting Yes on E and No on D.

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Assemblymember Phil Ting
Mayor Art Agnos (ret)
State Senator Mark Leno (ret)
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (ret)
Supervisor Sophie Maxwell (ret)
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Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

It is no surprise that the politicians who've benefited from the broken status quo would outright lie about the anti-corruption and good government measure Prop D, which will reform the system they've benefited from for years.

Here are the facts about Prop D:

Drafted in collaboration with think-tank Rose Institute and drew input from labor, neighborhood groups, and residents.

The only government reform measure put on the ballot by voters and not City Hall insiders.

Does not eliminate any commission. Creates an independent task force to conduct a comprehensive and public review of San Francisco's 130 commissions.

Cements civilian oversight over police. The Police Commission will oversee police officer disciplinary cases and oversee Department of Police Accountability.

Enhances checks and balances by ensuring that elected officials, and not un-elected commissioners, are responsible for managing City departments.

Allows for direct removal of un-elected commissioners for corrupt behavior.

Contrast this with Prop E, which was written in City Hall backrooms by career politicians and does not have any provisions for holding un-elected commissioners accountable.

Most troubling, Prop E gives an un-elected "commission on commissions, composed mostly of City bureaucrats, the power to introduce laws that change our government. Contrary to their claims, Prop E takes power away from voters to reform their government.

Don't be fooled! We need real reform led by residents and not by career politicians.

Yes on D for Decisive Change and No on E for Empty Promises.

KANISHKA CHENG
CEO, TOGETHERSF ACTION

Paid Arguments in Favor

Public Safety continues to be a major concern for residents, yet unfortunately, the commission charged with overseeing our police department and that has power to determine SFPD policies, the Police Commission, has been out of lockstep with residents' needs.

The current un-elected Police Commission has demonstrated a lack of commitment to public safety and has continuously sought to limit SFPD's ability to enforce the law. SFPD faces a severe staffing shortage yet the Commission has not developed a formal plan to address the crisis. Furthermore, the Commission has passed policies limiting the SFPD's ability to engage in proactive constitutional policing.

Even when SF residents have voted to overturn the Commission's misguided policies, the un-elected Police Commission has dragged its feet implementing the voters' will. This past March residents approved Prop E to reform SFPD policies yet the Commission repeatedly canceled meetings and did not start updating SFPD policies to align with Prop E's changes until this July.

The un-elected Police Commission needs to be reformed to respect the will of voters and actually prioritize residents' desire for public safety. This measure will create accountability for the Police Commission by restricting the Commission's ability to determine SFPD policies and by allowing for direct removal of un-elected Police Commissioners. This measure does preserve the Commission's important civilian oversight functions and the Commission will still handle SFPD officer disciplinary cases and oversee the Department of Police Accountability.

Vote for this measure for a more accountable and public-safety focused Police Commission.

Thomas Mazzucco
Former Police Commissioner

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San Francisco has an excessive number of commissions at roughly 130 and over 1,200 commissioners. This is far out of line with comparable cities that have larger populations than San Francisco like Los Angeles and San Diego. Furthermore, many of these commissions are redundant and/or deliver no discernible value to the public. Here are just a few examples:

Sanitation and Streets Commission originally created for a department that doesn't even exist. Right now then the Department of Public Works has two commissions overseeing its work: Sanitation and Streets plus the Public Works Commission.

7 commissions relates to Public Utilities Commission.

6 commissions related to the Public Health Department.

5 commissions related to homelessness, yet there's been no improvement in the City's homeless situation.

The result of these numerous and overlapping commissions is a tremendous amount of City staff time spent on serving these bodies. A Civil Grand Jury report found that City staff can spend as much as 10% of their time just servicing these commissions. This amounts to thousands of hours of staff time that could be better spent directly serving residents.

It's time for common sense reform of our commission system. Vote for this measure to consolidate and reduce the number of commissions San Francisco has so our City government can focus on residents and not unnecessary bureaucracy.

Abigail Porth
Former Human Rights Commissioner

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San Francisco city government has become incredibly dysfunctional. We have one of the largest city budgets in the country, but our city population has shrunk and we have been rated the worst-run city in the United States. We need to overhaul our bloated city commission structure to get things back on track.

San Francisco has one of the largest number of city commissions in the country -130 city commissions. Los Angeles only has 49. We are by far the most bureaucratic city in the country, with the largest number of city commissions per capita.

It's time to get rid of the redundant bureaucracy so our government can focus on the issues residents care about from addressing open air drug dealing to homelessness.

Vote for Measure D to reform our commission system and create a government that works for you and not bureaucracy.

Cyn Wang

*Vice President, SF Entertainment Commission**

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The status quo in City Hall is simply unacceptable. The independent Civil Grand Jury recommended this year that the commission system "needs significant reform, which includes fewer commissions, centralized oversight".

They reported that "the process for appointing commissioners is overly political" and even found a number of commissioners who fall asleep at meetings, and as many as 20% of commission meetings were canceled.

This is unacceptable. It's time for real reform. Vote for this measure to reform our commission system.

Jane Natoli

*SF Airport Commissioner**

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When it comes to dealing with homelessness, our City government is all talk but no action. Want to know why?

We have 5 different commissions all related to homelessness. There's too many cooks in the kitchen. These commissions range from ineffective at best to actively making our homeless situation worse:

Some members on one commission are connected to the controversial non-profit Coalition on Homelessness that has sued the City to prevent the enforcement of public camping laws, contributing to the encampment crisis.

Multiple scandals involving homeless non-profits like Providence Foundation and United Council of Human Services mispending money have occurred under these different commissions.

Despite millions of dollars in increased spending and creation of the Homelessness Oversight Commission in 2022, homelessness actually increased by 7% between 2022-2024.

It's time to get rid of redundant commissions and consolidate the 5 commissions we have so that we are focused on actually solving the problem instead of just endlessly talking about it.

Vote for this measure to improve our response to homelessness. Vote for this measure to get San Francisco back on track.

Lucy Junus

Vice President, Inner Mission Neighborhood Association

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TogetherSF Action.

We have five different commissions and boards who all oversee homelessness policy, while homelessness has increased in our city. We have too much talk, and no action.

Measure consolidates the homelessness commissions so that we are focused on actually solving the problem.

It's time for accountability and action. Vote for Measure to address our homelessness crisis.

Francesca Pastine

President, Inner Mission Neighborhood Association

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TOGETHERSF ACTION.

No government is perfect. No one expects it to be but it must hold and maintain the public's trust. One reason for that trust to falter is when governments become bloated with unnecessary redundancy. An example of this is San Francisco's commission system.

San Francisco has roughly 130 city commissions, far more than comparable cities with larger populations like San Diego and Los Angeles. Many of these commissions, whose members are un-elected, also have the power to determine policy for City departments and replace top City officials behind the scenes without public scrutiny.

The lack of transparency and public awareness around the commission system has led to commissions becoming corrupt and rife with unethical behavior. Commissioners in the past have used their positions to enrich themselves and engage in influence peddling at the expense of the public. Some examples include:

Graffiti Advisory Board members trying to sell their graffiti cleaning services to people complaining about graffiti

A former Planning Commissioner accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars from developers seeking permit approval from the Planning Commission

A former Election Commissioner tried to use his position to unfairly get a full-time job as commission secretary

It's time to hold commissioners accountable and clean up the commission system. This measure will reform our commission system by reducing the power of un-elected commissioners, thereby limiting any conflict-of-interests to influence government policy. This measure will also establish mechanisms for directly holding commissioners accountable, ensuring that when commissioners engage in unethical behavior, they can be immediately removed.

Vote for this measure to limit government corruption and begin the process of making San Francisco's government more transparent and accountable!

Ray O'Connor
*Captain, Kansas Street Neighborhood Association, Potrero Hill**

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San Francisco is an incredible place filled with smart, motivated people. Our government should reflect that. It should support innovation, creativity and provide a platform for our citizens to succeed. It should give our officials the power to hire and fire and to make decisions in a constantly changing city, and most importantly, we should hold our ELECTED officials accountable if they are not doing their jobs.

If we want our city to recover, we need our city to become more efficient and our leaders more responsible.

Reducing the staggering amount of commissions that are filled with unelected bureaucrats is a great place to start. There is already too much red tape hindering small business, I've been caught in it multiple times. For things to truly change in SF, our city needs to run

leaner and allow our elected officials to make changes without relying on commission after commission to make a decision for them. This measure will not eliminate important safety and accountability groups but it will force the city to reduce the over 130 commissions to the ones we really need vs. the ones that are filled with paybacks for political insiders.

With our new tightening budget we must ensure resources are pointed to the City's key issues - not diluted by benefit packages for bureaucrats, nor caught up in review after review by commission after commission.

This measure gives both the public and the city tools to tackle challenges and get things done. As a small business owner and lifetime resident of SF, I know we can do better.

Please vote YES on D.

Max Young
Small Business Owner & Advocate

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
TogetherSF Action.

Safety is a civil right, a right that is not being upheld by our un-elected Police Commission.

Despite facing a severe police staffing shortage, the Commission hasn't adopted a plan to solve the problem.

Despite an above-average property crime rate, the Commission passed policies that limit police officers' ability to address crime and catch criminals.

Despite residents voting to reform SFPD policies last March, the Commission delayed implementing the changes until July.

Every San Franciscan deserves safety. It's time for change.

Vote for Prop D for a Police Commission focused on public safety.

Marjan Philhour
Small Business and Community Advocate

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
TogetherSF Action.

We have 5-separate commissions related to children, which creates confusion, redundancy, and a lack of

accountability when it comes to efficiently delivering children services for families in San Francisco.

Let's reduce this redundancy so our City government can focus on effectively providing children services to our families instead of on unnecessary bureaucracy.

Vote for this measure for better children services for our families.

Rex Ridgeway
Public Education Advocate

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TOGETHERSF ACTION.

Everyone can see it - San Francisco has a rampant homelessness crisis on our streets. Despite years and millions of dollars spent, our local government has failed to tackle the problem. Our government is simply not structured to solve the problem.

We have 5-separate commissions related to homelessness yet all these commissions have failed to improve conditions and have failed to hold homeless nonprofits accountable. Here are just a few examples:

Homelessness Oversight Commission created in 2022 yet between 2022-2024 total homelessness actually increased by 7% despite increased spending

Some members of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee (yet another homeless commission) are connected to the Coalition on Homelessness, a non-profit whose lawsuit against the City has prevented the enforcement of public camping laws.

Multiple scandals involving homeless non-profits mispending millions of taxpayer dollars like United Council of Human Services and Providence Foundation.

Our current commission system has failed to tackle our homelessness crisis and in some ways has actually made it worse. We need accountability and transparency.

For better results on homelessness, vote for this measure, which will reduce the # of redundant commissions and create accountability for commissioners.

Cedric Akbar
*Co-Founder, Positive Directions Equals Change**

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City Commissions have failed to prevent corruption, and in some cases they have even encouraged it. Just a few examples below:

The Health Commission failed to hold the Department of Public Health accountable for keeping track of \$500,000 of gift cards, some that went mysteriously missing.

The Human Services Commission failed to hold the SF Human Services Agency accountable for keeping track of \$2.5 million of gift cards.

The Building Inspections Department under the Building Inspections Commission has been a hotbed of corruption, with two department officials facing felony fraud charges, a department head who resigned due to corruption allegations, and a former commissioner who is serving a 30-month sentence for fraud related to Building Inspection.

It's time to reform and fight the corruption in the commission system. Vote for measure D to reform our corrupt commission system.

Jade Tu
*Member, Democratic County Central Committee**

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TogetherSF Action.

San Francisco has some of the fewest amount of children for a major city in the United States. As a city that prides itself on being diverse and welcoming, we should be more welcoming to families.

To that end, we need a City government that provides effective children services. Unfortunately, our government has too much red tape.

We have 5-separate commissions related to children services, which creates confusion and excessive bureaucracy. Furthermore, according to a recent independent Civil Grand Jury report, City Staff can spend as much as 10% of their time just servicing commissions.

We can and should be doing better for our children and families.

We need to reform the system.

Vote for Prop D to reduce our redundant commissions for a government that will focus on actually delivering effective children services instead of red tape.

Parag Gupta
Member, SF Democratic County Central Committee*

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TogetherSF Action.

San Francisco is facing numerous challenges, and unfortunately, our government is not structured to take them on. Our city's excessive number of nearly 130 commissions has created an inefficient and ineffective government that spends too much time serving bureaucracy and not enough time actually serving residents.

Furthermore, many of the over 1,200 commissioners we have are un-elected and make impactful policy decisions behind the scenes without input from voters or elected leaders. This is an un-democratic and non-transparent form of government that favors cronies and political insiders over the public.

Finally, the sheer number of un-elected commissions and their power create confusion and a lack of accountability in city government. Far too often do un-elected commissions hold up government processes and elected officials finger-point and blame commissions for a lack of progress. We must reform and reign in commissions to create a more accountable government.

For San Francisco to move forward and solve the problems we face today, we urge you to vote for this much needed good government commission reform measure. This measure will streamline our commission system and take power away from un-elected commissioners. It will create the accountable and transparent city government that residents deserve.

Lanier Coles
SF Democratic County Central Committee Member*

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"Paperwork favors the powerful", and San Francisco's absurd number of City commissions has created a mountain of paperwork that everyday citizens can no longer navigate. City Hall shouldn't only be accessible to those who can pay for it, it belongs to all of us.

At roughly 130 commissions and over 1,200 commissioners our City has far more commissions than cities with larger populations than we do - San Diego with a population of almost 1.4 million has only 49 City commissions.

These commissions also create a huge amount of waste in our government. Here are just two examples how:

20% of commission meetings were canceled in 2023 alone, wasting City staff time preparing for them.

City Staff spend as much as 10% of their time servicing commissions, which is thousands of wasted hours.

It's time to reform this broken system. We need a government that focuses on us residents instead of obscure City Hall insiders.

Vote for Measure D for a government that works for you.

Trevor Chandler
Member, SF Democratic County Central Committee*

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San Francisco's government struggles with dysfunction, particularly evident in the fentanyl crisis and slow economic recovery. A significant cause is the bloated commission system.

San Francisco has around 130 city commissions, far more than larger cities like San Diego and Los Angeles. Many commissioners are un-elected and can set policies for City departments and replace top officials without public oversight. This lack of transparency has made commissions hotbeds of corruption and unethical behavior. Some commissioners have exploited

their positions for personal gain and influence. Examples include:

Graffiti Advisory Board members attempting to sell their graffiti cleaning services to complainants.

A former Planning Commissioner accepting large sums from developers seeking permit approvals.

A former Election Commissioner trying to secure a job as commission secretary through his position.

Reforming the commission system is crucial. This measure aims to reduce the power of un-elected commissioners, limiting their ability to unduly influence government policy. It will also establish mechanisms for holding commissioners accountable, ensuring swift removal for misconduct.

Vote for this measure to limit government corruption and foster a more transparent and accountable government!

Chinese American Democratic Club

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San Francisco continues to suffer a housing crisis driven by a shortage of housing. As a representative of the entire city, the Mayor tends to be pro-housing. Unfortunately, the Board of Supervisors can totally stop a Mayor's pro-housing agenda: not only can they appoint their own members to commissions, but they can also veto the Mayor's appointees. This is the same Board of Supervisors which:

Blocked 495 homes at 469 Stevenson Street in 2021, even though the project would not displace anyone and provide affordable homes to low-income seniors.

Sabotaged the pro-housing ballot measure Proposition D in 2022 to encourage and streamline new housing, by authoring a competing measure, Proposition E.

Raised taxes on new housing, making it even harder to build, with Proposition I in 2020.

The Board of Supervisors, which has meddled to block and delay ten-thousands of homes, has too much say on housing in San Francisco. If we want to seriously address our housing crisis, we have to fix the Planning Commission.

Vote YES on D to reform our city commissions so they can focus on solving our housing crisis, not prolonging it.

YIMBY Action

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The current un-elected Police Commission is a major source of San Francisco's public safety problems.

Despite SFPD's severe staffing crisis and repeated warnings, the Commission has not prioritized and not developed a formal plan for addressing the problem.

Police Commission has prioritized ideology over public safety and has passed policies restricting SFPD's ability to enforce the law like limiting vehicle pursuits and traffic stops.

Even when voters have overridden the un-elected Commission's policies, the Commission dragged its feet implementing voter-mandated changes. Voters passed Prop E back in March of this year to reform SFPD policies, but the Police Commission didn't start changing those policies until this July.

If we want to fix public safety, we need to fix the Police Commission. We need a police force that is accountable to the public and not an un-elected commission.

Vote for this measure for better public safety.

Stop Crime Action

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument: TOGETHERSF ACTION.

\$200,000 and more than 2-years. That is the time and money it took a small business owner to navigate the City's bureaucracy to try to open an ice cream shop. Despite this time and money, the small business owner could not overcome this City's dysfunctional bureaucracy.

We need to do better for our small businesses. Small businesses add to the fabric of our community and help make San Francisco the City we love and cherish today.

It's time to help our small businesses succeed. We need to reduce bureaucracy so that we have a City government that supports instead of working against our small businesses.

Vote for Measure D to streamline our City bureaucracy and help our small businesses succeed.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

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TOGETHERSF ACTION.

Small businesses are an integral part of the fabric of our community and help make San Francisco the city we love. Join us in supporting this common sense measure to restore accountability for our elected and city officials and streamline the decision making process in City Hall. The measure will also cut back on the number of overlapping and redundant city commissions so City Hall is less focused on bureaucracy and more focused on outcomes for residents and our business community.

Vote for this measure to streamline our city bureaucracy and help our small businesses thrive.

Laurie Thomas

Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association

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TogetherSF Action.

We need better public safety. Unfortunately, we have an unelected body, the Police Commission, that determines police policies behind the scenes with barely any scrutiny from most residents.

This un-elected commission has prioritized ideology over public safety. A current commissioner has voiced opposition to holding drug dealers accountable by arresting them. Another former commissioner suggested that teenagers should be allowed to have guns for "self-defense."

These are not the kinds of people who should be deciding public safety policies for our city.

We must hold the un-elected Police Commission accountable and reform it if we want better public safety for all residents.

Richmond Dragon League

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TOGETHERSF ACTION.

Many commissions are held to zero accountability and terrible attendance.

A recent meeting of the Sheriff Department Oversight Board had zero commissioners attending, forcing the department staff to give a report to an empty room. Their first three community input meetings had only one attendee each.

An independent Civil Grand Jury report found that in 2023 alone, roughly 20% of commission meetings were canceled, wasting City staff time preparing for them.

Time to hold this wasteful and hidden system accountable. Vote for measure D to reform city commissions.

Bay Area New Liberals

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TogetherSF Action.

Paid Arguments Against

The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF), the largest legal organization in Northern California, urges you to **VOTE NO on Proposition D**. Improving efficiency by reducing the number of City commissions makes good sense, but **Proposition D sets an arbitrary cap of 65 Commissions, and will remove 24 existing Charter commissions, potentially resulting in dramatic and unpredictable changes to San Francisco city government.**

Proposition D will curtail sound oversight by the Police Commission and eliminate the Department on the Status of Women, and the Juvenile Probation Commission, which foster citizen accountability for important City functions. We reference these as BASF regularly engages with all three. ***Quite simply, independent commissions are an important way for the public to weigh in on critical policy-making decisions.***

As just one example, the Police Commission has been very effective, achieving national best-practice policies through collaboration with SFPD. If approved by the voters, Proposition D would hollow the Police Commission's oversight of SFPD and eliminate the long-standing power of the Police Commission to fire the Police Chief. If Proposition D passes, it gives the Chief sole authority to set rules for police officers, thwarting collaborative reform, accountability, transparency, racial justice, and could threaten public safety.

The U.S. Department of Justice, California Department of Justice, and the Court of Appeal have all recognized the critical role of the Police Commission in modernizing and reforming SFPD, curtailing excessive use of force and biased policing and ensuring that SFPD complies with the law. Public safety and the constitutionality of police work are the Police Commission's main priorities; their informed watchdog role helps assure our city of a more responsive, professional police force.

FOR SOUND OVERSIGHT IN CITY GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC SAFETY, BASF URGES YOU TO VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION D.

The Bar Association of San Francisco

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Small businesses say Yes on E, No on D!

As small business owners, we strongly support the Small Business Commission's leadership on cutting red tape and making it easier to open and operate our shops. We absolutely oppose Prop D because it ELIMINATES the Small Business Commission and makes it tougher for struggling businesses to survive. We support Yes on E because it keeps the Small Business Commission in our Charter, preserving its role as an independent voice for all small businesses. **Small business owners agree: Yes on E, No on D!**

Small Business Forward

Booksmith

Mercury Cafe

VERA Skin Studio

No Shop

Happy House

Gravel & Gold

Bottle Bacchanal

Day Moon

Yo También Cantina

Stephen Cornell Former President, Small Business Commission

*David Heller, Geary Blvd. Merchants Association**

*Sang Baek Kim, Geary Blvd. Merchants Association**

*Daniel Macchiarini, North Beach Business Association**

*Henry Karnilowicz, SOMA Merchants Association**

*Bill Barnickel, Outer Sunset Merchants Association**

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Don't destroy the Arts Commission: Yes on E, No on D.

San Francisco's vibrant arts community is crucial to our city's identity and economy. The Arts Commission (SFAC) drives this success by securing state and federal funding and providing essential grants and resources to artists, arts organizations, and community projects, while also ensuring that new public buildings and spaces meet high standards of design and aesthetic quality. This support sustains the local arts ecosystem by fueling job creation in creative sectors and related industries, enhancing public spaces, and making arts programming available to all. As arts and culture are essential for San Francisco's economic recovery, SFAC's role is more critical than ever. SFAC's investment in the arts attracts millions of visitors who come to experience our city's unique cultural offerings creating significant economic returns. Yes on E will keep SFAC as a leading force for arts, culture and equity. Prop D would dismantle SFAC by removing it from the Charter, stripping it of its power to oversee arts funding, and promote equity and access. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

Community Arts Stabilization Trust (CAST)

Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative

Arts for a Better Bay Area

SOMArts

111 Minna Gallery

Jon Moscone, Arts Consultant

Deborah Cullinan, Former CEO, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA)

*Joaquín Torres, SF Assessor Recorder**

*Joan Madonna, Executive Director, ArtSpan**

*Julie Phelps, Artist & Executive Director of CounterPulse**

*Raquel Redondiez, Executive Director, SOMA Pilipinas**

Mabel Teng, Former Supervisor

Patrick Johnston, Former Arts Commission President

Dorka Keehn, Former Arts Commissioner

Roberto Ordeñana, Former Arts Commissioner

Lex Leifheit, Former Arts Commission Staff

*Ani Rivera, Film Commissioner**

Ed Decker, Artistic Director

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Don't abolish public oversight of San Francisco's libraries. Yes on E, No on D.

The Library Commission was created when voters adopted the City Charter in 1932. Under Proposition D, it would be removed and its duties given exclusively to library staff. The number and location of neighborhood branch libraries, their open hours and budgets, and the policies and priorities that govern their operations could be set without benefit of public participation. That's a mistake.

As library leaders, we know that the commission provided the effective leadership, oversight and guidance that made the San Francisco Public Library one of the finest in the nation. It ensured that library patrons' concerns and interests were fully considered before important decisions were reached. It should be retained. **Vote No on D.**

*Jarie Bolander, Library Commissioner**
Charles Higuera, Former Library Commission President
Steve Coulter, Former Library Commission President
Jim Herlihy, Former Library Commission President
Fran Streets, Former Library Commissioner
Donna Miller Casey, Former Library Commissioner
Dale Carlson, Former Library Commissioner
Marie Ciepiela, Former Executive Director, Friends of the Library

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Dale Carlson.

Maintain citizen oversight of police conduct: Yes on E, No on D

The Police Commission plays a critical role ensuring that our police department is transparent and accountable. Prop D will gut the Police Commission and remove all civilian oversight regarding police conduct policies including the use of deadly force, when body cameras must be activated, and the process for obtaining and executing a search warrant. The Police Department, with the oversight and guidance of the

Police Commission, recently submitted 272 reforms to fulfill Department of Justice recommendations. Let's not go backwards on criminal justice reform and accountability. **Yes on E, No on D!**

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California

Judge Ellen Chaitin (ret)

Judge Julie Tang (ret)

*Mano Raju, Public Defender**

Former Ethics Commission President Paul Melbostad

Jesus G. Yañez San Francisco Police Dept.

*Commissioner**

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Children, youth and families deserve a voice in government: Yes on E, No on D

Vote NO on Prop D because it SILENCES the voices of parents, youth and educators on vital issues impacting children and families. Prop D eliminates the Library Commission, Youth Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Our Children, Our Families Council, and the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee. It's the wrong direction for San Francisco.

Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth

SF Childcare Policy and Advisory Council

United Educators of San Francisco

Mission Graduates

School Board Vice President Matt Alexander

Community College Trustee Susan Solomon

Margaret Brodtkin, Former Director, Dept. of Children,

Youth and Their Families

*Douglas Styles, CEO Huckleberry Youth Programs**

Kevin Hickey, Chief Program Officer New

*Door Ventures**

*Michelle Cusano, ED Richmond Neighborhood Center**

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Yensing Sihapanya.

Now is not the time to abolish the Commission on the Status of Women: No on D

Across the country, right-wing MAGA Republicans have banned abortion and attacked women's health care, seeking to defund vital health care organizations like Planned Parenthood. This is the wrong time for San Francisco to go backwards on equal rights for women by dismantling our long-standing Commission on the Status of Women. Prop D joins with the right-wing battle against women, abolishing the Commission on the Status of Women and weakening the fight for women's rights here in San Francisco. **No on D!**

*Sophia Andary, Commission on the Status of Women**
Community College Trustee Susan Solomon
Supervisor Connie Chan
Former Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer
Caryl Ito Former President Commission on the Status of Women & Former SFO Airport Commission
Sonia Melara Former Director of the Department on the Status of Women and Former Police Commissioner
Esther Marks, Former Planning Commissioner
Jackie Fielder, Community Advocate
Roma P. Guy, Social Justice Advocate
Hene Kelly, Democratic Party Leader
Sandra Mori, Japantown Community Leader
Meagan Levitan, former Recreation and Parks Commissioner
*Maria Marily Mondejar CEO of Filipina Women's Network**
Martha Knutzen
Kate Favetti

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DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE RIGHT-WING BILLIONAIRE EFFORT TO STEAL DEMOCRACY IN SAN FRANCISCO

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION D

Proposition D was written in secret and circulated by a group funded by billionaires intending to control how our city is governed.

Proposition D takes a page from Trump's Project 2025 playbook by eliminating 80% of our commissions because they might be independent of the Mayor.

Proposition D takes a meat-ax to our Commissions which are the primary way that San Franciscans can influence and hold our government accountable.

Proposition D gives the Mayor dictatorial power over our Commissions by removing Supervisor review of appointments and allowing the Mayor to remove appointees for any reason.

Under Proposition D, costs will soar, not decrease, as city functions now performed by volunteer commissioners will need to be performed by new city employees.

Proposition D is elitist, discouraging lower-income San Franciscans to be commissioners by eliminating expense reimbursements for their volunteer service.

PROTECT OUR CITY FROM THIS RIGHT-WING TAKEOVER OF SAN FRANCISCO

VOTE NO ON THE RADICAL PROPOSITION D

Doug Engmann
Calvin Welch
Dale Carlson
Sue Hestor

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Save our neighborhood voices at City Hall-Vote No on D

Commissions are the main avenue in San Francisco for public participation, oversight, and accountability. They provide checks and balances in government, citizen engagement, and transparency. Neighborhood groups actively participate in Commissions to help guide city policy on issues in their neighborhoods. Proposition D severely limits our involvement by abolishing voter-approved commissions that are crucial to our neighborhoods such as the Library. Historic Preservation. Small Business. Proposition D gives the Mayor unchecked power over every aspect of city government and policy-such as rezoning- in our neighborhoods without meaningful involvement of the public in the Commission structure. Please vote NO on Proposition D and preserve the rights of neighborhood citizens to participate in the policies affecting our neighborhoods.

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Neighborhoods United SF
Planning Association of the Richmond
Telegraph Hill Dwellers
Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council
Richard Grosboll, Former City Commissioner
David Osgood Rincon Point Neighbors Association
Michelle Cusano, ED Richmond Neighborhood Center**

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PROTECT VULNERABLE YOUTH

The young people in San Francisco's juvenile justice system are among the most vulnerable and most invisible people in the city. For these youth, oversight and transparency is essential.

Until the city created the **Juvenile Probation Commission**, there was no way to even find out how they were doing, much less prevent their abuse and ensure they get the care they need.

Today, the Juvenile Probation Commission sheds light on these young people — and is essential in keeping them safe and keeping the community safe. Vote No on D

Margaret Brodtkin, Juvenile Probation Commissioner
Doug Styles, CEO Huckleberry Youth Programs*
Reverend Dawn Stueckle, Executive Director, Sunset Youth Services*
Toye Moses, African American Chamber of Commerce*
Dinky Enteen, Deputy Director, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice*
Julie Traun, Director, Indigent Defense Administration, Bar Association of San Francisco*
Richard Ybarra, CEO Mission Neighborhood Centers Inspiring Success*
Manuel Rodriguez, Juvenile Probation Commissioner**

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Margaret Brodtkin.

Yes on E, No on D: clear choice for more effective city government

Yes on E mandates an independent, comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of every San Francisco commission to determine how we can streamline government while maintaining transparency, accountability and effectiveness. It then *lets voters decide* on the final plan in a public election.

Prop D ELIMINATES over 20 Charter Commissions including the Arts, Library, Health, Youth, Small Business and Environment commissions which have been proven effective. Then, it allows a 5-member task force to completely reshape city government without a vote of the people. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

*Former Mayor Art Agnos
Former State Senator Mark Leno
Assemblymember Phil Ting*

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Yes on E, No on D: the right prescription for San Francisco healthcare

Public oversight of the Dept. of Public Health is a matter of life and death. Prop D threatens the quality of our hospitals, emergency and mental health services by ELIMINATING the Health Commission. Without a Health Commission, the important voices of medical experts, doctors, and patients will be silenced. Yes on E preserves the Health Commission in the Charter to provide citizen oversight and transparency for our hospitals, emergency medical services, and other health care services. Save lives. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

*National Union of Health Care Workers (NUHW)
San Francisco Human Services Network
Anni Chung, Self Help for the Elderly*
Kathryn Pulkownik, APRN, FNP-C*

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San Francisco labor unions are proud to endorse Yes on E, No on D

The San Francisco Labor Council, representing thousands of San Francisco workers, strongly opposes Prop D and supports Yes on E. Prop D is an anti-Democratic effort designed to silence the voices of everyday workers and citizens. Yes on E is the thoughtful and responsible approach to making city government more effective. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

*San Francisco Labor Council
United Educators of San Francisco
LiUNA Local 261
National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW)*

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A clear choice for Democrats: Yes on E, No on D

At the national level, Project 2025 is a MAGA project to dismantle democracy. Here in San Francisco, we face a similar stark choice. Yes on E, the democratic streamlining measure, preserves voter-approved, crucial commissions which give everyday citizens the power to hold the government accountable for results. Prop D, the Together SF ballot measure, demolishes our voter-approved City Charter. It was crafted in secret without a single public hearing, funded by right-wing Republicans, and will put our city government once again in the hands of those who deal behind closed doors and out of reach of most San Franciscans. At a time when dark money in politics and voter disinformation is at an all-time high, independent commissions are a crucial tool to empower San Franciscans to participate in democracy. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

*Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
Supervisor Shamann Walton
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Connie Chan
Bart Board President Bevan Dufty
California Democratic Party Vice Chair* David Campos
Former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Former Supervisor John Avalos
Zaki Shaheen, Political Organizer*

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Fight discrimination against Asian and immigrant communities. Yes on E, No on D.

San Francisco is a sanctuary home to a diverse Asian American population, often raised in immigrant families or who are immigrants themselves. In this era of rising discrimination, we need to empower immigrant communities — not weaken them. Yes on E continues to provide civic engagement for immigrant families and empowers immigrants against racial violence through the Immigrants Right Commission. Prop D completely eliminates this commission, along with other commissions that tackle discrimination and racial inequity. **Yes on E, No on D!**

*Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative
Chinese for Affirmative Action
Raquel Redondiez SOMA Pilipinas Director*
Anni Chung, Executive Director
Supervisor Connie Chan
Former Supervisor Norman Yee
Sandra Lee Fewer, Former Supervisor
Former Supervisor Mabel Teng*

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Forwards, not backwards, on addressing homelessness: No on D!

San Francisco's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing has a budget of over \$600 million every year. Yet until 2023, there was ZERO oversight or accountability. VOTERS CREATED the Homeless Oversight Commission in 2022 to provide oversight, solicit audits, establish performance standards and assess effectiveness. Prop D abolishes this commission just two years after it was created, and puts management of our vital homelessness programs back into darkness. **Vote No on D!**

*Our City Our Home Coalition
SF Human Services Network*

*Jennifer Friedenbach, Executive Director**
*Catherine Jane Ross, Member Shelter Montor Committee**
*Danielle McVay, Local Homeless Coordinating Board**
Roma Guy, Social Justice Advocate

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Protect neighborhood voices. Vote NO on D!

The proposition abolishes valuable city commissions and limits the role of the remaining commissions as the public's avenue for participation and oversight of City departments.

The Planning Commission is the primary body controlling the size and design of development in our neighborhoods. Currently the Mayor appoints a majority of its members. This measure adds additional mayoral appointments and removes public review and approval by the Board of Supervisors. As planning commissioners we are very concerned that the proposal will discourage participation in the planning process and threaten the role of the public in making important planning decisions

Most recently the commission has been the sole venue for public input on the proposed massive upzoning, which puts at risk the treasured character of our neighborhoods. Don't destroy the checks and balances on mayoral power at the Planning Commission.

Esther Marks Former Planning Commissioner
Doug Engmann Former Planning Commissioner
Hisashi Bill Sugaya, Former Planning Commissioner
Dennis Richards, Former Planning Commissioner
Dennis Antenore, Former Planning Commissioner

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Don't eliminate San Francisco entertainment, a key to revitalization. Yes on E, No on D!

Entertainment, live music and street fairs in downtown and our neighborhoods are key to the revitalization of our city. The Entertainment Commission is responsible for setting policies and reviewing and approving permits for places of live entertainment, after hours music, street fairs, outdoor events and amplified music. Citizens and neighbors can appear before the Commission to support or express concerns about permitting these activities in their neighborhood.

Prop D ELIMINATES this important commission which is the vehicle for public review and approval of entertainment in san francisco. **VOTE Yes on E, No on D!**

Lexington Club
Bar Part Time
Mothership
Lion's Den Bar and Lounge
Barbarossa Lounge
Jolene's Bar
Steven Lee, Former Entertainment Commissioner
Stephen Torres, Former Entertainment Commissioner
*Laura Thomas Entertainment Commissioner**

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Support the Dignity Fund. Vote Yes on E, No on D!

The Dignity Fund was developed with grassroots community involvement and garnered over 110 organizational endorsements. It generated strong and enthusiastic support at the ballot box. A key feature was the inclusion of the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Board. Over the years, this body has assured transparency and stakeholder input in the process of legally required planning and funding decisions. The Together SF measure would eliminate this body from the Charter, along with other key policy bodies important to older adults, people with disabilities - the Health Commission, the Human Rights Commission, the Library and so many more. **We urge you to vote Yes on E and No on D!**

*Marie Jobling, Co-chair, Dignity Fund Coalition**
*Tony Fazio, Dignity Fund ordinance co-author**
*Sandra Mori, member, Dignity Fund Coalition**
*Ramona Davies, member, Dignity Fund Coalition**

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Protect our environment. Vote Yes on E. No on D!

In 2024 San Francisco was named The Cleanest Energy City in America because of its energy efficiency and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, which have dropped 48% since 1990. The Environment Commission was created by the voters in 1995 and provides oversight and adopts regulations on environmental issues like waste and toxics reduction, green building, urban forestry, unused drug disposal, pesticide use, green business practices and many other climate change programs operated by the Department of the Environment. These issues affect all San Franciscans in every neighborhood who can express their concerns and recommendations directly to the Environment Commission. Prop D would abolish the Environment Commission and severely harm our city's great efforts to preserve the environment. Yes on E will preserve it.

Don't throw away our reputation as the best American city to battle climate change. **VOTE Yes on E AND No on D!**

San Francisco League of Conservation Voters
Johanna Wald, Former Commission on the Environment
*Sarah Wan, Commission on the Environment**
Jackie Fielder, Climate Advocate

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Save the Historic Preservation Commission. Yes on E, No on D.

Our architectural, historical, and cultural heritage makes San Francisco a unique and wonderful city. The Historic Preservation Commission was created by the voters in 2008 to guide the city in preserving historic structures and areas while ensuring that preservation is used as a tool to promote growth, revitalization, and the appreciation of our diverse neighborhoods.

Appointed by the Mayor, the Commission consists of citizens who are knowledgeable in the historic, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural traditions of the City. The Commission recommends buildings and places that are historically or culturally significant to the heritage of San Francisco for designation by the Board of Supervisors. Once designated, the Commission helps regulate those resources during the permit review and entitlement process to protect our heritage.

Protecting the special places of San Francisco is too important to leave to chance. Keep the Commission that preserves San Francisco's heritage. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

San Francisco Heritage
Hisashi Sugaya, Former Historic Preservation Commissioner
David Wessel, Former Historic Preservation Commissioner
Courtney Damkoger, Former Historic Preservation Commissioner

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As current and former Youth Commissioners, we are asking that you vote NO on Proposition D because it will remove youth representation in City Hall.

The Youth Commission is the only voice for youth in City Hall. Since being created by voters in 1996, the Youth Commission has consistently worked with and held politicians accountable on the needs of young people. We've delivered:

- Free Muni for All Youth
- Holding school officials accountable for student safety

- Expanding summer hours and eliminating late fees for youth in libraries
- Addressing sexual violence in schools
- Expanding mental health services for youth

Our Youth Commission has been a model for the state and nation on how to engage young people in local decision-making, and it is a training-ground for our city's future leaders.

Proposition D puts the existence of the Youth Commission in jeopardy by removing it from the City Charter and allowing politicians to get rid of it entirely.

Protect youth by voting NO.

Current and Former Youth Commissioners:*

Valentina Alioto-Pier
Claire Amable
Ewan Barker Plummer
Natalie Gee
Maureen Loftus
Vanessa Pimentel

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VOTE NO ON THIS POWER GRAB.

This proposed charter amendment pretends to be a way of reducing bureaucracy, but it is, in fact, a significant increase in the power of the Mayor at the expense of the Supervisors, the elected officials closest to the voters.

Every school civics and U.S. history class emphasizes the significant checks and balances in government at all levels, federal, state, and local. One of those checks and balances is the role of the legislative branch in appointments—major appointments require confirmation by the elected representatives of the people.

This proposed amendment, in the Section 3.100, paragraph 18, eliminates that important check and balance by giving the Mayor **sole authority** over appointments and deleting the requirement for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION D.

*Robert W. Cherny, Professor emeritus of U.S. History,
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E – Creating a Task Force to Recommend Changing, Eliminating, or Combining City Commissions

Shall the City amend the Charter to create a Task Force with authority to make recommendations by February 1, 2026, on ways the City could change, eliminate, or consolidate commissions to improve the administration of City government; require a financial report on the City’s commissions; and give the Task Force authority to introduce ordinances to implement its recommendations, and if required provide for the City Attorney to draft Charter amendments to submit to voters at a future election?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City currently has about 130 boards, commissions and advisory bodies (commissions) that make policy and other decisions for the City or provide nonbinding advice to City officials and departments. Most City commissions that are created by ordinance do not have the authority to make City decisions and instead provide nonbinding advice to City departments and officials.

Members of the Board of Supervisors (Board), the Mayor and City departments have authority to introduce an ordinance, which must be approved by a majority of the Board. The Mayor has authority to veto it. Voters may also approve an ordinance and require their approval for any change to a voter-approved ordinance.

Other commissions are established by Charter amendment. Only voters may amend the Charter. Most of these Charter commissions oversee City departments and have authority to set City policy and make binding decisions.

The Proposal: Proposition E is a Charter amendment that would create a Commission Streamlining Task Force (Task Force) to review the structure of the City’s commissions and recommend to the Mayor and the Board by February 1, 2026, how the City could change, eliminate or consolidate commissions to improve the administration of City government.

The Task Force would include five members:

- the City Administrator or a designated employee of their department;
- the Controller or a designated employee of their department;
- the City Attorney or a designated employee of their department;
- a public sector organized labor representative appointed by the President of the Board; and
- a person with expertise in open and accountable government appointed by the Mayor.

Proposition E would also require the Board’s Budget and Legislative Analyst to prepare a report on how much it costs the City to support each current commission, and how much it would save if certain commissions were eliminated or consolidated.

Proposition E would authorize the Task Force to implement its recommendations in these ways:

- If the Task Force recommends changes to commissions established by ordinance, the Task Force may introduce ordinances to make those changes.
- Any ordinance the Task Force introduces would take effect 90 days after introduction unless the Board rejects it by supermajority vote of at least eight members.
- If the Task Force recommends changes to commissions established by voter-approved ordinance, those changes may also require voter approval at a future election before the City may implement them.

- If the Task Force recommends changes to commissions established by Charter amendment, the City Attorney would be required to prepare a Charter amendment implementing these recommendations for the Board to consider placing on the ballot for a future election.

The Task Force will end 24 months after its first meeting.

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

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to create a Task Force with authority to make recommendations by February 1, 2026, on ways the City could change, eliminate or consolidate commissions to improve the administration of City government; require a financial report on the City's commissions; and give the Task Force authority to introduce ordinances to implement its recommendations, and if necessary, require the City Attorney to draft Charter amendments to submit to voters at a future election.

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

Controller's Statement on "E"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition E:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government. To the extent the Task Force recommends changes to existing Commissions, the cost of government may be reduced, depending on future decisions made by the Board of Supervisors or voters.

The proposed Charter amendment would establish a five-member Commission Streamlining Task Force to make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on changing, eliminating, or consolidating the City's appointive boards and commissions.

Certain appointive boards and commissions pay stipends to the commissioners on a per meeting basis ranging from \$25 to \$500 per meeting, while some commissioners are paid between \$100 and \$500 per month. Not all commissioners receive stipends. For

context, in FY 2022–23 the City paid approximately a total of \$350,000 for stipends and health benefits for 180 commissioners.

In addition to commissioner stipends and health insurance, commissions also require staff time from City employees who support commissions' operations and prepare briefing materials to present at hearings. The amount of staff time needed to support commissions would decrease if the City changed, eliminated, or combined commissions – freeing staff to work on other government functions, although at a level that cannot be determined at this time. Finally, to the extent the City hires additional staff to run the Commission Streamlining Task Force, the cost to government may increase.

How "E" Got on the Ballot

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 7 to 4 to place Proposition E on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Stefani.

Proponent's Argument

There are two Charter Amendments that will change San Francisco's commission system. **Vote Yes on E to reform our commissions *the right way*:**

- **Crafted in public**, with citizen input and full public hearings
- **Placed on ballot by public vote** after open debate and review
- **Retains Arts, Library, Health, Small Business** and other critical charter commissions that improve city services and provide effective oversight and accountability
- **Ensures citizen oversight over police** conduct policies
- **Keeps checks and balances** in City Charter
- **Gives voters power** to maintain government oversight and accountability and to determine the appropriate number and function of commissions
- **Maintains and improves sunshine**, transparency, and openness of city government
- **Lets voters decide** the future structure of our city government

Then there is the *wrong way* to reform our commissions, Prop D, which was written in secret without a single public hearing.

Prop D takes a meat ax to our city government. It eliminates without a cost-benefit analysis essential and effective commissions like the Arts, Library, Health, Youth, Small Business and Environment Commissions. It removes citizen oversight over police conduct policies such as the use of deadly force, sets an arbitrary cap on commissions that will handcuff future generations, and puts the work of our city government back in the shadows, undermining transparency and accountability and creating a breeding ground for abuse and corruption.

Please join us in voting Yes on E and No on D.

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San Francisco League of Conservation Voters
San Francisco Labor Council
Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth
United Educators of San Francisco
Small Business Forward
San Francisco Tenants Union
Affordable Housing Alliance
Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin
Assemblymember Phil Ting
Mayor Art Agnos (ret)
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San Francisco Controller Ed Harrington (ret)
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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

Proposition E proponents want you to believe it preserves "citizen oversight" and "critical commissions." But the truth is, **Proposition E locks in the bloated bureaucracy that has crippled San Francisco for years.**

They argue Proposition E was crafted with "transparency," but hide the fact it **keeps over 100 commissions**—many of which *overlap, waste resources, and undermine effective governance*. They stoke fear of change in order to **build a wall around San Francisco's bureaucratic elite.**

The alternative, **Proposition D is the measure that cuts through red tape and makes San Francisco more efficient.** Yes, it reduces commissions, but only where duplicative or unnecessary. Proposition D strengthens transparency by focusing resources where they are most needed.

Why can't they be honest? **Proposition E favors commissions that serve as bureaucratic roadblocks, prevent progress and waste taxpayer money.** San Francisco deserves better than more pointless studies and delay.

Vote NO on Proposition E and support real reform with Proposition D.

Larry Marso, Esq.

Opponent's Argument

Proposition E is Supervisor Aaron Peskin's attempt to sabotage **stronger Proposition D**—real commission reform in San Francisco.

Peskin proposes a weak, watered-down approach to address the city's overgrown commission structure. But its true purpose is to halt meaningful change.

Only one can prevail, and **Proposition D is the clear choice.**

Proposition E maintains the status quo. It creates endless "task forces" and "studies" that do nothing but delay. Meanwhile, San Francisco continues to suffocate in bureaucracy, with over 100 commissions that overlap and waste resources.

Proposition E fails to reduce the number of commissions or to eliminate those that are unnecessary or duplicative. Instead, it multiplies bureaucracy. **It's a deliberate attempt to keep the government bloated and unaccountable.**

San Francisco doesn't need more task forces or committees. Proposition E is a "poison pill" designed to defeat Proposition D, so that nothing meaningful gets done.

San Francisco deserves a government that is leaner, more transparent, and more accountable. **Vote NO on Proposition E and demand real reform.**

Larry Marso

Mr. Marso is a technology executive, M&A advisor and attorney. A staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility, he authored a ballot measure to regulate San Francisco navigation/linkage centers, has fought corruption and fraud in our political parties and nonprofits, and as a member and former executive of the local Republican Party committee, has offered principled opposition.

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Larry S. Marso

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

San Francisco needs the right kind of reform. Vote No on D and Yes on E.

Prop D was written by one organization, new to the city, funded by a billionaire outsider with an extremely conservative agenda. It takes a meat ax to our city government to further its own political agenda:

Prop D **DISMANTLES** vital and effective commissions like our Arts, Library, Health, Youth, Environment and Women's Commissions.

Prop D **DESTROYS** civilian oversight of police department policies such as use of deadly force.

Prop D **DIMINISHES** our American system of checks and balances, giving future Mayors unchecked power — and taking it away from voters.

There's a better way. Vote Yes on E to streamline city government while keeping voters in control. Yes on E mandates a public review, with cost and benefit analysis, of every San Francisco commission, to determine how to consolidate and streamline city government while preserving citizen engagement.

Don't put the government back behind closed doors and create a new breeding ground for abuse and corruption.

Join us and vote No on D and Yes on E.

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San Francisco Labor Council
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San Francisco Controller Ed Harrington (ret)
Judge Ellen Chaitin (ret)*

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YES ON PROP E

VOTE YES FOR OPEN DEMOCRACY AND NO TO BACK ROOM GOVERNMENT

Unlike the meat axe Proposition D that will kill open government and public oversight of crucial City departments, like the Public Health Commission and Human Rights Commission, Proposition E will carefully evaluate all such city oversight bodies to determine which are actually needed and how they can be made more efficient.

YES ON E LET'S KEEP OPEN GOVERNMENT AT CITY HALL!

Build Affordable Faster California
John Elberling
Peter Stevens

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Small businesses say Yes on E, No on D!

As small business owners, we strongly support the Small Business Commission's leadership on cutting red tape and making it easier to open and operate our shops. We absolutely oppose Prop D because it ELIMINATES the Small Business Commission and makes it tougher for struggling businesses to survive. We support Yes on E because it keeps the Small Business Commission in our Charter, preserving its role as an independent voice for all small businesses. **Small business owners agree: Yes on E, No on D!**

Small Business Forward
El Rio
Booksmith
Mercury Cafe
VERA Skin Studio
No Shop
Happy House
Gravel & Gold
Bottle Bacchanal
Day Moon
Yo También Cantina
Stephen Cornell Former President, Small Business Commission*
David Heller, Geary Blvd. Merchants Association*

*Sang Baek Kim, Geary Blvd. Merchants Association**
*Daniel Macchiarini, North Beach Business Association**
*Henry Karnilowicz, SOMA Business Association**
*Bill Barnickel, Outer Sunset Merchant and Professional Association**

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Don't destroy the Arts Commission: Yes on E, No on D.

San Francisco's vibrant arts community is crucial to our city's identity and economy. The Arts Commission (SFAC) drives this success by securing state and federal funding and providing essential grants and resources to artists, arts organizations, and community projects, while also ensuring that new public buildings and spaces meet high standards of design and aesthetic quality. This support sustains the local arts ecosystem by fueling job creation in creative sectors and related industries, enhancing public spaces, and making arts programming available to all. As arts and culture are essential for San Francisco's economic recovery, SFAC's role is more critical than ever. SFAC's investment in the arts attracts millions of visitors who come to experience our city's unique cultural offerings creating significant economic returns. Yes on E will keep SFAC as a leading force for arts, culture and equity. Prop D would dismantle SFAC by removing it from the Charter, stripping it of its power to oversee arts funding, and promote equity and access. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

Community Arts Stabilization Trust (CAST)
Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative
Arts for a Better Bay Area
SomARTS
111 Minna Gallery
Jon Moscone, Art Consultant
Deborah Cullinan, Former CEO
*Joaquín Torres, SF Assessor Recorder**
*Joan Madonna, Executive Director**
*Julie Phelps, Executive Director**
*Raquel Redondiez, Director**
Mabel Teng, Former Supervisor
Patrick Johnston, Former Arts Commission President

Dorka Keehn, Former Arts Commissioner
Roberto Ordeñana, Former Arts Commissioner
Lex Leifheit, Former Arts Commission staff
Ani Rivera, Film Commissioner
*Joanne Lee, Executive Director**
Ed Decker, Artistic Director

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**Maintain citizen oversight of police conduct:
 Yes on E, No on D**

The Police Commission plays a critical role ensuring that our police department is transparent and accountable. Prop D will gut the Police Commission and remove all civilian oversight regarding police conduct policies including the use of deadly force, when body cameras must be activated, and the process for obtaining and executing a search warrant. The Police Department, with the oversight and guidance of the Police Commission, recently submitted 272 reforms to fulfill Department of Justice recommendations. Let's not go backwards on criminal justice reform and accountability. Yes on E, No on D!

ACLU Northern California
Judge Ellen Chaitin (ret)
Judge Julie Tang (ret)
*Mano Raju, Public Defender**
Paul Melbostad, Former San Francisco Ethics Commission President
*Jesus G. Yáñez San Francisco Police Dept. Commissioner**

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Children, youth and families deserve a voice in government: Yes on E, No on D

Vote YES on Prop E because it enables an open, public process to streamline commissions while not

sacrificing the rights of children, youth and families. Youth make up 13.7% of San Francisco's population and should have a voice in our democracy. Youth and families deserve a seat at the table to shape policies that impact their futures.

Vote Yes on E, No on D!

Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth
SF Childcare Policy and Advisory Council
United Educators of San Francisco
Mission Graduates
School Board Vice President Matt Alexander
Community College Trustee Susan Solomon
*Margaret Brodtkin, Former Director, Dept. of Children, Youth and their Families**
*Douglas Styles, CEO Huckleberry Youth Programs**
*Kevin Hickey, Chief Program Officer New Door Ventures**

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Now is not the time to abolish the Commission on the Status of Women: Yes on E, No on D

Across the country, right-wing MAGA Republicans have banned abortion and attacked women's health care, seeking to defund vital health care organizations like Planned Parenthood. This is the wrong time for San Francisco to go backwards on equal rights for women by dismantling our long-standing Commission on the Status of Women. Yes on E preserves this crucial commission which serves as the city's watchdog for gender parity and advocates for equity in city services, employment, and leadership. Prop E joins with the right-wing battle against women, abolishing the Commission on the Status of Women and weakening the fight for women's rights here in San Francisco. Yes on E, No on D!

*Sophia Andary, Commission on the Status of Women**
Community College Trustee Susan Solomon
Supervisor Connie Chan
Former Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer
*Esther Marks, Former Planning Commissioner**
Jackie Fielder, Community Advocate
Hene Kelly, Democratic Party leader
Sandra Mori, Japantown Community Leader
Meagan Levitan, Former Recreation and Parks Commissioner

*Maria Marily Mondejar, CEO of Filipina Women's Network**

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Save our neighborhood voices! Yes on E, No on D.

Commissions are the main avenue in San Francisco for public participation, oversight, and accountability. They provide checks and balances in government, citizen engagement, and transparency. Neighborhood groups actively participate in Commissions to help guide city policy on issues in their neighborhoods. Yes on E preserves the commissions that are crucial to our neighborhoods such as the Library Commission. Historic Preservation Commission and the Small Business Commission. Prop D abolishes these voter-approved commissions and gives the Mayor unchecked power over every aspect of city government and policy—such as rezoning— in our neighborhoods without meaningful involvement of the public in the Commission structure. Please vote Yes on E, No on D and preserve the rights of neighborhood citizens to participate in the policies affecting our neighborhoods.

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Neighborhoods United SF
Planning Association of the Richmond
Telegraph Hill Dwellers
Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council
Richard Grosboll, North Beach Leader
David Osgood, President, Rincon Point Neighbors Association*

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DON'T DISMANTLE DECADES OF WORK

We who recognize the importance of oversight bodies that protect our most vulnerable youth in the juvenile justice system believe there is **a right way and a wrong way to determine which commissions are working** and how to improve the commission system.

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Let's study the issue before we make decisions that could tear apart decades of work to improve our city by San Franciscans. **Vote Yes on E**

Doug Styles, CEO Huckleberry Youth Programs
Reverend Dawn Stueckle, Executive Director, Sunset Youth Services**

Margaret Brodtkin, Juvenile Probation Commissioner
Dinky Enty, Deputy Director, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice**

*Julie Traun, Director, Indigent Defense Administration,
Bar Association of San Francisco**

*Richard Ybarra, CEO Mission Neighborhood Centers
Inspiring Success**

*Manuel Rodriguez, Juvenile Probation Commissioner**

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Yes on E: clear choice for more effective city government

Yes on E mandates an independent, comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of every San Francisco commission to determine how we can streamline government while maintaining transparency, accountability and effectiveness. It then *lets voters decide* on the final plan in a public election. **Vote Yes on E!**

*San Francisco Rising Action Fund
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Former Mayor Art Agnos
Former State Senator Mark Leno
Former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
Assemblymember Phil Ting*

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Yes on E, No on D: the right prescription for San Francisco healthcare

Public oversight of the Dept. of Public Health is a matter of life and death. Prop D threatens the quality of our hospitals, emergency and mental health services by **ELIMINATING** the Health Commission. Without a Health Commission, the important voices of medical experts, doctors, and patients will be silenced. Yes on E preserves the Health Commission in the Charter to provide citizen oversight and transparency for our

hospitals, emergency medical services, and other health care services. Save lives. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

National Union of Health Care Workers (NUHW)
San Francisco Human Services Network
*Anni Chung, Self Help for the Elderly**

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San Francisco labor unions are proud to endorse Yes on E, No on D

The San Francisco Labor Council, representing thousands of San Francisco workers, strongly opposes Prop D and supports Yes on E. Prop D is an anti-Democratic effort designed to silence the voices of everyday workers and citizens. Yes on E is the thoughtful and responsible approach to making city government more effective. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

San Francisco Labor Council
United Educators of San Francisco
LiUNA Laborers' Local 261
National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW)

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Fight discrimination against Asian and immigrant communities. Yes on E, No on D.

San Francisco is a sanctuary home to a diverse Asian American population, often raised in immigrant families or who are immigrants themselves. In this era of rising discrimination, we need to empower immigrant communities - not weaken them. Yes on E continues to provide civic engagement for immigrant families and empowers immigrants against racial violence through the Immigrants Right Commission. Prop D completely eliminates this commission, along with other commissions that tackle discrimination and racial inequity. **Yes on E, No on D!**

Chinese for Affirmative Action
Raquel Redondiez SOMA Pilipinas Director

Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative
*Anni Chung, Self Help for Elderly**
Former Supervisor Norman Yee
Former Supervisor Sandra Lee
Former Supervisor Mabel Teng

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A clear choice for Democrats: Yes on E, No on D

At the national level, Project 2025 is a MAGA project to dismantle democracy. Here in San Francisco, we face a similar stark choice. Yes on E, the democratic streamlining measure, preserves voter-approved, crucial commissions which give everyday citizens the power to hold the government accountable for results. Prop D, the Together SF ballot measure, demolishes our voter-approved City Charter. It was crafted in secret without a single public hearing, funded by right-wing Republicans, and will put our city government once again in the hands of those who deal behind closed doors and out of reach of most San Franciscans. At a time when dark money in politics and voter disinformation is at an all-time high, independent commissions are a crucial tool to empower San Franciscans to participate in democracy. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

Supervisor Shamann Walton
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Connie Chan
Bart Board President Bevan Dufty
Former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
*California Democratic Party Vice Chair David Campos**
Former Supervisor John Avalos

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Forwards, not backwards, on addressing homelessness: Yes on E, No on D.

San Francisco's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing has a budget of over \$600 million every year. Yet until 2023, there was ZERO oversight or accountability. VOTERS CREATED the Homeless Oversight Commission in 2022 to provide oversight, solicit audits, establish performance standards and assess effectiveness. Prop D bolishes this commission just two years after it was created, and puts management of our vital homelessness programs back into darkness. Yes on E retains this vital commission in our charter while initiating a public process to determine how to make it, and other commissions, more effective. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

Hospitality House
San Francisco Human Services Network
*Catherine Jane Ross, Shelter Monitor Committee**
Roma P. Guy, Social Justice Advocate
*Danielle McVay, Local Homeless Coordinating Board**

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Don't eliminate San Francisco entertainment, a key to revitalization. Yes on E, No on D!

Entertainment, live music and street fairs in downtown and our neighborhoods are key to the revitalization of our city. The Entertainment Commission is responsible for setting policies and reviewing and approving permits for places of live entertainment, after hours music, street fairs, outdoor events and amplified music. Citizens and neighbors can appear before the Commission to support or express concerns about permitting these activities in their neighborhood.

Prop D ELIMINATES this important commission which is the vehicle for public review and approval of entertainment in san francisco. **VOTE Yes on E, No on D!**

El Rio
Lexington Club
Bar Part Time
Mothership
Lion's Den Bar and Lounge

Barbarossa Lounge
Jolene's Bar
Steven Lee, Former Entertainment Commissioner
Stephen Torres, Former Entertainment Commissioner
*Laura Thomas, Entertainment Commissioner**

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Support the Dignity Fund. Vote Yes on E, No on D!

The Dignity Fund was developed with grassroots community involvement and garnered over 110 organizational endorsements. It generated strong and enthusiastic support at the ballot box. A key feature was the inclusion of the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Board. Over the years, this body has assured transparency and stakeholder input in the process of legally required planning and funding decisions. The Together SF measure would eliminate this body from the Charter, along with other key policy bodies important to older adults, people with disabilities—the Health Commission, the Human Rights Commission, the Library and so many more. **We urge you to vote Yes on E and No on D!**

*Marie Jobling, Co-chair, Dignity Fund Coalition**
*Tony Fazio, Dignity Fund ordinance co-author**
*Sandra Mori, member, Dignity Fund Coalition**
*Ramona Davies, member, Dignity Fund Coalition**

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Protect our environment. Vote Yes on E, No on D!

In 2024 San Francisco was named The Cleanest Energy City in America because of its energy efficiency and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, which have dropped 48% since 1990. The Environment Commission was created by the voters in 1995 and provides oversight and adopts regulations on

environmental issues like waste and toxics reduction, green building, urban forestry, unused drug disposal, pesticide use, green business practices and many other climate change programs operated by the Department of the Environment. These issues affect all San Franciscans in every neighborhood who can express their concerns and recommendations directly to the Environment Commission. Prop D would abolish the Environment Commission and severely harm our city's great efforts to preserve the environment. Yes on E will preserve it.

Don't throw away our reputation as the best American city to battle climate change. **VOTE Yes on E AND No on D!**

San Francisco League of Conservation Voters
*Sarah Wan, Commission on the Environment**
Johanna Wald, Former Commission on the Environment
Jackie Fielder, Climate Advocate

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Save the Historic Preservation Commission.
Yes on E, No on D.

Our architectural, historical, and cultural heritage makes San Francisco a unique and wonderful city. The Historic Preservation Commission was created by the voters in 2008 to guide the city in preserving historic structures and areas while ensuring that preservation is used as a tool to promote growth, revitalization, and the appreciation of our diverse neighborhoods.

Appointed by the Mayor, the Commission consists of citizens who are knowledgeable in the historic, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural traditions of the City. The Commission recommends buildings and places that are historically or culturally significant to the heritage of San Francisco for designation by the Board of Supervisors. Once designated, the Commission helps regulate those resources during the permit review and entitlement process to protect our heritage.

Protecting the special places of San Francisco is too important to leave to chance. Keep the Commission

that preserves San Francisco's heritage. **Vote Yes on E, No on D!**

San Francisco Heritage
Hisashi Sugaya, Former Historic Preservation Commissioner
David Wessel, Former Historic Preservation Commissioner
Courtney Damkroger, Former Historic Preservation Commissioner
Professor Robert Cherny, Former member, Landmarks Board

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Paid Arguments Against

The measure lacks safeguards to hold unelected commissioners accountable, even though some commissioners have engaged in corrupt and unethical behavior.

This lack of oversight is unacceptable. We need real accountability for unelected commissioners and government.

Instead, this measure creates a task force composed mostly of un-elected City bureaucrats who can create laws that fundamentally restructure our government without input from residents.

This is flagrantly undemocratic! Can we really trust bureaucrats to reduce bureaucracy in government?

Don't fall for this measure. Vote NO on Prop E.

Cyn Wang
*Vice President, SF Entertainment Commission**

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 TogetherSF Action.

This charter amendment is a sneaky attempt by the current members and leadership of the Board of Supervisors to maintain maximum control by circumventing the will of the voters in the current election in multiple ways.

Let's look at some of the details of what this measure proposes to see how it tricks voters into not allowing their other decisions in this election to be represented.

The current President of the Board of Supervisors would have appointing power - even though more than half of the Supervisors are on the ballot in November, and the current President of the Board of Supervisors is guaranteed to be replaced next year. The will of the voters is thwarted - the new Supervisors voted into office in this election would get no say!

The appointed members of this new commission could propose legislation, which could only be blocked by a vote of the Board of Supervisors. The will of the voters is thwarted - whoever is chosen as mayor in this election has absolutely no power to block or change the legislation of this new commission!

Prop E was introduced only after Prop D was submitted to the ballot by voters. If Prop E passes with more votes, Prop D is made completely void: but even if Prop D passes with more votes than Prop E, Prop E still takes effect to maximum extent permitted by law. The will of the voters is thwarted - even if Prop D gets more votes, Prop E might still override it!

This measure is a cynical attempt to hijack the growing consensus that San Francisco needs authentic reform of its commissions.

Don't let City Hall trick you. Vote no on this sham measure!

Patrick Wolff
*Founder, Families for San Francisco**

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TogetherSF Action.

This is a terrible measure that would have unintended consequences. This measure creates an un-elected "Commission on Commissions" that has the power to make laws without input from the people impacted by these laws.

This measure would make City Hall less transparent, and less democratic. The last thing we need is unelected bureaucrats creating laws for the rest of us in backroom deals.

Vote No on this deceitful measure.

Lily Ho
Founder, Delta Chinatown Initiative

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
TogetherSF Action.

San Francisco city government has become incredibly dysfunctional. We have one of the largest city budgets in the country, but our city population has shrunk and we have been rated the worst-run city in the United States.

So why should we trust the people who got us into this mess to fix it?

Don't be fooled by this highly misleading measure authored by a career politician who benefits from the current status quo.

This measure does not have any safeguards to hold un-elected commissioners accountable despite multiple commissioners engaging in corrupt and unethical behavior.

Outrageously, this measure creates an un-elected commission that has the power to make laws without public input. This is completely un-democratic and takes power away from voters to determine how our City government should be reformed.

City Hall can't be trusted to fix itself. Don't fall for this deceitful measure.

Vote No on Measure E

Lucy Junus
Vice President, Inner Mission Neighborhood Association

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TogetherSF Action.

Creating an unelected commission with the power to make laws without public input is undemocratic. This measure takes away the power of voters to influence how our city government should be reformed.

This is completely the wrong way to change our government. We residents want to take power away from unelected bureaucrats, not give them more.

Don't fall for this bogus measure. Vote No on Prop E!

Cedric Akbar
*Co-Founder, Positive Directions Equals Change**

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TogetherSF Action.

Despite having one of the largest City budgets in the country, San Francisco was rated as one of the worst-run cities in the US. Our government is failing us.

So why trust the same people who've caused this mess to fix it?

This measure was created by politicians who've benefited from the status quo as a cynical attempt to trick us residents who want actual change in government.

This measure doesn't do anything to hold un-elected commissioners accountable for corrupt behavior. This measure also does nothing to limit the power of un-elected commissioners to make big policy decisions behind the scenes on issues like public safety without resident input.

Don't be tricked by failed leadership. Vote No on Prop E.

Marjan Philhour
Small Business and Community Advocate

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
TogetherSF Action.

This highly misleading measure was cooked up by a career politician who benefits from the status quo. It doesn't offer any real solutions and instead perpetuates the existing issues in our city government.

This measure does not create any mechanisms to hold unelected commissioners accountable. In fact, this measure creates an unelected commission that can create laws to change the structure of our government with little to no input from us residents.

This is wrong.

Don't fall for City Hall's deceit. Vote No on Prop E!

Chinese American Democratic Club

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City Hall can't be trusted to fix itself. Don't fall for this deceitful measure.

Vote No on Prop E!

Parag Gupta
*Member, SF Democratic County Central Committee**

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TogetherSF Action.

San Francisco needs a genuine overhaul of its commission structure to get back on track. This measure, however, does not provide the necessary changes and only serves to maintain the current dysfunctional system.

This measure has no guarantee that it will actually reduce the number of commissions San Francisco has. This measure also does nothing to hold un-elected and unethical commissioners accountable.

This is yet another fake "solution" from the same politicians who caused this mess in the first place.

Don't be fooled. Vote no on this measure.

Lanier Coles
*SF Democratic County Central Committee Member**

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TogetherSF Action.

This incredibly deceitful measure was created through backroom deals at City Hall.

This measure creates an un-elected "Commission on Commissions" that has the unprecedented power to create laws without input from residents. Furthermore, there is nothing in this measure that creates accountability for un-elected commissioners, many of whom have been caught in corruption scandals in the past.

Don't fall for this un-democratic and misleading measure. Vote NO on Prop E.

Jade Tu
*Member, SF Democratic County Central Committee**

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The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
TogetherSF Action.

F – Police Staffing and Deferred Retirement

Shall the City amend the Charter to define “full-duty sworn officer”; require the Police Chief to make a report and recommendation on future staffing of full-duty sworn officers to the Police Commission every three years instead of two; require the Police Commission to report annually to the Board of Supervisors on Police Department staffing; and create a five-year program with possible renewals allowing police officers to continue working for the Police Department after retiring, with pension payments deferred while they are working?

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The Police Commission (Commission) oversees the San Francisco Police Department (Department). The Charter requires the Chief of the Department (Police Chief) to submit a report every two years to the Commission. This report describes the current number of full-duty sworn officers and recommends adequate staffing levels of full-duty sworn officers for the next two years. The Commission must consider this report and recommendation when it approves the Department’s budget.

The Charter does not define “full-duty sworn officers.”

The San Francisco Employee Retirement System is the retirement and pension system for City employees. Under the Charter, police officers are eligible for retirement benefits, with pension payments based on their compensation, age and length of service. The Charter does not allow City employees, including police officers, to continue working full time for the City after retirement. But the City may rehire retired City employees to work a limited number of hours each year while they also collect retirement benefits.

The Proposal: Proposition F would amend the Charter to define “full-duty sworn officer” to mean a full-time officer except those on long-term leaves of absence, recruits who are training at the Police Academy and officers assigned to the San Francisco International Airport. To reduce the administrative burden, the

measure would require the Police Chief to provide a report every three years, instead of two, on current full-duty sworn officers and recommend future staffing to the Commission. The Commission would report annually to the Board of Supervisors (Board) on the Department’s progress on meeting its staffing goals, including its goal of increasing the representation of women in the Department to 30% of new recruits by 2030.

Proposition F would establish a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible police officers. Full-duty police officers in the ranks of Officer, Sergeant and Inspector who are at least 50 years old and have at least 25 years of eligible service with the Department or another law enforcement agency could participate. Participants would continue to work full-time for the Department at their current salary and benefit levels. Participants must agree to perform neighborhood patrol work or conduct investigations, regardless of their previous assignment. Participants would only be allowed to participate for up to five years. The pension payments the participant would have collected upon retirement would be placed into a tax-deferred and interest-bearing account. When their DROP period ends, participants must stop work for the City and would receive their deferred monthly pension payments with interest. The Board could limit the number of DROP participants.

Proposition F authorizes the DROP program for an initial five-year period. Thereafter, the Board would

have the authority to continue the program every five years until it expires.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to define "full-duty sworn officer"; require the Police Chief to make a report and recommend future staffing of full-duty sworn officers to the Police Commission every three years instead of two; require the Commission to report annually to the Board on Department staffing; and create a five-year program with possible renewals allowing police officers to continue working for the Department after retiring, with pension payments deferred while they are working.

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

Controller's Statement on "F"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition F:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government. Based on the Retirement System's current actuarial assumptions and policies, the amendment would result in increased costs to the City ranging from \$600,000 to \$3 million in the first year. In subsequent years, the cost impact would range from saving approximately \$300,000 to costing up to approximately \$3 million annually by the fifth year of the program.

The proposed Charter amendment would re-establish a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). The voters approved a prior version of a DROP in February 2008 (2008 DROP), which ended in 2011 when the Board of Supervisors voted to not renew the DROP. DROP participants will receive a salary and a DROP account in which San Francisco Employees' Retirement System (SFERS) will deposit pension payments with a guaranteed 4% return. Participants will not be eligible for promotion. Unlike the 2008 DROP, this proposed Charter amendment specifies that lieutenants and captains will not be eligible and officers participating in DROP must agree to work in the field or in investigations. This Charter amendment also clarifies that officers may not participate in DROP if they apply for and receive a disability retirement.

The exact cost to the City of the DROP will depend on the retirement decisions of individual police officers. According to estimates from SFERS, if officers who would have continued to work, not retire, instead opt into the DROP, DROP would increase City pension employer contribution costs by \$600,000 in FY 2025–26 and then generate savings of approximately \$200,000 to \$400,000 annually between FY 2026–27 and FY 2029–30. Conversely, if officers enter DROP when they would have otherwise retired, City pension employer contribution costs would increase by \$3 million in FY 2025–26, fall slightly to \$2.6 million in FY 2026–27 and FY 2027–28, and rise back to approximately \$3 million by FY 2029–30.

Every five years, if not sooner, the City would be required to evaluate the net cost effect of the DROP. After five years, the Board of Supervisors must reauthorize or end the DROP. Given current police staffing levels and hiring rates, DROP will likely not reduce SFPD cost of hiring in the short term.

In 2011, it was estimated that the 2008 DROP would cost the City approximately \$6 million annually in the form of higher City pension employer contributions. While this amendment would apply to fewer employees than the 2008 version, this historical experience suggests that the DROP is more likely to generate new costs to the City than it is to be cost neutral or generate savings.

The proposed amendment also defines a "Full-Duty Sworn Officer" and reduces the frequency of the Chief of Police's required reporting on staffing levels to the Police Commission from every two years to every three years. This reduced frequency may generate minimal savings to government, but at a level that cannot be estimated at this time.

How "F" Got on the Ballot

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 8 to 3 to place Proposition F on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Safai, Stefani.

No: Preston, Ronen, Walton.

Proponent's Argument

VOTE YES ON F — FOR A FULLY STAFFED SFPD

Proposition F curbs our ongoing loss of police officers by creating a strong incentive for frontline SFPD officers, inspectors, and sergeants to postpone retirement for up to five years to focus on neighborhood patrol and investigations.

San Francisco's Police Department is severely short-staffed.

- SFPD is short more than 500 of the 2,074 full-duty officers needed to keep San Francisco safe.
- Each year since 2019, SFPD has lost more officers than it can recruit. Even more alarming: nearly 450 more officers will become eligible for retirement by 2030.
- The pace of retirements could leave SFPD *short-staffed by nearly 40 percent* within five years.

Chronic police understaffing endangers public safety.

- It delays 911 response times and further impacts the safety of our residents, small businesses, and tourists.
- It perpetuates our City's reputation of lawlessness full of criminal enterprises.
- It forces taxpayers to spend heavily on police overtime — as much as nearly 20 percent of SFPD's salary budget — to pay fewer officers more to meet our basic safety needs.
- It overburdens our emergency response, risking burnout and taking a needless toll on the physical and mental well-being of our City's first responders.

Prop F will help achieve a fully staffed SFPD and enhance public safety.

- Prop F enhances SFPD reporting to better track police recruiting and fulfill San Francisco's pledge to recruit significantly more women officers by 2030.
- Prop F is a cost-effective and time-limited plan to postpone officer retirements while San Francisco fixes our police recruitment crisis.

Learn more at: FullyStaffSFPD.org

Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Board President Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Catherine Stefani
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Ahsha Safaí
Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Joel Engardio

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

VOTE NO ON F: Double-Dipping Won't Keep Us Safe

The proponents are **misleading voters**. Most of their argument says nothing about what Prop F will actually do.

They say that San Francisco's Police Department is severely short-staffed, **but the majority of officers are leaving after 6 or 7 years**. Prop F would only apply to officers with 25+ years of service.

They say that taxpayers are on the hook for paying extremely high overtime costs, 20% of SFPD's salary budget, but Prop F will force taxpayers to **pay senior police officers twice** by letting them double-dip into salaries and banked pension payments **at the same time**, allowing some individual officers to make up to a **half a million dollars**.

What we know from trying this same program between 2008 and 2011 is that:

- It was sold as cost-neutral, **but was proven to be incredibly expensive**.
- The Controller issued a report saying that the program **did not help recruit or retain police officers**.
- **Police officers were retiring early** so they could participate in this program, and were taking home \$200,000+ on average.

SFPD says that recruitment numbers are rising and that class sizes are back to 2019 levels.

Help us protect against misinformation and invest in programs that actually keep us safe.

Vote no on Prop F.

*American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California
Chinese for Affirmative Action
District 9 Supervisor Hillary Ronen
District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston
District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton
Public Defender* Mano Raju
Police Commissioner* Jesus Yáñez
Former Police Commissioner* Bill Ong Hing*

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Opponent's Argument

SAY NO TO PROP F: Wasteful, ineffective, and unfair.

Proposition F is a city-hall insider re-do of a policy that's already been tried and was a massive failure. Voting Yes on F would be a vote for an extremely expensive program that San Franciscans cannot afford, that won't keep us safer.

- **WASTEFUL:** Proposition F would force taxpayers to pay some individual officers up to HALF A MILLION DOLLARS by allowing them to double dip into salaries and banked pension payments. It won't add a single officer to the ranks of SFPD despite the widely known staffing shortage. Paying retiring officers twice—including those who retire while under investigation for misconduct—will not compensate for the hundreds more officers approaching retirement every year.
- **INEFFECTIVE:** San Francisco tried this program in 2008 and rightfully abandoned it in 2011 because there was no evidence that it helped the city to retain or recruit officers. Proposition F provides no reason to turn back the clock and return to an expensive, ineffective idea, especially at a time when we've already approved the biggest retention plan in the City's history and are giving senior officers retention premium pay to the tune of 17% of their salaries this year and 20% by 2026.
- **UNFAIR:** None of San Francisco's other public safety workers – Firefighters, social workers, 911 dispatchers – receive such large-scale retention benefits even when their workplaces are facing major staffing shortages.

With San Francisco facing a major budget deficit, every dollar we waste on Proposition F is a dollar we can't use to address actual public safety concerns.

Vote NO on Proposition F.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California
Asian Law Caucus
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Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

AS LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK SAN FRANCISCANS TO JOIN US IN SUPPORTING PROP F

As San Francisco's current and former police chiefs – writing in our personal capacities – together with the labor organization representing police officers sworn to protect our City, we urge San Franciscans to support Proposition F.

San Francisco currently requires 2,074 full-duty police officers to adequately protect public safety citywide, according to the independently developed workload-based methodology voters adopted in 2020. Unfortunately...

- SFPD is right now **more than 500 officers short** of recommended staffing levels; and
- SFPD will have **nearly 450 retirement-eligible officers** over the next five years.

Although SFPD is beginning to make real progress in recruiting new officers, an ambitious retention plan like Prop F is necessary to achieve the fully staffed police force San Franciscans deserve.

San Francisco isn't unique among major cities competing to solve a once-in-a-generation police understaffing crisis nationwide. But in a City as economically dependent on being safe and welcoming to commuters, tourists, conventions and our own residents, San Francisco simply can't afford an understaffed SFPD.

Prop F is a carefully tailored plan that will help...

- Incentivize experienced officers to **postpone retirements** for up to five years;
- Emphasize **neighborhood patrols and investigations**;
- **Minimize costly overtime**;
- Improve oversight to **recruit more women** officers;
- **Expand civilianization** efforts; and
- Fulfill the promise of **21st century police reform**.

We urge you to vote Yes on Prop F.

*William Scott, Chief of Police**
*Greg Suhr, Former Chief of Police**
San Francisco Police Officers Association

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Paid Arguments in Favor

Vote yes on Measure F.

Public safety is paramount. SF needs more police to protect and serve residents. This measure will modify the criteria for establishing recommended staffing levels for sworn officers and changing the levels for the Chief of Police to submit a staffing report from every two years to every three years.

Without law enforcement and our criminal justice system, there is a possibility of rampant havoc, violence, theft, and danger everywhere San Francisco residents turn. Law enforcement professionals can take pride and satisfaction in their work to keep society safe and those responsible for crimes accountable for their actions.

-Prop F will help improve neighborhood safety and finally get us closer to having neighborhood Foot Patrols

-It's a cost effective, 5-year plan to restaff the SFPD

-It will protect small businesses and finally put beat cops on our streets

Vote YES on measure F.

Coalition For San Francisco Neighborhoods

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Since the pandemic, we have had a massive staffing problem filling open SFPD positions. We are over 500 officers short of minimum staffing and we cannot possibly graduate enough new recruits through our police academies to catch up. Between officers leaving for other law enforcement agencies and retirements, we are losing ground on full staffing, not gaining ground.

Prop F will keep San Francisco safer by helping stem the flow of retirements, keeping experienced officers on the job and give us a chance to make up ground on minimum staffing in the next few years. Putting more officers on the streets helps keep San Francisco safer until we can fix the imbalance created during the pandemic.

Vote Yes on Prop F.

Moe Jamil

*Deputy City Attorney and Candidate for Supervisor, District 3**

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Public safety can't wait! Prop F will make a difference NOW to increase and retain police officers in our neighborhoods.

The San Francisco Police Department is more than 500 officers short of the bare minimum 2,074-officer "full duty" staffing level required to keep our city safe. That shortfall will likely increase as hundreds of existing police officers are eligible for retirement soon.

The police shortage is felt across our city. From extended emergency response times and rampant open-air drug dealing, to delayed investigations of car break-ins, San Franciscans demand change. **Fixing the police shortage cannot wait.**

Prop F is a common-sense solution that puts officers on the streets, conducting investigations, walking through neighborhoods, and doing REAL police work.

Prop F will also reduce reliance on costly overtime. With current low staffing levels, our police officers are working excessive overtime.

By decreasing overtime, San Francisco will help avoid police burnout. That will lessen the possibility that overworked, stressed officers will get into tragic use-of-force incidents which can result in injury or death. This could save lives as well as save taxpayers millions in legal costs.

Vote yes on Prop F for safer streets and safer neighborhoods.

Stop Crime Action

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument: Yes on F, San Franciscans for Full Police Staffing.

The sole contributor to the true source recipient committee: No on B, Stop the Cop Tax.

VOTE YES ON F – FOR A FULLY STAFFED SFPD

San Francisco can and should be the safest large city in America. Like all other major U.S. cities, however, we face a once-in-a-generation police staffing crisis. Nationwide, it's the most competitive environment for law enforcement hiring in modern history.

As Mayor, I've funded aggressive new strategies for police recruiting. We've made SFPD the best-paid major city in the region for starting sworn officers, and we're now seeing police academy classes full again. We've seen impressive results, too, with lateral hires from other law enforcement agencies.

But officer retention strategies are *also* needed to fully staff SFPD sooner.

That's why I urge you to join me in supporting Prop F!

Proposition F...

- Includes a cost-effective, time-limited Deferred Retirement Option Program, or DROP, with key safeguards in place to enhance safety services and speed police response times.
- Creates a strong incentive for frontline SFPD officers, inspectors, and sergeants to delay their retirements for up to five years — so long as they work in neighborhood patrols or investigations.
- Enhances oversight on recruiting and civilianization efforts, while emphasizing our pledge to reach 30 percent women officers by 2030. And it will significantly reduce our reliance on mandatory overtime.

I'm committed to get SFPD back to full staffing, so we can stop drug dealing and theft, and protect residents, businesses, and vulnerable seniors. If you are, too...

Vote YES on Prop F!

Mayor London Breed

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
Yes on F, San Franciscans for Full Police Staffing.

The sole contributor to the true source recipient committee: No on B,
Stop the Cop Tax.

PROP F IS THE RIGHT APPROACH TO FIX SHORT-STAFFING CHALLENGES.

As a public safety professional for nearly 30 years, I can attest to the historically unprecedented challenges law enforcement agencies currently face when it comes to recruiting and retention.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Office faces similar challenges, and the enhanced oversight and deferred retirement option program (or DROP) that Proposition F is proposing for SFPD is a worthwhile approach. It's a cost-effective, time-limited, strategically tailored program that builds in key safeguards to ensure that DROP participants deliver front-line public safety services.

Let's face it: no one benefits from chronically short-staffed public safety agencies — least of all taxpayers, who end up paying more money for costly mandatory overtime. Short-staffing can also take an

enormous toll on the morale, health and safety of law enforcement personnel. And it denies San Franciscans the high-quality public safety services they deserve.

Prop F is a smart approach. It will incentivize our most experienced public safety professionals to postpone their retirements while they continue to serve our City. And its success could offer an important model for other emergency services and law enforcement agencies — including mine — to improve public safety in San Francisco.

Please join me in voting YES on Prop F.

*Sheriff Paul Miyamoto**

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The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
Yes on F, San Franciscans for Full Police Staffing.

The sole contributor to the true source recipient committee: No on B,
Stop the Cop Tax.

DEAN PRESTON AND PROP F'S OFFICIAL OPPONENTS ARE 'DEFUND-THE-POLICE' EXTREMISTS!

Dean Preston's ideology is dangerous for San Francisco and makes our City unsafe.

As District 5 Supervisor, Dean Preston has supported spending taxpayer dollars for bonds and budget set-asides totaling nearly \$6 billion — *including more than \$1.8 billion in this election alone*. And yet he calls a modest \$3 million-per-year plan to postpone police retirements and achieve SFPD full staffing “*an extremely expensive program that San Franciscans cannot afford*”?

Don't believe Dean and these hypocrites.

Dean Preston is “committed to defunding the police” — *his words* — and he and his political allies now opposing Prop F are largely to blame for San Francisco's police recruiting challenges.

VOTE YES ON PROP F FOR A FULLY STAFFED SFPD!

Scotty Jacobs, Candidate for Supervisor, District 5

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
Scotty Jacobs.

No Paid Arguments Against Proposition F Were Submitted

G – Funding Rental Subsidies for Affordable Housing Developments Serving Low Income Seniors, Families, and Persons with Disabilities

Shall the City amend the Charter to require the City to appropriate at least \$8.25 million a year to pay for rental subsidies for affordable housing developments serving extremely low-income households of seniors, families, and persons with disabilities?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: State law requires San Francisco to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of people at all income levels in the community. Low-income households in San Francisco have incomes that do not exceed 80% of area median income (AMI). Extremely low-income (ELI) households have incomes that do not exceed 35% of AMI.

The City provides loans to acquire, build or rehabilitate affordable housing to meet the needs of low-income households, but these loan programs do not fully subsidize the difference between the cost to operate these units and the rents ELI households can afford. As a result, relatively few housing units are offered at rents affordable to ELI households.

The City funds rental subsidies for a limited number of affordable housing developments that make rental units available to ELI seniors. The City provides the funds directly to the owner to subsidize the rents of ELI seniors.

The City also provides rental subsidies for households that formerly experienced homelessness.

Some of the funding for these two subsidy programs comes from state or federal grants and other funding comes from the General Fund through the annual budget process. There is currently no permanent funding source or annual commitment to fund these programs. There are currently no equivalent programs for ELI families or persons with disabilities.

The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), which coordinates the City’s affordable housing policies, administers these loan and rental subsidy programs.

The Proposal: Proposition G is a Charter amendment that would create an Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors, Families and Persons with Disabilities (Fund).

Under Proposition G, each year the City would be required to contribute to the Fund:

- beginning in fiscal year 2026–27, at least \$8.25 million a year; and
- until fiscal year 2045–46, at least the prior year amount, adjusted by up to 3% based on the City’s revenues.

If, in any year the City’s projected budget deficit is \$250 million or more, the City may reduce its contribution to the Fund, provided that the City contributes at least \$4 million in 2026–27 and at least \$8.25 million in each later year.

Under Proposition G, MOHCD would administer the Fund by disbursing money to the owners of certain new and existing affordable housing developments in San Francisco to subsidize the rent of ELI households consisting of seniors, families or persons with disabilities with incomes up to 35% of AMI. The funds would subsidize the difference between the amount these tenants can afford and the rents the owner would otherwise charge. The Fund would end on December 31, 2046, unless voters reauthorize it.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to appropriate at least \$8.25 million a year to pay for rental subsidies for affordable housing developments serving ELI households of seniors, families and persons with disabilities.

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

Controller's Statement on "G"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition G:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government in that it would reallocate funds that would otherwise be available, starting with at least \$4 million in fiscal year (FY) 2026–27, \$8.25 million in FY 2027–28, and increasing by up to 3% annually, rising to a maximum of approximately \$14 million in FY 2045–46.

The proposed Charter amendment would create the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors, Families, and People with Disabilities (Fund) for the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) to provide rental subsidies to extremely low-income (ELI) households. The Fund would expire on December 31, 2046 unless extended by the voters. Beginning March 1, 2025, the Controller would report annually the amount of funding from each non-General Fund source available to be appropriated to the Fund.

The amendment would require the City to appropriate funding every year, starting with \$8.25 million in FY 2026–27. In subsequent years the City would be required to appropriate at least as much as the previous year and up to 3% more than the previous year through FY 2045–46. However, in years where the City projects a budget deficit of \$250 million or more, the proposed amendment would allow the City to reduce the annual appropriation to \$4 million in the first year and \$8.25 million in each of the following years. Over the 20-year period the Fund would be active, total costs would range from \$161 million to \$222 million, depending on the financial health of the City and budgetary decisions of the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

This proposed amendment is not in compliance with a non-binding, voter-adopted city policy regarding set-asides. The policy seeks to limit set-asides which reduce General Fund dollars that could otherwise be allocated by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in the annual budget process. For context, in the FY 2023–24 budget, all baseline requirements totaled approximately \$2.1 billion, or 30.7%, of the approximately \$6.8 billion General Fund budget.

Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller's Office, which has prepared this statement.

How "G" Got on the Ballot

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition G on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument

San Francisco is committed to expanding housing opportunities for seniors, families, and people with disabilities. Proposition G helps us toward achieving that goal.

Proposition G takes an essential step towards fulfilling our City's goal of expanding access to safe and affordable housing for households at all income levels. While San Francisco is making progress toward building new housing and upgrading existing units we also need to ensure that our lowest income seniors, families, and people with disabilities can qualify for them and are not left behind. This is a need that existing federal and state programs have been unable to adequately address.

Placed on the ballot with **unanimous support of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor**, Proposition G will address this gap in our housing programs by:

- Committing a stable and consistent level of funding to increase affordability in our City's affordable housing
- Creating hundreds of more affordable units relying upon existing funding sources
- Keeping the most vulnerable San Franciscans housed and preventing them from becoming homeless
- Establishing a public process for the development and oversight of the program

This fund will work together with new and existing housing programs and increase their effectiveness, making hundreds of additional units affordable to extremely low-income households.

On November 5th, let's take this much needed step towards a more inclusive and affordable San Francisco. Join us and **vote Yes on Prop G!**

*Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin
Mayor London Breed
Chinatown Community Development Center
Compass Family Services
Council of Community Housing Organizations
Faith in Action
Mission Housing
Self-Help for the Elderly*

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

Proponents of Proposition G claim it will "create" housing. In reality, **it's a short-sighted gamble that will further inflame San Francisco's housing crisis.**

They promise "*hundreds*" of additional units, but ignore the risk **Proposition G will fuel rent increases citywide**. Emptying the general fund into rental subsidies, the measure feeds landlords at taxpayer expense, encouraging higher prices. This won't make housing more affordable—in fact, it will become more expensive for anyone who doesn't win a **literal lottery**.

Existing programs are vulnerable to fraud and mismanagement. Why aren't we tightening standards? Recently, a San Francisco businessman admitted to stealing over \$340,000 from Section 8 subsidies. **Proposition G lacks necessary safeguards to prevent abuse, which drain resources meant for the truly needy.**

San Francisco recently passed a substantial housing bond and secured \$117 million in state and federal funding for affordable housing projects. Instead of Proposition G's risky subsidies; let's build on *existing, funded long-term affordable housing programs* that already address root causes.

Vote NO on Proposition G. Reject the illusion of progress, gambling with taxpayer money, squandering resources needed for real solutions.

Larry Marso, Esq.

Opponent's Argument

Proposition G diverts the city's general fund to subsidize rent, a short-term "fix" with harsh long-term consequences. The measure drains critical resources from essential services like public safety, infrastructure, and education.

San Francisco's budget is already in a death spiral. Committing general funds to dubious subsidies further destabilizes City finances, **causing automatic cuts elsewhere.**

Rental subsidies are not effectively targeted. This program is another **literal lottery**—with winners and losers. The measure will drive up rents across the city. Landlords, fed by the City's general fund, will raise prices. Proposition G makes housing even less affordable for many San Franciscans. It's another "hot patch" over deep-rooted ills in our housing system that will burn at-risk residents who fail to qualify.

San Francisco needs comprehensive housing reforms that encourage more affordable units, streamline permitting, and incentivize private investment. Such solutions create sustainable, long-term improvements.

Vote NO on Proposition G and support housing reform that addresses the root causes of San Francisco's affordability crisis.

Larry Marso

Mr. Marso is a technology executive, M&A advisor and attorney. A staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility, he authored a ballot measure to regulate San Francisco navigation/linkage centers, has fought corruption and fraud in our political parties and nonprofits, and as a member and former executive of the local Republican Party committee, has offered principled opposition.

Stop the Big Fraud on San Francisco voters! visit:
<https://bigfraud.com>

Larry S. Marso

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

Yes on G is supported by a diverse coalition from every corner of San Francisco—healthcare providers, faith leaders, community-serving organizations, housing advocates, and advocates for seniors, women and renters—who know what it takes to solve our housing crisis.

Prop G is an essential part of the solution that will **expand housing opportunities** for those who need it most **without causing cuts** to other essential services. It will:

- Fill a critical gap in the City's affordable housing system by lowering rents for those with the lowest incomes
- Tap existing housing funds that can fully support the program without touching the City's General Fund or impacting essential services
- Target subsidies to seniors and people with disabilities on fixed incomes, and families working minimum wage jobs

Join our united coalition **working together on smart, responsible solutions** that confront the roots of San Francisco's housing crisis. Vote **Yes on G** to create more safe and affordable housing!

Marie Jobling, Co-Chair, Dignity Fund Coalition
*Sal Rosselli, President Emeritus, National Union of Healthcare Workers**
Bayview Senior Services
Compass Family Services
Community Youth Center of San Francisco
Council of Community Housing Organizations
Faith in Action
Mission Housing
San Francisco Tenants Union

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Paid Arguments in Favor

YES ON G: LET'S BUILD AN AFFORDABLE FUTURE FOR ALL

Together we have built and preserved thousands of affordable housing units and are on our way to building thousands more. However, without Prop G, those earning the lowest incomes—our essential workers, seniors, and people with disabilities—remain unable to access these critical resources.

Yes on G represents a significant step toward addressing this imbalance. This measure is crucial for continuing our efforts to provide housing solutions where they are most needed. This proposition will:

- **Create New Housing Opportunities:** Prop G will open up more than 500 new affordable housing units for seniors and families with incomes below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), addressing the urgent need for truly affordable homes in our city.
- **Target Resources to Those Most in Need:** Ensure that future affordable housing sites are prioritized for those most vulnerable, making our housing efforts more equitable and effective.
- **Support Citywide Housing Preservation:** Bolster the city's preservation program, which is essential for maintaining the affordability of existing housing stock and preventing displacement.

San Francisco is at a critical juncture in its housing crisis. Let's invest in the stable future of our diverse communities and vote **Yes on G** for the San Franciscans who need it most.

*Council of Community Housing Organizations
Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
Chinatown Community Development Center
Community Forward SF
Mercy Housing
Mission Economic Development Agency
Mission Housing
San Francisco Community Land Trust
San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund
San Francisco Housing Development Corporation
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation
Women's Housing Coalition
Young Community Developers*

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YES ON G: SAN FRANCISCO'S SENIORS AND FAMILIES NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In the last decade, while the median income in San Francisco has soared, incomes for our seniors and working families have barely budged. A single parent working full-time at minimum wage earns just \$37,600 a year—insufficient to cover the rent for suitable family housing. Similarly, over 56% of our households with a senior or disabled member are rent-burdened, with median monthly incomes hovering around \$1,500—barely 15% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Instead of secure living conditions, they face the constant threat of displacement.

Proposition G will provide hundreds of desperately needed affordable housing opportunities for these vulnerable groups. By supporting this measure, we help take care of our seniors who have contributed immensely to our city, and we ensure that working families can afford to stay and that their children can thrive in the communities they help build.

On November 5th, your vote for Yes on G is a commitment to a fairer, more inclusive San Francisco. It's a vote for a city where our children have a future and our seniors can enjoy their golden years in stability, not insecurity. Help us make San Francisco a place of hope and opportunity for all. **Vote Yes on G!**

*Bayview Senior Services
Coleman Advocates
Community Youth Center of San Francisco
Dignity Fund Coalition
San Francisco Human Services Network
Senior and Disability Action*

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YES ON G: ALL TENANTS DESERVE STABLE, AFFORDABLE HOMES

Soaring rents are hitting our most vulnerable residents the hardest, making it increasingly difficult for seniors, families, and people with disabilities to access stable, affordable homes. Too often, people are forced to choose between keeping a roof over their heads and putting food on the table.

Yes on G takes a crucial step towards ensuring that more affordable housing is available to those who need it most:

- **Households on fixed incomes:** Disabled tenants and seniors are often at the greatest risk of being priced out. This measure ensures that more units are available at rents they can afford, helping prevent displacement and homelessness.
- **Families working minimum wage jobs:** Hardworking families, despite full-time jobs, are struggling to find homes they can afford. This fund makes rents truly affordable, allowing them to remain in the communities they help to build.

San Francisco's affordability crisis demands urgent action. On November 5th, **vote Yes on G** to expand access to affordable housing and secure our community's future by ensuring that more homes are within reach for all.

*San Francisco Tenants Union
Affordable Housing Alliance
Bill Sorro Housing Program
Eviction Defense Collaborative
Housing Rights Committee
North Beach Tenants Committee
San Francisco Anti Displacement Coalition
South of Market Community Action Network*

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A MORAL CAUSE — LET US ALL COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION G

As faith leaders, we care for the spiritual wellbeing of our communities and our city. We know that ensuring basic access to housing for each of us is vital to the spiritual health of us all. In our city, so many of our seniors, disabled and low income neighbors are struggling to make ends meet — scraping by and unable to find housing they can afford. Many are sleeping on our streets, in cars, or in city shelters, experiencing deep hardship and trauma. Others are clinging to precarious stability by staying with family or friends or sacrificing most of what they earn to stay housed. These are grave injustices which people of all faiths are bound to oppose. Justice in our beloved city looks like housing that is affordable to elders, people with disabilities, and families. We all deserve a place to call home.

*Rev. John Kirkley, St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Arnold Townsend
Rev. Norman Fong, Parish Associate, Chinatown
Presbyterian Church**

Rabbi Me'irah Iliinsky, Or Shalom Jewish Community
Joel Balzer, Elder, Grace Fellowship
Community Church*
John Talbott, Elder, Cumberland Presbyterian Church*
Samantha Gutierrez-Graczak, Campus Minister,
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship*
Brenden Gutierrez-Graczak, Campus Minister,
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship*
GLIDE Foundation*

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YES ON PROP G: ENSURING HOUSING EQUITY FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY

San Francisco's Black community is highly over-represented among the City's lowest income residents, leading to widespread housing insecurity and an increased risk of homelessness. Many in the community, including seniors, families, and Certificate of Preference holders, face significant barriers to accessing affordable housing due to a lack of deeply affordable housing units. **Our community has faced these housing challenges for far too long.**

Prop G will specifically fund housing for our City's lowest income residents. By creating more deeply affordable units, Prop G directly addresses systemic inequities and creates the opportunities our community needs to break into the affordable housing system.

We face a choice: continue to neglect the needs of hardworking families and seniors on fixed incomes or take decisive action to ensure our housing system is fair and inclusive.

Vote **Yes on Prop G** to build a future where every member of our Black community has access to safe, stable, affordable housing.

*Young Community Developers
Bayview Senior Services
Black to the Future
Without Walls CDC*

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ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES SUPPORT AFFORDABLE SENIOR AND FAMILY HOUSING, YES ON G

Our communities urgently need more affordable housing — housing that is truly affordable for seniors and working families. Without access to affordable housing too many API seniors and families today are forced to live in unsafe and substandard conditions. Others are leaving the city because of the unaffordable cost of housing. Our communities and small businesses all lose when we cannot keep seniors and families in San Francisco. By committing existing funding to address this important need, Proposition G will create more housing opportunities without increasing taxes. Let's make housing for seniors and families a priority. Please **vote Yes on Proposition G**.

Anni Chung, Self-Help for the Elderly
Wing Hoo Leung, Community Tenants Association
Norman Yee, Former President of the Board of Supervisors
*Pratibha Tekkey, Central City SRO Collaborative**
Asian Law Caucus
Chinatown Community Development Center
Chinese Progressive Association
SOMA Pilipinas
Tenderloin Chinese Rights Association

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San Francisco Communities Against Displacement.

YES ON G: SUPPORTING THE LATINO COMMUNITY WITH DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Our Latino community is facing severe housing challenges including overcrowding and displacement. We need a solution that gets to the root of the problem by providing safe, stable and truly affordable housing for our lowest income neighbors. **Unidos podemos pasar la Propuesta G, Vote yes on G!**

Prop G is essential for our community because it will:

- **Support Our Families:** Create deeply affordable housing opportunities to prevent overcrowding, provide healthy living conditions, and improve academic outcomes for our students.
- **Take Care of Our Elders:** Ensure housing stability and affordable options that honor our hard working

elders and prevent them from leaving the city in their senior years.

- **Reverse the surge of Latino Homelessness:** Provide a cost-effective, targeted solution that will get our neighbors stable housing at a time when the number of Latinos who are experiencing homelessness has increased by 55%.

As Latino serving organizations, we are **united in our support** for Proposition G because our children, hard working families, and seniors deserve better. On November 5th, let's vote **Yes on G!**

Latino Task Force
Faith in Action
Mission Economic Development Agency
People Organized to Demand Economic and Environmental Rights
San Francisco Latino Parity and Equity Coalition
United to Save the Mission

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San Francisco Communities Against Displacement.

YES ON PROP G

KEEP OUR SENIORS AND WORKING FAMILIES HOUSED.

The San Franciscans most threatened with becoming homeless include low-income seniors, people with disabilities, and working families.

Prop G will dedicate \$8 million per year of current City revenues to assist these vulnerable households to remain in their homes. This is a small investment for a huge benefit.

YES ON G THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS IS TO PREVENT IT!

Build Affordable Faster California
John Elberling
Peter Stevens

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Tenants and Owners Development Corporation.

No Paid Arguments Against Proposition G Were Submitted

H – Retirement Benefits for Firefighters

Shall the City amend the Charter to change how pension benefits are calculated for members of the Fire Department hired on or after January 7, 2012, by lowering the age these members can receive the highest pension from 58 to 55, and make those benefits the same as members hired before January 7, 2012?

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

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

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The Way It Is Now: The City provides its employees with pension benefits through the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System (SFERS). Employees who meet age and service requirements receive pension payments upon retirement. Members of the Fire Department are eligible to retire at age 50 if they have at least five years of credit for City service.

A member's pension generally increases with the member's age, compensation and number of years worked. The pension is a percentage of the member's final compensation at retirement. SFERS calculates that percentage based on the member's age at retirement and their number of years of City service. No member of the Fire Department may receive a pension that is more than 90% of their final compensation.

Members of the Fire Department hired before January 7, 2012, could reach the 90% maximum percentage for their pension at age 55. Members hired on or after January 7, 2012, could reach that maximum three years later, at age 58.

The Proposal: Proposition H would amend the Charter to change pension benefits for members of the Fire Department hired on or after January 7, 2012. Proposition H would lower from 58 to 55 the age at which these members can obtain the highest pension based on age. These changes would make pension benefits for members hired on and after January 7, 2012, the same as benefits for members hired before January 7, 2012.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to change how pension benefits are calculated for members of the Fire Department hired on or after January 7, 2012, by lowering the age these members can receive the highest pension from 58 to 55, and make those benefits the same as members hired before January 7, 2012.

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

Controller's Statement on "H"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition H:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government. Based on the Retirement System's current actuarial assumptions and policies, the amendment would increase costs to the City starting at approximately \$3.7 million in fiscal year 2025–26 and increasing every year through fiscal year 2040–2041.

The proposed Charter amendment would align the retirement benefits calculations for those becoming firefighters after January 7, 2012 with those who became firefighters before that date. The amendment specifies that those hired after January 7, 2012 will qualify for higher retirement benefits at younger ages than under current rules. The amendment lowers the age of retirement at which firefighters would receive the highest potential pension from 58 to 55 for this

cohort of firefighters. For context, of the firefighters hired after January 7, 2012, currently approximately 4% (approximately 50 firefighters) are older than 50 years of age.

The estimated cost in the first year is approximately \$3.7 million, with costs increasing through year 16 due to higher employer retirement contributions paid by the City. This cost does not include the potential need to hire more new firefighters as older firefighters are newly incentivized to retire earlier. For context, the current cost to hire and train a new firefighter is approximately \$115,000, including the costs for the academy, background and medical checks, personal protective equipment, and uniforms.

This Charter amendment amends voter-approved Charter amendments from June 2010 and November 2011 on pension reform.

How "H" Got on the Ballot

On July 30, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 10 to 0 to place Proposition H on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Excused: Walton.

Proponent's Argument

It's a fact: Cancer is the leading cause of occupational death among firefighters. Firefighters have a 14% higher risk of dying from cancer than the general population. Since 2006, over 300 active and retired San Francisco firefighters have died because of cancer. More than 160 have been diagnosed with cancer in the past six years alone. Most diagnoses occurred in firefighters over 50, shining a bright light on the increased risk that comes with age.

Firefighting is among the most dangerous and physically and mentally demanding professions. The daily demands of the job, combined with hazardous exposure to PFAS (Forever Chemicals) and toxic chemicals, smoke, and fumes, put severe strain on firefighters, especially those who work until the retirement age of 58. This prolonged exposure contributes to mental health problems, cardiac issues, chronic health conditions, and job-related cancers, which only worsen with age and impact the lives of firefighters and their families.

Prop H would allow San Francisco's firefighters to cut their cancer risk by retiring at age 55.

Currently, San Francisco's firefighters face inequitable retirement ages. Firefighters hired before 2012 can retire at 55 while those hired after must wait until 58. **Prop H** would standardize the retirement age for all firefighters, ensuring fairness for everyone who performs the same life-threatening job.

Earlier retirement will also help reduce rising workers' compensation costs driven by firefighters' chronic health problems and injuries, enabling the city to free up resources to make the retirement age equitable for all firefighters.

It's time to save the lives of the firefighters who save lives in our community every day. **Prop H** is a crucial step toward protecting our firefighters from cancer and delivering fair and equitable retirement benefits for all of San Francisco's bravest.

Supervisor Catherine Stefani
Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Ahsha Safai
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
Secretary Adam Wood

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

The proponents' argument for Proposition H cites a higher risk for cancer among firefighters that's been known for years, but **fails to make the case for giving them even higher pensions when they're already better compensated than their peers.**

San Francisco firefighters are the **highest-paid in the Bay Area**, and **work the fewest hours**, according to a 2023 survey of 13 jurisdictions in which the average annual firefighter salary was \$127,654, compared with **\$136,656 in San Francisco.**

Cancer is the second-leading cause of death in the United States, so clearly not all cancers among current or former firefighters are work-related. According to national data, *only 4% of incidents to which firefighters are called involve fires*; most are medical emergencies.

The statement that "those hired after must wait until 58" to retire is *misleading at best*. Clearly firefighters *can* retire earlier if they choose, and there's nothing unfair about their current retirement eligibility dates. **Those hired in 2012 or later were informed about the pension rules as they now stand.**

Supervisors carrying water for the powerful firefighters union are pushing a measure that would create **more inequality**. This attempt to undo an important reform passed by voters would make the pension system more unsustainable again, jeopardizing the pensions of future retirees and increasing current and future tax burdens.

Everyone loves firefighters, but there's no reason to exempt them from pension rules covering all city employees. **Proposition H is a disservice to future workers and the public. Vote No.**

Libertarian Party of San Francisco
 LPSE.org

Opponent's Argument

Firefighters have risky jobs with lengthy shifts. When they put themselves at great risk to help others, they *truly are* heroes. They voluntarily chose this career field despite the risks.

San Francisco firefighters hired after Jan 6, 2012 **also were made aware of the new full pension retirement age of 58** (it was previously 55). The modification to the pension age was needed due to decades of fiscal mismanagement by the city government. **By increasing employee contribution rates for hires after that date, voters were protecting firefighters pensions.** Expenses needed to be trimmed. San Francisco avoided bankruptcy during the 2008 to 2012 bust cycle. Other cities in California were not so lucky – the state experienced multiple municipal bankruptcies.

Now, politicians are putting forth a ballot measure to overturn voters' prudent action. Why? The ballot measure claims *"the financial outlook of the San Francisco Employees Retirement System has improved significantly"*. During a boom cycle this might be true, yet there seems to be a lack of planning for the next bust. The boom/bust cycle won't end as long as government meddling in the monetary system prevents natural market corrections from occurring. Kind of like how "no burn" forest management rules heighten the eventual risk of devastating fires.

Let's vote no on this ballot measure and have a proactive city government that **protects itself against future bankruptcy while not increasing the tax burden upon its citizens.** Better to explore ways to protect firefighters and reward them for their heroic service which do not increase unsustainable future spending obligations.

Vote NO on Proposition H.

Libertarian Party of San Francisco
LPSF.org

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

Shame on the extreme Libertarian Party – or anyone – who suggests firefighters “choose” to contract or to die from cancer.

Firefighters chose their career knowing that they might have to risk their lives to save others. They did not know that they also faced the risk of occupational cancer which would cut their lives short or follow them long into retirement.

In the past few years, critical new studies have come to light that prove firefighters face dramatically heightened odds of contracting cancer the longer they work in their life-threatening jobs.

Fact: Cancer is the leading cause of occupational death among firefighters, with those over 50 being particularly vulnerable. Firefighters have a 14% higher risk of dying from cancer than the rest of us.

The current retirement age forces many of them to continue working in hazardous conditions, increasing their risk of developing cancer and other chronic health issues.

Fact: Currently, San Francisco's firefighters face inequitable retirement ages. Firefighters hired before 2012 can retire at 55 while those hired after must wait until 58.

Prop H would once again standardize the retirement age for all firefighters, ensuring fairness for everyone who performs the same life-threatening job.

Prop H is a practical solution that helps every firefighter reduce their cancer risk by retiring at the 2012 age limit cutting their exposure to dangerous toxins.

This is our opportunity to be heroes for the heroes who protect San Francisco families.

Vote Yes on Prop H.

Supervisor Catherine Stefani
Supervisor Connie Chan

Paid Arguments in Favor

As an SFFD firefighter who survived cancer, I know firsthand that firefighters get cancer at 2-3x the rate of the rest of us. Because firefighting is more than just physically and mentally demanding—it's dangerous in ways most people don't see. We run into burning buildings, and everyday face exposure to toxic carcinogens like smoke, fumes and hazardous materials that accumulate in our bodies over time, often leading to life-threatening illnesses, including cancer.

Cancer is the leading cause of occupational death among firefighters. Since 2006, over 300 active and retired San Francisco firefighters have died from cancer. More than 160 of my SFFD colleagues have been diagnosed with cancer in just the past six years. Most of these diagnoses happen after age 50, highlighting how our risk only grows the longer we stay on the job.

Prop H will save lives. It allows firefighters to reduce their exposure to these deadly risks by retiring at age 55.

Today, the system is dangerously unfair —those hired before 2012 can retire at 55, while those hired after must wait until they are 58. Prop H corrects this inequity, ensuring all of us have the same opportunity to protect our health.

By bringing firefighter retirement age back to the 2012 level, we can reduce the city's rising workers' compensation costs, freeing up resources to make the retirement age fair for all.

Prop H helps save the lives of the firefighters who risk it all every day to keep our community safe. Please vote Yes on H and save firefighter lives.

John Maguire

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As longtime San Franciscans, we are deeply concerned about the health and safety of our firefighters.

In the past few years, new studies have come to light that prove firefighters face dramatically heightened

odds of contracting cancer the longer they work their life-threatening jobs. They don't just face fires—they're exposed to PFAS (Forever Chemicals), toxic chemicals, smoke, and fumes. Cancer is the leading cause of occupational death among firefighters, who face a 14% higher risk of dying from the disease than the general population.

Since 2006, over 300 active and retired San Francisco firefighters have lost their lives to cancer. More than 160 have been diagnosed in the past six years. The majority of these diagnoses occurred in firefighters over 50, underscoring the heightened risks they face the longer they stay on the job.

Prop H will save the lives of firefighters by adjusting the retirement age back to the voter-approved 2012 retirement age of 55.

What's more, there's an unfair disparity in retirement ages among firefighters -- those hired before 2012 can retire at 55, but those hired after must wait until 58. Prop H will correct this inequity by standardizing the retirement age, ensuring all firefighters have the same opportunity to protect their health.

Prop H is crucial for safeguarding the health of our firefighters, protecting them from increased exposure to cancer-causing chemicals, and ensuring they receive the fair and equitable retirement benefits they deserve.

On Nov 5, vote yes on H.

*Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer**
*Alan Wong, City College Board President**
*Stanley Lee, President Asian Firefighters Association**

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As a former Fire Department Physician, I have witnessed the devastating impact that cancer has on SF firefighters and their families. It's a well-established fact that cancer is the leading cause of occupational death among SF's bravest. Firefighters die from cancer at a 14% higher rate than the general population, mostly because of their repeated exposure to toxic

chemicals, smoke, and hazardous substances like PFAS (forever chemicals). Since 2006, over 300 active and retired San Francisco firefighters have died of cancer, with more than 160 firefighters diagnosed with this killer disease in the past six years alone. The majority of these diagnoses occur after age 50, underscoring the increased risk faced by aging firefighters.

Firefighting is one of the most physically and mentally taxing professions on earth. The daily demands of the job, combined with prolonged exposure to poisonous carcinogens, put firefighters at heightened risk for other illnesses like mental health issues, cardiac problems, and chronic health conditions. As these issues worsen with age, it's imperative that we take steps to protect those who protect us.

Bottom line? Prop H will save lives by allowing firefighters to reduce their cancer risk by retiring at age 55 instead of 58.

Prop H also addresses a significant inequity in the current system where those hired before 2012 can retire at 55, but those hired after must wait until they turn 58. By standardizing the retirement age, Prop H ensures fairness for all firefighters, regardless of their hire date.

Supporting Prop H is about saving lives and righting a wrong in the current system. Earlier retirement will reduce the long-term health risks faced by firefighters, curb rising workers' compensation costs, and ensure retirement age equity for all.

I urge you to vote Yes on Prop H and be a hero for SF's heroes.

Jennifer Brokaw, MD

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No Paid Arguments Against Proposition H Were Submitted

I – Retirement Benefits for Nurses and 911 Operators

Shall the City amend the Charter to allow registered nurses who are members of the San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System and meet certain requirements to purchase credits toward their total pension years of service for time previously worked as per diem nurses, and to allow 911 dispatchers, supervisors, and coordinators to increase their pension benefits by joining the SFERS Miscellaneous Safety Plan for time worked starting in January 2025?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City provides its employees with pension benefits through the San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System (SFERS).

SFERS determines the pension payment a retiree receives under each plan through a calculation based on the employee’s final compensation, years of service and age at retirement. That calculation varies between plans.

SFERS provides different plans for employees based on job type, including:

- Miscellaneous Plans for 911 dispatchers and their supervisors and coordinators, as well as most other City employees;
- Safety Plans for uniformed employees of the Police Department and Fire Department; and
- A Miscellaneous Safety Plan for certain probation officers, District Attorney investigators and juvenile court counselors.

In general, retirees receive greater pension benefits under the Safety Plans and the Miscellaneous Safety Plan than they do under the Miscellaneous Plans. Although 911 dispatchers are classified as First Responders in California, they do not receive Safety-level retirement pensions.

City employees contribute a percentage of their salary toward their retirement benefits. In some

circumstances, employees may also purchase service credits to increase their pension benefits.

A “per diem nurse” is a Registered Nurse employed by the City on an occasional and temporary basis. Since 1988, per diem nurses have not been members of SFERS and do not receive any pension service credit for the hours they work on a per diem basis.

The Proposal: Proposition I would allow eligible Registered Nurses to purchase service credit for hours they worked on a per diem basis. Registered Nurses who are or become members of SFERS and have worked an average of 32 hours or more per week for at least one year could purchase up to three years of service credit for time they previously worked solely as per diem nurses for the City before they became members of SFERS.

Proposition I would also move 911 dispatchers, supervisors and coordinators from the Miscellaneous Plans to the Miscellaneous Safety Plan for compensation those employees earn on and after January 4, 2025. As members of the Miscellaneous Safety Plan, these employees would be required to pay an increased amount into the pension plan and would receive increased pension benefits at retirement.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to allow Registered Nurses who are members of the San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System and meet certain requirements to purchase credits toward their total pension years of service for time previously

worked as per diem nurses, and to allow 911 dispatchers, supervisors and coordinators to increase their pension benefits by joining the SFERS Miscellaneous Safety Plan for time worked starting in January 2025.

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

Controller's Statement on "I"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition I:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government. Based on the Retirement System's current actuarial assumptions and policies, the amendment would result in increased costs to the City ranging from approximately \$3.8 million to approximately \$6.7 million annually in the first year, with annual costs increasing over time.

Per Diem Nurse Retirement System Credit

The proposed Charter amendment would allow registered nurses in an SFERS eligible job classification to purchase up to three years of retirement service credit for time spent working as a per diem nurse. Currently, time worked as a per diem nurse is not eligible to earn retirement service credit. For context, as of July 1, 2023, 1,400 registered nurses actively working for the City would be eligible to buy back per diem service credit. The cost to buy back these years of service would be paid by the individual employee. The amendment would not allow time worked as a per diem nurse to establish an earlier membership date in SFERS.

The estimated annual cost of increased City retirement costs would depend on the number of individuals who buy back prior service credit and could range from approximately \$1.5 million to approximately \$4.4 million per year in increased City retirement contributions.

Public Safety Communications Personnel

The proposed Charter amendment would move 911 dispatchers, including supervisors and coordinators, from the miscellaneous retirement plans to the miscellaneous safety retirement plan. The amendment would require time spent working by 911 dispatchers after January 4, 2025 to be credited to their miscellaneous safety retirement plans.

The estimated annual cost to the City is approximately \$2.3 million starting in FY 2025–26 in increased retirement contributions and would increase each year as the amount of the affected payroll increases. For context, approximately 175 911-dispatchers (including supervisors and coordinators) work for the City.

To the extent the proposed amendment encourages existing 911 dispatchers to work additional years, the City may be able to defer or reduce the cost to onboard new 911 dispatchers – but at a rate that cannot be predicted at this time. For context, training and onboarding one new 911 dispatcher costs between approximately \$225,000 and \$235,000.

How "I" Got on the Ballot

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition I on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument

San Francisco faces a dire shortage of 9-1-1 dispatchers and Registered Nurses.

Prop I will improve recruitment and retention of these critical First Responders, reducing the strain on taxpayers caused by hiring shortages and excessive overtime.

Prop I is critical to fill the 9-1-1 staffing shortage.

San Francisco has a 20% staffing shortage in our 9-1-1 dispatch system. Dispatchers are working unsustainable 15-18 hour shifts. They're exhausted and nearing a breaking point.

To treat dispatchers fairly to stay on the job, and to attract the highest quality new dispatchers, we need to provide the same retirement benefits to dispatchers as other public safety employees.

Dispatchers are classified as First Responders, but they don't receive the same safety plan retirement benefits. That must change. With Prop I, it will.

Prop I is critical to fill the nursing shortage.

Our Registered Nurses have it no better. San Francisco employs thousands of RNs as public servants, but hundreds of positions go unfilled. RNs are exhausted, leaving the City for private hospitals.

To get RNs working quickly, the City hires temporary, traveling nurses through corporate contractors—costing taxpayers 14% more. Yet, Nurses are the only City employees not allowed to buy back pension time after becoming permanent employees.

Prop I fixes this loophole by giving temporary RNs the opportunity to join the ranks of our full-time nurses, with pension options for time worked, saving taxpayers 14%.

Prop I is a win-win-win for San Francisco's budget, taxpayers, and safety.

Prop I provides San Francisco's emergency dispatchers and nurses the benefits they deserve, so we can retain our dedicated public safety professionals, attract new talent, and improve our city's emergency services.

Join 911 dispatchers, nurses, Service Employees International Union Local 1021, and public safety advocates and vote **YES on I**.

Supervisor Ahsha Safai
 Supervisor Myrna Melgar
 Supervisor Dean Preston
 Supervisor Shamann Walton
 Supervisor Connie Chan
 Supervisor Matt Dorsey
 Supervisor Aaron Peskin
 Supervisor Catherine Stefani
 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
 Supervisor Joel Engardio
 Service Employees International Union Local 1021

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

When you have a **\$790 million budget deficit**, as San Francisco's city government does this year, it's time for belt-tightening, not more spending.

But instead of acting responsibly, members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have stuffed our ballot with measures that, in the words of the San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board, "*would hand out new multimillion-dollar pension benefits like they were Tic Tacs.*"

Supervisor Asha Safai's Proposition I is one of these measures. Caving in to the demands of powerful employee unions is not a good look for someone running for mayor.

San Francisco has a bloated city government with 60 departments and over 34,000 employees. And even this is likely understating the true scope of local government, because according to the recent Civil Grand Jury report, it also maintains contracts with over 600 non-profits.

If city departments supposedly can't attract enough registered nurses or 911 operators, perhaps part of the problem is that too many potential employees are *already* working for the government in other less necessary capacities?

Government can't keep paying its employees more and more, while continuing to expand their numbers. The burden on the rest of the city's taxpayers, including both residents and businesses, will just keep growing and become more and more unsustainable.

It's time to stop the insanity.

Vote NO on Prop. I.

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Opponent's Argument

Among the bumper crop of ballot measures before us this November are some that get deep into the arcane world of the public employee pension system. Chalk it up to government greed.

Proposition I proposes charter amendments to expand pension benefits for two groups of public employees that have suffered from national "first responder" staffing shortages since the pandemic — registered nurses and the public safety communications staff who operate the 911 emergency line.

It would allow the City's "per diem" registered nurses, i.e. those who currently or in the past have elected to work flexible schedules as temps (*without* pension benefits), to become full-time nurses for the City (*with* pension benefits). It also gives them the right to retroactively buy (at a profit) up to three years of pension benefits for their time worked on a "per diem" basis. The Controller costs this right to buy three years' past service credit at anywhere from \$1.5 million to \$4.4 million, given the uncertainty as to how many nurses will exercise it. But one popular website currently gives the median pay for a registered nurse in San Francisco as \$147,104 per year (85% above the national average, attributing the high wage to the high cost of living and a strong union).

Proposition I also switches the pension plan for the City's emergency response 911 dispatchers from the current one to the higher-paying one used for firemen and police. The stated purpose is to deal with a current vacancy rate of 20-25% among dispatchers and an increased volume of calls from pre-pandemic levels. But better training programs are already in process.

The rationale seems to be that they're all emergency services, even if the risks faced in dealing with fires and guns aren't quite the same as those involved in answering the phones.

Avoid the "first responder" panic-mongering. Just say NO.

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Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

Prop I is a win-win-win, commonsense solution for San Francisco's budget, taxpayers, and public safety.

Prop I provides San Francisco's 9-1-1 dispatchers and nurses the pension benefits they deserve, so we can retain our dedicated public safety professionals, attract new talent, and improve our City's emergency services.

Registered Nurses in our City's public hospitals are on the frontlines of San Francisco's health crises. They love their jobs. But the City's burdensome hiring process is delaying temporary, per diem nurses from being hired as full-time Registered Nurses, exacerbating our staffing crisis. We are losing highly-trained nurses every year to private hospitals, which offer higher salaries, better benefits, and more support.

That's why we need Prop I.

Prop I allows temp nurses to purchase up to three years of retirement service credit, for time they spent working for the City, to fill empty nursing positions, and attract and retain dedicated professionals who provide top-quality care for patients at Zuckerberg San Francisco General and other City hospitals.

Prop I will finally honor the service of 9-1-1 dispatchers to ensure they receive the same, improved Safety level retirement benefits as other public safety professionals. This is a commonsense solution to attract the workforce we need to improve our 9-1-1 emergency response.

We owe it to our nurses, 9-1-1 operators, and all San Franciscans to pass Prop I, so we can fix these public safety shortages and make our city safer for all of us.

Vote YES on Prop I.

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

Paid Arguments in Favor

Registered Nurses working for the San Francisco Department of Public Health are on the front lines of every crisis our City faces.

As the only Level 1 trauma center, we turn no one away. Victims of violence, sexual assaults, cardiac arrests, strokes, and frequent pedestrian-versus-auto/scooter accidents arrive 24 hours a day. We also provide health care, mental health services, and drug treatment to the City's most vulnerable populations. Laguna Honda Hospital, the largest skilled nursing facility in the country, was recently saved from closure thanks to our staff's dedication.

Despite this, we struggle to recruit and retain great nurses. The City's broken hiring process causes delays of hundreds of days to hire a nurse into a permanent role. Nurses seeking full-time positions are denied and offered temporary exempt per diem jobs, which come with no benefits, pension, or paid time off. When a nurse finally secures a permanent position, they lose retirement credit for their per diem service.

Proposition I would allow permanent nurses to buy back up to three years of pension credit for their service as per diems, incentivizing them to stay and encouraging proper hiring from the start.

More importantly, the amendment would correct an inequity. Nurses, the majority of whom are women, are the only classification of City workers who cannot buy back pension time. By extending this right, the amendment encourages long-term commitment to San Francisco's public hospitals and clinics.

San Francisco's safety net nurses ask you to vote YES on Proposition I.

*Heather Bollinger, RN
SEIU Local 1021 RN Chapter President*

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Improve Emergency Response Times, Yes on I.

No Paid Arguments Against Proposition I Were Submitted

J – Funding Programs Serving Children, Youth, and Families

Shall the City amend the Charter to create an initiative led by the Mayor and the Superintendent of the School District with the mission of ensuring that City funding for children, youth, and families is used effectively?

YES

NO

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City funds services for children, youth and their families through the Children and Youth Fund, the Public Education Enrichment Fund and the Student Success Fund, and other programs.

The San Francisco Unified School District (School District) is separate from the City and operates the San Francisco public school system. The School District receives some funding from the City.

Children and Youth Fund

The Children and Youth Fund supports services for children and youth through 24 years of age. The Charter requires the City to contribute a dedicated portion of annual property tax revenues to this fund. The City uses these funds to provide services, including child care, health services, job training, social services, educational, recreational and cultural programs, and delinquency prevention services. The City must spend more than the amount it spent in Fiscal Year 2000–2001 to fund these services. The amount spent in Fiscal Year 2000–2001 is referred to as the “Children and Youth Fund Baseline.”

Public Education Enrichment Fund

The Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) supports early childhood education programs and general education programs, including art, music, sports and libraries. The Charter requires the City to contribute a certain amount to this fund each year, adjusted annually. The City must spend more than the amount it spent in Fiscal Year 2002–2003 to fund these services. The amount spent in Fiscal Year 2002–2003 is referred to as the “PEEF Baseline.” In addition to the required PEEF funding, the Board of Supervisors and Mayor may provide additional funding to the School District.

Student Success Fund

The City grants money from the Student Success Fund to the School District and individual schools for

programs that improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness. The Charter requires the City to contribute money to the fund each year through Fiscal Year 2037–2038. In Fiscal Year 2024–2025, the City must place \$35 million into this fund. That amount will continue to increase each year, though the City may place less money in the fund under certain circumstances.

The Proposal: Proposition J is a Charter amendment that would change the way the City evaluates funding for services to children, youth and their families by monitoring outcomes.

Proposition J would create an Our Children, Our Families Initiative (OCOF Initiative), led by the Mayor and the Superintendent of the School District and staffed by employees of the City and School District, to ensure that related funds are used effectively. This group would evaluate expenditures from the Children and Youth Fund and the PEEF and would prepare an annual report for the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, who must approve these expenditures as part of the budget process.

Proposition J would require the School District to report on PEEF funds and spending to the OCOF Initiative each year. Every five years, the School District must submit a proposal describing how it plans to use these funds. The City’s future contributions to the School District from the PEEF depend on their review and approval of the School District’s proposal.

Money spent from the Student Success Fund cannot replace money that is included or partially included in the Children and Youth Baseline, the PEEF Baseline or other similar provisions.

Proposition J would not change the minimum contributions by the City to the Children and Youth Fund, the PEEF or the Student Success Fund.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to create an Our Children, Our Families Initiative to ensure that related funds are used effectively.

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

Controller's Statement on "J"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition J:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government of up to \$35 million in FY 2024–25 and increasing to up to \$83 million in FY 2037–38 in that it would reallocate funding that would otherwise be available to the General Fund. Additionally, staffing costs to support the operations of the newly created Our Children, Our Families Initiative, could range from \$140,000 to \$570,000 annually.

The amendment creates an Our Children, Our Families Initiative (the Initiative), to be staffed by officials from the City and Unified School District, to align the City's spending on children and youth with the Initiative's Outcomes Framework. The Board of Supervisors would consider the Initiative's findings when drafting and adopting the City's budget.

The amendment would restrict the City from providing certain funding to the School District if the Board of Supervisors does not approve the School District's five-year spending plan, the District's expenditures are not aligned with said spending plan and the Outcomes Framework, or the School District does not enter a data-sharing agreement with the City. For context, in FY 2023–24, the City budgeted \$91.6 million for the District through the Public Education Enrichment Fund and \$7.7 million in discretionary funding. Given the potential restrictions, the proposed amendment could generate savings for the City, but at a level that cannot be specified at this time.

Finally, the proposed Charter amendment would revise the Student Success Fund, an existing set-aside fund in the Charter, by clarifying that money in this fund may not replace any other funding requirements or baselines in the Charter for services to children and youth and the San Francisco Unified School District. Since the Student Success Fund's inception, the City has counted the entirety of Student Success Fund appropriations toward meeting the Children and Youth baseline spending requirement. Currently, the City's budget is balanced by overlapping these two baselines. The overlapping amounts equal \$11 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023–2024, \$35 million in FY 2024–25, and \$45 million in FY2025–26.

If the amendment is approved, the Mayor and Board of Supervisors may need to appropriate additional funds towards children and youth services of up

to \$35 million starting in FY 2024–25 and at least \$35 million every year for the next 14 years through FY 2037–38, up to a maximum of \$83 million. The City would need to balance these amounts either with new revenues or reductions in other expenditures.

Should the City appropriate more money to the Children and Youth baseline than that baseline requires, the General Fund impact of this measure would be reduced by that amount. In some past years, during the normal budget process, the Mayor and Board of Supervisors have budgeted funds above the minimum legal requirements for services to children and youth, ranging from \$63.5 million in FY 2021–22 to \$1.6 million in FY 2023–24. If this were to occur in future budgets, the financial impact of the proposed Charter amendment would be reduced, since a lower level of new funding would be legally required to replace the Student Success Fund's contribution toward the Children and Youth baseline.

The Student Success Fund will expire on December 31, 2038, unless the voters renew it. Over the next 14 years when the fund would be active, total costs would range from up to \$490 million to \$930 million, depending on the financial health of the City and budgetary decisions of the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Additionally, the estimated annual staff costs to support the Initiative range from approximately \$140,000 to \$570,000 for one to three positions in the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families.

This proposed amendment is not in compliance with a non-binding, voter-adopted city policy regarding set-asides. The policy seeks to limit set-asides which reduce General Fund dollars that could otherwise be allocated by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in the annual budget process. For context, in the FY 2023–24 budget, all baseline requirements totaled approximately \$2.1 billion, or 30.7% of the approximately \$6.8 billion General Fund budget.

Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller's Office, which has prepared this statement.

How "J" Got on the Ballot

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 to place Proposition J on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

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

No: None.

Proponent's Argument

VOTE YES ON PROP J TO SUPPORT BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CHILDREN

Proposition J, the “Our Children, Our Families” measure ensures that the City and School District (SFUSD) plans, coordinates, and accounts for funding spent on children, youth and families to improve outcomes. While San Francisco has always prioritized our children, there is a need for better transparency and efficiency in the way we allocate our funding so we can address growing unmet needs and improve our outcomes.

Without raising taxes and by using the resources we already have, this measure will:

- Coordinate and align City Departments and SFUSD to develop a unified Plan and Outcomes Framework to improve the outcomes for children and youth
- Ensure budget accountability and efficiency to target programs that meet the most need and that are results-oriented and aligned to the unified Plan
- Increase transparency so we know what we are spending on children and measure if it is effective

Prop J is about good governance. Prop J is about ensuring every dollar we spend on children is targeted to have the maximum results based on established outcomes.

Please join us in making sure we fulfill our commitment to the city's children and their futures! Vote Yes on Prop J!

Supervisor Myrna Melgar

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Supervisor Shamann Walton

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Joel Engardio

Supervisor Dean Preston

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

School Board Commissioner Jenny Lam

School Board Commissioner Alida Fisher

No Rebuttal to the Proponent's Argument In Favor of Proposition J, Opponent's Argument Against Proposition J, or Rebuttal to the Opponent's Argument Against Proposition J Were Submitted

K – Permanently Closing the Upper Great Highway to Private Vehicles to Establish a Public Open Recreation Space

Shall the City use the Upper Great Highway as public open recreation space, permanently closing it to private motor vehicles seven days a week, with limited exceptions?

YES

NO

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City closed certain public streets to private motor vehicles, reserving the streets as public open space for recreational purposes. These closures included the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard (Upper Great Highway), adjacent to Ocean Beach.

In May 2022, the City replaced the pandemic restrictions on the Upper Great Highway with a pilot program closing the Upper Great Highway to private motor vehicles on Friday afternoons, weekends and holidays. The closure does not apply to emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, intra-park transit shuttle buses and similar vehicles authorized to transport people. This pilot program is scheduled to end on December 31, 2025. When the pilot program ends, the Upper Great Highway will be open to private motor vehicles.

The City's General Plan sets objectives and policies for land uses within San Francisco, including streets. The California Coastal Act guides land uses along the California coast. Changes in use to the Upper Great Highway may require amendments to the General Plan and approvals under the California Coastal Act.

The Recreation and Parks Commission has jurisdiction over most public parks and other recreational facilities in San Francisco, including the Upper Great Highway. Under the Commission's direction, the Recreation and Parks' General Manager oversees the use of those recreational facilities.

The Proposal: Proposition K is an ordinance that would allow the City to use the Upper Great Highway for public open recreation space, permanently closing it to private motor vehicles seven days a week, with limited exceptions. It would continue to allow emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, intra-park transit shuttle buses and similar authorized vehicles to access the Upper Great Highway at all times. The General Manager of the Recreation and Parks Department would have the authority to determine an emergency exists and allow private motor vehicles to use the Upper Great Highway.

Proposition K would require, within 180 days of voter approval of this measure, the City to seek any other approvals necessary to permanently close the Upper Great Highway to private motor vehicles. Those approvals may include amendments to the City's General Plan and approvals under the California Coastal Act.

If Proposition K is passed by voters, the current pilot program would remain in place until all necessary approvals are obtained and permits granted, or, until the pilot program is scheduled to end on December 31, 2025.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to use the Upper Great Highway as public open recreation space, permanently closing it to private motor vehicles seven days a week, with limited exceptions.

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

Controller's Statement on "K"

Deputy City Controller ChiaYu Ma has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition K:

The cost of the proposed ordinance, should it be approved by the voters, is dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make through the budget process, as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would likely reduce the cost of government by up to approximately \$1.5 million in one-time capital project cost savings and by approximately \$350,000 to \$700,000 annually in maintenance and operational cost savings.

The proposed ordinance would amend the Park Code to prohibit all private vehicles on the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard.

If the proposed ordinance is approved, annual operational cost savings could range from approximately \$350,000 to approximately \$700,000 annually for reductions in sand removal, roadway maintenance, and operating costs, which may be partially reduced by additional costs to inspect and maintain physical infrastructure. The proposed ordinance may result in increased trash pick-up, Park Ranger patrols or other operational costs subject to future operational decisions made by the Recreation and Parks Department, the cost of which may be reduced by the elimination of the need to open and close the Upper Great Highway. For context, the Recreation and Parks Department granted approximately two permits per month to applicants for use of the Upper Great Highway for weekend events in Fiscal Year 2023. While the number of potential future events cannot be determined at this time, in general fees collected partially pay for staff time spent on the event.

Additionally, the proposed ordinance would likely result in decreased capital project costs for funded transportation projects. The proposed ordinance would reduce the need to replace existing traffic signals on the Upper Great Highway, potentially resulting in up to approximately \$4.3 million of savings. While some of these capital projects may be necessary regardless of the proposed ordinance, these savings will likely be reduced by a range of approximately \$860,000 in planning, design and traffic calming project costs to

approximately \$2.7 million in new capital project costs for traffic calming and additional signals to accommodate diverted traffic, resulting in approximately \$1.5 million in net savings. If future capital projects result from the closure, these savings would be further reduced, but at a level that cannot be determined at this time. Any additional future capital project or operational costs resulting from the closure would be subject to policy and funding decisions made by future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors and future operational decisions made by impacted departments.

How "K" Got on the Ballot

On July 18, 2024, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by the following Supervisors: Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston.

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

Proponent's Argument

We have a generational opportunity to transform a redundant coastal roadway into an iconic new oceanfront park.

VOTE YES FOR OCEAN BEACH PARK TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR COAST

- **San Franciscans want an oceanfront park.** With 10,000 visits each weekend, the pilot promenade is already the city's third most popular park. Proposition K will enable daily enjoyment of the coast and park improvements like seating.
- **A park promenade makes the coast more accessible for all.** People using wheelchairs, kids on bicycles, roller skaters — a promenade allows more people to enjoy the coast in ways not possible on a sandy beach.
- **We must protect our coastal ecosystem.** Removing automobile pollution from the fragile coastal habitat is a critical first step toward rehabilitating our coastal dunes with native plants.
- **A coastal park will revitalize westside small businesses.** Park visitors eat, drink, and shop at Sunset small businesses, providing a boost of economic vitality.
- **The Great Highway has lost its greatest utility.** The southern end is already permanently closing because it is falling into the ocean. Without a direct connection to Daly City, commuters will have to turn inland whether this measure wins or loses. The city is making traffic flow improvements to streamline the new inland route.

Now is the time to decide. The highly successful pilot ends next year, and without Proposition K, the park will disappear. After four years of study, public outreach, and hearings, it's time to vote YES on Proposition K.

Our most valued open spaces — from Crissy Field to the Embarcadero — were created with a bold vision. With Proposition K, let's create San Francisco's next iconic open space: Ocean Beach Park.

Our coast. Our choice. Vote YES on Proposition K.

Visit oceanbeachpark.org

*Senator Scott Wiener
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Ahsha Safaí
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No Rebuttal to the Proponent's Argument In Favor of Proposition K Was Submitted

Opponent's Argument

Don't be misled: Prop K will not create a park nor remove the paved roadway of the Upper Great Highway (UGH). We already have a compromise for private vehicles: weekdays opened and weekends and holidays closed, for several years. Therefore, vote NO on Prop K.

Our existing Upper Great Highway (UGH) is a vital link for West side residents and businesses' cars transporting families, students, patients, commuters - and sightseers - along our beautiful coast. Closing this road would permanently push vehicles onto adjacent neighborhood streets, bringing noise, traffic snarls and potential accidents.

Golden Gate Park is directly adjacent to the north end of UGH, yet activists pretend a new park is still necessary. They pretend walking on UGH asphalt would define a "park". They ignore the existing walking, bicycle, jogging, rollerblade and dogwalking path literally feet away to the east, running parallel the length of UGH. Need even more space for recreating? Head over to our world-class Golden Gate Park.

Activists claim permanently closing the UGH will address climate change. Ridiculous! With UGH's vehicles redirected mere blocks over, there'll be virtually no effect on the climate.

Activists lament the existing need to clear blowing sand off the UGH at a cost of millions. Will sand magically stop infiltrating the UGH if the road is closed? Fact: UGH will still require roadway sand removal for emergency vehicles and city maintenance vehicles.

San Francisco voters, all Prop K will do is prohibit private vehicles traveling north and south on the Upper Great Highway, and nothing more. Anti-car, anti-free-movement activists and their financial backers ask you to sacrifice a lot, without disclosing the true motives behind the road's closure. Therefore, join me in saying NO on Prop K. Keep Upper Great Highway open for all.

Richie Greenberg

<https://richiegreenberg.org/ugh.html>

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

Our unique Pacific Ocean coast should be a renowned destination, open for San Franciscans to enjoy every day. **Join us in voting YES on Proposition K to create an Ocean Beach Park we can all be proud of.**

- **Prop K: a good plan for a great park.** We know San Franciscans want a coastal promenade because people voted with their feet: the weekend pilot is already the City's third most visited park. By making the park full-time, Proposition K enables improvements like seating for seniors, gives weekend service workers access, and is the necessary first step toward creating an iconic coastal park. And the City Controller confirms taxpayers *save* money.
- **The pilot ends next year, and the park will be gone if we don't save it.** The weekend pilot was a temporary trial to see whether San Franciscans would use a coastal promenade. After four years, the answer is a resounding yes. But a weekend-only park can't have even basic park amenities like seating. That pilot expires soon, so voters need to choose the future of our coast.
- **Traffic impacts are minimal.** Years of studies and community engagement went into Proposition K. Multiple transportation agencies have determined that traffic impacts are minimal for commuters and neighbors alike, even before planned traffic improvements. The Great Highway is an unreliable route, closed up to 65 days every year due to blowing sand without the hyperbolic impacts opponents claim, because a nearby six lane arterial, Sunset Blvd, has ample capacity to handle Great Highway traffic.

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi

Paid Arguments in Favor

Yes on K! Ocean Beach Park will address Climate Change in two ways:

1) Adaptation: Ocean Beach Park will allow restoration of the natural dune system, making it more resistant to rising sea levels and storms.

2) Mitigation: Ocean Beach Park fosters active transportation: walking, running, bikes, e-bikes and scooters. That encourages clean, healthy transportation, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Dave Rhody, 2nd Tuesday Climate Group

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2nd Tuesday Climate Group.

As residents of nearby neighborhoods, we ask you to vote YES on Proposition K

When the City recently asked Sunset residents what we need in our neighborhood, the response was overwhelming: more parks and community spaces. Unlike most other neighborhoods, most Sunset residents live farther than a 10 minute walk from a park.

Ocean Beach Park has responded to that need, delivering much needed open space and joy, and opening up our neighborhood's greatest asset - the coastline - for all to enjoy. Our families have flocked to the park for an oceanside stroll, a bike or scooter ride with the kids, Tai Chi and Sunday jazz, or just to sit and watch the waves.

Without Proposition K, the pilot will soon end, and our beloved coastal park will be gone.

A new coastal park will be an incredible addition to our neighborhood, but we know big changes come with questions, and some of our neighbors are concerned about traffic. Fortunately, Proposition K comes with a traffic plan that fully meets the needs of neighbors and commuters alike. After years of pilots and studies, the data is in: traffic implications are minor. We know this because the road already closes up to 65 days a year due to sand accumulation, and rush hour trips to the South Bay only take at most three minutes longer, less at other times. And thoughtful traffic calming has successfully reduced speeding below pre-pandemic levels, improving pedestrian safety in our neighborhoods.

Let's keep Ocean Beach Park and make it a permanent feature in our children's lives. Vote YES on Prop K.

*Grow the Richmond
Outer Sunset Neighbors
Richmond Family San Francisco
Northern Neighbors
Southside Forward
Kid Safe SF
Far Out West Community Garden
Wheel Kids Bicycle Club
Tree Frog Treks
SF Surfers for Ocean Beach Park*

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San Francisco's leading environmental groups are united: YES on Proposition K

YES for green connections: Proposition K connects Golden Gate Park with Lake Merced and Fort Funston, allowing free movement of local wildlife and people.

YES for biodiversity: Proposition K makes it possible to reintroduce native plants, restore dune ecosystems, and protect habitat for birds and other wildlife while removing invasive species.

YES for community: Proposition K builds opportunities for neighbors and visitors to engage with and enjoy nature, cultivates a culture of ecological stewardship, and helps protect a world class surf spot.

YES for our Pacific Ocean: Proposition K removes automobile pollution from our sensitive coastal habitat.

YES for climate: Proposition K supports climate change adaptation to protect against rising sea levels, while facilitating climate-friendly active transportation.

*Sierra Club
The Nature Conservancy
Surfrider Foundation, San Francisco Chapter
San Francisco League of Conservation Voters
Golden Gate Bird Alliance
Greenbelt Alliance
SF Surfers for Ocean Beach Park
Sutro Stewards
Greening Projects
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Action Team*

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As San Franciscans, we are excited about the tremendous benefits of a new oceanfront park promenade. But as transportation professionals, we could only support Proposition K if we did our research. **We checked the data: the benefits of converting the Great Highway into a new oceanfront park are great, and the transportation implications are minor.** Based on the traffic data, we found:

- **Sunset Boulevard has plenty of capacity:** Observed data indicates that the closure adds only 3 minutes of travel time for cars during weekday rush hour — less at other times — [1], and these delays can be mitigated with already-underway traffic signal improvements at Great Highway & Lincoln Blvd and Sloat Blvd & Skyline [2].
- **Outer Sunset residential streets will likely remain safe and calm:** Since the introduction of the pilot promenade, the Lower Great Highway has already seen significant improvements: More than 50% reduction in weekday traffic volume and 21% decrease in speeding compared to pre-pandemic [1].
- **The need for the Great Highway as a road is small; the need for a park is great:** With or without a coastal park, the southern section of Great Highway will close next year due to coastal erosion, meaning people driving between the Outer Richmond and San Mateo County will take a new inland route, and demand for the Upper Great Highway as a road will decrease significantly [2]. At the same time, Sunset residents have consistently identified more parks and open spaces as some of their greatest needs.

The benefits of a new oceanfront park are great. The current weekend promenade is already the 3rd most visited city park [1]. **After seeing the data for ourselves, we are pleased to support YES on Proposition K.**

[1]: July 8, 2024 Report to Clerk of the Board

[2]: July 2021 SFCTA Study

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Public parks are great for business. As small businesses continue to recover from the pandemic, a new oceanfront park would be a welcome boost for the community and for economic vitality.

The weekend pilot promenade has been successful, but it's only the start of the potential for our oceanfront to boost our neighborhood small businesses. The promenade is a citywide destination, drawing new people to the neighborhood to enjoy the events, recreation, and ocean, who then stay to eat and shop at our small businesses.

In contrast, the Great Highway as a roadway has nowhere to turn or stop between Sloat and Lincoln, meaning it can only be used to bypass our neighborhood businesses.

Proposition K keeps the park and builds on its success, making it possible to attract even more visitors. Park improvements like seating and art, restored dunes and native plants, and additional pedestrian access to the beach will bring joy to our western waterfront.

Join us in voting YES on Proposition K for economic vitality and an iconic new oceanfront park

Black Bird Bookstore
Other Avenues Grocery Cooperative
Far Out Gallery
Offix Edge
Love Fest Fibers
Silverback Pacific
Swell Bicycles
Moonshadow Acupuncture
*Ben Bleiman, President, Entertainment Commission**
*Sharky Laguana, Former President of the Small Business Commission**

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San Francisco Parks organizations and leaders support Proposition K

It's time to bring joy and recreation back to San Francisco's oceanfront. Memories of Playland at the Beach, Fleishhacker Pool, and the Sutro Baths may be fading, but Proposition K allows us to create an iconic new park with the Pacific Ocean as the star.

The temporary pilot program has reinvigorated the waterfront, immediately becoming Rec & Parks' third most popular park with hundreds of thousands of visits each year to walk, roll, run, scoot, bike, and play beside the waves. Proposition K builds on that success by making the park permanent, allowing park amenities like seating in the short-term, and enabling much-needed coastal rehabilitation work to make our coastal ecosystem more resilient in the face of climate change.

Ocean Beach Park will fill a crucial gap in the city's park system, opening the coast for more forms of recreation and creating a continuous greenbelt connecting Golden Gate Park with Lake Merced and Fort Funston. It responds to the Sunset District's requests to bring more parks and community spaces to the neighborhood. Safe and fun park space is vital to the health and wellness, beauty, and vitality of our city. Proposition K is a gift to future generations of San Franciscans who will wonder why we didn't do this sooner.

Join us in voting "YES" on Proposition K for an accessible, joyous oceanfront for all

*San Francisco Parks Alliance
Livable City
Friends of Great Highway Park
Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department*
Rachel Norton, Executive Director, California State Parks Foundation*
Breanna Zwart, Recreation and Park Commission*
Jean Fraser*

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Prop K Is the Right Future for our Coast

An iconic coastal park. Prop K puts our coastline to its greatest use by creating a two-mile coastal promenade that will be our legacy to future San Franciscans. The pilot park is already one of the city's most popular parks because San Franciscans want to spend time by the ocean. Making the park full-time will allow enjoyment of our coast to be a daily luxury afforded to all San Franciscans.

Smooths the way for commuters on the Westside. Proposition K builds on years of study and public input to address traffic concerns. The Great Highway south of Sloat has eroded into the ocean and is already closing to car traffic next year. That means traffic will need to shift inland with or without this measure. Passing Prop K means proactive planning that gets commuters where they need to go safely and efficiently.

Prop K even saves taxpayers money. Maintaining a coastal roadway costs taxpayers millions, while park benches and picnic tables are cheap. By acting now, taxpayers can get a new coastal promenade, traffic improvements to smooth the new inland commute, **and** save money by avoiding \$4.3M in replacement costs for aging signal lights on the Great Highway.

Join us in voting YES on Prop K: smart urban planning that's a win-win-win for parks, commuters, and taxpayers in San Francisco

*SPUR
Kid Safe SF
Friends of Great Highway Park
Ocean Beach Park for All*

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On behalf of the many seniors and people with disabilities who use and love the pilot park, we urge you to vote YES on Proposition K.

Walking on a sandy beach is difficult or no longer an option for many seniors and people with disabilities, so we rely on Ocean Beach Park to enjoy the calm of a walk or roll by the ocean and community activities like Tai Chi, chair yoga, and free outdoor concerts. **Without Proposition K, the pilot program would end, ending our access to the coast as well.**

Getting around San Francisco can feel like gambling with our lives. Seniors and people with disabilities are at the highest risk of being hit or killed while simply trying to cross the street. Many of us can't or don't drive. And let's just say that using a wheelchair, mobility scooter, or walker on our city's bumpy sidewalks isn't exactly relaxing. For those of us able to drive, we can continue to access the ocean on the two miles of Great Highway north of Ocean Beach Park the same as we did before, since this section of the Great Highway does not have any parking or turn-offs.

For the past four years, we have enjoyed this oasis of safety to be active, connected to our community, and close to the waves. Proposition K not only preserves our access, it builds on that success, allowing accessibility improvements not possible in a part-time park like seating and picnic tables.

Please don't take this safe space away from us as seniors and people with disabilities. Vote YES on Proposition K to keep our oceanfront accessible to all.

Thurman O. Carroll, III
Carol Brownson
Rosalino Arbel
Ruth E. Malone
Martha Abbene
Margaret Graf

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Asian American community leaders are voting YES on Proposition K for our families and communities

We know that people walking in San Francisco are at high risk from dangerous traffic. Hundreds of people are hit and injured each year while walking, and some will not survive. Many of these victims are our neighbors and Asian youths and seniors. This is why we value Ocean Beach Park.

In a city with so many dangerous streets, there is now a place for people of all ages, especially seniors and children, to walk without fear. For many in our community who rely on mobility aids or can no longer walk through uneven sand, they rely on the weekend pilot to be able to enjoy the simple joy of a walk by the ocean. Without Proposition K, the pilot, and their access, will end next year.

Our communities rely on San Francisco's parks and open spaces for recreation, fresh air, and community connectedness. The pilot program has been a tremendous success, bringing people of all ages together on the Westside for special events like Lunar New Year and Autumn Moon Festival gatherings and everyday pleasures like Tai Chi or a relaxing walk by the ocean. **Without Proposition K, the pilot program will end, and this community gathering space will be lost.**

Please vote YES on Proposition K to protect safe space for seniors and our community.

*Jenny Lam, Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Education**
Janice Li, BART Director
*Janelle Wong, Interim Executive Director, San Francisco Transit Riders**
Brian Quan
Alyssa Cheung
Alexander Wong
Rodney Fong

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San Francisco's federal, state, and local leaders support Proposition K— Ocean Beach Park for All — because:

San Franciscans love Ocean Beach Park. Over 3 million people have visited the park during the pilot, instantly making it our city's third most popular park. People using wheelchairs, roller skaters, kids on bicycles - all can now enjoy the coast. Proposition K preserves and builds on this San Francisco success story.

It's time to plan for the future. The Great Highway south of Sloat will no longer be used for vehicle traffic due to climate change, and the city needs to plan ahead to keep traffic moving. Proposition K is smart planning.

It just makes sense. We can either continue to spend taxpayer funds maintaining a road to nowhere, or we can use that money to create an iconic coastal park and streamline north-south commutes at the same time. Proposition K is a win-win.

Ocean Beach Park will be San Francisco’s next iconic open space. This is our chance to create the next Embarcadero or Crissy Field, with our only Pacific Ocean coast as the star. Proposition K is our gift to future generations.

After four years, 11 public hearings, and eight reports, the studies are in, and it’s time to vote YES on Proposition K.

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi
Senator Scott Wiener
Joaquín Torres, Assessor-Recorder
*Jenny Lam, Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Education**
Janice Li, BART Director
Eric Mar, Former District 1 Supervisor

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Every 14 hours, someone suffers serious injuries in a traffic crash and is rushed to San Francisco General Hospital. Some of these victims do not survive: about 30 people are killed in traffic crashes every year in our city. The majority of victims are pedestrians, and half of these are older adults.

This is why it’s critical to have safe spaces for people of all ages and abilities to be without the threat of dangerous traffic.

The incredible popularity of the weekend pilot of the Great Highway as a safe space for people has proven the demand for a coastal promenade. And it makes sense, because only when traffic is removed can everyone access our Pacific coastline. When there is vehicle traffic on the Great Highway, the only way to enjoy Ocean Beach is on the sand itself. This is difficult and limiting for many people, including anyone using a wheelchair or pushing a stroller.

Proposition K is an incredible opportunity to make our coast a place that is accessible to everyone, every day of the week.

Proposition K will also come alongside many safety upgrades in the Outer Sunset, including replacing stop signs with traffic lights on Lincoln Way to provide

safer crossings for families to and from Golden Gate Park and better manage vehicle traffic, plus traffic calming to ensure drivers go safe speeds on neighborhood streets.

Please vote YES on Proposition K to support safe space for people on our oceanfront.

Walk San Francisco
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Livable City
Streets for People

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San Francisco’s LGBTQ Leaders support Proposition K because we need Ocean Beach Park: safe and accessible open space for all to enjoy our majestic Pacific Ocean coast.

We have a choice before us about how to use our only coastline. With the pilot program expiring next year, a YES vote on Proposition K preserves this beloved community space, host to over 10,000 weekly visits full of joy. Proposition K creates a legacy for future generations of San Franciscans, allows immediate park improvements like seating in the short-term, and is the necessary first step to reimagining what our coast should look like in the future.

Ocean Beach Park has become a critical community space for San Franciscans. After more than four years of pilots and studies, we know that it’s what the people want: it’s already our city’s third most-visited park. **Join us in reinvigorating and protecting our oceanfront: vote YES on Proposition K.**

Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club

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Working people rely on San Francisco’s extraordinary parks for a respite, access to nature, and the calming relief of a walk with family. Proposition K creates an oceanfront park where all are welcome and comfortable, an opportunity to stroll, listen to the sounds of the waves, and relax.

A weekend-only park doesn't provide access to those who must work weekends, nor does it allow for even the most basic park features like seating or picnic tables. Proposition K builds on the success of more than four years of study and community process to create an Ocean Beach Park that makes the coast accessible to more people and activities. It's coupled with smart planning that quickly gets commuters where they need to go while creating an iconic new destination on our coast.

The popularity of the pilot — already San Francisco's third most-visited park— shows us the incredible demand for a new coastal park. **Join San Francisco union workers in voting Yes on K!**

LiUNA Laborers Local 261

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Paid Arguments Against

HELP! Prop. K was born in a dark room and foisted upon west side residents without warning. It is a terrible plan (or lack thereof).

Please support west side San Franciscans and vote to keep the Upper Great Highway as it has always been - Open to All.

Vote "No!" on Prop. K.

Paul Kozakiewicz
Editor and former publisher of the Sunset Beacon and Richmond Review newspapers
www.richmondsetnews.com

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Paul Kozakiewicz.

The Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR) opposes Proposition K

Closing the Great Highway will harm residents, workers, students and Veteran's Hospital patients, who will be cut off from the only direct westside route between the outer Richmond and San Francisco's southside neighborhoods and the Peninsula.

Closure will force thousands of vehicles daily onto quiet neighborhood streets and ultimately into SFMTA designated High Injury Corridors.

Proponents assert the need for recreational use of the Great Highway, but omit that the proposal provides **zero funding** for creating or maintaining such a space.

Proponent's contention that wind driven erosion and drifting sand are reasons to close the Great Highway is meritless. Sand removal is necessary, as it's been for decades, and will continue under any use of the Highway.

If Proposition K passes, the Great Highway will remain paved, but closed to private vehicles. According to the Controller, if closed the Great Highway will still require sand removal and maintenance of the roadway for emergency and other government vehicles. This includes access for trucks to service the PUC's Westside Transport Box, a huge tank that extends fifty feet below the road surface for the entire length and width of the Great Highway, and which is integral to our wastewater system.

The School District has 14,000 more student seats than it needs, and will close schools this fall. Closure of the Great Highway will create serious challenges for parents and students that need to traverse Golden Gate Park to commute to their new schools.

There are no good reasons to close the Great Highway on weekdays. Closure before mitigating neighborhood impacts, before completing necessary studies, and destroying the current thoughtful compromise is nothing more than a Great Highway Robbery.

Vote No on Proposition K.

Richard Corriea
Vice-President
Planning Association for the Richmond

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
Planning Association for the Richmond.

As environmentalists and as community members, we oppose this initiative.

This premature proposal will have negative environmental impacts on the Upper Great Highway, Ocean Beach, and Golden Gate Park. *There has been no full environmental review of these impacts.*

The western end of Golden Gate Park contains abundant wildlife habitat. Closing the Great Highway on weekends has greatly increased Park car traffic. *This initiative could channel the 20,000 cars that now drive the Great Highway each weekday onto Chain of Lakes Drive, degrading habitat and endangering wildlife and people.*

The Great Highway abuts Ocean Beach, which is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, our national park. The GGNRA legislation calls for protection of the integrity of the natural resources of this land while providing for recreational and educational opportunities. Due to the current weekend closures, increased foot traffic tramples the dune habitat. Despite this damage, there has been no comprehensive evaluation of the environmental impacts of this project. *This project needs both Federal and State environmental review.*

Will the Highway really become habitat and parkland, or will it be exploited by our Recreation and Park Department for profit? RPD has already started to monetize the area with food trucks and mass events of over 10,000 people. *This initiative does not include any protection of wildlife habitat or restrictions on commercialization.*

We need scientifically based studies of the environmental impacts and a clear plan for how the area will be used, BEFORE we subject Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach to more environmental damage.

Vote NO and protect Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach!

*Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN)
Amy Meyer, Chairperson, People for a GGNRA*
Becky Evans, Former Commissioner, Commission on the Environment**

Richard Corriea, Retired SFPD Commander
Candace Low, PhD, Ecology Faculty, San Francisco State University**

*Katherine Howard, Ex-member Sierra Club
San Francisco Executive Committee*, Sierra Club
California Conservation Committee**

Stephen J. Gorski, Esq. Member, Greenaction
Susan Mullaney, District 7*
George Wooding, District 7**

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Katherine Howard, Amy Meyer, Becky Evans, George Wooding.

San Francisco's four-lane Upper Great Highway (UpperGH), extending two miles from Lincoln Way to Sloat Blvd, is a crucial west-side transit route accommodating private, commercial, and public vehicles. It features well-protected paths for walking and cycling and is designed with traffic lights and multiple lanes to ensure smooth traffic flow. The current ballot measure fails to address the realities of a major road closure and park conversion, as this would need plans, approvals, infrastructure, and budget for such a development.

If the measure passes, increased commuter traffic on neighborhood streets will be a permanent reality as drivers can no longer use UpperGH. A 2019 SFMTA study reveals that fewer than 5% of San Franciscans commute by bicycle, meaning the closure would disproportionately impact those who rely on UpperGH for driving, including older and disabled individuals who currently enjoy the efficient and scenic route. Any possible cost savings are unproven, because the need for ongoing maintenance, such as clearing beach sand blown in by ocean winds, will continue whether road or park.

In this proposition, there is also an absence of a comprehensive plan for managing or financing the traffic, parking, facilities, waste disposal, neighborhood disruption, or emergency response access that would result from converting UpperGH into a park. Furthermore, UpperGH is one of only three clear north-south routes serving the west half of San Francisco, and its closure would worsen traffic issues, particularly in emergencies. Given these problems, this measure is an expensive and superficial attempt at repurposing UpperGH without addressing important practical needs or impacts.

Jeffrey Chris Rodman

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Jeffrey Chris Rodman.

Vote No on Proposition K.

The proposed closure of the Great Highway is a blatant land grab orchestrated by real estate developers and their YIMBY lobbyists. This closure, which lacks funding for park transformation, is actually designed to increase the value of oceanfront land for future luxury real estate development.

By eliminating vehicle traffic, the closure undermines the north-south passage and harms the environment by causing increased congestion and pollution in residential streets, all without providing infrastructure or transportation alternatives.

Senator Wiener's recent SB 951 legislation attempts to remove the Coastal Commission's jurisdiction over San Francisco's coastline. Now, this closure is another attempt to achieve the same development goals.

YIMBY and their developer backers are using well-meaning cyclists and enticing park visuals to distract the public from the real agenda: paving the way for Miami-style towers on our coastline.

Join your fellow San Franciscans in pushing back against this land grab to protect our beloved coastline.

Neighborhoods United SF

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The current pilot program on the Upper Great Highway is a hard-won compromise, one that works for the majority of San Francisco residents. It strikes a reasonable balance: opening the road to cars during weekday commute hours while closing it to vehicles on weekends. But Measure K threatens to upend this delicate arrangement, imposing a rigid, car-free policy that could have dangerous and far-reaching consequences.

Proponents of Measure K promise a park in place of the open road, but the measure includes no concrete plans for park construction, only a vague commitment to "seek permits and funding." This raises the very real possibility that the Great Highway could be closed to cars for years, left to languish as an abandoned thoroughfare rather than the vibrant green space residents deserve.

The funding required to build and maintain such a park is also a glaring question mark. The section of roadway in question stretches for miles, and the city is already struggling to keep up with maintenance on existing parks. San Francisco faces a fiscal cliff of over \$750 million — where will the money come from to transform the Great Highway?

And then there's the traffic. Closing the Great Highway to cars at all hours will inevitably push traffic onto already-congested Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue, or onto the narrow, residential avenues that wind

through the Outer Richmond and Sunset, home to families and seniors.

The current compromise on the Upper Great Highway works. It balances the needs of commuters, recreationists, and residents alike. Measure K, on the other hand, is a zero sum game. Let's keep the compromise that serves us, rather than rolling the dice on a potentially disruptive vision.

Mary Jung, Past Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party

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Why change what's working?

Right now, there's a massive open space right next to the Great Highway. It's called Ocean Beach. And there's a biking/walking path for those whose idea of recreation doesn't involve sand.

Currently, the Great Highway is closed to traffic on the weekends — and open to cars on the weekdays when West Side commuters use it to get to and from work. It's an essential corridor on the West Side for anyone moving north to south or vice-versa. We already have the exact right compromise.

Measure K would change all that, banning cars permanently on the Great Highway, throwing even more traffic onto Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue — turning already heavily used corridors into parking lots.

That's a terrible idea — and what's the goal? Proponents want to create a 3.5 mile long open space that has no dedicated funding and will take millions from the city budget.

Right now, Park & Rec is barely able to maintain the parks it currently runs. Creating a park of that size will drain money from maintenance and development of parks all across the city.

Even if the park was completed as imagined, the dunes block views of the ocean, and sand will blow from the dunes onto the park on a daily basis. This supposed utopia will turn into an expensive nightmare.

Matt Boschetto, Small Business Owner

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The current pilot program in place on the Upper Great Highway has been accurately called a compromise. Most residents city wide agree that this arrangement is reasonable; open to cars during the week and critical commute times, and closed to cars on the weekend. Measure K would disrupt all of this.

Measure K would immediately close the Great Highway to cars at all times, forcing traffic east onto Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue, or more dangerously, onto the sleepy outer avenues that many families call home. Not only would this be a traffic nightmare for residents and those passing through, but also a tragedy waiting to happen, with frustrated drivers racing through neighborhoods in an attempt to beat the traffic.

To add insult to injury, Measure K does not stipulate any concrete plans to build a park. The actual impact of the legislation is simply banning cars, with the caveat that they would seek permits and funding. In effect, the Great Highway could easily turn into just an abandoned roadway, with no park. If we're going to remove the compromise in place, wouldn't we at least want to be guaranteed that something will come of it?

Speaking of funding, where will the money come from for this park? The closed section of the roadway will be miles long, and City Hall can't even keep up maintenance on current parks, not to mention the \$750 million+ fiscal cliff the city is facing overall.

Don't vote to disrupt the compromise in place. What we have works for the most people, and with Proposition K there are too many unanswered questions and immediate negative consequences.

Vincent Budhai, Founder, Open the Great Highway

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Westside Families Need Your Help

As a former parent and co-founder of a PAC that hosts monthly meetings at a South Sunset elementary school, we face a serious threat to the school's enrollment.

SFUSD still lacks neighborhood assignments, forcing many families to travel long distances to attend. For working families, a quick commute to school is essential. This particular school offers attractive language programs, drawing students from across the city, with nearly 600 enrolled. About half of the families commute daily from the Richmond District, traveling through the Upper Great Highway (UGHW), a 7-minute drive within synchronized lights.

However, Proposition K on the November ballot will permanently close UGHW to personal and commercial vehicles, diverting 20,000 commuters, including families, workers, retirees, and disabled individuals to Sunset Blvd and 19th Ave. This will cause significant delays and traffic jams on already congested routes. Closing UGHW will make it impossible for many families to continue enrolling at this school, harming its enrollment pipeline and forcing families to seek private schools or leave the district altogether.

UGHW is currently in a hybrid pilot program as a weekday commute route and weekend park, with a year and a half left for evaluation. Yet, Prop K was added to the ballot without proper community outreach or discussions about mitigating the impact of alternative routes.

Support our families and schools. Vote NO on Prop K to keep the Great Highway open.

Josephine Zhao, President CADC

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Breaking down Proposition K, Permanently Closing the Upper Great Highway.

Don't be fooled into thinking that closing vital roadways are the only means to enjoy our scenic spaces. Proponents of Prop K have lost their compass on what city residents need. We already have a beautiful park, beach, wide paved promenade and recreation path along the Great Highway. City officials should look at ways to improve the existing Pacific Ocean Promenade. The city would save millions of dollars by leaving the Upper Great Highway in place and adding new attractions, similar to the Crissy Field Warming Hut.

Vote NO on gridlock-creation.

There is no greater disservice to residents and commuters than to remove an important artery that allows traffic to circulate along the western expanse of San Francisco. Proposition K is not a plan to improve the lives of city residents, but another roadblock to the elderly, the disabled, and those who need access to roads in order to get to work, the VA, buy groceries or drive children to school.

We need transparency. Prop K claims that the city will save \$1.7 million a year on sand removal if the Upper Great Highway is closed, but city records show only \$300K per year for sand removal – and the sand will still need to be removed.

Vote NO on Prop K. This bill jeopardizes the rhythm in which San Franciscans go about their daily lives. It creates another fiscally irresponsible project, designed ultimately to make San Francisco a car free city.

Albert Chow, Small Business Owner

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Proposition K harmful to families, workers and seniors

Families, workers and senior residents across San Francisco rely on The Great Highway and oppose this effort to close it down.

Proposition K makes it harder for families, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and workers to use The Great Highway to reach their work, their families and the VA Hospital.

Proposition K directly contradicts all the assurances from city officials that Great Highway closure was only during COVID and then only as a short-term Pilot Project whose impacts would be studied.

Proposition K isn't an example of democracy. It's forcing a premature decision before the promised facts are in. What's next? Can we all just gang up on the residents of a neighborhood and shut down Third Street, Potrero Street, California Street or Geneva because a park would be nice, no matter the consequences to people living there or merchants doing business?

The City-wide campaign of promoting biking over driving is not a one-size fits all solution for our transit needs.

Senior citizens are the most severely impacted by the closure of The Great Highway and other major thoroughfares. According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, loneliness and social isolation are serious public health risks targeting physical and mental health issues amongst seniors.

We must put the brakes on transportation policies that ignore our senior citizens who have contributed years of work and taxes to make this city the great city that we love.

Make City Hall live up to its promises. Vote No on Proposition K.

John Trasviña, Retired Law School Dean
Nicky Trasviña, Labor and Community Activist

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Stop the madness! Vote NO!

The Great Highway, due to its excellent design with no intersections or cross traffic, has been practically accident free for decades. Alongside it are designated paths for pedestrians, joggers, hikers, and bicyclists. This public, open recreational space is shared with four lanes of traffic divided by a landscaped median. Every two blocks at each traffic light with walking signals is a wide, paved crosswalk for safe pedestrian access to and from the beach.

Unlike other areas of the Highway, families in homes and apartments live along this 2-mile section. When the highway is closed, driving within feet of front doors are grocery delivery vans, motorcycle groups of 100+, flatbed trucks, buses, and heavy traffic belonging far away from where children play and the elderly walk.

Why ban cars from a safe highway that relieves congestion and adds to the safety of the surrounding populated area? Why rebuild what is already here and working well?

To do so will require spending multiple millions to calm congestion and gridlock on the high-injury streets accepting thousands of diverted vehicles. San Francisco is deep in debt. Sand removal landscaping, and policing by the beach has been consistently underfunded. To fund even less maintenance will result in making the area useless to everyone as winds cover it with sand.

A NO vote will still close the Highway for special events and weekends, but will share it Mondays through Fridays with thousands of drivers safely using it every day to commute to work, schools, hospitals, stores, the airport, and other destinations.

Please stop the madness closing our streets. Save the west side. VOTE NO!

Judith Gorski, Outer Sunset Community Leader

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The proposal to permanently close the Great Highway to private vehicles raises serious concerns regarding the lack of transparency and democratic process.

Prop K attempts to close a vital artery for tens of thousands of residents and commuters who depend on this highway daily to get to their jobs, school, the VA or other activities. Active participation by citizens is the hallmark of democracy, yet in this case, the voices from residents opposing this measure (the majority in the impacted districts) have been ignored.

Moreover, key studies have yet to be made public and deceptive descriptions of what this proposition actually achieves continues the lack of transparency around it. As hard working residents and families who rely on our vehicles watch special interest groups gain undue influence over our transit policies, we can no longer tolerate being ignored.

We must continue to demand our right to be heard, our legitimate data be considered and our life experiences be respected. The decision on the Great Highway, like all transit policy issues, should reflect the diverse needs and perspectives of all San Francisco residents to ensure the common good.

Without transparency and democratic safeguards to crafting policy, in addition to harming thousands of residents, Prop K will be nothing more than a symbol of exclusion and bad governance.

Vote NO on Prop K and stand with your community. Demand your voice be heard and that basic tenets of our democratic process be honored.

Open Lake Street

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Prop K does not create a park, it creates an abandoned road.

Ripe for encampments and RVs to take over.

More incompetence from San Francisco government.

The proponents would have you believe this measure creates a park, it does not. There is no funding in Prop K for a park, but proponents claim that the "savings from sand removal" will pay for a park. False: 1) sand doesn't stop coming just because we call the road a park, removal will still be required, 2) the average cost of sand removal over the past 14 years: \$300,000/ year.

Is that enough to build a park? No. I served on the Presidio Trust when we created the awesome Tunnel Tops, that 14 acres cost \$117M. Turning the entire UGH into a park would cost.

The current arrangement: closed on weekends, open during the week, was a compromise at least residents could get to work and drive kids to school. Now they feel betrayed. This change will make life so much more difficult. Why?

Ocean Beach is 82,000 acres, 1000+ acre GG Park sits to the east. There is a beautiful recreation path running along Great Highway and a wide promenade. Not only is there no plan for a park, there is no need for one.

There is nothing required in the ballot measure to address the loss of one of only three main North-South arteries and the resulting nightmare traffic. The ideas of Joel Engardio in slick videos are not promises, they are just thoughts that may or may not come to pass. What is sure to come to pass is a drastically reduced quality of life for people who rely on this artery - and for those that rely on the other 2 arteries as they will become hopelessly clogged and congested

So one must ask why would we need another recreation area in the coldest, foggiest, windiest part of SF that would cause massive traffic congestion and daily pain on the west side of SF?

Marie Hurabiell, Neighborhood Leader

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Proposition K will prematurely close one of the three main north south traffic arteries for the western SF neighborhoods. It is not true that there are alternatives that are five minutes away and don't prolong commuting times. When you decrease capacity by 1/3 and divert it to 19th Ave and Sunset Blvd, transit times are INCREASED, particularly when those two alternatives are delayed by construction, loss of a transit lane with the creation of HOV lanes (Park Presidio and Crossover) or accidents. It will INCREASE smog emissions as vehicles divert to less efficient routes. It will remove one of the safest roads in SF and divert traffic to higher injury streets. To close a vital traffic artery used not just by SF residents but by Peninsula residents who work/shop/attend school in SF NOW for a future potential recreational purpose makes no sense when there is ALREADY a national recreation area (Ocean Beach), a walking path, and shoulders for bicyclists who have successfully shared the Great Highway for decades. 20,000 vehicles per day use the Great Highway. Recreational use pales by comparison.

Voting yes will not create what proponents call "the Great Highway Park". There needs to be infrastructure changes to mitigate the diverted traffic, establish safety measures to ensure a closed GH doesn't become a homeless encampment or prevent illegal activities like the 4th of July fireworks a few years ago that set fire to a neighboring home's deck. That will take years of planning, implementation and budget allocations which are currently not in place. Don't put the cart before the horse. Please vote NO to closure of the Great Highway now.

Christina Shih, MD

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Calling out Proponent's Misleading Official Ballot Argument:

Bullet 1: a data-less & meaningless claim: "San Franciscans want an oceanfront park." Says who? We already have several, including the BEACH, right there.

Bullet 2: "makes the coast more accessible for all." How? There is no park created or funded. And no

budget for keeping this fantasy park clear of sand so the most likely scenario is the beach will be far less accessible.

Bullet 3: "... protect coastal ecosystem." False.

a) The road closure has encouraged the public to run roughshod over the dunes, creating a new crisis not seen previously in the UGH's 95 years. b) Proponent's plan transfers car pollution from the UGH to residential streets and actually increases pollution in the area due to slower, idling traffic.

Bullet 4: "revitalizing west side small businesses." False. Another made up, data-less assertion. The merchants in the area are opposed to closing the road.

Bullet 5: Lost utility of UGH is just laughable. The part that is already expected to close is tiny and there is a very short, easy detour. The Great Highway is one of ONLY 3 major North-South arteries on the entire West Side of SF, serving approximately 20K commuters on weekdays.

Proponents squeal "now is the time to decide." Nonsense. There is no urgency. This is a major change, harming tens of thousands of local residents and commuters. It should be given the time, polling and attention this *permanent* change deserves.

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When the surfers, residents and area merchants are against closing the Great Highway, voters should pay attention. The measure alludes to a grand park-like vision, but it is a political mirage and pipe dream. There is no plan for a park and no money to build it. Once closed, the sand dunes will reclaim the Great Highway and that community will be locked in. The current hybrid model is working well, allowing cars during the week and closing it to vehicle traffic on the weekend. Let's keep the Great Highway open for all.

Jay Elliott

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Supporters of Measure K have this pipe dream of a massive park along the Great Highway. I've looked at the numbers. It would cost over a billion dollars to create a park that spans 125 acres. Where is that money going to come from? Out of budget that funds parks all across the city. With a \$800m city budget deficit, we barely have enough funds to maintain our existing parks. Vote NO on Prop K to stop City Hall from robbing our existing parks for this pipe dream.

Geoff Moore, Neighborhood Leader

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Quite regularly, the Great Highway is closed to traffic because the winds are blowing sand from the massive dunes onto the Great Highway. Along comes City Hall to try to sell us on the idea of a park there? Imagine the lovely picnic you can have with wind-blown sand in your teeth!

Han Chang Su, Chinese Community Leader

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We reached a compromise on the Great Highway — open to cars during the week when people commute — and closed on the weekends when they don't. Why did the Board of Supervisors turn the tides around to close it permanently? It makes no sense. Vote No on Prop K, and keep the current compromise on Great Highway!

Louise Whitlock, Community Activist

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Measure K is a solution in search of a problem. Right now, you can walk or bike the entire length of the Great Highway — everyday. You don't need to ban cars to get that done — there is already a path for that. The current solution on Great Highway works for everybody and creates an amazing park on the weekends. Vote NO on Prop K.

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I live on the West Side and I see and feel the traffic congestion on Park Presidio and Sunset every day. Close the Great Highway and we'll have gridlock on the only two multi-lane routes. That will push more angry car drivers onto our neighborhood streets. It's not safe - and it's not smart. Vote NO on Prop K - for families and residents in the Sunset and Richmond.

Renee Lazear, Neighborhood Leader

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I didn't like it, but I could live with closing the Great Highway on the weekends. But Measure K will throw tens of thousands of cars a week onto West Side streets, creating traffic jams that cost people time, money and aggravation. City Hall should respect the current compromise - vote NO on Prop K.

Shawna McGrew, Neighborhood Leader

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Don't fall for scare tactics. Backers of Measure K go on and on about how the Great Highway is going to be permanently shut even if this measure doesn't pass — but that's simply not true. The southern end past Sloat (the Great Highway extension) is indeed falling into the ocean — and climate change isn't going to bring that back. But the Great Highway from Fulton to Sloat can always remain open and traffic will simply turn on Sloat and curve around to Skyline.

Eddie Chin, Chinese Community Leader

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Who thought closing the Great Highway permanently to car traffic was a good idea? City Hall didn't have their ear to the ground when they dreamed this one up. Join us in making sure City Hall isn't imposing their bad ideas on us. Vote NO on Prop K and tell City Hall to focus on the basics.

Alexandra Jansen, Community Activist

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CONSIDER OUR VETERANS. VOTE NO ON K.

Proposition K should not even be on this ballot. It cancels the Pilot Program that was supposed to run until December 31, 2025, which called for the Great Highway to remain open to cars Monday, 6 a.m. through noon Fridays, giving the 20,000 cars that used it on weekdays before the pandemic a chance to get to work, school, health care, and weekday duties with ease. August 16, 2021, the road was closed to cars weekends and holidays, but left open during weekdays since the closure was harming commuters and nearby residents. At all times, the 10' wide paved bicycle/walking path and the hard-packed sand jogging path that runs the entire length were open.

The Veterans Administration Hospital in the outer Richmond serves 95,000 veterans patients yearly. It has 3,500 employees and 350 volunteers. It is open 24 hours a day. Thousands of patients and workers come from throughout San Francisco and beyond using the Upper Great Highway. Making them stop and go through the Outer Sunset as they try to get to or from the VA hospital is cruel. Also cruel, is diverting the **20,000 vehicles** who use the Upper Great Highway daily onto the narrow streets of the Outer Sunset District, bringing noise, fuel pollution, and dangerous traffic to neighborhood families instead of having their fumes float on the ocean air out to sea.

The text of Prop K deletes all the excellent provisions of the original ordinance: data monitoring the use of the Highway, as well as neighboring streets during closure and when open, community outreach and discussion, and sand mitigation measures. None of these provisions have been accomplished; instead, Proposition K abandons them, and undemocratically stifles information and public engagement on this vital issue.

VOTE NO ON K!

Tomasita Medál

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L – Additional Business Tax on Transportation Network Companies and Autonomous Vehicle Businesses to Fund Public Transportation

Shall the City place an additional tax permanently on transportation network companies and autonomous vehicle businesses that provide passenger service for compensation with rates between 1% and 4.5% of gross receipts in San Francisco above \$500,000 for an estimated annual revenue of \$25 million, and use the funds the City collects from the tax to support Muni transportation services and fare discount programs?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City collects taxes on gross receipts from many businesses in San Francisco (Gross Receipts Tax). For most businesses, the Gross Receipts Tax rate is between 0.053% and 1.008% of San Francisco gross receipts, with some rates scheduled to increase in coming years.

The City imposes a per-ride tax on certain transportation businesses that provide prearranged rides that originate in San Francisco. This tax applies to transportation network companies, which connect drivers to passengers, and businesses providing rides in some types of autonomous vehicles. Transportation network companies do not include taxi or limousine services. The rates for that tax are between 1.5% and 3.25% of the fares attributable to passenger rides within San Francisco.

Autonomous vehicles can operate without a human driver and some can transport passengers.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency operates a public transportation system (Muni) of buses, light rail vehicles, streetcars and cable cars.

State law limits the total revenue that the City may spend each year. The voters may approve increases to this spending limit for up to four years.

The Proposal: In addition to existing taxes, the proposed measure would create a new gross receipts tax on transportation network companies and autonomous vehicle businesses. This new tax would be on passenger transportation service gross receipts in San Francisco above \$500,000. The tax rates would be:

- 1% on taxable gross receipts between \$500,000.01 and \$1,000,000 (one million dollars);
- 2.5% on taxable gross receipts between \$1,000,000.01 and \$2,500,000 (two-and-a-half million dollars);
- 3.5% on taxable gross receipts between \$2,500,000.01 and \$25,000,000 (twenty-five million dollars); and
- 4.5% on taxable gross receipts over \$25,000,000 (twenty-five million dollars).

The City would use the funds it collects from the new tax to:

- Preserve, maintain or increase Muni public transportation services;
- Improve or preserve Muni service to public schools, libraries and parks by increasing service frequency, expanding and adding new routes; and
- Maintain or expand discount fare or fare-free programs by Muni for people with disabilities, seniors, youth, students and low-income passengers.

The tax would remain in place unless the voters repeal it through a future ballot measure. The Board of Supervisors would have authority to amend the tax by a two-thirds vote, so long as it does not undermine the intent of the tax.

This proposal would also increase the City's spending limit for four years.

If Proposition M [Changes to Business Taxes] passes with more votes than Proposition L [this measure], then Proposition L [this measure] would have no legal effect.

If Proposition L [this measure] passes with more votes than Proposition M [Changes to Business Taxes], both propositions would have legal effect.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to create a new gross receipts tax on transportation network companies and autonomous vehicle businesses that provide passenger service for compensation and use the funds the City collects from the tax to support Muni transportation services and fare discount programs.

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

Controller's Statement on "L"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition L:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it could result in additional revenue of approximately \$25 million annually, based on the historical performance of the existing Traffic Congestion Mitigation Tax (TCMT). This new tax would take effect in tax year 2025.

The proposed initiative would create a new gross receipts tax on transportation network companies (TNCs) and autonomous vehicle businesses. This new tax would be additive on top of existing gross receipts taxes and the TCMT, which applies to commercial ride-share companies and certain rides provided by autonomous vehicles or private transit service vehicles. This initiative would impose graduated taxes on the San Francisco passenger transportation service gross receipts of TNCs and autonomous vehicle businesses at the following levels:

- 1% on taxable gross receipts between \$500,000.01 and \$1 million
- 2.5% on taxable gross receipts between \$1,000,000.01 and \$2.5 million
- 3.5% on taxable gross receipts between \$2,500,000.01 million and \$25 million
- 4.5% on taxable gross receipts over \$25 million

Companies with \$500,000 or less in taxable gross receipts would not be subject to the proposed tax. Taxable gross receipts for the proposed tax would only include services and rides where the benefit is received in the City.

The revenues from the proposed tax will be used to support Muni transportation services and fare discount programs. Up to 2% of the proceeds may be used for the administration of the tax. The proposed tax would begin on January 1, 2025.

The tax would remain in effect until the voters repeal it. The Board of Supervisors may amend the tax by a two-thirds majority vote if the amendment furthers the purpose of imposing a tax on TNCs and autonomous vehicle businesses to raise funding for Muni service, without a vote of the City's electorate. Finally, this initiative raises the City's spending limit for four years by the increase in tax revenue generated by the new measure.

The estimated annual revenue collection would be approximately \$25 million. The exact amount of revenue collected by the City will depend on the business performance of the TNCs and autonomous vehicle businesses, and demand for these services.

How "L" Got on the Ballot

On July 25, 2024, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition L to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

10,029 signatures were required to place an initiative ordinance on the ballot. This number is equal to 2% of the registered voters at the time a "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" was published. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 8, 2024, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Proponent's Argument

Muni is facing **severe cuts** due to the end of emergency federal funding, which kept our transit running through the pandemic. These cuts will mean reduced Muni hours and frequency, and likely whole lines eliminated. Prop L will provide enough critical funding now to **protect up to a dozen bus lines** from getting cut.

Families, seniors, and workers need reliable trains and buses to bring them to school and work, run errands, and visit loved ones. Service cuts will leave transit-dependent riders stranded and force many into driving or paying for expensive ride-hail services. Underfunding Muni will also lead to **more traffic and more competition for parking**, making travel throughout the City harder for those who must drive.

Small businesses depend on Muni to bring in workers and customers, and strong public transit is critical for our **downtown and citywide recovery**. Prop L will allow San Francisco to thrive.

Funding from Prop L can only be spent on:

- Preventing Muni service cuts and strengthening Muni service.
- Preventing Paratransit service cuts and strengthening Paratransit service.
- Supporting Muni access to parks, libraries, and schools by sustaining or improving lines, and their routes and frequency.
- Sustaining and improving fare discount programs for youth, seniors, students, people with disabilities, and people with low incomes.

Right now, San Francisco taxes ride-hail and robotaxi companies at a **lower rate than other big cities**. And if Prop L passes, SF ride-hail taxes will still be lower than those in NYC, D.C., and Chicago. This is a small, common-sense tax on these companies to help keep Muni running and accessible for all.

Let's keep San Francisco moving. Vote Yes on L.

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Transport Workers Union Local 250A (Muni Operators)
Senior and Disability Action
Sierra Club
Kid Safe SF
Small Business Forward
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
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Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

Prop L won't fix Muni's issues—we deserve better. We cannot afford to keep funding a dysfunctional system. Vote no on Prop L.

Prop L might sound like a step toward fixing Muni, but it's not the right solution. The proponents admit that—at best—this may save a few bus lines, but there's no guarantee.

In fact, **Prop L lacks standard oversight**, meaning there's no guarantee the money will be used effectively. Typically, taxpayer-funded measures include audits and citizen oversight; Prop L has neither. Instead, it throws money at a system in disarray without reform or a plan for improvement.

While Muni urgently needs more funding, **Prop L only scratches the surface, raising a small fraction of what's required**. Worse, it does nothing to fix the underlying problems of financial mismanagement, unreliable service, and lack of accountability.

Even if Prop L passes, the City will soon return with another tax hike, forcing us to pay more while still not seeing real improvements.

This measure raises the cost of living, making life more difficult for seniors and disabled residents who can least afford it.

We need comprehensive solutions that pair funding with real reform. San Francisco voters shouldn't be asked to support higher taxes without meaningful changes.

Vote No on Prop L to demand real reform, real accountability, and a transportation system that works for everyone.

DemandMuniReform.com

*California Nightlife Association
Golden Gate Restaurant Association
GrowSF
SF Chamber of Commerce
sf.citi
TogetherSF Action
PADS (Protect App-Based Drivers)*

Opponent's Argument

Proposition L increases San Francisco's cost of living without addressing the roots of Muni's problems. We can't continue to spend money without real accountability. Vote no on Proposition L.

Like many of us, Muni faces financial challenges exacerbated by the pandemic. However, mismanagement and lack of accountability, not just plunging ridership, have all contributed to Muni's whopping \$214 million debt. This tax raises only a tiny fraction of the funding Muni needs, with no plan to spend it. San Franciscans deserve well-funded, well-managed public transportation that meets the needs of all residents.

Tell City Hall to fix Muni – with real funding and real reform. Vote NO.

Proposition L makes Muni's problems harder to solve.

Taxpayer-funded measures usually have audits and citizen oversight to ensure funds are used effectively. Proposition L has none of these protections. It maintains the status quo of mismanagement and overspending, continuing San Francisco's pattern of throwing money at a problem instead of providing effective solutions.

Proposition L burdens San Francisco's vulnerable populations. It harms San Franciscans who rely on rideshares for essential needs. Rideshares discourage impaired driving and help workers get home safely during non-traditional hours. Seniors and disabled residents with limited transit access rely on rideshares to get around the city. Making rideshares more expensive punishes these vulnerable groups.

Proposition L makes living in San Francisco harder and more expensive. We need the cost of living to go down, not up. Rideshares are essential to many San Franciscans' daily lives, and adding this tax worsens the problem.

Proposition L may be well-intentioned, but it's extremely flawed. It wastes money without fixing the issues. It hurts vulnerable populations and doesn't hold SFMTA accountable.

Vote No on Proposition L to demand real Muni funding, reform, and protection for our most vulnerable residents.

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*Golden Gate Restaurant Association
TOGETHER SF ACTION
California Nightlife Association
SF Chamber of Commerce
SF CITI*

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

The opponents claim that Prop L adds to cost of living problems. But let's be real: **it costs \$2.50 to cross the City by Muni** or around \$25 by ride-hail. Prop L would add a small \$0.25 to \$1.13 tax on the company — not the rider — for that ride. But most of ride-hail's cost is from the companies themselves: **Uber increased its prices by 83%** between 2018 and 2022, while paying less to drivers.

Muni is what **keeps transportation affordable for vulnerable San Franciscans**. Prop L will fund bus, train, and Paratransit service, as well as discounts for youth, seniors, and people with disabilities or low incomes. With severe cuts starting as early as next year, Prop L provides enough funding to save up to a dozen bus lines.

Without Prop L, deeper cuts will mean more places and times Muni isn't available, and slower trips. This will strand many, while pushing others to drive or use ride-hail, worsening traffic congestion.

The opponents suggest that rejecting Prop L would help bring "real Muni funding" to the table, without proposing a plan for this.

Over 500,000 times a day, someone takes a ride on Muni, and satisfaction is higher than ever. But Muni is at risk. **If we truly want a more affordable San Francisco, we must invest in public transit.**

Vote Yes for Muni. Vote Yes on L!

*San Francisco Transit Riders
Senior and Disability Action
Sierra Club
Small Business Forward
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
Senator Scott Wiener
Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Ahsha Safaí
BART Director Janice Li*

Paid Arguments in Favor

Yes on L. Efficient bus and tram service reduces CO2 emissions by encouraging use of transit. Prop L begins to address MUNI's funding needs, helping MUNI provide better service.

Dave Rhody, 2nd Tuesday Climate Group

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2nd Tuesday Climate Group.

Transit riders say yes on L.

Due to the end of one-time pandemic funding, Muni is facing a large deficit, and hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans who rely on our public transit network may lose the frequent bus and train service that we rely on. Whole routes are likely to get cut.

Cuts would result in longer waits and unpredictable travel times. This would be hardest on underserved communities where many of us rely on public transit because we do not own cars or use ride-hails. Money from Prop L could save over 10 Muni lines from being canceled, providing an important lifeline for transit riders to commute to work, and to access neighborhoods and commercial corridors.

Muni is vital to the fabric of San Francisco -
vote Yes on L!

San Francisco Transit Riders

Transform

Muni Diaries

SaveMUNI

Transbay Coalition

*Sharon Lai, Former SFMTA Board Director**

*Aaron Leifer, Chair, SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council**

*Chris Arvin, Vice Chair, SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council**

*Kat Siegal, Chair, SFCTA Community Advisory Committee**

*Sascha Bittner, Member, SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council**

*Connor Skelly, Member, SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council**

*Sue Vaughan, Member, SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council**

*Eliza Panike, Member, SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council**

*Queena Chen, Member, SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council**

*Jerry Levine, Member, SFCTA Community Advisory Committee**

*Austin Milford-Rosales, Member, SFCTA Community Advisory Committee**

*Sara Barz, Member, SFCTA Community Advisory Committee**

*Mariko Davidson, Member, SFCTA Community Advisory Committee**

Leah LaCroix, K rider

Dylan Fabris, N rider

Ben Cochran, 5R rider

Kurt Schwartzmann, 6 rider

Connor Cimowski, 7 rider

Louis Grant Stavely, 14 rider

Brian Quan, 18 rider

Josh Wallaert, 21 rider

Sarah Katz-Hyman, 22 rider

EJ Jones, 29 rider

Cyrus Hall, 36 rider

Lian Chang, 38R rider

Jake Donham, 44 rider

Scott Feeney, 48 rider

Christopher D. Cook, 49 rider

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Senior and disability advocates strongly urge yes on L.

Muni and its paratransit services are a lifeline for seniors and people with disabilities. We depend on it to get to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, recreation, and to visit friends and family, helping us maintain our independence. We rely on Muni and Paratransit because rideshare services are expensive and rarely take people in wheelchairs.

Prop L will protect transit options for those who need it most so we don't get left behind.

Join us in voting Yes on Prop L, supporting public transit for everyone.

Senior and Disability Action

*Ruth Malone, Senior and Professor Emerita at the UCSF School of Nursing**

*Michael Smith, Disability advocate and Co-Founder of Walk SF**

*Roz Arbel, Paratransit rider with mobility issues
Carol Brownson, Senior and mobility scooter rider*

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Small Businesses Support Prop L

According to Muni, the #1 reason people take public transit is for eating out, socializing, and entertainment. In other words, the #1 reason people take Muni is to support San Francisco's small businesses. And more transit riders means less traffic and more available parking for those who must drive.

Our unique businesses are what make San Francisco infinitely explorable for residents and tourists alike. Funding for Muni helps ensure we will keep our diverse workers and community regulars, while continuing to attract tourists and new customers.

Plus, Prop L does NOT raise property taxes, sales taxes, or taxes on small businesses.

Yes on L!

*Small Business Forward
Cyn Wang, Vice President, Entertainment Commission*
Sharky Laguana, Former President, Small Business Commission*
The Birdcage,
Booksmith,
Bottle Bacchanal,
Firefly Restaurant,
Fleetwood,
Gravel & Gold,
Mercury Cafe,
Open Scope Studio,
Ritual Coffee,
Scenic Routes Community Bicycle Center,
VERA Skin Studio,
Wang Insurance Agency,*

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Safe street advocates say Yes on L!

Good public transportation is good for walking and biking.

When transit service is frequent and reliable, more people take it. This reduces the number of vehicles on our streets, which in turn reduces the threat of dangerous traffic on our streets. Every day, an average of three pedestrians are hit. Less traffic equals less risk to everyone who walks and bikes.

Studies have shown how good access to quality public transit service supports health in many ways, from promoting physical activity to ensuring access to health care and other opportunities. We believe a transit-friendly city is a bike-friendly and walkable city.

Let's help ensure Muni has the funds needed to succeed. Our City's sustainable transportation and Vision Zero goals depend on good public transportation – and we're all safer and healthier with strong public transit.

Join us in voting Yes on L.

*Walk San Francisco
SF Bicycle Coalition
Kid Safe SF*

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SF's recovery depends on Prop L.

For our City's economy to recover, we need a world-class public transit system we can depend on.

Muni moves employees and customers alike, leaving more parking for those that need it most. Frequent and reliable Muni service is crucial for bringing workers back to the office and making San Francisco a place where innovative companies can grow.

We also need more funding for Muni to bring back the tourists and conferences that so many of our small businesses rely on.

Robust transit makes it safer and more comfortable for people to get out in the City, by reducing the need for long walks and wait times, especially at night.

Vote Yes on Prop L, a crucial piece of the puzzle for SF's economic recovery.

Small Business Forward
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
*Cyn Wang, Vice President, Entertainment Commission**
*Sharky Laguana, Commissioner, Homelessness Oversight Commission**

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Workers depend on Muni

San Francisco workers depend on Muni to get to work, while other workers such as paramedics, delivery drivers, taxi drivers, and construction workers need clear roads free from congestion to get their jobs done - all these things will benefit if we can pass Prop L.

Money from this measure can save up to a dozen Muni lines, so we urge you to join us in voting for Prop L.

Transport Workers Union Local 250A
SF Taxi Workers Alliance
National Union of Healthcare Workers

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The Asian American and Pacific Islander community urges yes on L

Service cuts will mean fewer lines, longer waits, and reduced nighttime service, making getting around less safe and convenient for all, but especially for our elders and other vulnerable community members.

Prop L funds can also be used to preserve and increase the paratransit services that so many rely on.

Prop L does NOT raise property taxes or sales taxes. Instead, Prop L provides critical funding for Muni service just by imposing a modest tax on ride hail and robotaxi companies to **make them pay their fair share**.

Join us, and vote yes on L.

Chinatown Transportation Research and Improvement Project (TRIP)

Chinatown Rising
Tenderloin Chinese Rights Association
Connie Chan, D1 Supervisor
Alan Wong, College Board President
Gordon Mar, SF Democratic County Central Committee Member
Parag Gupta, SF Democratic County Central Committee Member
Bilal Mahmood, SF Democratic County Central Committee Member
*Cyn Wang, Vice President, Entertainment Commission**
*Lydia So, Planning Commissioner**
*Eric Mar, Former Supervisor**
*Lian Chang, Steering Committee Member, Transbay Coalition**
*Sharon Lai, Former SFMTA Board Director**
*Brian Quan, Past President, Chinese American Democratic Club**
*Alex Wong, Board of Directors, SF Parent Action**

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LGBTQ+ community agrees: yes on L

As fundamental human rights are threatened all across our country, it is more important than ever that San Francisco be a welcoming city, a beacon of hope. This means keeping our transportation safe and accessible for all.

Public transit is a lifeline for the LGBTQ community, especially those moving here to avoid homophobic laws and abuse, and seniors and survivors aging in place, to be able to safely and affordably access necessary resources and social support.

We need robust public transit; we need Prop L.

Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club
Senator Scott Wiener
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Bevan Dufty, BART Director
Janice Li, BART Director

*David Campos, California Democratic Party Vice Chair**
Joe Sangirardi, SF Democratic County Central
Committee Member
*Tom Radulovich, Former BART President**
Edward Wright, Past President, Harvey Milk LGBTQ
*Democratic Club**
*Jane Natoli, SF Organizing Director for YIMBY Action**
Jackie Fielder, Climate Advocate

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Children of All Ages need Prop L

Free Muni for Youth is in danger without new funding. For schools, childcare providers, and parents of young children, Prop L will help keep transportation affordable and easy, with no need to tap a card for each child. And as kids grow, free fares enable independence, as youth learn to navigate their city on Muni.

Muni also needs to go where you want to go. With cuts coming as early as next year, Prop L revenue can save over ten bus lines from being canceled, allowing Muni to continue reaching more destinations. Everyone should be able to visit *all* of San Francisco's beautiful parks and libraries, and Prop L could mean the difference between an easy Muni ride or having trouble accessing these essential civic services.

With upcoming SFUSD school closures likely to force more families to travel farther each day, saving lines from being cut is even more important.

Prop L does not raise property or sales taxes on families who are struggling to get by.

Please vote yes on Prop L!

Livable City,
Friends of Great Highway Park,
Tree Frog Treks,
City Kid Camp,
Wheel Kids Bicycle Club,
Camp Velo,
*Alex Wong, Board of Directors, SF Parent Action**
Parents:
Sara Barz,
Luke Bornheimer,

Michael Crehan,
Parag Gupta,
Jessica Jenkins,
Sharon Lai,
Heather Ann Miller,
Jen Nossokoff,
Josh Wallaert.

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Protect SF neighborhood residents. Vote yes on L

Over 91% of San Franciscans live within 2-3 blocks of a Muni stop. This includes 100% of residents in San Francisco's neighborhoods identified in the Muni Service Equity Strategy.

But what makes a bus stop more than a sign on the sidewalk? Buses that arrive regularly and on time.

If we are not able to help fill Muni's deficit by passing Prop L, the first lines to face service cuts will likely be neighborhood lines that our residents depend on. These routes are a lifeline for seniors and people with disabilities in our communities, as well others who cannot drive.

Reduced frequency means longer wait periods for all, including evening and graveyard shift workers who will be outside in cold, dark, and potentially dangerous conditions.

For a fair and safe San Francisco, vote yes on L.

Outer Sunset Neighbors,
Richmond Family SF,
Chinatown Rising,
Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association,
Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council,
Joni Eisen, Vice President, Potrero Hill
*Democratic Club**

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Spare the Air Every Day

Over 40% of San Francisco's global warming emissions come from vehicles, and investing in Muni is one of the most important things we can do to curb our carbon footprint. Some quick facts:

1. During peak hours, one bus can take 50-200 people out of cars.
2. Freed up parking means private drivers waste less gas looking for parking.
3. Muni operates the greenest fleet of any city in North America.
4. 50% of Muni's fleet is powered by 100% greenhouse gas-free hydropower generated from Hetch Hetchy.
5. Muni supports people who choose to walk or bike, knowing they won't need a car to get home.

Join us in voting yes on L for a greener future for San Francisco.

Sierra Club
SF League of Conservation Voters
350SF

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San Franciscans in need depend on Muni.

Muni and Paratransit are lifelines for low-income families and people with disabilities in San Francisco who rely on it to get to work, school, medical appointments, and to care for loved ones. Discounted fares help low-income adults and seniors make ends meet. And Muni is free for children and low-income seniors.

If these programs were to end, parents may have to choose between putting food on the table and buying Muni passes. Seniors would have to choose between keeping their appointments and making ends meet.

We support Prop L to help preserve these programs if they are ever in danger.

Everyone needs and deserves safe, reliable transportation. Vote Yes on L.

SF Tenants Union
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation
Tenderloin Chinese Rights Association

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SF Democrats agree: yes on L

Investing in transit is a key policy for Democrats, both nationwide and right here in San Francisco. In order to build a city and economy that works for everyone, regardless of age, income, or ability, we need a transit system that works.

By preserving access to Muni through discount and fare-free programs and by reducing car traffic and keeping pedestrians safe, we can make sure that everyone can thrive in San Francisco.

Join Democratic leaders in San Francisco and vote yes on L.

Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
Senator Scott Wiener
Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Ahsha Safai
Bevan Dufty, BART Director
Janice Li, BART Director
Alan Wong, College Board President
David Campos, California Democratic Party Vice Chair
Emma Heiken Hare, SF Democratic County Central Committee Vice Chair
Parag Gupta, SF Democratic County Central Committee Member
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Pro-housing groups urge Yes on L

We are advocates for building more housing in San Francisco because housing is too expensive. Being pro-housing also means being pro-transit: We must fund and expand Muni, which can efficiently move around lots of people without adding more cars on the streets. Fast, frequent, and reliable transit will reduce traffic congestion and make sure everyone has quick and reliable options to move around San Francisco.

Vote Yes on L because abundant housing and great transit go together.

SF YIMBY

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Yes on L, Fund the Bus.

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1. Jessica Jenkins, 2. Laura Yakovenko, 3. Benjamin Cochran.

Healthcare workers agree: yes on L.

Healthcare workers know how important public transit is for three reasons:

1. Frequent Muni service means less traffic and congestion, which means that emergency vehicles can provide help faster.
2. Reducing traffic and congestion also reduces aggressive and unsafe driving, which means fewer preventable accidents, fewer injuries, and fewer deaths.
3. Reliable, frequent, and citywide Muni service brings many healthcare workers to our jobs on time and gets us home safely.

Vote yes on L for a safer, healthier, San Francisco.

National Union of Healthcare Workers

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Muni Operators say no cuts to Muni, vote Yes on L.

We are the operators who work before the crack of dawn and through the night to provide the transit that nurses rely on to get to work, children rely on to get to school, and so many San Franciscans rely on to go about their lives.

We are dedicated to serving San Francisco and our primary goal is to get you where you're going. Every

day, happy passengers show us how important frequent and reliable service is, and it's because of our riders that we're supporting Prop L!

Transport Workers Union Local 250A (Muni Operators)

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Paid Arguments Against**Small Businesses Advocates Say Vote No on Prop L**

As advocates working to bring back San Francisco's downtown and protect our small businesses, we oppose Prop L. San Francisco is already one of the most expensive cities in the world to live, work and do business in. This measure would make it even harder to afford to live, work or visit here by taxing rideshares. Adding an additional burden to our residents and tourists in an already difficult economy is not the way to expand transit access and help the San Francisco economy. Vote no on Prop L.

*California Nightlife Association
Golden Gate Restaurant Association
SF Hotel Council
Advance SF
SF Chamber of Commerce*

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SF for Muni Accountability and Reliable Service - No on Prop L.

The sole contributor to the true source recipient committee: SF Chamber of Commerce.

Cultural and Entertainment Advocates Oppose Prop L

San Francisco's nightlife and downtown districts are under-served by late-night public transit. Patrons and employees rely heavily on ridesharing to ensure safe transportation home. If this tax passes, San Franciscans who use ride share just twice a week could pay up to \$125 in yearly taxes regardless of their income. Help keep safe transit options affordable. Please vote no on Prop L.

Ben Bleiman, San Francisco Entertainment Commission President
Golden Gate Restaurant Association
California Nightlife Association
SF Hotel Council*

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The sole contributor to the true source recipient committee: SF Chamber of Commerce.

Chinese Community Leaders Urge You to Vote NO on Prop L

We urge you to vote no on this additional tax and instead demand a real solution to our public transit challenges. Prop L will not solve Muni's problems. This measure lacks the standard accountability protections typically included in taxpayer measures. Instead, it will make it more expensive to live in San Francisco and harder for our seniors and disabled residents to get around. We urge you to vote NO on Prop L.

*Mary Jung, Former SF Democratic Party Chair
Rodney Fong, SF Chamber of Commerce
President & CEO*

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Democratic Party Leader Urges: No on Prop L

Our city deserves a reliable, safe, and affordable transportation system that serves every person and neighborhood. Instead, Prop L places the burden for funding Muni on low-income, senior and working-class residents who must rely on rideshares for their basic mobility needs. Prop L fails to fix Muni, instead taxing our vulnerable residents to throw money at a broken system with no accountability for spending the funds. We must do better. Vote no.

Mary Jung, Former SF Democratic Party Chair

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SF Civic Leadership Groups Oppose Prop L

As advocates for a better San Francisco, we urge you to vote no on Prop L. Our organizations have championed numerous efforts to fund and expand our transit system, but we don't support Prop L. The proponents of this measure missed an opportunity to create a balanced and effective transit funding measure by not consulting with business leaders or city officials. We should be working together to develop a broad-based transit funding measure by 2026 that has the support of transit advocates, senior and disabled advocates, elected officials and community leaders alike. The future of our city depends on policies that support not only our transit system but also our economic well-being. Vote no on Prop L.

Together SF Action

Grow SF

sf.citi

PADS (Protect App-Based Drivers and Services)

DemandMuniReform.com

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SF for Muni Accountability and Reliable Service - No on Prop L.

The sole contributor to the true source recipient committee: SF Chamber of Commerce.

Working People and Rideshare Drivers Oppose Prop L

As San Francisco rideshare drivers, we know firsthand how challenging it is to make ends meet in one of the world's most expensive cities. Prop L will only add to our burden by making rideshares more costly. Many residents rely on us because Muni doesn't serve their areas well, especially during non-traditional hours. Seniors and disabled individuals depend on us for rides they can't get from Muni. This tax won't hurt the big corporations; it will hurt us, the drivers trying to support our families and the vulnerable residents who rely on our services. Please vote no on Prop L.

Lorraine Hanks, App-Based Driver

PADS (Protect App-Based Drivers and Services)

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San Francisco Elections: Safe and Secure

To learn about how the Department of Elections ensures security and integrity of local elections, please visit sfelections.gov/security or contact us.



There are a number of things you can do to help protect the integrity of our elections! Here are some suggestions to help you get started:

- ✓ Check your voter registration record regularly to make sure all information, including your address, is correct and update it as necessary;
- ✓ Subscribe to our official news, updates, and notices at sfelections.gov/trustedinfo;
- ✓ Follow us on social media (@**SFElections**);
- ✓ Report misinformation, questionable claims, or suspicious activity, such as fraud, corruption, or tampering, to any of the following:
 - Our office: **(415) 554-4375** or sfvote@sfgov.org
 - San Francisco District Attorney: **(628) 652-4311**
 - California Secretary of State: **(800) 345-8683** or VoteSure@sos.ca.gov

M – Changes to Business Taxes

Shall the City permanently change the taxes it collects from businesses, including: changing annual gross receipts tax rates to between 0.1% and 3.716%, homelessness gross receipts tax rates to between 0.0162% and 1.64%, business registration fees to between \$55 and \$60,000, overpaid executive gross receipts tax rates to between 0.02% and 0.129%, and administrative office tax rates to between 2.97% and 3.694% of payroll expense; increasing the gross receipts tax exemption for small businesses; and changing how the City calculates these taxes; for estimated annual revenue of \$50 million once fully implemented?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City collects various business taxes annually, including:

- A gross receipts tax that is a percentage of a business's San Francisco gross receipts. Depending on business type, the City calculates a business's San Francisco gross receipts based on sales in San Francisco, payroll expenses for employees working there, or both. Rates range from 0.053% to 1.008% and are scheduled to increase in coming years. Rates depend on business type, and higher rates apply as a business generates more gross receipts. For 2024, most small businesses with gross receipts up to \$2.25 million are exempt.
- A homelessness gross receipts tax that is an additional tax on business activities with San Francisco gross receipts over \$50 million. Rates range from 0.175% to 0.69%.
- An overpaid executive gross receipts tax that is an additional tax on businesses that pay their highest-paid managerial employee much higher than the median compensation they pay their San Francisco employees. Rates are between 0.1% and 0.6%.
- A business registration fee that is an additional tax. For most businesses, the fee is currently between \$47 and \$45,150, based on business type and amount of gross receipts.
- An administrative office tax that is a tax on payroll expenses paid by certain large businesses instead of these other business taxes. The combined rates in 2024 range from 3.04% to 5.44%, and in 2025 are

scheduled to range from 3.11% to 5.51%. Business registration fees for these businesses currently range from \$19,682 to \$45,928.

State law limits the total revenue that the City may spend each year. The voters may approve increases to this spending limit for up to four years.

The Proposal: The proposed measure would change the City's business taxes to:

- For the gross receipts tax:
 - exempt most small businesses with gross receipts up to \$5 million (increased by inflation).
 - reduce the number of business types from 14 to seven;
 - calculate San Francisco gross receipts based more on sales and less on payroll expenses, depending on the type of business;
 - change rates to between 0.1% and 3.716%; and
- Apply the homelessness gross receipts tax on business activities with San Francisco gross receipts over \$25 million, at rates between 0.162% and 1.64%.
- Modify how the City calculates the overpaid executive gross receipts tax, determine who pays that tax, and set the rates between 0.02% and 0.129%.
- Adjust business registration fees to between \$55 and \$60,000 (increased by inflation).
- Adjust the administrative office tax rates for certain large businesses to range from 2.97% to 3.694%, and adjust the business registration fees for these businesses to between \$500 and \$35,000 (increased by inflation).
- Make administrative changes to the City's business taxes.

The homelessness gross receipts tax would continue to fund homelessness prevention and services for people experiencing homelessness.

The City would use the other taxes mentioned above for general government purposes.

All these taxes would apply indefinitely until repealed.

This proposal would increase the City's spending limit for four years.

If Proposition M passes with more votes than Proposition L, then Proposition L would have no legal effect.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to change the following taxes the City collects from businesses: the gross receipts tax, the homelessness gross receipts tax, the overpaid executive gross receipts tax, the administrative office tax and business registration fees.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to change the City's business taxes.

Controller's Statement on "M"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition M:

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have the following effects on business tax revenue. Over the first three fiscal years, between fiscal year 2024–25 and FY 2026–27, the measure is projected to reduce revenues by approximately \$40 million annually. While uncertain this projected loss may be smaller if the measure helps enable the City to reduce reserves for disputed taxes in the future. Beginning in 2027, scheduled rate increases would generate positive revenues of approximately \$50 million annually in FY 2028–29 and thereafter. By FY 2029–30, the total positive revenue resulting from the rate increases would offset the reduced revenue in the first three years, making the total amount of business tax revenue over that period comparable to current law. After FY 2029–30, the ordinance is projected to continue to generate additional revenue of approximately \$50 million annually. Projected revenue impacts above assume a reduction in business license fees of \$10 million annually, which will be proposed in forthcoming legislation.

The proposed ordinance would amend the City's existing Business and Tax Regulations Code in several key areas:

- Increases the small business exemption from the gross receipts tax from \$2.25 million to \$5.0 million,
- Consolidates the number of tax schedules from 14 business activity categories to 7 business activity categories for the gross receipts and homelessness gross receipts taxes,
- Adjusts tax rates for gross receipts, homelessness gross receipts, administrative office, and overpaid executive gross receipts taxes in 2025, and increases tax rates on gross receipts, administrative office, and overpaid executive gross receipts taxes in 2027 and 2028; currently scheduled tax rate increases after 2024 would not occur under this proposal,
- Shifts the City's calculation of San Francisco gross receipts for most business activities away from payroll expenses and towards sales; the only exceptions are business activities whose San Francisco gross receipts calculation is already entirely based on sales,
- Requires the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector to establish an advance determination process to provide written guidance to taxpayers, and makes other implementation changes,
- Creates new tax credits for businesses paying stadium operator admission taxes, grocery retailers, and new lessees in certain newly constructed buildings,
- Makes changes to business registration fees.

Additionally, the ordinance requires that the Controller report on the impact of the various changes made by this initiative in September 2026 and September 2027.

Business taxes can vary significantly depending on economic conditions, and current estimates may not be predictive of future revenues.

How "M" Got on the Ballot

On July 8, 2024, the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition M to be placed on the ballot had a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

10,029 signatures were required to place an initiative ordinance on the ballot. This number is equal to 2% of the registered voters at the time a "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" was published. A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the July 8, 2024, submission deadline showed that the total number of valid signatures was greater than the number required.

Proponent's Argument

Help SF Small Businesses Thrive, Revitalize San Francisco's Economy – Vote Yes on M!

The current San Francisco tax structure does not allow our local businesses to thrive. We've seen too many of our small businesses, especially restaurants and retail, close.

Proposition M offers crucial tax relief to help over 2,700 small businesses by completely eliminating their taxes. It will also prevent our largest employers from leaving the city, fixing taxes that previously penalized them for having employees in the office and that contributed to record office vacancy downtown.

Proposition M will also significantly reduce business license fees for restaurants, hotels, arts venues, and neighborhood stores. More than 90% of our local restaurants will have lower tax burdens, with 88% paying no business taxes at all. Lower taxes will allow our neighborhood businesses to thrive.

Proposition M will simplify our current tax system, making it more predictable for business owners and the City. This will help preserve essential services while working towards a more vibrant, clean and safe downtown.

San Francisco currently has some of the highest business tax rates in the country, penalizing both small and large businesses for continuing to operate here.

Proposition M will lower taxes and by doing so, create a better environment for future investments and growth. This is a proactive step towards helping our economy and ensuring San Francisco continues to be a place of innovation and opportunity.

This consensus measure has widespread support from local small businesses, advocates, progressives, moderates and city leaders from across the political spectrum. Join us in voting yes on Proposition M for our small businesses and the future of our city. Together, we can revitalize San Francisco. Learn more at revitalizesf.com.

*Laurie Thomas, Golden Gate Restaurant Association
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Rodney Fong, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
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Larry Mazzola Jr., San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council
Mary Jung, Former San Francisco Democratic Party Chair*

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

Proposition M is anything but well-intentioned or small businesses friendly. Crafted by a coalition of special interests and politicians, the measure shifts the tax burden in ways both unfair and inefficient, to the detriment of working San Franciscans and the broader business community.

Proponents claim Proposition M lowers and simplifies taxes. In truth, it is anything but revenue neutral. **Proposition M is a hodgepodge borne of ugly backroom dealmaking among City Hall insiders, business lobbyists and labor unions,** who lighten their own burdens, while extracting higher and oppressive taxes for a hungry City Hall.

Proposition M **creates winners and losers among industries**—some facing incredible tax hikes, especially those just below the highest tiers. Noteworthy, biotech firms see their tax burden increase by 68%. **Proposition M means higher local inflation, job cuts and employers leaving San Francisco.**

This is hardly broad-based tax reform. **Proposition M is a sticky special interest honeypot which threatens growth and jobs.**

Instead of supporting this flawed measure, let's turn our attention to comprehensive, citizen-led tax and spending reforms in 2025, which will genuinely support growing businesses and a sustainable economic future. **Vote NO on Proposition M.**

Larry Marso, Esq.

Opponent's Argument

Proposition M introduces *new tax rates that dramatically increase the burden for many businesses in San Francisco*. While some small business might see minimal changes, others—especially mid-sized and large employers—face **doubled or even quadrupled** tax rates.

This isn't a "tweak," it's a massive tax increase that could *drastically alter the financial future of major companies*. Proponents claim the measure is "revenue neutral". The Controller disagrees: it's a \$50 million/year tax increase. **It shifts the burden heavily onto businesses still reeling from San Francisco's COVID collapse**. These steep tax hikes will force companies to reduce investments, cut jobs and reconsider operating in San Francisco entirely.

There's a better way to reform our business tax system. As someone who has drafted a ballot measure, I know that *a citizen-led initiative in 2025* can bypass hungry City Hall politicians to create a fair, broad-based tax structure that *encourages* business growth rather than penalizing it. Together, we can enact tax and spending reforms in 2025 that **streamline government, simplify the tax code**, and make San Francisco a more attractive place for businesses of all sizes.

Vote **NO** on Proposition M and join me in supporting real, citizen-driven tax reform in 2025 that benefits *all* of San Francisco.

Larry Marso

Mr. Marso is a technology executive, M&A advisor and attorney. A staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility, he authored a ballot measure to regulate San Francisco navigation/linkage centers, has fought corruption and fraud in our political parties and nonprofits, and as a member and former executive of the local Republican Party committee, has offered principled opposition.

Stop the Big Fraud on San Francisco voters! visit: <https://bigfraud.com>

Larry S. Marso

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION M

San Francisco's Small Businesses Need Proposition M. Please Vote Yes!

Our small businesses are the heartbeat of San Francisco, representing everything that makes our city vibrant, diverse and unique. But our neighborhood businesses are in crisis, and we need Proposition M. Since the pandemic, many small businesses have closed their doors, while others struggle to stay afloat, burdened by the city's crushing tax structure.

Without Proposition M, small business taxes will skyrocket. Taxes are scheduled to go up, and as representatives of small businesses across San Francisco, we can confidently say many in our small business community will not survive.

Proposition M offers a lifeline. It helps our businesses survive and thrive by providing **immediate tax relief to over 2,700 small businesses**. It exempts these businesses from paying city taxes and eliminates \$10 million in permitting and licensing fees. It also reduces or eliminates taxes on 90% of restaurants.

Proposition M simplifies San Francisco's business tax structure, reduces payroll taxes to encourage larger employers to stay, and spreads the tax burden more evenly for financial stability to support critical city services. This isn't just a temporary fix; it's a crucial step toward revitalizing our economy and preserving the unique character of our neighborhoods.

Vote YES on Proposition M to help the small businesses that make San Francisco great.

*Haight Ashbury Merchants Association
Polk District Merchants Association
North Beach Business Association
Mission Creek Merchants Association*

Paid Arguments in Favor

Revitalize our City and Vote Yes on Prop M!

San Francisco, long celebrated as a hub of innovation and commerce, is still grappling with the economic impacts of the pandemic. Small businesses are struggling recover and our downtown is suffering. Proposition M is not just a policy change—it's a lifeline for thousands of local businesses on the brink of closure. Passing Proposition M will catalyze sectors like healthcare, arts, entertainment, manufacturing, and cleantech, ensuring San Francisco remains an innovative and dynamic place to live and work. Delayed tax increases will resume in 2025 if Proposition M does not pass. We cannot afford to further burden our local businesses. Help San Francisco's economy thrive by voting Yes on Proposition M. Revitalizesf.com.

Mayor London Breed
Board President Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
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Support Proposition M: A Crucial Measure for Small Businesses

As representatives of San Francisco's local chambers of commerce, we support Proposition M. This vital measure is essential for the survival and prosperity of the hundreds of small businesses we represent. Since the pandemic, our members—spanning retail, hospitality, and more—have faced unprecedented challenges. By easing the tax burden on these industries, we are directly supporting their ability to rebound and flourish post-pandemic. Beyond immediate tax relief, this measure will also simplify San Francisco's business tax structure, making it more navigable for businesses and ensuring long-term economic stability. Without this measure, rising taxes in 2025 will stifle recovery efforts and economic growth. Vote Yes on Proposition M to safeguard the future of San Francisco's vibrant small business community! RevitalizeSF.com.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Hispanic Chambers of Commerce of San Francisco
San Francisco Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce

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Save San Francisco's Small Businesses - Vote YES on M

San Francisco has long been a beacon of innovation, culture, and entrepreneurship, but our small businesses are now on the brink of collapse. The relentless pressures of high business taxes and operational costs, exacerbated by the pandemic, have left our once-bustling neighborhoods desolate. Prop M is our lifeline to recovery, offering essential tax relief to over 2,700 small businesses. Without this critical measure, increased tax burdens starting January 2025 will jeopardize our city's economic resurgence. By exempting businesses from onerous city business taxes and eliminating over \$10 million in permitting and licensing fees, we can revive the vibrant storefronts, cozy eateries, and unique neighborhood stores that define San Francisco. Pass Prop M and save our small businesses! RevitalizeSF.com.

Golden Gate Restaurant Association
San Francisco Council of District Merchants
California Nightlife Association

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Support Proposition M for a Democratic Commitment to Economic Equity and Community Well-being

As leaders in the local Democratic Party, we urge every San Franciscan to support Proposition M. This measure is not just about tax reform; it's a reaffirmation of our core Democratic values of fairness, economic opportunity, and community well-being. Our city's small businesses, have faced unparalleled challenges since the pandemic. By simplifying the tax system and reducing the taxes on these vital enterprises, Proposition M ensures that businesses of all sizes can flourish. This proposition represents our commitment to fostering job creation and economic stability—essential components for a just recovery post-pandemic. Supporting Proposition M is more than

a vote for tax reform; it's a vote for equity and prosperity in our beloved city. RevitalizeSF.com.

*Mary Jung, Former Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party**

*Emma Heiken, Vice Chair, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee**

*Trevor Chandler, Member, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee**

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As a former City Controller, I stand firm in support of Proposition M.

San Francisco businesses, both large and small, have faced unprecedented challenges since the pandemic. Proposition M aims to turn our city around by providing much-needed tax relief to over 2,700 small businesses and eliminating millions in permitting and licensing fees. Consider the pulse and vitality of our city—the heartbeat that small businesses generate through local employment, community engagement, and unique offerings. Without intervention, small business taxes are set to increase by January 2025, further straining our economic recovery and hurting the lifeblood of San Francisco's neighborhoods. The pandemic has shown our vulnerabilities, but together, we can build a robust, resilient San Francisco. Vote Yes on Prop M! RevitalizeSF.com.

Ed Harrington, Former City Controller

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Support Proposition M: A Progressive Vision for an Inclusive and Equitable San Francisco

As progressive leaders, we stand in strong support of Proposition M. Since the pandemic, countless small businesses in San Francisco have struggled, affecting not only the livelihoods of business owners but also the vibrancy and diversity of our beloved city. Proposition M is our opportunity to reduce onerous taxes and simplify the business tax system, thereby providing much-needed relief to those who need it

most. By eliminating regressive taxes, Proposition M ensures that our city's economic growth benefits businesses of all sizes. This measure is essential for leveling the playing field, promoting community resilience, and supporting our progressive values of social justice and economic equity. Vote Yes on Proposition M to create a brighter future for all! RevitalizeSF.com.

Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Supervisor Connie Chan

Norman Yee, former President, Board of Supervisors Small Business Forward

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Save Critical Homeless Services – Vote Yes on Proposition M!

Homelessness is one of the most pressing issues facing our beloved city. Proposition M is our opportunity to protect vital funding for homeless services. In this post pandemic era, we are relying on a smaller number of companies to pay into the homeless fund. To avoid substantial revenue loss if these companies relocate, Proposition M offers a solution: by reforming our tax structure, we can broaden the tax base and provide stability for essential city services. This funding, contributed by the business community, is crucial to keeping thousands of San Franciscans housed. Vote Yes on Proposition M! RevitalizeSF.com.

*Sharky Laguana, Homelessness Oversight Coalition**
San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness
*Christin Evans, Vice Chair, Homelessness Oversight Commission**

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Proposition M is Essential for San Francisco's Hospitality Industry

As representatives of San Francisco's hospitality industry, we emphatically support Proposition M. Our hotels, restaurants, and service providers form the backbone of San Francisco's vibrant tourism economy, welcoming millions of visitors annually. The pandemic

left many of us teetering on the edge of financial ruin. Proposition M presents much-needed relief by eliminating excessive taxes and simplifying our tax system, enabling our businesses to recover and flourish. Without this measure, the impending rise in taxes in 2025 threatens to severely restrict our capacity to serve guests and sustain jobs. Supporting Proposition M is imperative for preserving the hospitality industry's indispensable role in San Francisco's economic and cultural tapestry. Vote Yes on Proposition M for a more robust and resilient hospitality sector! RevitalizeSF.com.

Alex Bastian, President and CEO, Hotel Council of San Francisco
Tony Roumph, Board Member, Hotel Council of San Francisco
Golden Gate Restaurant Association
California Nightlife Association

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Support Proposition M: Key to Revitalizing San Francisco's Downtown

San Francisco's downtown is the economic heart of our city, but the pandemic's lingering effects have taken a toll. Many businesses have shuttered their doors, and foot traffic has dwindled. We must breathe new life into our commercial core. Proposition M is the key to our recovery, offering essential tax relief and simplifying our complex tax code. By reducing the tax burden on both small and large businesses, this measure will incentivize businesses to return to the downtown area. Proposition M will restore vibrancy to our streets, stimulate job creation, and enhance the overall economic health of our city. Vote for Proposition M to revitalize our Financial District and downtown business community! RevitalizeSF.com.

Hotel Council of San Francisco
Golden Gate Restaurant Association
Building Owners and Managers San Francisco
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

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As Chinese business owners in San Francisco, we strongly support Proposition M.

The COVID-19 pandemic has left a lasting mark on San Francisco's small business community. Struggling to stay afloat amidst soaring operational costs and reduced customer footfall, many have had to shut their doors permanently. This proposition will categorically exempt over 2,700 small businesses from paying city business taxes, providing them with the financial breathing room to survive and thrive. Additionally, it will eliminate over \$10 million in license fees for restaurants, hotels, arts, and neighborhood stores, encouraging new investments and revitalizing our communities. Voting Yes on Proposition M is essential for revitalizing San Francisco and securing a prosperous future for all businesses. RevitalizeSF.com.

*Cynthia Huie, On Waverly**
*Cyn Wang, Wang Insurance**
*Tane O. Chan, Wok Shop**

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Proposition M is a Vital Boost for Latino Businesses in San Francisco

Since the pandemic, many of us have struggled to keep our doors open. This measure offers targeted relief by eliminating taxes for small businesses, including our beloved neighborhood restaurants and stores. For many restaurants, hotels, and neighborhood stores, eliminating over \$10 million in license fees could spell the difference between staying open and closing doors for good. Proposition M simplifies the tax system, providing predictability and stability, which are essential for our survival and growth. Without it, rising taxes in 2025 will threaten our community's businesses. We need this reform to revitalize our city and ensure a vibrant future for Latino business owners. Vote Yes on Proposition M!

*Denise Gonzalez, Luz de Luna**
*Jonathan Hernandez, Latin American Barbers**

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Yes on Proposition M: Empowering LGBTQ Businesses

Our community's San Francisco's unique and vibrant small business community is at risk, and Proposition M is the lifeline we desperately need. LGBTQ businesses throughout the city have faced unparalleled challenges since the pandemic, many on the brink of closure. This tax exemption is not a luxury; it is a necessity to ensure these businesses, which are integral to San Francisco, can survive and thrive. By simplifying the tax system and expanding tax cuts for small businesses, Proposition M ensures stability and growth for businesses that embody the spirit of our diverse communities. Without this measure, small business taxes will inevitably rise next year, a blow that many may not survive. Vote Yes on Proposition M to support LGBTQ businesses and an inclusive San Francisco! RevitalizeSF.com

*Christin Evans, Booksmith**

Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club

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Vote YES on M and Revitalize our City

COVID-19 left an enduring mark on San Francisco, transforming our vibrant downtown into a shadow of its former self. Office vacancies are at an all-time high, and cherished landmarks like Union Square are losing their allure as stores shut down. The solution is clear: we urgently need to revitalize our city's core to attract and retain businesses, and Proposition M is our path forward. Proposition M will attract diverse economic sectors back into the fold, rewarding companies for keeping and creating jobs in San Francisco. Imagine a bustling downtown once more, with employees filing office buildings, tourists flocking to hotels, and locals supporting their favorite arts and entertainment venues. Vote YES on Proposition M and breathe new life into our cherished city! RevitalizeSF.com

San Francisco Building and Trades Council

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Support Proposition M for San Francisco's Entertainment Industry

Our city's bars, nightclubs, theaters, and other entertainment venues are cornerstones of San Francisco's cultural and social life. From the Mission District's vibrant nightlife to the cutting-edge performances in SOMA's theaters, these venues bring patrons to our neighborhood businesses and infuse our city with its unique spirit. Since the pandemic, many venues have grappled with survival, unable to withstand the economic strain. Proposition M offers crucial relief by eliminating burdensome taxes and simplifying the tax system, allowing our businesses to survive and grow. Without this measure, tax increases scheduled in 2025 could force many venues to shut down permanently, further eroding our city's cultural landscape. Support San Francisco's entertainment industry and vote Yes on Proposition M! RevitalizeSF.com.

California Nightlife Association

*Cyn Wang, Vice President of San Francisco Entertainment Commission**

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Protect Neighborhood Businesses and Vote YES on M

The heart and soul of San Francisco lie within the small businesses that line our streets and comprise our neighborhoods. However, since the pandemic, these small businesses have been struggling to keep their doors open. As a fierce protector of our neighborhoods, I recognize how important it is to support the small businesses that make up the backbone of our local communities. Proposition M offers a beacon of hope by significantly reducing the financial burdens on our beloved local establishments. Without Proposition M, these small businesses face an imminent increase in taxes starting January 2025, jeopardizing our city's economic recovery just as it's gaining momentum. Proposition M is a key part of rebuilding San Francisco not just for the few, but for everyone. RevitalizeSF.com.

*Aaron Peskin, President, Board of Supervisors**

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Vote Yes on Prop M - A Lifeline for San Francisco's Economic Recovery

Our beloved San Francisco is at a crossroads. Since the pandemic, our vibrant city has seen its small businesses shutter, and major employers leave, leaving us vulnerable to economic shocks and threatening the stability of critical city services. Imagine a San Francisco where small businesses thrive, where restaurants and arts venues flourish, and where the city's economic stability is not contingent on a few large companies. Proposition M aims to make this vision a reality by exempting 2,700 small businesses from business taxes, and eliminating \$10 million in permitting and licensing fees. This measure will also cut payroll taxes to incentivize companies to bring employees back. For the sake of our community and our future, join us in turning our city around and vote Yes on Proposition M! RevitalizeSF.com.

*GrowSF
TogetherSF*

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Vote Yes on Proposition M to Revitalize San Francisco's Small Businesses!

Proposition M isn't just a tax reform; it's a lifeline for our local businesses. As a two-term supervisor and a mayoral candidate with firsthand experience running a small business, I understand the urgent need to support our local businesses. Without immediate intervention, taxes on small businesses will escalate in January 2025, further hindering our economic recovery. Under Proposition M, over 90% of restaurants will see a reduction in taxes, with 88% paying no business taxes at all. It will also reward companies for keeping employees in San Francisco, bringing people back downtown, and contributing to our local economy. We have the power to create a more equitable, vibrant city—join me and vote YES on Proposition M!

RevitalizeSF.com.

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

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Vote YES on Prop M for a Vibrant San Francisco!

Let's come together to support Proposition M and create a vibrant San Francisco where neighborhoods are alive, tourists are excited to be in town, and a downtown that is buzzing with activity every day. It's time to turn around San Francisco's economy, for businesses both large and small. As a born and raised San Franciscan, I've seen firsthand how small businesses, who are the heart of our neighborhoods, continue to face unprecedented challenges in the wake of the pandemic. That's why I'm supporting Proposition M - to exempt an additional 2,700 small businesses from business taxes, encourage employers to bring people back to the office, and catalyze sectors like healthcare, hospitality, art, entertainment manufacturing, and cleantech. Vote Yes on Proposition M for a flourishing future for San Francisco! RevitalizeSF.com.

Mark Farrell, Former San Francisco Mayor and Supervisor

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Let's be honest - City Hall has made promises in the past to small businesses that haven't been kept. Instead of receiving the support they need, our entrepreneurs are tangled in a web of bureaucracy and left on the front lines of our homelessness, drug dealing, and mental health crises. Prop M is our chance to provide a real boost to small businesses and spur our sluggish economic recovery.

I'm a San Francisco native and proud father of two school-aged children who wants to build a future for our city that they can be proud of.

Prop M will restructure our business taxes to be fairer and more equitable, reducing or eliminating the tax burden on small businesses while ensuring that our city's tax revenue is more resilient. Our current tax structure relies too heavily on just a few companies, which jeopardizes funds for city services during

economic downturns and fails to support small businesses, innovation, and job creation.

This is not just about fixing a problem City Hall created; it's about propelling San Francisco forward. By making it easier for small businesses to operate and grow, Prop M will spur the recovery we so desperately need, bringing jobs, vitality, and economic stability back to our streets.

Let's not just talk about solutions- let's implement them. Vote Yes on Prop M and help create a San Francisco where small businesses can thrive, where our tax system is fair and stable, and where we take real steps to address the challenges we face together. RevitalizeSF.com.

Daniel Lurie, Non-profit Executive

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Vote YES on M for San Francisco Economic Recovery

As the 45th Mayor of San Francisco, I guided the city through the most significant public health crisis in a century. While our city has come a long way, our small businesses are still struggling to recover. I urge you to join me in supporting Proposition M, a critical measure that will help our neighborhood businesses recover. By attracting and retaining businesses of all sizes, Proposition M will create a more dynamic and resilient economy. We must continue to build a sustainable environment where businesses can thrive, contribute to job creation, and enhance the quality of life for all residents. By stabilizing our economic base, we secure the city's fiscal health for the future. Vote YES on Proposition M to ensure a flourishing future for our beloved city. RevitalizeSF.com.

Mayor London Breed

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No Paid Arguments Against Proposition M Were Submitted

N – First Responder Student Loan and Training Reimbursement Fund

Shall the City create a fund that the City could use in the future to help reimburse eligible City employees, including police officers, firefighters, sheriffs, paramedics, registered nurses, and 911 dispatchers, for student loans and education and training programs?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City reimburses employees for some job-related educational and training expenses, but the City does not reimburse student loans for any of its employees.

The City does not have a fund into which the Board of Supervisors (Board) and Mayor can put City money or receive private donations to reimburse City employees' student loans or job-related educational and training expenses.

The Department of Human Resources oversees the hiring, development, support and retention of the City's workforce.

The Proposal: Proposition N would create a City fund dedicated to helping reimburse eligible employees for their student loans and job-related educational and training expenses up to \$25,000. Only sworn members of the Police, Fire and Sheriff's departments, paramedics, Registered Nurses and 911 dispatchers, supervisors or coordinators who meet certain requirements would be eligible to receive payments from the fund.

In the future, the Board and the Mayor could decide to place City money into this fund, but the City would not be required to do so. The City could receive private donations in this fund.

Proposition N would allow the Department of Human Resources to create a program to provide student loan and education and training reimbursement payments up to \$25,000 for each eligible employee. These payments would only begin once the fund contains at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars).

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to create a fund that the City could use to help reimburse eligible City employees, including police officers, firefighters, sheriffs, paramedics, Registered Nurses and 911 dispatchers, for student loans and education and training programs.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to create this fund.

Controller's Statement on "N"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition N:

The cost of the proposed ordinance would be dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make in future budgets, as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have no impact or a minimal impact on the cost of government of up to approximately \$315,000 annually for staff to administer the program once established.

The proposed ordinance would establish the First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund (the Fund). The Fund would receive money appropriated by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors or private donations made to cover student loan payments and education costs of first responders employed by the City including paramedics, registered nurses, 911 dispatchers, and sworn members of the Police Department, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Department.

The ordinance specifies that the Department of Human Resources (DHR) may establish a program to start making payments once the Fund contains at least \$1 million. To the extent that future City funds are appropriated to the Fund, it may impact the cost of government but at a level that cannot be determined at this time. Should policymakers choose to fund this program, and should the Fund reach \$1 million, administrative costs could range from approximately \$125,000 to \$315,000 annually for one to two new staff within DHR to administer the Fund.

How "N" Got on the Ballot

On July 30, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted 6 to 4 to place Proposition N on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Preston, Safai, Stefani.

No: Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Ronen.

Excused: Walton.

Proponent's Argument

San Francisco First Responders put their lives on the line. We owe them our support. With Prop N, we'll cancel student debt for police, firefighters, Deputy Sheriffs, paramedics, nurses, and 9-1-1 dispatchers.

YES on N!

Being a First Responder is tough. These jobs require a great education—often with overwhelming student debt and never-ending loans. Thankfully, new First Responders continue to commit themselves to public service, but too many end up leaving the job due to financial hardship. While staffing shortages make it harder to keep our City safe.

Prop N: Loan forgiveness for First Responders.

- Prop N makes it easier to recruit and retain First Responders.
- Prop N makes it easier for First Responders to support themselves and their families.
- Prop N helps solve our safety staffing shortages.

Prop N supports our heroes. By reimbursing student loans and covering job-related educational expenses, we're recognizing their sacrifice and commitment to San Francisco. We're encouraging First Responders to continue advancing skills they need with ongoing education and training, so they can keep us safe in a complex City.

Prop N helps attract and retain the finest First Responders. By offering student loan reimbursement assistance, Prop N creates more appealing career paths for prospective candidates, helping San Francisco attract highly skilled, trained dedicated First Responders. In a highly competitive job market, that's essential.

Prop N improves public safety across the spectrum. Achieving full staffing in every public safety department means a safer San Francisco for all of us.

Join police, firefighters, deputy sheriffs, paramedics, 9-1-1 dispatchers, nurses, and elected officials throughout San Francisco: vote Yes on N.

www.SupportOurFirstResponders.com

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

Supervisor Shamann Walton

Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Supervisor Joel Engardio

Supervisor Connie Chan

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto

Service Employees International Union Local 1021

San Francisco Police Officers Association

San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs' Association

Rebuttal to Proponent's Argument

Proposition N takes an indirect and unnecessary path to compensate our first responders. Proponents want you to believe it will "**cancel debt**", but let's be clear: **San Francisco can't do that. The City can only use taxpayer funds to pay private debt.**

A troubling precedent, Proposition N opens the door to demands from across the San Francisco civil service, and for relief from mortgage debt.

Proposition N fails to address the root causes of student loan debt: rising education costs and **inadequate compensation**. *This measure offers a temporary fix without offering long-term financial stability for our first responders.*

Proposition N could skew recruitment toward candidates with higher student debt, *favoring those from expensive private institutions over public colleges and universities*, inadvertently resulting in a **less diverse and inclusive workforce**.

It also encourages early first responder retirements once their loans are forgiven, exacerbating staffing shortages in a crisis.

Supporting first responders is vital, but Proposition N is not the right approach. **Vote NO on Proposition N and advocate instead for direct salary increases for these cherished heroes.**

Larry Marso, Esq.

Opponent's Argument

While supporting our first responders is commendable, **Proposition N is flawed and could lead to unintended consequences.**

Proposition N sets a troubling precedent by using taxpayer money to pay off personal debts. This could open the door to similar demands from across the San Francisco civil service. **City resources are strained, and diverting funds to personal debts may come at the expense of critical services like public safety, housing, and education.**

Proposition N fails to address the underlying issues that contribute to student loan debt among first responders, such as rising education costs and inadequate compensation. Proposition N offers a temporary fix that may not provide long-term financial stability.

Proposition N could encourage early retirements, as first responders may be more inclined to leave once their loans are forgiven. This could lead to staffing shortages among our firefighters, paramedics and police officers, particularly experienced personnel most needed in emergencies.

Supporting our first responders is vital, but Proposition N is not the best way to do it.

Larry Marso

Mr. Marso is a technology executive, M&A advisor and attorney. A staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility, he authored a ballot measure to regulate San Francisco navigation/linkage centers, has fought corruption and fraud in our political parties and nonprofits, and as a member and former executive of the local Republican Party committee, has offered principled opposition.

Stop the Big Fraud on San Francisco voters! visit:
<https://bigfraud.com>

Larry S. Marso

Rebuttal to Opponent's Argument

It's pretty simple: To be a truly safe big city, San Francisco must support our First Responders—police, firefighters, deputy sheriffs, paramedics, nurses, and 9-1-1 dispatchers. That means helping them get the education and training they need to keep us safe.

Yes on N: Support Our First Responders.

In an ever-changing world, we need highly trained and prepared First Responders who can handle the real challenges on our streets, treat all San Franciscans with dignity and respect, and be there for us when we need them most.

But we cannot simply *demand* this of our First Responders. We must support them in return for how they support us—including ensuring that their lifetime of public service to this City doesn't saddle them with overwhelming student debt.

Prop N provides student loan forgiveness for those who risk their lives every day for our safety, so we can retain and attract highly skilled First Responders who might otherwise leave the City for private positions or even leave their chosen profession altogether due to financial pressures from the high cost of living, student loan debt, and ongoing training expenses.

Supporting our First Responders with Prop N is a smart, pragmatic step towards long-term stability and safety in San Francisco and reaffirms our City's recognition of our First Responders' invaluable service.

YES on Prop N.

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

www.SupportOurFirstResponders.com

Paid Arguments in Favor

San Francisco residents deserve a safe and secure city and a strong, well-staffed First-Responder system.

Today, San Francisco faces historic staffing deficits that threaten our entire public safety ecosystem.

Prop N creates a student loan forgiveness fund for first responders, an innovative incentive to attract and retain additional, high-quality 9-1-1 dispatchers, paramedics, sheriffs, firefighters, police officers, and nurses.

Proper staffing ensures our City remains competitive and capable of effective crime prevention and emergency response.

Join me and vote YES on Prop N.

Assemblymember Matt Haney

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Support Our First Responders Now! Yes on N.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Office is facing a critical staffing crisis that threatens public safety and emergency response capabilities.

Without urgent intervention, the Sheriff's Office will continue to struggle with staffing shortages, jeopardizing the safety and well-being of our community.

By creating a student loan forgiveness fund, Prop N offers a crucial incentive to attract and retain skilled first responders in this competitive job market.

In this crisis, Prop N is essential for ensuring a safer San Francisco.

Vote YES on Prop N.

San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto

The true source(s) of funds for the printing fee of this argument:
Support Our First Responders Now! Yes on N.

San Francisco's public safety agencies are struggling with severe staffing shortages.

As First Responders, we witness the unwavering commitment of those who serve our communities - 9-1-1 dispatchers, paramedics, sheriffs, firefighters, police officers, and nurses - and understand the detrimental effects of these shortages.

Establishing a student loan forgiveness fund is crucial for these dedicated professionals, as it alleviates financial burdens amid rising education, training, and living costs.

This measure is essential for San Francisco to remain competitive in attracting and retaining the personnel we need to keep our public safety agencies effective and resilient. Supporting student loan forgiveness ensures that those who protect and serve can do so without the heavy burden of debt.

Let's unite in support of our heroes who serve all San Franciscans.

Vote YES on Prop N.

Learn more: <https://supportourfirstresponders.com>

*Firefighters Local 798 (Firefighters & Paramedics)
SEIU Local 1021 (911 Dispatchers and Nurses)
San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs' Association
San Francisco Police Officers Association*

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Support Our First Responders Now! Yes on N.

No Paid Arguments Against Proposition N Were Submitted

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**The Department of Elections
operates in an open and
transparent manner.
Anyone may watch us
conduct any election and
provide feedback.**

There are several ways to observe
election processes. You can:

- View many activities via our live streams at **sfelections.gov/observer**.
- Observe activities at our office in City Hall and warehouse at Pier 31.
- Join our official election observer panel.
- Watch activities at polling places and the City Hall Voting Center.

**To see what we are doing and when we are doing it,
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O – Supporting Reproductive Rights

Shall it be City policy and law to support, protect, and expand reproductive rights and services?

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

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

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

The Way It Is Now: The City's Department of Public Health (DPH) offers reproductive health care. DPH supports the right to access the full range of reproductive health care, including abortions.

A "limited services pregnancy center" primarily provides services to pregnant people but does not provide abortion or emergency contraceptive services or referrals for such services. City law prohibits these centers from disseminating untrue or misleading information about the services they provide.

City law allows limited services pregnancy centers and clinics that provide abortions to operate primarily on the ground floor in designated districts in San Francisco.

State law prohibits the City from cooperating with or providing information to any law enforcement agency of another state or the federal government regarding a lawful abortion performed in California.

The Proposal: Proposition O would declare it to be City policy to:

- Serve as a safe place for people seeking reproductive care, including abortions;
- Protect the rights of pregnant people to control their medical decisions;
- Safeguard the confidentiality of reproductive health information;

Proposition O would also:

- Create a Reproductive Freedom Fund that accepts grants and gifts to support reproductive rights and services;

- Require DPH to maintain a public website that lists facilities that provide abortions or emergency contraception or offer referrals for these services, and lists limited services pregnancy centers in San Francisco;
- Authorize DPH to post signs outside limited services pregnancy centers to inform the public that those facilities do not provide abortions or emergency contraception or offer referrals for these services; these signs would also indicate where to obtain these services;
- Limit City-funded facilities that provide abortions from requiring providers to have additional medical qualifications beyond those required by law;
- Prohibit City officials from providing information to law enforcement agencies of other states or the federal government concerning a person's use or possession of contraception, use of in vitro fertilization, pregnancy status or choice to get an abortion; and
- Modify the City's zoning law so that reproductive health clinics may operate in more areas of San Francisco, including all floors in nonresidential districts and corner lots in residential districts.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want City policy and law to support, protect and expand reproductive rights and services.

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

Controller's Statement on "O"

City Controller Greg Wagner has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition O:

The cost of the proposed ordinance, should it be approved by the voters, is dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make through the budget process, as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. In my opinion, the annual administrative cost to implement the program created in the proposed measure, should future policymakers do so, is likely to be minimal ranging up to approximately \$8,000 for the maintenance of signage.

The proposed ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to create a Reproductive Freedom Fund that can receive private dollars and City appropriations to support reproductive rights and services (Fund). The ordinance would require DPH to maintain a website to provide information to the public on reproductive health and would authorize DPH to install signs outside limited services pregnancy centers.

To the extent that future City funds are appropriated to the Fund, it may impact the cost of government but at a level that cannot be determined at this time. Depending on future budget decisions made by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors and operational decisions made by the Department of Public Health, there may be costs to install signage at two limited services pregnancy centers in the City of approximately \$4,000, with annual maintenance costs ranging up to approximately \$8,000.

How "O" Got on the Ballot

On July 18, 2024, the Department of Elections received a proposed ordinance signed by Mayor Breed.

The Municipal Elections Code allows the Mayor to place an ordinance on the ballot in this manner.

Proponent's Argument

Protect Reproductive Freedom – Vote Yes on Prop O!

Prop O – the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act – ensures that everyone in our city has the autonomy to make decisions about their reproductive health.

San Francisco is a city known for its progressive values, inclusivity, and unwavering commitment to individual rights. Prop O embodies these principles by protecting access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including safe and legal abortion services.

At a time when reproductive rights are under attack nationwide, and Donald Trump and J.D. Vance have proposed a nationwide abortion ban, it is imperative that San Francisco stands as a beacon of freedom and compassion.

Prop O affirms that we all deserve the right to make private health decisions without government interference.

Prop O, the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act, will:

- Guarantee that all residents, regardless of income, have access to necessary care, by ensuring continued funding for reproductive health services.
- Protect healthcare providers who deliver these essential services from political and legal attacks.
- Guarantee that education on reproductive health remains unbiased, factual, and available to all.

Passing Prop O is not just about preserving rights; it's about protecting lives. Comprehensive reproductive care leads to healthier families and communities. Prop O ensures that women and all people who can become pregnant are not forced into dangerous or untenable situations.

I urge you to join me in supporting Prop O – the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act. Let's ensure that San Francisco remains a leader in upholding the dignity and rights of all residents.

**Thank you for standing up for freedom and justice.
Vote YES on Prop O.**

Mayor London Breed

SFReproFreedom.com

No Rebuttal to the Proponent's Argument In Favor of Proposition O Was Submitted

Opponent's Argument

This measure goes way beyond “pro-life versus pro-choice.” Prop O will discriminate against life-affirming healthcare facilities that San Francisco citizens depend on and lessen the number of services they can provide to the community.

A yes vote would:

- Require signs to be installed outside of free pro-life medical clinics in the city of San Francisco to advertise abortion centers. Nothing of the sort would be installed outside abortion centers.
- Create a designated coffer for soliciting grants, donations, and budgeted tax funds to pay for elective induced abortions up to 24 weeks gestation.
- Create a new website to highlight abortion businesses and disparage “limited service” centers. Because of the falsehoods Mayor Breed spread at her Prop O press conference about SF’s pregnancy resource centers, we feel this website will discourage people from interacting with those facilities and receiving quality care there. Rather than calling out material aid centers or clinics by name and citing negative reviews or violations of the law, governments have been increasingly castigating all PRCs categorically.
- Limit city funding from going to health facilities that refuse to abort healthy fetuses or refuse to refer people to businesses that do. This special treatment limits the expansion of services that life-affirming facilities can make available to the public.
- Let new companies purchase and operate in any property zoned for non-residential use, as long as they are an abortion business.
- Create an “Abortion Provider Appreciation Day” for the city. Most people who self-identify as pro-choice believe that elective abortion should be available only in the 1st trimester, but this measure would applaud doctors harming older fetuses.

Together, we must reject abortion extremism by voting NO on Prop O.

*Melanie Salazar, Executive Director
Pro-Life San Francisco*

Rebuttal to Opponent’s Argument

Vote Yes on Prop O!

Stand Up to Extremists Threatening Our Reproductive Freedom

A Donald Trump-J.D Vance administration will be the most dangerous threat reproductive freedom has ever seen, as they work to ban abortion and take away reproductive freedom for all of us. 22 states already ban or severely restrict abortion.

San Franciscans can protect reproductive freedom by voting Yes on Proposition O – the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act.

Proposition O affirms and ensures that everyone in San Francisco has the autonomy to make decisions about their reproductive health, by protecting access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including safe and legal abortion services.

San Francisco has always led the nation, from legalizing gay marriage to being the first major city to shut down during the pandemic, saving thousands of lives. We don’t back down — we stand up to protect everyone's right to make choices about their own bodies.

Proposition O:

- **Guarantees that all residents, regardless of income, have access to necessary care**, by ensuring continued funding for reproductive health services.
- **Protects healthcare providers** who deliver these essential services from political and legal attacks.
- Guarantees that **education on reproductive health remains unbiased and factual**.
- Ensures that women and all people who can become pregnant are not forced into dangerous or untenable situations, but **have safe, protected medical care**.

Join us in supporting Proposition O to ensure San Francisco remains a leader in upholding the dignity and rights of all people.

*Mayor London Breed
Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Catherine Stefani*

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Paid Arguments in Favor

ELECTED WOMEN OF SAN FRANCISCO SUPPORT YES ON O

As elected women representing San Francisco and California, we are united in our strong support for the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act.

In the face of increasing attacks on reproductive freedom nationwide, San Francisco must stand firm in protecting the rights and health of all residents. Yes on O ensures that everyone in our city has access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including contraception, abortion, and prenatal services. By enshrining these protections locally, we will establish a safe and supportive environment for all individuals to make their own health decisions.

Local action is essential in the fight for reproductive justice. While state and federal protections are crucial, local governments have a unique role in responding to the specific needs of their communities. Our city has a proud history of championing progressive values, and this initiative is a continuation of that legacy. It demonstrates our unwavering dedication to upholding the rights and autonomy of all San Franciscans.

Criminalizing abortion and restricting access to reproductive health care have devastating consequences, particularly for marginalized communities. These policies increase health risks, deepen inequalities, and undermine personal freedom. By passing Yes on O, we will ensure San Francisco remains a beacon of hope and justice, where every person's right to choose is respected and protected.

We urge you to vote Yes on O, the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act. Together, we can lead the way in defending reproductive rights nationwide.

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi
Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
State Controller Malia Cohen

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MALE ELECTED LEADERS OF SAN FRANCISCO SUPPORT YES ON O

As male elected leaders of San Francisco, we stand united in strong support of Prop O — the San Francisco

Reproductive Freedom Act. Reproductive health is not just a women's issue — it is a matter of fundamental human rights that impacts the wellbeing of our entire community. Men have a critical role to play in championing these rights, as they affect our partners, families, and broader society.

Reproductive freedom supports the health, autonomy, and economic security of everyone. Families are healthier and more stable when individuals have access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including contraception, abortion, and prenatal services. This initiative ensures that all San Franciscans, regardless of gender, can access the healthcare they need without fear of discrimination or political interference.

Criminalizing abortion and restricting access to reproductive healthcare leads to dangerous and unjust outcomes, disproportionately harming marginalized communities, including LGBTQ individuals. By supporting this initiative, we can protect the health and rights of all San Franciscans and affirm our city's commitment to justice and equity.

We urge you to vote YES on Prop O, the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act. Together, we can create a brighter, more equitable future for all.

Senator Scott Wiener
Assessor Joaquín Torres
Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Ahsha Safaí
Supervisor Shamann Walton

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PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERS OF SAN FRANCISCO SUPPORT YES ON O

As public safety officers, our primary responsibility is to protect the health of our community. The San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act enhances public safety by safeguarding the rights and autonomy of individuals, ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need.

Access to reproductive health services, including abortion, is a fundamental aspect of community safety.

When individuals are denied this access, it can lead to unsafe procedures, exacerbating public health crises and putting additional strain on our emergency response systems. By ensuring legal and safe access to these essential services, we can decrease the likelihood of dangerous, unregulated procedures and the potential harm they pose to individuals and communities alike.

Supporting the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act is not just a matter of health care; it is a commitment to the safety, dignity, and rights of all San Franciscans. As public safety officers, this Act aligns with our mission to protect and serve every member of our community. By supporting this Act, we are affirming that all residents of San Francisco, regardless of their circumstances, have the right to make informed decisions about their bodies and health without fear of violence, harassment, or legal repercussions.

Vote YES on the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act.

*District Attorney Brooke Jenkins
Sheriff Paul Miyamoto
Debra Walker, Police Commissioner**

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ESSENTIAL ACCESS HEALTH SUPPORTS YES ON O!

Essential Access Health is proud to support the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act. Essential Access Health advances quality sexual and reproductive health care for all through funding, advocacy, research, training for providers and healthcare professionals, and youth empowerment.

As states across the country continue to enact callous and cruel abortion bans and restrictions, California and San Francisco have an opportunity and responsibility to use every tool possible to protect and expand access to essential health services. The Reproductive Freedom Act builds on San Francisco's long history of taking bold action in support of equity and justice, and provides a model for other cities to adopt and adapt.

This measure ensures that anyone seeking reproductive health care in San Francisco has accurate information about where they can receive

comprehensive, medically accurate and unbiased care. It reinforces state protections to ensure that no one is criminalized for accessing reproductive health care, seeks to guarantee that reproductive services are affordable and accessible to all, counters manipulative tactics that delay access to time-sensitive care, and makes it easier for reproductive health centers to open in San Francisco.

Everyone, everywhere should be able to get the essential abortion care they want and need, where and how they need it, with dignity and respect. We urge San Franciscans to support this measure.

*Shannon Olivieri Hovis, Vice President of Public Affairs,
Essential Access Health*

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LGBTQ+ LEADERS SUPPORT PROP O

Criminalizing abortion and restricting access to reproductive health care disproportionately harm marginalized communities, including people of color, low-income individuals, and LGBTQ+ people.

Prop O, the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act ensures that every person, regardless of their background or identity, has access to comprehensive reproductive health care. At a time when reproductive rights are under attack nationwide, the right to make private health decisions without government interference is more important than ever.

Prop O empowers individuals to make decisions about their own bodies and futures, by guaranteeing access to essential health services, including contraception, abortion, and prenatal care.

San Francisco has always been a leader in progressive values, and now more than ever, we must take local action to protect reproductive rights. By passing Prop O, we can ensure that our city remains a beacon of hope and justice, setting an example for others across the state and our nation to follow.

We urge you to support Prop O, so that together, we can protect the rights and health of every person in our beloved city.

*Honey Mahogany, Speaker Emerita, San Francisco
Democratic Party
Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club*

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WOMEN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUPPORT YES ON O

As elected members of the San Francisco Democratic Party, we stand united in our unwavering support for the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act. This measure is essential to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of gender, have the right and access to comprehensive reproductive health care.

Reproductive freedom empowers everyone to make informed decisions about their bodies and futures. This initiative embodies the inclusive values we champion as part of the Democratic Party, guaranteeing that all residents of San Francisco have access to vital health services, including contraception, abortion, and prenatal care.

Local leadership plays a crucial role in safeguarding these rights. While state and federal protections are critical, local governments have the unique ability to respond directly to the needs of their communities. By passing this initiative, San Francisco can lead the way in protecting reproductive freedom and setting an example for other cities to follow.

We urge you to vote in favor of the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Ballot Initiative. Together, we can uphold the principles of justice and equality, ensuring that our city remains a leader in protecting the reproductive rights and health of all its residents. Let's continue to pave the way for a brighter, more inclusive future today and for future generations.

Nancy Tung, Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party
Carrie Barnes, Vice Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party
Emma Heiken Hare, Vice Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party
Michela Alioto-Pier, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Connie Chan, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Lanier Coles, Director, San Francisco Democratic Party
Lily Ho, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Marjan Philhour, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Catherine Stefani, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party
Jade Tu, Member, San Francisco Democratic Party

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WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT PROP O!

Our nation is living under the very real threat that Donald Trump could be elected President once again. With that frightening possibility comes the very real possibility that he will work to institute a nationwide ban on abortion.

Here in San Francisco, Prop O is a step we can take right now to ensure that no matter what happens in the election, our city will protect women's autonomy over their bodies. It is imperative that San Francisco stands firm in its commitment to safeguarding these freedoms.

Prop O, the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act:

- Ensures that all women in San Francisco have access to safe and legal abortion services
- Protects healthcare providers from prosecution by other jurisdictions
- Prohibits the use of city funds to support out-of-state prosecutions

Voting YES on Prop O to stand up for women's rights, protect our healthcare providers, and promote gender equality.

*Sophia Andary, VP Commissioner, San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women**
San Francisco Women's Political Committee

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A San Francisco for All of Us.

San Francisco Young Democrats Support Prop O!

Young women and students often face significant barriers to accessing reproductive healthcare, including inadequate sex education and lack of access to contraception. And young people can face even more restrictions to abortion than adults; they have lower incomes making care cost prohibitive, they may have to travel long distances, or are reluctant to include a parent in their decision.

Prop O, the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act, guarantees that everyone has the necessary resources and support to make informed decisions about their bodies and futures.

Prop O mandates comprehensive reproductive health education, ensuring that young people are equipped with the knowledge to make safe choices.

Prop O requires clear information about where to access services.

Prop O protects healthcare providers from out-of-state prosecutions, ensuring that young people can receive care without fear of legal repercussions.

We support Prop O to empower the next generation, protect their reproductive rights, and ensure that San Francisco remains a city that values and supports its young people.

San Francisco Young Democrats

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JEWISH LEADERS SUPPORT YES ON O

As a Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco, I am deeply committed to supporting the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act. Rooted in our Jewish faith and values, we believe in the sanctity of life, the dignity of individuals, and the importance of personal autonomy, including the right to make decisions about one's own body.

Jewish tradition emphasizes the importance of health, well-being, and the moral agency of individuals. Our faith teaches that every person is created in the image of the Divine and deserves respect and the ability to make choices that are right for them and their families. Reproductive freedom is a core aspect of this belief, as it allows individuals to exercise their moral and ethical judgment in deeply personal matters.

Prop O, The San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act will protect these rights and ensure that our city remains a place where all people, regardless of their background or beliefs, can access the care they need. It is our duty to stand up for justice and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and autonomy.

I urge you to vote YES on Prop O, the San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act.

Rabbi Rena Singer, Temple Emanu-El

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS SUPPORT YES ON O!

As San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee leaders, we stand resolute in our commitment to protecting and expanding reproductive rights in San Francisco. Proposition O represents a bold and necessary step in ensuring that our city remains a safe haven for all individuals seeking comprehensive reproductive care, including abortions.

A YES vote on this measure will affirm San Francisco's dedication to safeguarding the right to make personal medical decisions without fear of misinformation, harassment, or legal repercussions. This proposition will strengthen the Department of Public Health's ability to provide clear, accurate information on available services and ensure that limited services pregnancy centers are transparent about the care they offer.

Proposition O will bolster access to essential services, protect patient confidentiality, and expand the availability of reproductive health clinics throughout the city. This measure will also fortify our city's stance against cooperating with out-of-state efforts to criminalize reproductive choices made within California.

Vote YES on Proposition O.

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Proposition A

This Measure may be known and referred to as the “San Francisco Unified School District School Improvement Bond” or as “Measure A”.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the San Francisco Unified School District (the “District”) shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$790 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled “BOND PROJECT LIST” below (the “Bond Project List”), subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the District’s voters and taxpayers may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific school facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code of California (the “Education Code”).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education of the District (the “Board of Education”) hereby certifies that it has evaluated the facilities needs of the District, and the priority of addressing each of these needs. In the course of its evaluation, the Board of Education took safety, class size reduction and information technology needs into consideration while developing the Bond Project List.

Limitation on Use of Bond Proceeds. California (the “State”) does not have the legal authority to take locally approved school district bond funds for any State purposes. The State Constitution allows proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition to be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities listed in this proposition, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, including, to the extent permitted by law, the acquisition or lease of real property in connection with an existing or future financing of the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List, including the prepayment of existing or future interim lease, certificate of participation or lease revenue bond financings, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff only when performing work necessary or incidental to the bond projects.

Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The Board of Education shall establish an independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 *et seq.*), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date on which the Board of Education enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the Education Code. In accordance with Section 15282 of the Education Code, the citizens’ oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens’ organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers’ organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District

shall be appointed to the citizens’ oversight committee. The District may decide that the current measure A Oversight Committee shall simultaneously serve as the Oversight Committee for this measure.

Annual Performance Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board of Education shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens’ oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(D) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board of Education shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens’ oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board of Education. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53410 *et seq.*, upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Education shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Education no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after the sale of the first series of bonds, stating (a) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Head Financial Officer or such other officer as may perform such function of the District (or other officer designated by the Board of Education) shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board of Education.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Joint Use. The District may enter into agreements with the City and County of San Francisco or other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of school facilities financed with the proceeds of the bonds in accordance with Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this proposition hereby specifies and acknowledges that bond funds will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board of Education shall determine.

Rate of Interest. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding the statutory maximum, payable at the time or times permitted by law.

Term of Bonds. The number of years the whole or any part of the bonds are to run shall not exceed the legal limit, though this shall not preclude bonds from being sold which mature prior to the legal limit.

PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of the bond proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or facility site according to Board of Education-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. To the extent permitted by law, each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees (including, but not limited to, costs of litigation arising from such project), costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board of Education cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available). The Board of Education has found and determined that all projects listed below are capital expenditures. Any project listed below may be accomplished by construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement, as applicable and as determined by the Board of Education, and includes furniture or equipment related thereto. The District may also undertake demolition at a school facility. The District may acquire or replace furniture and equipment in connection with each project as necessary. Headings and subheadings in the Bond Project List are the types of projects the District intends to undertake and the projects that may be undertaken are not limited to the specifically enumerated projects listed thereunder.

The projects listed here under may be undertaken at any current or future district site as the board determines necessary or desirable.

CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT: SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND CORE FUNCTIONALITY PROJECTS

- Areas identified as health and safety risks to students, faculty, staff, parents and others may be corrected, including, but not limited to, items, buildings, building systems, or other units of real property that are either damaged or have outlived their useful lives, and the remediation of hazardous materials.
- Major building systems may be improved, including, but not limited to, systems such as electrical (including wiring), HVAC, domestic water, sewers, building enclosure systems (including, but not limited to roofs, walls, windows and associated structural elements), lighting, floors, ceilings and walls, technology and data processing, clocks and bells, security, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, elevators, etc.

- Major common, administrative, and athletic facilities, including, but not limited to, food service kitchens, cafeterias, multipurpose rooms, libraries, theaters, auditoriums, restrooms, gymnasiums, ancillary and administrative spaces/building and locker rooms. All facilities undergoing renovation may, if needed, be painted inside and out.
- Earthquake-Safety Seismic upgrades.
- Necessary or desirable accessibility improvements including, but not limited to, ADA compliance.
- Computer technology upgrades including infrastructure wiring and equipment, wireless access points, and telecommunication system upgrades and equipment.
- Interior modifications to reconfigure, modify, or modernize existing interior classroom and building spaces.
- Portable classrooms.
- Transitional Kindergarten facilities.
- Exterior modifications including, but not limited to, replacement or repair of all building exterior finishes and materials and exterior site work, playgrounds, play structures, shade structures, fences and gates, fields and bleachers, hardscape and landscaping.
- Additions or expansions to existing classroom or school buildings to provide additional classrooms or other spaces.
- Replacement of temporary classroom facilities (e.g., aging modular classrooms) with permanent structures.
- Warehouses, buildings and grounds facilities.
- New schools.
- Central kitchens / student nutrition facilities.
- Construct, renovate and/or modernize transportation facilities and infrastructure.
- Work not specifically listed here, but required or recommended by any departments or agencies having jurisdiction.
- Work necessary for compliance with the Education Code, health and safety codes, and building codes.

SCHOOLYARD / OUTDOOR LEARNING IMPROVEMENTS

The District may use bond proceeds to otherwise construct or modernize the outdoor areas at all current and future District sites. This includes, but is not limited to: schoolyard and outdoor learning improvements, including stormwater management and/or drainage; play equipment; outdoor classrooms; physical education or athletics programming enhancements; access to nature; increased shade; outdoor gathering and eating spaces; furniture, fixtures & equipment; retaining walls; and accessibility.

SECURITY UPGRADES

The District may improve security infrastructure and equipment at all current and future District sites, including, but not limited to, public address (PA) systems, door hardware and entry systems, and site fencing.

STUDENT NUTRITION AND FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY

The District may modernize or construct kitchens, including any necessary or incidental infrastructure, equipment, and/or site improvements to improve school meals, including, but not limited to, renovating dining areas and the central warehouse, constructing a new central kitchen, the creation of regional cooking kitchens to serve all District schools, food serving line upgrades, and cafeteria and dining space modernization at any current or future District site.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

The District may improve information technology infrastructure and equipment at all current and future District sites, including, but not limited to, upgrades of core, school site local, and wide area networks; telecommunication system upgrades; development of redundant internet connection systems; disaster recovery; security; cybersecurity and central data infrastructure; and other technology devices, systems, and equipment.

Incidental Work Authorized At All Sites

(at which Projects listed above are undertaken)

Each project listed above includes allocable costs such as election and bond issuance costs to the extent permitted by law; architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning costs; construction management (whether by the District or a third-party); annual financial and performance audits; a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs; legal fees, including but not limited to litigation costs; and other costs necessary, incidental, or related to the completion of the listed projects and otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to:

- Remove hazardous materials, e.g., asbestos, lead, etc.
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (e.g., plumbing or gas line breaks, dry-rot, seismic, structural, etc.).
- Other improvements required to comply with building codes.
- Furnish and equip of newly constructed classrooms and facilities, Replace worn/broken/out of date furniture and equipment.
- Acquire any of the facilities on the Bond Project List through temporary lease, lease-lease-back, or lease-purchase arrangements, execute a purchase option under a lease for any of these authorized facilities, or prepay lease payments.
- Demolish existing facilities and reconstruct facilities scheduled for modernization
- Rent or construct temporary classrooms (including modular classrooms), and rent or construct temporary locations, as needed to house students or administrative offices during construction.
- Prepare/restore site as necessary to support new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this ballot proposition, and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Interpretation. The terms of this bond proposition and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such words as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used in the Bond Project List to describe school facilities projects in plain English and are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond, or have an effect on, and shall be interpreted to only permit, what is authorized under Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. In this regard, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition for current maintenance, operation or repairs.

Estimated Ballot Information. The Board of Education hereby declares, and the voters by approving this bond measure concur, that the information included in the statement of the bond measure to be voted on pursuant to Section 13119 of the California Elections Code is based upon the District's projections and estimates only and is not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and du-

ration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Severability. The Board of Education and the voters hereby declare that every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, application and individual project (individually referred to as "Part" and collectively as "Parts"), of this bond measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each Part hereof regardless of whether any other Part of this bond measure would be subsequently declared invalid. Upon approval of this bond measure by the voters, should any Part of this bond measure be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining Parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the Parts of this bond measure are severable.

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the San Francisco Unified School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$790 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the bond measure, the District expects to issue the bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9405 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$12.95 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2047-48.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$18.70 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2030-31.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$1,300,000,000.

Voters should note that such estimated tax rates are specific to the repayment of bonds issued under this authorization and will be in addition to tax rates levied in connection with other bond authorizations approved or to be approved by local voters of the District or of any other overlapping public agency.

Voters in the District have approved four separate bond authorizations under which bonds have been issued that remain outstanding: 2003 Proposition A, approved on November 4, 2003, 2006 Proposition A, approved on November 7, 2006, 2011 Proposition A, approved on November 8, 2011, and 2016 Proposition A, approved on November 8, 2016. In tax year 2023-24, the combined tax rates for these measures totaled \$41.32 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Under current projected schedules, all bonds issued under 2003 Proposition A will be repaid by June 2026, all bonds issued under 2006 Proposition A will be repaid by June 2035, all bonds issued under 2011 Proposition A will be repaid by June 2035, and all bonds issued under 2016 Proposition A will be repaid by June 2042.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County’s official tax rolls, *not* on the property’s market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value, and that such estimated tax rates are in addition to taxes levied to pay bonds authorized under other measures and other taxes imposed by or on behalf of the District. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner’s exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property’s assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The estimated rates presented above apply only to the taxes levied to pay bonds authorized by this measure.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District’s projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the year or years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Proposition B

Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of not-to-exceed \$390,000,000 to finance the acquisition or improvement of real property, including: facilities to deliver primary healthcare services, emergency medical services, skilled nursing services, and services for persons experiencing mental health challenges or persons with substance use disorders; acquire, improve, and seismically upgrade critical medical care and mental health facilities and emergency shelter facilities; and improvements for certain transportation, pedestrian, and street safety related capital improvements, streetscape enhancements and other public space improvements, and related costs necessary or convenient for each of the foregoing purposes; authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase, if any, to residential tenants under Administrative Code Chapter 37; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest on such Bonds; incorporating review of Bond expenditures under the provisions of the Administrative Code by the Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee; setting certain procedures and requirements for the election; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and finding that the proposed Bonds are in conformity with the General Plan, and with the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b).

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.

Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.

Deletions to Codes are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.

Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.

Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.

Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Findings.

A. According to the City and County of San Francisco (“City”) Point-in-Time Count conducted in January 2022, there were 7,754 people estimated as experiencing homelessness in the City, 4,397 of whom were unsheltered, and over the course of an entire year, many more people experience homelessness.

B. The City, through its Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, currently offers temporary shelter to over 3,500 people per night through a variety of shelter programs including emergency shelter, navigation centers, cabins, safe parking, and transitional housing, but additional shelter beds are needed to meet the needs of unsheltered adults, young adults, and families.

C. The City administers local, state, and federal funded supportive housing to provide long-term affordable housing with on-site social services to people exiting chronic homelessness through a portfolio that includes Single Room Occupancy hotels, newly constructed units, scattered-site units and apartment buildings (“permanent supportive housing” or “PSH”), but the City does not have a sufficient supply of PSH units to meet the demand.

D. The City, through its Department of Public Health, provides healthcare services in a number of settings and through a number of different mechanisms including at existing facilities such as Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, Residential Care Facilities, community clinics, and through contracts with nonprofit service providers.

E. When there is insufficient capacity at any one level of care or facility, longer wait times for services have a detrimental effect on the ability of people to heal and become healthier.

F. Limited state and federal resources and the high cost of construction place a greater burden on local governments to contribute their own limited resources to produce more facilities or expand capacity at existing facilities to provide emergency medical services, preventive healthcare services, temporary shelter, and permanent supportive housing, but the City’s financial resources have not kept pace with demand.

G. The City is responsible for the state of good repair of more than 1,200 miles of streets, approximately 50,000 curb ramp locations, 371 street structures, and 9 plazas, which are heavily used and have longstanding deferred maintenance needs.

H. Streets, curb ramps, street structures, and plazas connect people to jobs, hospitals, shopping centers, and transit -- places that are vital to daily life -- and providing smooth and pothole-free streets and pedestrian rights-of-way is essential to reducing the costs of road-induced damage, preventing accidents for bicyclists and drivers, and creating safe passage for pedestrians.

I. City staff have identified projects to address public safety hazards and improve disabled access, and have identified street repaving, curb ramp, street structures, and plaza improvement programs to address public safety hazards, reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance, improve disabled access, and equitably improve the public right-of-way.

J. Infrastructure improvements in the public right-of-way that reduce traffic speed, improve visibility, and create protected spaces for active modes of transportation have been shown to decrease the number and severity of crashes for all roadway users. San Francisco has implemented design and data-driven engineering tools towards the City's Vision Zero goals, including over 13,000 traffic safety treatments. Of these, physical roadway improvements have the greatest demonstrated impact. This Bond will provide critical funding for road safety measures to accelerate the City's Vision Zero goals.

K. Due to the high office vacancy rates after the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant increase in retail vacancy and a significant decrease in sales tax revenue in the Union Square and downtown areas. This Bond will make capital improvements in and around the Union Square and downtown areas that are designed to improve the pedestrian experience as part of a complementary strategy to sustain and improve the downtown retail storefront economy.

L. Infrastructure investment is a known and tested jobs stimulus strategy with a strong multiplier effect, estimated at 5.93 jobs for every million dollars in construction spending according to the REMI Policy Insight model.

M. Since 2005, the City has engaged in regular, long-term capital planning to identify and advance shovel-ready projects that deliver improvements in line with adopted funding principles that prioritize legal and regulatory mandates, life safety and resilience, asset preservation and sustainability, programmatic and planned needs, and economic development.

N. City staff have identified needed capital improvements totaling \$390,000,000 in projects and programs relating to acquiring or improving real property, including to improve and make permanent investments in temporary shelters and/or facilities that provide preventive healthcare, emergency medical care, and behavioral health services; invest in critical repairs, renovations, and seismic upgrades at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Laguna Honda Hospital; and transportation, pedestrian, and street safety improvements, streetscape enhancements and other public space improvements (as further described in Section 3 below, and herein collectively referred to as the "Project").

O. The proposed Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant San Francisco Bond ("Bond") will provide a portion of the critical funding necessary to finance the costs of the Project in the most cost-effective manner possible.

P. The proposed Bond is recommended by the City's 10-year capital plan, approved each odd-numbered year by the Mayor of the City and this Board of Supervisors of the City ("Board").

Section 2. A special election is called and ordered to be held in the City on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of the City for the Project:

"HEALTHY, SAFE, AND VIBRANT SAN FRANCISCO BOND. \$390,000,000 to acquire, construct, or improve real property, including: temporary shelters, particularly for families; facilities that deliver healthcare services, including preventive care and behavioral health services, such as the Chinatown Public Health Center; critical repairs, renovations and seismic upgrades

at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Laguna Honda Hospital; and pedestrian and street safety improvements, streetscape enhancements, and other public space improvements; and to pay related costs; with a duration of up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated average tax rate of \$0.0069/\$100 of assessed property value, and projected average annual revenues of \$31,000,000, all subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits; and authorizing landlords to pass-through to residential tenants in units subject to Administrative Code Chapter 37 ("Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance") 50% of the increase, if any, in the real property taxes attributable to the cost of the repayment of such Bonds."

The special election called and ordered to be held hereby shall be referred to in this ordinance as the "Bond Special Election."

Section 3. PROPOSED PROGRAM. Contractors and City departments shall comply with all applicable City laws when awarding contracts or performing work funded with the proceeds of Bonds authorized by this measure, including these projects: provided, however, that no Contractor owned or controlled by a member of the Board of Supervisors that participates in the vote on submitting this measure to the voters shall be permitted to bid on any work funded with proceeds of the Bonds:

A. EXPANDING AND IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS TO DELIVER PREVENTIVE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND OTHER ANCILLARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES. Up to \$99,100,000 of Bond proceeds will be allocated to acquire or improve real property, including but not limited to finance the construction, acquisition, development, improvement, expansion, and rehabilitation of community health centers, including up to \$71,100,000 to seismically retrofit and renovate the Chinatown Public Health Center and up to \$28,000,000 to acquire and improve real property for the relocation of the City Clinic.

B. CRITICAL REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS AT ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER AND LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL. Up to ~~\$56,000,000~~ 66,000,000 of Bond proceeds will be used to make critical repairs and renovations to Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Laguna Honda Hospital, including the repair of mechanical systems, fire control systems, and other deferred maintenance needs as well as real property improvements to hospital infrastructure required to meet new regulatory requirements to ensure the hospitals remain operational and in regulatory compliance.

C. SEISMIC UPGRADES AT ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER TO ENSURE SAFETY. Up to \$40,000,000 of Bond proceeds will be used to pay the costs of improvements at Building 3 at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center for seismic retrofits to provide 65,000 square feet of safe and secure working space.

D. STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS. Up to ~~\$68,000,000~~ 63,900,000 of Bond proceeds will be used to pay the cost of certain street safety projects Citywide, including projects on the High Injury Network, and making investments to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety by repairing, constructing, and improving transportation infrastructure and equipment, including traffic signal upgrades, constructing and redesigning streets and sidewalks, and certain multimodal streetscape projects.

E. MODERN AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS. Up to ~~\$46,000,000~~ 41,000,000 of ~~B~~ bond proceeds will be used to improve and modernize public spaces in the downtown San Francisco areas, which could include areas near Powell and Market Streets, including accessibility improvements, and transit access and pedestrian experience enhancements; up to \$25,000,000 of ~~B~~ bond proceeds will be used to improve accessibility, safety, and design at the Harvey Milk Plaza; and up to \$5,000,000 of ~~B~~ bond proceeds will be used to rehabilitate and modernize park infrastructure and improve active recreational spaces.

F. NEW SHELTER SITES. Up to \$50,000,000 of ~~B~~ bond proceeds will be used to pay the costs to acquire, construct, finance, or improve shelter or interim housing sites to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly for families.

G. CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. A portion of Bond proceeds shall be used to perform audits of Bond expenditures implied by or necessarily incident to the acquisition or improvement of real property for the Project, as further described in Section 4 and Section 16 herein.

Section 4. BOND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES.

The Bonds shall include the following administrative rules and principles:

A. OVERSIGHT. The proposed Bond funds shall be subject to approval processes and rules described in the San Francisco Charter and Administrative Code. Funds from this measure shall be committed to those potential programs and projects set for in Section 3, to the extent authorized by law and subject to any required environmental review. Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 5.31, the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee shall conduct an annual, independent performance and financial audit review of Bond spending, to ensure that the Bond expenditures have been spent to serve taxpayers of the City in accordance with the objects and purposes of this Ordinance, and shall provide an annual report of the Bond program to the Mayor and the Board. The audits shall be posted in a manner that is easily accessible to the public as provided in subsection B below. The Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee shall receive educational training about bonds and fiscal oversight.

To the extent required by law, the Citizens' General Bond Oversight Committee shall provide copies of such audit reports to the California State Auditor for its review.

B. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. The City shall create and maintain a web page outlining and describing the ~~B~~ bond program, progress, and activity updates, and shall make copies of any financial or performance audits available and reasonably accessible to members of the public. Each of the City's Capital Planning Committee and the Citizens' General Obligation Oversight Committee shall also hold an annual public hearing and review on the ~~B~~ bond program and its implementation.

C. The Controller shall certify that the City has evaluated alternative funding sources for the projects authorized by this Ordinance. The certification regarding the evaluation of alternative funding sources shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board, in File No. 240497.

D. Proceeds of the sale of Bonds herein authorized shall be used only for the purposes specified in this Ordinance, and not for any other purpose, including the payment of salaries and other operating expenses of the City. The administrative costs of the City incurred to execute the projects authorized by this Ordinance shall not exceed 5% of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds.

E. To the extent required by any new law, the City will appoint a citizens' oversight committee to ensure that Bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes described in this Ordinance. Such oversight committee shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual independent performance audit to ensure that Bond funds have been expended pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance. In addition, the oversight committee shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended on the purposes provided in this Ordinance. The audits shall be posted in a manner that is easily accessible to the public. The oversight committee shall provide copies of such audit reports to the California State Auditor for its review.

Members appointed to such oversight committee shall receive educational training about bonds and fiscal oversight. To the extent permitted by law, the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee operating under Administrative Code Section 5.31 shall assume the responsibilities of any required oversight committee.

Section 5. The estimated cost of the bond-financed portion of the project described in Section 2 above was fixed by the Board by the following resolution and in the amount specified below:

Resolution No. 389-24, on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 240498 \$390,000,000.

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

The method and manner of payment of the estimated costs described in this ordinance are by the issuance of Bonds by the City not exceeding the principal amount specified.

Such estimate of costs as set forth in such resolution is adopted and determined to be the estimated cost of such bond-financed improvements and financing, respectively.

Section 6. The Bond Special Election shall be held and conducted and the votes received and canvassed, and the returns made and the results ascertained, determined, and declared as provided in this ordinance and in all particulars not recited in this ordinance such election shall be held according to the laws of the State of California ("State") and the Charter of the City ("Charter") and any regulations adopted under State law or the Charter, providing for and governing elections in the City, and the polls for such election shall be and remain open during the time required by such laws and regulations.

Section 7. The Bond Special Election is consolidated with the General Election scheduled to be held in the City on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 ("General Election"). The voting precincts, polling places, and officers of election for the General Election are hereby adopted, established, designated, and named, respectively, as the voting precincts, polling places, and officers of election for the Bond Special Election called, and reference is made to the notice of election setting forth the voting precincts, polling places, and officers of election for the General Election by the Director of Elections to be published in the official newspaper of the City on the date required under the laws of the State.

Section 8. The ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election shall be the ballots to be used at the General Election. The word limit for ballot propositions imposed by Municipal

Elections Code Section 510 is waived. On the ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election, in addition to any other matter required by law to be printed thereon, shall appear the following as a separate proposition:

“HEALTHY, SAFE, AND VIBRANT SAN FRANCISCO BOND. To finance the acquisition or improvement of real property, including: temporary shelters, particularly for families; facilities that deliver healthcare services, including preventive care and behavioral health services, such as the Chinatown Public Health Center; critical repairs, renovations, and seismic upgrades at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Laguna Honda Hospital; and pedestrian and street safety improvements, streetscape enhancements, and other public space improvements; and to pay related costs; shall the City and County of San Francisco issue \$390,000,000 in general obligation bonds with a duration of up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated average tax rate of \$0.0069/\$100 of assessed property value, and projected average annual revenues of \$31,000,000, subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits?”

The City’s current debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and the tax base grows, though this property tax rate may vary based on other factors.

Each voter to vote in favor of the foregoing bond proposition shall mark the ballot in the location corresponding to a "YES" vote for the proposition, and to vote against the proposition shall mark the ballot in the location corresponding to a "NO" vote for the proposition.

Section 9. If at the Bond Special Election it shall appear that two-thirds of all the voters voting on the proposition voted in favor of and authorized the incurring of bonded indebtedness for the purposes set forth in such proposition, then such proposition shall have been accepted by the electors, and the Bonds authorized shall be issued upon the order of the Board. Such Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding that permitted by law.

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

Section 10. The actual expenditure of Bond proceeds provided for in this ordinance shall be net of financing costs.

Section 11. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Bonds, the Board shall, at the time of fixing the general tax levy and in the manner for such general tax levy provided, levy and collect annually each year until such Bonds are paid, or until there is a sum in the Treasury of the City, or other account held on behalf of the Treasurer of the City, set apart for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for the principal and interest on the Bonds, a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on such Bonds as the same becomes due and also such part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of such principal.

Section 12. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with any State law requirements, and such publication shall constitute notice of the Bond Special Election and no other notice of the Bond Special Election hereby called need be given.

Section 13. The Board, having reviewed the proposed legislation, makes the following findings in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq., the CEQA Guidelines,

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq. (“CEQA Guidelines”), and San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 31. The Board finds, affirms, and declares:

A. **EXPANDING AND IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS TO DELIVER PREVENTIVE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND OTHER ANCILLARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES:**

(i) The proposed funding for the Chinatown Public Health Center project was determined by the Planning Department to be exempt from CEQA as a Class 1 exemption for existing facilities pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, as set forth in the Planning Department’s memorandum dated May 6, 2024, which determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240497 (“Planning Department Memorandum”) and is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

(ii) The remaining portion of the proposed funding described in Section 3A of this ordinance is not an activity subject to CEQA because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is not a “project” as defined under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4), as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

B. **CRITICAL REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS AT ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER AND LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL:** The proposed funding for critical repairs and renovations at Zuckerberg General Hospital and Trauma Center and Laguna Honda Hospital is not an activity subject to CEQA because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is not a “project” as defined under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4), as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

C. **SEISMIC UPGRADES AT ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER TO ENSURE SAFETY:** The proposed funding for seismic upgrades at Zuckerberg General Hospital and Trauma Center Building 3 was determined by the Planning Department to be not a “project” as defined under CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378, as it is not an activity which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and the scope of the project is consistent with San Francisco Planning’s “Processing Guidance: Not a Project Under CEQA” memorandum dated September 18, 2013, as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

D. **STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:** The proposed investments for street safety are not an activity subject to CEQA because they would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and are not a “project” as defined under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

E. **MODERN AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS:**

(i) HARVEY MILK PLAZA: The proposed funding for Harvey Milk Plaza has been determined to be exempt from CEQA as a Class 2 exemption for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

(ii) The remaining portion of the proposed funding described in Section 3E of this ordinance is not an activity subject to CEQA because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is not a "project" as defined under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4), as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

F. NEW SHELTER SITES: The proposed funding for New Shelter Sites is not an activity subject to CEQA because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is not a "project" as defined under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4), as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

G. CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: The proposed role of the Citizens' Oversight Committee is not an activity subject to CEQA because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) and is not a "project" as defined under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum, which determination is hereby affirmed and adopted by this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Memorandum.

H. Based on the whole record before the Board, there are no substantial project changes, no substantial changes in project circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the exemption determinations by the Planning Department that, as described above, the proposed projects are exempt from environmental review.

I. For the portion of the proposed funding that does not constitute a project pursuant to CEQA, the use of bond proceeds to finance any specific project or portion of any specific project will be subject to approval of the applicable decision-making body at that time, upon completion of planning and any further required environmental review under CEQA.

Section 14. The Board finds and declares that the proposed Bonds (a) were referred to the Planning Department in accordance with Section 4.105 of the San Francisco Charter and Section 2A.53(f) of the Administrative Code, (b) are in conformity with the priority policies of Section 101.1(b) of the San Francisco Planning Code, and (c) are consistent with the City's General Plan, and adopts the findings of the Planning Department, as set forth in the General Plan Referral Report dated May 6, 2024, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 240497 and incorporates such findings by this reference.

Section 15. Under Section 53410 of the California Government Code, the Bonds shall be for the specific purposes authorized in this ordinance and the proceeds of such Bonds will be applied only for such specific purposes. The City will comply

with the requirements of Sections 53410(c) and 53410(d) of the California Government Code.

Section 16. CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. The Bonds are subject to, and incorporate by reference, the applicable provisions of Administrative Code Sections 5.30-5.36 ("Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee"). Under Administrative Code Section 5.31, to the extent permitted by law, 0.1% of the gross proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited in a fund established by the Controller's Office and appropriated by the Board of Supervisors at the direction of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to cover the costs of such committee.

Section 17. The time requirements specified in Administrative Code Section 2.34 are waived.

Section 18. The City hereby declares its official intent to reimburse prior expenditures of the City incurred or expected to be incurred prior to the issuance and sale of any series of the Bonds in connection with the Project. The Board hereby declares the City's intent to reimburse the City with the proceeds of the Bonds for expenditures with respect to the Project (the "Expenditures" and each, an "Expenditure") made on and after that date that is no more than 60 days prior to the passage of this Ordinance. The City reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Bonds.

Each Expenditure was and will be either (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Bonds, or (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues. The maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is \$390,000,000. The City shall make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the City that evidences the City's use of proceeds of the applicable series of Bonds to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the related portion of the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The City recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and Expenditures for construction projects of at least five years.

Section 19. Landlords may pass through to residential tenants under the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance (Administrative Code Chapter 37) 50% of any property tax increase, if any, that may result from the issuance of Bonds authorized by this ordinance. The City may enact ordinances authorizing tenants to seek waivers from the pass-through based on financial hardship.

Section 20. The appropriate officers, employees, representatives, and agents of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary or desirable to accomplish the calling and holding of the Bond Special Election, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 21. Documents referenced in this ordinance are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240497, which is hereby declared to be a part of this ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

Proposition C

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to establish the position of Inspector General in the Controller’s Office; to provide that the Inspector General be nominated by the Controller subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor; to authorize the Inspector General to initiate and lead investigations regarding potential violations of laws or policies involving fraud, waste, or abuse; to expand the authority of the Controller’s Office to issue subpoenas; and to authorize the Controller’s Office to execute search warrants to the extent permitted by State law.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections 3.105, 4.137, 10.104, F1.106, F1.107, F1.110, and F1.113, and deleting Section F1.114, to read as follows:

NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman font.
Deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

SEC. 3.105. CONTROLLER; CITY SERVICES AUDITOR; INSPECTOR GENERAL.

(a) The Mayor shall appoint or reappoint a Controller for a ten-year term, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The Controller may only be removed by the Mayor for cause, with the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors by a two-thirds vote.

(b) The Controller shall be responsible for the timely accounting, disbursement, or other disposition of monies of the City and County in accordance with sound financial practices applicable to municipalities and counties. The Controller shall have the power and duties of a County auditor, except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The Controller shall have authority to audit the accounts and operations of all boards, commissions, officers, and departments to evaluate their effectiveness and efficiency. The Controller may require periodic or special reports of departmental operations, contracts, revenues, and expenditures, and shall have access to, and authority to, examine all documents, records, books, and other property of any board, commission, officer, or department. Further, the Controller may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the production of books, papers, testimony, and other evidence with respect to matters affecting the conduct of any department or office of the City and County. The preceding sentence authorizes the Controller to compel testimony or production from any person or entity including but not limited to City and County officers and employees; persons or entities that have or are seeking a contract, grant, lease, loan, or other agreement with the City and County, and their employees or officers; applicants for or recipients of permits, licenses, land use entitlements, tax incentives, benefits, or services from the City and County, and their employees or officers; and registered City lobbyists. The Controller and employees of the Controller, including the Inspector General, may seek and execute search warrants to the extent permitted by State law.

(c) The Controller shall also serve as City Services Auditor for the City and County. As City Services Auditor, the Controller shall be re-

sponsible for monitoring the level and effectiveness of services rendered by the City to its residents, as set forth in Appendix F to this Charter.

(d) Should the Controller determine at any time during the fiscal year that the revenues of the General Fund, or any special, sequestered, or other fund are insufficient or appear to be insufficient to support the remaining anticipated expenditure from that fund for the fiscal year for any department, function, or program, the Controller shall reduce or reserve all or a portion of the expenditure appropriation until such time as the Controller determines that the anticipated revenues for the remainder of that fiscal year are sufficient to support the level of expenditure anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year. Whenever the Controller makes a reduction or reservation, the Controller shall so inform the Mayor and Board of Supervisors within 24 hours.

(e) The Controller shall exercise general supervision over the accounts of all officers, commissions, boards, and employees of the City and County charged in any manner with the receipt, collection, or disbursement of City and County funds or other funds, in their capacity as City and County officials or employees. The Controller shall establish accounting records, procedures, and internal controls with respect to all financial transactions of the City and County. Such records, procedures, and controls shall permit the financial statements of the City and County to be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to municipalities and counties.

(f) The Controller shall within 150 days of the end of each fiscal year prepare an annual report of the financial condition of the City and County. Such annual report shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The annual report shall contain such information and disclosures as shall be necessary to present to the public a full and understandable report of all City and County financial activity.

(g) The Controller shall prepare an impartial financial analysis of each City and County ballot measure which shall include the amount of any increase or decrease in the cost of government of the City and County and its effect upon the cost of government. Such analysis shall be issued in sufficient time to permit inclusion in the voters’ information pamphlet.

(h) The Controller shall issue from time to time such periodic or special financial reports as may be requested by the Mayor or Board of Supervisors.

(i) All disbursements of funds in the custody of the Treasurer must be authorized by the Controller. No officer or employee shall bind the City and County to expend money unless there is a written contract or other instrument and unless the Controller shall certify that sufficient unencumbered balances are available in the proper fund to meet the payments under such contract or other obligation as these become due, or that ~~the Controller~~ she expects sufficient unencumbered balances to be available in the proper fund during the course of the budgetary cycle to meet the payments as they become due.

(j) The Controller’s Office shall include an Inspector General whose responsibilities shall include reviewing complaints, leading and coordinating investigations, and collaborating with the City Services Auditor on audits, inspections, and monitoring, all with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse.

(1) The Controller shall appoint the Inspector General, subject to approval by the Mayor and confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The Controller may terminate the Inspector General in the Controller’s discretion. The Inspector General shall be exempt from civil service selection, appointment, and removal procedures.

(2) The Inspector General shall initiate and lead investigations regarding potential violations of laws or policies involving fraud, waste, or abuse. The Inspector General shall coordinate with employees in the Controller’s Office investigating whistleblower and citizen complaints under Section F1.107, and the Controller may assign the

Inspector General to supervise those employees and/or employees supporting investigation work in the City Services Audit Unit under Section F1.101.

(3) The Inspector General shall consult regularly, individually or jointly as circumstances warrant, with the Ethics Commission, City Attorney, District Attorney, and/or Department of Human Resources to coordinate the departments' investigative strategies in matters involving fraud, waste, or abuse to the extent feasible. The Inspector General shall refer investigations that the Inspector General has initiated or complaints that the Inspector General has received to the Ethics Commission, City Attorney, or District Attorney as provided in Section F1.107. After receiving such a referral, the Ethics Commission, City Attorney, and District Attorney shall report quarterly to the Inspector General on the progress of the investigation, and shall report to the Inspector General at the conclusion of the investigation, to the extent providing such reports would not compromise the investigation. These reports shall be considered confidential information to the extent permitted by state law.

(4) The Inspector General may hold public hearings regarding fraud, waste, or abuse.

(5) The Inspector General shall submit a public report at least twice each calendar year to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors regarding the Inspector General's activities and the outcomes of other City agencies' public integrity investigations to the extent those activities and outcomes are not confidential under federal, State, or local law. In these reports or at any other time, the Inspector General may make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and City and County agencies regarding City ordinances, rules, regulations, or policies that impact public integrity in City government.

(6) In carrying out the objectives set forth in this Section 3.105, the Inspector General shall receive prompt and full cooperation and assistance from all departments, officers, and employees of the City and County.

SEC. 4.137. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT.

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(b) **SDOB Powers and Duties.** The SDOB shall:

(1) Appoint, and may remove, the Sheriff's Inspector General in the Sheriff's Department Office of Sheriff's Inspector General ("O_{SI}G"), established in subsection (d).

(2) Evaluate the work of the O_{SI}G, and may review the Sheriff's Inspector General's individual work performance.

(3) Compile, evaluate, and recommend law enforcement custodial and patrol best practices.

(4) Conduct community outreach and receive community input regarding SFSD operations and jail conditions, by holding public meetings and soliciting input from persons incarcerated in the City and County.

(5) Prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors regarding the SDOB evaluations and outreach, and O_{SI}G reports submitted to SDOB.

(6) By March 1 of each year, prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors or a committee designated by the President of the Board, an annual report that includes a summary of SDOB evaluations and outreach, and O_{SI}G reports submitted to SDOB, for the prior calendar year.

(c) In performing its duties, the SDOB may hold hearings, issue subpoenas to witnesses to appear and for the production of evidence, administer oaths, and take testimony.

(d) **Establishment of Office of Sheriff's Inspector General.**

There is hereby established the Sheriff's Department Office of Sheriff's Inspector General ("O_{SI}G"), which shall be a department under the SDOB, and separate from the Sheriff's Department. The O_{SI}G shall be headed by the Sheriff's Inspector General, appointed by the SDOB as

set forth in subsection (b)(1). The Sheriff's Inspector General shall be exempt from civil service selection, appointment, and removal procedures.

(e) **O_{SI}G Powers and Duties.** The O_{SI}G shall:

(1) Receive, review, and investigate complaints against SFSD employees and SFSD contractors; provided, however, that the O_{SI}G shall refer complaints alleging criminal misconduct to the District Attorney, and refer complaints alleging violations of ethics laws to the Ethics Commission.

(2) Investigate the death of any individual in the custody of the SFSD. The O_{SI}G shall refer evidence of criminal misconduct regarding any death in custody to the District Attorney. Notwithstanding such a referral, the O_{SI}G may continue to investigate a death in custody unless O_{SI}G's investigation will interfere with a criminal investigation conducted by the District Attorney, or any law enforcement agency to which the District Attorney may refer the evidence of criminal misconduct.

(3) Recommend disciplinary action to the Sheriff where, following an investigation pursuant to subsection (e)(1) or (e)(2), the O_{SI}G determines that an employee's actions or omissions violated law or SFSD policy; provide notice of and a copy of the recommendation, the reasons for the recommendation, and supporting records, to the extent permitted by State or federal law, to the employee; and make available to the public any records and information regarding O_{SI}G's disciplinary recommendations to the extent permitted by State or federal law.

(4) Develop and recommend to the Sheriff an SFSD use of force policy and a comprehensive internal review process for all use of force and critical incidents.

(5) Prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Sheriff and the SDOB regarding O_{SI}G investigations that includes the number and type of complaints under subsection (e)(1) filed; trend analysis; the outcome of the complaints; any determination that the acts or omissions of an employee or contractor, in connection with the subject matter of a complaint under subsection (e)(1), or a death in custody under subsection (e)(2), violated law or SFSD policy; the O_{SI}G's recommendations; if any, for discipline; the outcome of any discipline recommendations; and the O_{SI}G's policy recommendations under subsection (e)(4).

(6) Monitor SFSD operations, including the provision of services to incarcerated individuals, through audits and investigations, to ensure compliance with applicable laws and policies.

(f) In performing its duties, the O_{SI}G may hold hearings, issue subpoenas to witnesses to appear and for the production of evidence, administer oaths, and take testimony. The O_{SI}G also may request and the Sheriff shall require the testimony or attendance of any employee of the SFSD.

(g) **Cooperation and Assistance from City Departments.** In carrying out their duties, the SDOB and O_{SI}G shall receive prompt and full cooperation and assistance from all City departments, officers, and employees, including the Sheriff and SFSD and its employees, which shall, unless prohibited by State or federal law, promptly produce all records and information requested by the SDOB or O_{SI}G, including but not limited to (1) personnel and disciplinary records of SFSD employees, (2) SFSD criminal investigative files, (3) health information pertaining to incarcerated individuals, and (4) all records and databases to which the SFSD has access, regardless of whether those records pertain to a particular complaint or incident. The Sheriff also shall, unless prohibited by State or federal law, allow the O_{SI}G unrestricted and unescorted access to all facilities, including the jails. The SDOB and O_{SI}G shall maintain the confidentiality of any records and information it receives or accesses to the extent required by local, State, or federal law governing such records or information.

In carrying out their duties, the SDOB and OSIG shall cooperate and collaborate with organizations that contract with SFSD to provide legal services to incarcerated individuals.

(h) **Budget and Staffing.** Subject to the fiscal, budgetary, and civil service provisions of the Charter, the OSIG staff shall include no fewer than one investigator for every 100 sworn SFSD employees. No SDOB or OSIG staff, including the Sheriff's Inspector General, shall have been employed previously by a law enforcement agency or a labor organization representing law enforcement employees.

(i) Nothing in this Section 4.137 shall prohibit, limit, or otherwise restrict the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee from investigating the conduct of an employee or contractor of the SFSD, or taking disciplinary or corrective action permitted by City or State law.

(j) Nothing in this Section 4.137, including but not limited to subsections (f) and (g), is intended to or shall be interpreted to abrogate, interfere with, or obstruct the independent and constitutionally and statutorily designated duties of the Sheriff, including the Sheriff's duty to investigate citizens' complaints against SFSD personnel and the duty to operate and manage the jails, the California Attorney General's constitutional and statutory responsibility to oversee the Sheriff, or other applicable State law. In carrying out their duties, the SDOB and OSIG shall cooperate and coordinate with the Sheriff so that the Sheriff, the SDOB, and the OSIG may properly discharge their respective responsibilities.

SEC. 10.104. EXCLUSIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT.

All employees of the City and County shall be appointed through competitive examination unless exempted by this Charter. The following positions shall be exempt from competitive civil service selection, appointment, and removal procedures, and the person serving in the position shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority:

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14. The law librarian, assistant law librarians, bookbinder of the Law Library, purchaser, curators, Assistant Sheriff, Deputy Port Director, Chief of the Bureau of Maritime Affairs, Director of Administration and Finance of the Port, Port Sales Manager, Port Traffic Manager, Chief Wharfinger, Port Commercial Property Manager, Actuary of the San Francisco Employee's' Retirement System, Director of the Zoo, Chief Veterinarian of the Zoo, Director of the Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Director of Employee Relations, Health Service Administrator, Executive Assistant to the Human Services Director, Inspector General in the Controller's Office, and any other positions designated as exempt under the 1932 Charter, as amended;

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F1.106. OVERSIGHT OF CONTRACTING PROCEDURES.

The Controller shall have the duty to perform regular oversight of the City's contracting procedures, including developing model criteria and terms for City Requests for Proposals (RFPs), and auditing compliance with City contracting rules and procedures, ~~and, w~~Where appropriate, the Inspector General shall investigate cases of alleged abuse or conflict of interest. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to alter the existing jurisdiction of City departments and agencies with respect to contracting. Should the Controller Inspector General find that there has been an abuse or conflict of interest, ~~he or she~~ the Inspector General shall refer that finding to the Ethics Commission, the District Attorney, and the City Attorney for possible enforcement action. Nothing in this Section F1.106 shall be construed to alter the existing jurisdiction of City departments and agencies with respect to contracting.

F1.107. CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS; WHISTLEBLOWERS.

(a) The Controller shall have the authority to receive individual complaints concerning the quality and delivery of government services; ~~wasteful and inefficient City government practices;~~ misuse of City government funds; ~~and improper activities by City government officers and~~

~~employees, by persons or entities that have or are seeking a contract, grant, lease, loan, or other agreement with the City and County, and their employees or officers; by applicants for or recipients of permits, licenses, land use entitlements, tax incentives, benefits, or services from the City and County, and their employees or officers; or by registered City lobbyists.~~ When appropriate, the Controller shall investigate and otherwise attempt to resolve such individual complaints except for those which:

(1) another City agency is required by federal, state, or local law to adjudicate,

(2) may be resolved through a grievance mechanism established by collective bargaining agreement or contract, or

(3) ~~involve allegations of conduct which may constitute a violation of criminal law, or~~

~~are~~ ~~subject to~~ an existing, ongoing investigation by the District Attorney, the City Attorney, or the Ethics Commission, where either official or the Commission states in writing that investigation by the Controller would substantially impede or delay ~~his, her, or its~~ their own investigation of the matter.

If the Controller receives a complaint described in items (1), (2), ~~or~~ (3); ~~or~~ ~~(4)~~ of this subsection (a) paragraph, the Controller shall advise the complainant of the appropriate procedure for the resolution of such complaint.

(b) If the Controller receives a complaint alleging conduct that may constitute a violation of criminal law or a governmental ethics law, the Inspector General shall review the complaint and decide whether to initiate an investigation. Thereafter, the Inspector General he or she shall promptly refer ~~the~~ complaints regarding criminal conduct to the District Attorney or other appropriate law enforcement agency and shall refer complaints regarding violations of governmental ethics laws to the Ethics Commission and the City Attorney. After referring a complaint to the District Attorney, Ethics Commission, or City Attorney, the Inspector General may investigate the matter in coordination with the department receiving the complaint. The Inspector General may decline to refer a complaint to the District Attorney, Ethics Commission, or City Attorney if the complaint relates to the conduct of that agency. In that circumstance, the Inspector General may refer the complaint to another City, State, or federal agency with jurisdiction over the matter. Nothing in this Section F1.107 shall preclude the Controller from investigating whether any alleged criminal conduct also violates any civil or administrative law, statute, ordinance, or regulation.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Charter, including, but not limited to Section C3.699-11, or any ordinance or regulation of the City and County of San Francisco, the Controller shall administer a whistleblower and citizen complaint hotline telephone number and website and publicize the hotline and website through press releases, public advertising, and communications to City employees. The Controller shall receive and track calls and emails related to complaints about the quality and delivery of government services, wasteful and inefficient City government practices, misuse of government funds and improper activities by City government officials, employees and contractors and shall route these complaints to the appropriate agency subject to subsection (a) of this Section F1.107. The Board of Supervisors shall enact and maintain an ordinance protecting the confidentiality of whistleblowers, and protecting City officers and employees from retaliation for filing a complaint with, or providing information to, the Controller, Ethics Commission, District Attorney, City Attorney or a City department or commission about improper government activity by City officers and employees. The City may incorporate all whistleblower functions set forth in this Charter or by ordinances into a unified City call center, switchboard, or information number at a later time, provided the supervision of the whistleblower function remains with the Controller and its responsibilities and function continue unabridged.

F1.110. ACCESS TO RECORDS; PRELIMINARY REPORTS.

(a) The Controller shall have timely access to all records and documents the Controller deems necessary to complete the inquiries and reviews required by this Appendix *F*. If a City officer, employee, agency, department, *or* commission, *or* agency does not comply with the Controller's request for such records and documents, the Controller may issue a subpoena *consistent with the Controller's authority under Section 3.105(b)*. The provisions of this *subdivision Section F1.110* shall not apply to those records and documents of City agencies for which a claim of privilege has been properly and appropriately raised, or which are prepared or maintained by the City Attorney, the District Attorney, or the Ethics Commission for use in any investigation authorized by federal, state, *law* or local law.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, or any ordinance or regulation of the City and County of *San Francisco*, and except to the extent required by state or federal law, all drafts, notes, preliminary reports of Controller's benchmark studies, audits, investigations, and other reports shall be confidential.

F1.113. CONTROLLER'S AUDIT FUND.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the Mayor and Board of Supervisors shall be required to budget an amount equal to at least two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the City's overall budget, apportioned by fund and excluding bond related debt, to implement this *Appendix F and to support the staffing and operations of the Inspector General provision*. This amount shall be referred to as the Controller's Audit Fund, and shall be used exclusively to implement the duties and requirements of this *Appendix F and to support the staffing and operations of the Inspector General*, and shall not be used to displace funding for the non-audit related functions of the Controller's Office existing prior to *the date this provision is enacted November 4, 2003*. If the funds are not expended or encumbered by the end of the fiscal year, the balance in the fund shall revert to the General Fund or the enterprise funds where it originated.

~~F1.114. OPERATIVE DATE; SEVERABILITY.~~

~~(a) This charter amendment shall be operative on July 1, 2004.~~

~~This amendment shall not affect the term or tenure of the incumbent Controller.~~

~~(b) If any section, subsection, provision or part of this charter amendment or its application to any person or circumstances is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the amendment, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.~~

Proposition D

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

SECTION 1. Title.

This charter amendment shall be known and may be cited as the "Cut the Dysfunctional Bureaucracy Initiative" (referred to hereinafter as the "Initiative").

SECTION 2. Findings & Conclusions.

The People of the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") declare their findings and purpose in enacting this Initiative to be as follows:

(a) San Francisco is currently facing a host of new and unprecedented challenges, and it is failing to effectively meet the moment, including an inability to effectively deliver on improved street conditions, public safety, homelessness, and economic recovery. It needs to consider new approaches to those challenges. Among other things, San

Francisco's current Charter undermines good governance by diffusing and blurring executive and legislative responsibility across nearly 130 commissions in the City's government that are unelected and that, in many cases, lack democratic accountability.

(b) San Francisco has far more commissions—and commissioners (over 1,200)—than it did just a few decades ago and far more than most other large cities in the United States. For example, the Cities of Los Angeles and San Diego each have fewer than 50 commissions. This creates a vast layer of unnecessary bureaucracy that prevents City government from efficiently addressing residents' concerns. Among other things, City staff spend valuable City time and money servicing these commissions—preparing materials for commission meetings, staffing the commissions, helping fill open commission seats, etc.—that would be better devoted to managing the essential operations of the City with a view to solving the challenges that the City currently faces.

(c) Additionally, the current commission system constrains the ability of the Mayor to implement the policies of the executive branch, by preventing the Mayor from appointing and removing the heads of many departments for which the Mayor is ultimately responsible, further diffusing Mayoral accountability.

(d) Moreover, the commission system's sprawl and diffusion of authority contributes to difficulties in oversight by elected officials and the public. In recent years, a number of stories of corruption have come to light that were, at least in part, facilitated by this lack of public scrutiny.

(e) To address these problems, and to clarify the proper legislative and executive branch roles of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, this measure would:

(1) Create a taskforce responsible for streamlining government bureaucracy by reviewing the existing commission system and recommending to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor the elimination and merging of redundant commissions. (For example, there are currently five commissions just dealing with children.) Fewer commissions means fewer City resources spent on the commission system. This frees up City staff to focus on directly addressing the needs of residents.

(2) Set a hard cap of 65 on the maximum number of commissions in the future. This will streamline and strengthen the currently bloated commission system and prevent future out-of-control commission growth.

(3) Create clear lines of authority in government and re-establish that elected officials, not un-elected commissions, are accountable for city department performance by eliminating commissions' power to both nominate department heads and remove department heads.

(4) Create accountability for commissioners too, by allowing appointing authorities to directly appoint and remove their commissioners. This ensures that unelected commissioners are following the will of voters and can be held accountable.

(5) Require the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to re-evaluate these commissions every 10 years, to ensure their continued utility.

(f) The measure would retain and require a handful of commissions in the Charter, primarily those related to the City's enterprises (Airport, Port, Public Utilities, MTA) and those designed to oversee governmental ethics (Ethics, Elections, Civil Service, etc., as set forth in this measure).

SECTION 3. Amending Section 3.100 of the Charter.

Section 3.100 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows (throughout this measure additions are shown as underlined and deletions are shown as ~~strikethroughs~~):

SEC. 3.100. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer and the official representative of the City and County, and shall serve full time in that capacity. The Mayor shall devote his or her entire time and attention to the duties of the office, and shall not devote time or attention to any other occupation or business activity. The Mayor shall enforce all laws relating to the City and County, and accept service of process on its behalf.

The Mayor shall have responsibility for:

1. General administration and oversight of all departments and governmental units in the executive branch of the City and County;
 2. Coordination of all intergovernmental activities of the City and County;
 3. Receipt and examination of complaints relating to the administration of the affairs of the City and County, and timely delivery of notice to the complainant of findings and actions taken;
 4. Assurance that appointees to various governmental positions with the City and County are qualified and are as representative of the communities of interest and diverse population of the City and County as is reasonably practicable, and are representative of both sexes;
 5. Submission of ordinances and resolutions by the executive branch for consideration by the Board of Supervisors;
 6. Presentation before the Board of Supervisors of a policies and priorities statement setting forth the Mayor's policies and budget priorities for the City and County for the ensuing fiscal year;
 7. Appearance, in person, at one regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions with members of the Board;
 8. Introduction before the Board of Supervisors of the annual proposed budget or multi-year budget which shall be initiated and prepared by the Mayor. The Mayor shall seek comments and recommendations on the proposed budget from the various commissions, officers and departments; and
 9. Preparation of and introduction to the Board of Supervisors of supplemental appropriations.
- The Mayor shall have the power to:
10. Speak and be heard with respect to any matter at any meeting of the Board of Supervisors or any of its committees, and shall have a seat but no vote on all boards and commissions appointed by the Mayor;
 11. As provided in Section 3.103 of this Charter, veto any ordinance or resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors;
 12. Subject to the fiscal provisions of this Charter and budgetary approval by the Board of Supervisors, appoint such staff as may be needed to perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities of the Mayor's office, provided that no member of the staff shall receive a salary in excess of seventy percent of that paid the Mayor. For purposes of this provision, staff does not include the City Administrator, department heads or employees of departments placed under his or her direction by Section 3.104. Notwithstanding any other provisions or limitations of this Charter to the contrary, the Mayor may not designate nor may the City and County employ on the Mayor's behalf any person to act as deputy to the Mayor or any similar employment classification, regardless of title, whose responsibilities include but are not necessarily limited to supervi-

sion of the administration of any department for which the City Administrator, an elected official other than the Mayor or an appointed board or commission is assigned responsibility elsewhere in this Charter;

13. Designate a member of the Board of Supervisors to act as Mayor in the Mayor's absence from the state or during a period of temporary disability;

14. In the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County or its citizens, the Mayor may direct the personnel and resources of any department, command the aid of other persons, and do whatever else the Mayor may deem necessary to meet the emergency;

In meeting an emergency, the Mayor shall act only with the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors, or a majority of its members immediately available if the emergency causes any member of the Board to be absent. The Mayor shall seek the Board's concurrence as soon as is reasonably possible in both the declaration of an emergency and in the action taken to meet the emergency. Normal notice, posting and agenda requirements of the Board of Supervisors shall not be applicable to the Board's actions pursuant to these provisions;

15. Make an appointment to fill any vacancy in an elective office of the City and County until a successor shall have been elected;

16. Subject to the provisions of Charter Section 2.113, submit to the voters a declaration of policy or ordinance on any matter on which the Board of Supervisors is empowered to pass;

17. Have and exercise such other powers as are provided by this Charter or by law for the chief executive officer of a City and County;

18. Unless otherwise specifically provided, make appointments to appointive boards and commissions which shall be effective immediately and remain so, unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days following transmittal of Notice of Appointment to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, without the need for confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The Notice of Appointment shall include the appointee's qualifications to serve and a statement how the appointment represents the communities of interest, neighborhoods and diverse populations of the City and County;

19. Appoint and remove department heads subject to the provisions of this Charter; and

20. Prepare and submit schedule of rates, fees and other similar charges to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 4. Amending Section 4.100 of the Charter.

Section 4.100 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.100. GENERAL.

(a) In addition to the office of the Mayor, the executive branch of the City and County shall be composed of departments, appointive boards, commissions and other units of government. To the extent law permits, each appointive board, commission, or other unit of government of the City and County established by State or Federal law shall be subject to the provisions of this Article and this Charter.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, as of sixteen months after the effective date of this subsection pursuant to California Government Code section 34459 and 34460, there shall be no more than 65 appointive boards or commissions in the City and County government.

(2) (A) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2)(B) hereof, an "appointive board" or "commission" as used in this section includes any body that would be defined as a "legislative body" by California Government

Code § 54952 as it existed on the effective date of this subsection, whether denominated a “board,” “commission,” “council,” “committee,” “task force,” or otherwise. It shall include the commissions and boards established by this Charter: the Port Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the Airport Commission, the Ethics Commission, the Elections Commission, the Fire Commission, the Police Commission, the Planning Commission, the Health Service Board, the Civil Service Commission, the Disability and Aging Services Commission, the Retirement Board, the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board, the Board of Appeals, the Recreation and Park Commission, the Asian Art Commission, the board of trustees of the Fine Arts Museums, and the governing board of the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center.

(B) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(2), an “appointive board” or “commission” subject to the limit established by subsection (b)(1) hereof shall not include (i) the Board of Supervisors, (ii) any standing or special committees of the Board of Supervisors, (iii) committees of an appointive board or commission consisting entirely of that appointive board or commissions members, (iv) the Elections Task Force specified in Section 13.110(d) of this Charter, or (v) the Committee Streamlining Task Force established by subsection (c) hereof.

(c) No later than three months following the effective date of this subsection pursuant to California Government Code sections 34459 and 34460, the City Administrator shall convene a five-member Commission Streamlining Task Force. One commissioner shall be designated by each of (1) the Mayor, (2) the President of the Board of Supervisors, (3) the City Administrator, (4) the City Attorney, and (5) the Controller. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioners designated by the foregoing officers may be employees of the City and County of San Francisco, including employees serving as staff to the appointing authority or authorities of an appointive board or commission. The commissioners shall be subject to removal by their appointing authority.

(d) (1) The Commission Streamlining Task Force shall conduct a comprehensive review of the existing appointive boards and commissions within the City and County, and no later than nine months following the effective date of this subsection pursuant to California Government Code sections 34459 and 34460 it shall prepare and submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a report containing the Commission’s recommendations as to: (i) which of the existing appointive boards and commissions should be dissolved, consolidated, or otherwise restructured to comply with the limitation in subsection (b)(1), (ii) whether any new appointive boards or commissions should be created within that limit, and (iii) whether any functions should be transferred from an one appointive board or commission to another. The City Attorney shall prepare draft legislation that would implement the recommendations of the Commission Streamlining Task Force to accompany the Task Force’s report. The Commission Streamlining Task Force shall cease to exist as of the date specified in subsection (b)(1). In the interim between the submission of its report pursuant to this subsection and its dissolution, the Task Force may provide advisory services to the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor, at their request, relating to matters within the Task Force’s purview.

(2) The Commission Streamlining Task Force shall have the authority to hire staff and consultants as needed, but the City Attorney shall provide legal representation to the Commission Streamlining Task Force as it does to all City bodies. The City Administrator shall provide support functions to the Commission Streamlining Task Force until its staff and office are fully functional.

(e) (1) No later than fifteen months following the effective date of this subsection pursuant to California Government Code sections 34459 and 34460, the Board of Supervisors shall, by ordinance, create, dissolve, reorganize, restructure, or continue appointive boards or commissions to

comply with the limit specified in subsection (b)(1). The failure of the Commission Streamlining Task Force to submit a report and recommendations within the time specified in subsection (d)(1) shall not extend the deadline set forth in this subsection.

(2) (i) In the event the Board of Supervisors fails to meet the deadline specified in subsection (e)(1), all appointive boards and commissions within the City and County shall be dissolved 30 days after that deadline, except those that are required to comply with federal or State law or those specifically provided for in this Charter. Any appointive board or commission that continues in existence because it is required to comply with federal or State law shall be deemed dissolved as soon as that is no longer the case.

(ii) If there is legal uncertainty regarding whether a given appointive board or commission is required to continue in existence pursuant to subsection (e)(2)(i) or regarding whether that requirement no longer applies, the City Attorney shall make the determination, in consultation with the Mayor and the Controller.

(iii) This subsection (e) shall not be construed to require the dissolution or alteration of any executive department that is subject to governance or oversight by an appointive board or commission that is dissolved, but the Board by ordinance, or the Mayor pursuant to Section 4.132, may dissolve, merge, modify, or reorganize any departments that are no longer named in the Charter, including those that may have been created by voter-approved ordinance, as they deem appropriate.

(iv) The dissolution of an appointive board or commission pursuant to this subsection shall not preclude the Board of Supervisors from subsequently re-establishing that Board or Commission by ordinance, provided that it complies with the limit specified by subsection (b)(1).

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the “transition period” specified in subsection (e)(4) hereof, any ordinance that would create, dissolve, reorganize, restructure, or continue any appointive board or commission within the City and County shall require the assent of two-thirds of the membership of the Board of Supervisors. Thereafter, the majority vote threshold for ordinances shall once again apply.

(4) For purposes of this subsection (e)(3), the “transition period” shall begin on the operative date of this subsection pursuant to California Government Code sections 34459 and 34460 and shall end when the Commission Streamlining Task Force submits its report to the Board of Supervisors and to the Mayor pursuant to subsection (d)(1) or upon the date that is nine months following the effective date of this subsection pursuant to California Government Code sections 34459 and 34460, whichever is earlier.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, after the deadline specified in subsection (b)(1), the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, create, dissolve, reorganize, or restructure appointive boards and commissions within the City and County, provided that the numerical limit specified in subsection (b)(1) is not exceeded. By enacting this subsection, the voters hereby grant their permission, notwithstanding section 14.101, for the Board of Supervisors to amend or repeal any ordinance or declaration of policy creating or reorganizing an appointive board or commission that was adopted prior to the effective date of this subsection, by majority vote, notwithstanding the adoption of that ordinance or declaration of policy by a vote of the people and notwithstanding any contrary vote thresholds specified in that ordinance or declaration of policy. In the event that the Board of Supervisors amends or repeals any ordinance or declaration of policy approved by the voters pursuant to this subsection, the Board of Supervisors may identify an appropriate appointive board or commission or department to perform the duties and functions of the appointive board or commission created by that ordinance or declaration of policy.

(g) (1) Any ordinance that creates, reorganizes, or restructures an appointive board or commission, including any ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection (e)(1), shall automatically sunset ten years from its effective date unless the Board of Supervisors specifies a shorter time by ordinance.

(2) Within one year preceding the sunset date specified in subsection (g) (1) or any earlier sunset date specified by ordinance, the Board of Supervisors may enact a new ordinance extending the sunset date for a period not to exceed ten additional years. This section shall not be interpreted to limit the number of times the Board may extend the sunset provision of an ordinance pursuant to this subsection.

(h) (1) The powers, duties and functions of any appointive board or commission that is dissolved pursuant to subsection (e)(2)(i) shall be transferred to the head of the department that was subject to the authority of that appointive board or commission except to the extent that the Board of Supervisors, by ordinance, or the Mayor acting pursuant to Section 4.132, has transferred some or all of those powers, duties, and functions to another executive agency.

(2) The Mayor, by written directive after consultation with the City Attorney, may transfer or eliminate an appointive board or commission's powers, duties, or functions if the department head cannot legally assume them.

(3) All adjudicatory functions exercised by appointive boards or commissions that are dissolved pursuant to subsection (e)(2)(1) shall be performed by a hearing officer or Administrative Law Judge ("ALJs"). The City Administrator shall coordinate the hiring or contracting for hearing officers or ALJs unless the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance making alternative provision therefore.

(4) All references in this Charter to an appointive board or commission, however denominated, that is not created by this Charter or otherwise defined in this Charter shall hereafter be deemed to refer to the department that has responsibility for the subject matter in question or to any appointive board or commission designated by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to subsection (e), (f), or (g) of this section.

(i) Except as otherwise specified in this Charter or state or federal law, no less than two-thirds of the members of any appointive board or commission, as that term is defined in subsection (b)(2), shall be subject to appointment by the Mayor, and except as otherwise specified in this Charter all appointees to such appointive boards or commissions shall be subject to removal by their appointing officer without cause. This section shall apply to any appointive board or commission that is created, reorganized, restructured, or continued by ordinance pursuant to subsections (e), (f), or (g) of this section.

(j) Except where required to comply with federal or state law, all appointive boards and commissions established by ordinance shall only be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor, and may not exercise any administrative, governmental, or management powers. This limitation shall not apply to any appointive board or commission created by this Charter unless expressly provided herein.

(k) Subsections (e) through (j) of this section shall not apply to the San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board established by Chapter 37 of the Administrative Code or to the Refuse Rate Board established by Section 290 of the Health Code, and nothing in this section shall be construed to require that the dissolution of either of those boards, or alterations to their current governance structure or powers and duties.

SECTION 5. Amending Section 4.101 of the Charter.

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

SEC. 4.101. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – COMPOSITION

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, the composition of each appointive board or 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 be broadly representative of the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity of the City and County in ethnicity, race, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and types of disabilities.

(b) All members of such bodies as described in subsection (a) shall be residents of the City and County and the minimum age required to vote in municipal elections in the City and County, at all times during the term of their respective offices, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Charter. Either or both of the requirements set forth in the first sentence of this subsection (b) shall not apply to appointive boards, or commissions, or advisory bodies established by legislative act if the legislation specifically exempts the position from either or both requirements, or if the appointing officer or entity makes a finding that a person meeting both requirements, and willing to serve, could not be located.

(c) It shall be the official City policy that the composition of each appointive board or 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 reflect the interests and contributions of people of all races, ethnicities, ages, sexes, gender identities, sexual orientations, and types of disabilities. The voters therefore urge in the strongest terms all City officers and agencies involved in nominating, appointing, or confirming members of those appointive boards, or commissions, or advisory bodies to consider and as appropriate support the nomination, appointment, or confirmation of women, people of color, seniors, people with disabilities, and people that reflect a range of sexual orientations and gender identities to fill seats on those bodies.

(d) The Commission on the Status of Women shall conduct an analysis of appointments to appointive boards, or commissions, or advisory bodies established in the Charter or by legislative act, in the second and fourth year of each mayoral term to track the diversity of appointments to such bodies. This analysis, to be based only on voluntary disclosures, shall include ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability status, and any other relevant demographic qualities. If the Commission on the Status of Women is dissolved or reorganized pursuant to Section 4.100, subsection (e), (f), or (g), of this Charter, the Board of Supervisors shall designate a successor appointive board or commission or department to conduct this analysis.

(e) Vacancies on appointive boards, or 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.

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

SECTION 6. Amending Section 4.101.5 of the Charter.

Section 4.101.5 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.101.5. HOLD-OVER SERVICE BY BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS.

(a) Application of this Section. Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or required by law, the requirements of this Section shall apply to the members of each appointive board, or commission, or other unit of government of the executive branch of the City and County or otherwise created in the Charter ("Charter Commission"). ~~Citizen advisory committees created in the Charter shall not be considered Charter Commissions for purposes of this Section.~~ The provisions of this Section shall

not apply to appointive boards or commissions created in Article V (Executive Branch – Arts and Culture) or Article XII (Employee Retirement and Health Service Systems) of this Charter.

(b) Limitations on Hold-Over-Service. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the tenure of a member of any Charter Commission shall terminate no later than 60 days after the expiration of the member's term, unless the member is re-appointed. A member may not serve as a hold-over member of a Charter Commission for more than 60 days after the expiration of his or her term. The tenure of any person sitting as a hold-over member on the effective date of this amendment shall terminate no later than 60 days after the effective date of this amendment.

SECTION 7. Amending Section 4.101.1 of the Charter.

Section 4.101.1 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.101.1. PROHIBITION ON BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS SEEKING ELECTIVE OFFICE.

(a) Any member of an appointive board, commission, ~~or other body established by this Charter, other than a citizen advisory committee,~~ shall immediately forfeit his or her seat on the appointive board; or commission; ~~or body~~ upon filing a declaration of candidacy for any State elective office, any elective office referenced in Section 13.101, or the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors.

(b) This Section 4.101.1 shall not apply to members of appointive boards; or commissions; ~~or other bodies~~ who hold elective offices referenced in Section 13.101 of this Charter, including insofar as the elected official serves on another appointive board; or commission; ~~or other body~~ established by this Charter. This Section 4.101.1 also shall not apply to elected members of bodies established by Article XII of this Charter.

SECTION 8. Amending Section 4.102 of the Charter.

Section 4.102 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.102. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – POWERS AND DUTIES.

Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, each appointive board; or commission established in this Charter or included in Section 4.100(k) or other unit of government of the executive branch of the City and County shall:

1. Formulate, evaluate and approve goals, objectives, plans and programs and set policies consistent with the overall objectives of the City and County, as established by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors through the adoption of City legislation;
2. Develop and keep current an Annual Statement of Purpose outlining its areas of jurisdiction, authorities, purpose and goals, subject to review and approval by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors;
3. After public hearing, approve applicable departmental budgets or any budget modifications or fund transfers requiring the approval of the Board of Supervisors, subject to the Mayor's final authority to initiate, prepare and submit the annual proposed budget on behalf of the executive branch and the Board of Supervisors' authority under Section 9.103;
4. Recommend to the Mayor for submission to the Board of Supervisors rates, fees and similar charges with respect to appropriate items coming within their respective jurisdictions;
5. Unless otherwise specifically provided, submit ~~recommend~~ to the Mayor at least three qualified applicants; ~~and if rejected, to make additional nominations in the same manner,~~ for the position of department head under the board or commission's purview, subject to appointment ~~by the Mayor~~ but in no event shall the Mayor be limited to appointing a

person recommended by the board or commission, nor shall the Mayor be compelled to await the recommendations of the board or commission prior to making an appointment;

6. ~~Remove a department head; the Mayor may recommend removal of a department head under the board's or commission's purview to the commission Mayor, and it shall be the commission's duty to act on the Mayor's recommendation by removing or retaining the department head within 30 days; failure to act on the Mayor's recommendation shall constitute official misconduct;~~ but the Mayor shall have no obligation to act upon the board's or commission's recommendation within any particular time, nor does the Mayor need to await such a recommendation before removing a department head;

7. Conduct investigations into any aspect of governmental operations within its jurisdiction through the power of inquiry, and make recommendations to the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors;

8. Exercise such other powers and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Supervisors; and

9. Appoint an executive secretary to manage the affairs and operations of the board or commission.

In furtherance of the discharge of its responsibilities, an appointive board, commission or other unit of government may:

10. Hold hearings and take testimony; and

11. Retain temporary counsel for specific purposes, subject to the consent of the Mayor and the City Attorney.

Each board or commission, relative to the affairs of its own department, shall deal with administrative matters solely through the department head or his or her designees, and any dictation, suggestion or interference herein prohibited on the part of any member of a board or commission shall constitute official misconduct; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall restrict the board or commission's powers of hearing and inquiry as provided in this Charter.

SECTION 9. Amending Section 4.105 of the Charter.

Section 4.105 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.105. PLANNING COMMISSION.

GENERAL. The Planning Commission shall consist of seven members nominated and appointed pursuant to this section. ~~Four~~ Five of the members shall be appointed ~~nominated~~ by the Mayor, and ~~three~~ two of the members shall be appointed ~~nominated~~ by the President of the Board of Supervisors. Charter Section 4.101 shall apply to these appointments, with particular emphasis on the geographic diversity of City neighborhoods. 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 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed approved. 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.~~

~~In order to stagger the terms, three members shall initially serve two-year terms, and four members shall initially service 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 July, 2002, shall expire at 12 o'clock noon on that date, and the four members appointed by the Mayor and the 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 two of the four Mayoral appointees shall serve an initial two-year term, and which one of the three 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.~~

~~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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, certificates of appropriateness for work to designated landmarks and historic districts and applications for alterations to significant or contributory buildings or properties in designated conservation districts that have been approved, disapproved, or modified by the Historic Preservation Commission shall not require approval by the Commission prior to issuance.

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 for the reclassification of property may be made by interested parties and must be reviewed by the Commission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, designation of a landmark, a significant or contributory building, an historic district, or a conservation district shall be reviewed by the Commission only as provided in Section 4.135.

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.

SECTION 10. Amending Section 4.106 of the Charter.

Section 4.106 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.106. BOARD OF APPEALS.

(a) The Board of Appeals shall consist of five members nominated and appointed pursuant to this section. ~~Three~~^{Four} of the members shall be nominated by the Mayor pursuant to Section 3.100(18), and ~~two~~^{one} of the members shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors. ~~Charter Section 4.101 shall apply to these appointments. 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 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed approved. 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.

~~— In order to stagger the terms, three members shall initially serve two-year terms, and two members shall initially service 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 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 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.~~

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, 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.

SECTION 11. Repealing Section 4.107 of the Charter.

Section 4.107 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.107. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

~~— The Human Rights Commission shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor.~~

~~— The Commission shall:~~

~~— 1. Investigate complaints of unlawful discrimination against any person;~~

~~— 2. Ensure the civil rights of all persons;~~

~~— 3. Ensure that the affirmative action plans of each department of the City and County are current and are being properly implemented; and report on the implementation of such affirmative action plans to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors;~~

—4. Promote understanding among the residents of the City and County and work cooperatively with governmental agencies, community group and others to eliminate discrimination and the results of past discrimination by furnishing information, guidance and technical assistance;

—5. Study, investigate, mediate and make recommendations with respect to the solving of community-wide problems resulting in intergroup tensions and discrimination;

—6. Implement the provisions of ordinances prohibiting discrimination in all contracts and subsequent subcontracts, franchises, leases, concessions or other agreements for or on behalf of the City and County; and

—7. Issue such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business, and prepare such ordinances with respect to human rights for consideration by the Board of Supervisors as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

—In performing its duties, the Commission may hold hearings, issue subpoenas to require witnesses to appear and require the production of evidence, administer oaths, take testimony and issue appropriate orders and petitions for court orders in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

SECTION 12. Amending Section 4.108 of the Charter.

Section 4.108 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.108. FIRE COMMISSION.

The Fire Commission shall consist of five members. The first appointment to fill a full term on the Commission following the expiration of terms existing on the effective date of this subsection shall be designated Seat 1. The remaining seats shall be designated Seats 2, 3, 4, and 5. Seats 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100(18), for four-year terms. Seat 1 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for a four-year term. Members may be removed by the Mayor appointing authority. In addition to any other powers set forth in this Charter, the Fire Commission is empowered to prescribe and enforce any reasonable rules and regulations that it deems necessary to provide for the efficiency of the Department, provided that the civil service and ethics provisions of this Charter shall control in the event of any conflict with rules adopted under this section.

SECTION 13. Amending Section 4.109 of the Charter.

Section 4.109 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.109. POLICE COMMISSION.

The Police Commission shall consist of seven members appointed pursuant to this section. The Mayor shall ~~nominate~~ appoint ~~four~~ five members to the commission pursuant to Section 3.100(18), at least one of whom shall be a retired judge or an attorney with trial experience. The Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors, or any successor committee thereto, shall ~~nominate~~ appoint ~~three~~ two other members to the commission. Each nomination shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor's nominations shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors rejects the Mayor's nomination to fill the seat designated for a retired judge or attorney with trial experience, the Mayor shall nominate a different person with such qualifications. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a mayoral nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed. Appointments to fill a vacancy on the commission shall become operative on the date the Board of Supervisors adopts a motion confirming the nomination, or on the 61st day following the date a mayoral nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors if the Board of Supervisors fails to vote on the nomination prior

to such date. Confirmations of nominations to fill a vacancy that will be created upon the expiration of a sitting member's term shall become operative upon the expiration of the sitting member's term, or, if the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a mayoral nomination to fill such anticipated vacancy, on the 61st day following the date the nomination was transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or on the expiration of the sitting member's term, whichever occurs later. The terms and tenures of all members sitting on the commission as of the effective date of the amendments to this section approved at the November 2003 election shall terminate at 12 noon on April 30, 2004. To stagger the terms of the seven members thereafter, of the first four members nominated by the Mayor, two members shall serve terms of two years and two members shall serve terms of four years, and of the three members nominated by the Rules Committee, one member shall serve a term of one year, one member shall serve a term of two years, and one member shall serve a term of three years. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall designate such initial terms by lot. All subsequent appointments to the commission shall be for four-year terms.

The tenure of each member shall terminate upon the expiration of the member's term. The Mayor shall transmit a nomination or renomination to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the term of a member nominated by the Mayor. For vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a member's term, within 60 days following the creation of such vacancy, the Mayor shall nominate a member to fill such vacancy if the vacancy is for a seat filled by nomination of the Mayor.

The District Attorney, Sheriff and Public Defender may recommend persons to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for nomination or appointment to the Police Commission.

The Mayor, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, may remove a member the Mayor has ~~nominated~~ appointed. The Board of Supervisors may remove a member the Rules Committee ~~it has nominated~~ appointed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, the Chief of Police may be removed by the ~~Commission or the Mayor, pursuant to section 3.100(19) acting jointly or separately of each other.~~ In addition to any other powers set forth in this Charter, the Police Commission is empowered to prescribe and enforce any reasonable rules and regulations that it deems necessary to provide for the efficiency of the Department, provided that the civil service and ethics provisions of this Charter shall control in the event of any conflict with rules adopted under this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the Police Commission may adopt policies to set the priorities of the Police Department but may not adopt rules, regulations, or policies that impose any requirement or prohibition on the conduct of Police Department employees.

SECTION 14. Repealing Section 4.110 of the Charter.

Section 4.110 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.110. HEALTH COMMISSION.

—The Health Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. The Commission shall have less than a majority of direct care providers. Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105. The Commission shall control the property under its jurisdiction.

—The Commission and the Department shall manage and control the City and County hospitals, emergency medical services, and in general provide for the preservation, promotion and protection of the physical and mental health of the inhabitants of the City and County, except where the Charter grants such authority to another officer or department. The Commission and the Department may also determine the nature and character of public nuisances and provide for their abatement.

SECTION 15. Repealing Section 4.111 of the Charter.

Section 4.111 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.111. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION.

~~The Human Services Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105.~~

SECTION 16. Amending Section 4.112 of the Charter.

Section 4.112 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.112. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

(a) ~~The Public Utilities Commission shall consist of five members. The first appointment to fill a full term on the Commission following the expiration of terms existing on the effective date of this subsection shall be designated Seat 1. The remaining seats shall be designated Seats 2, 3, 4, and 5. Seats 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be appointed by the Mayor pursuant to Section 3.100(18), subject to confirmation by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Seat 1 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each of the members shall serve for a term of four years. Members may be removed by the Mayor appointing officer only pursuant to Section 15.105.~~

(b) ~~Seat 1 on the Commission shall be a member with experience in environmental policy and an understanding of environmental justice issues. Seat 2 shall be a member with experience in ratepayer or consumer advocacy. Seat 3 shall be a member with experience in project finance. Seat 4 shall be a member with expertise in water systems, power systems, or public utility management, and Seat 5 shall be an at-large member. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint Seat 1; the Mayor shall appoint Seats 2, 3, 4, and 5.~~

(c) ~~The respective terms of office of members of the Public Utilities Commission who old office on August 1, 2008 shall expire at noon on that date, and the members appointed pursuant to the amendments to this Section approved at the June 2008 election shall succeed to said office at that time. In order to provide for staggered terms, the members appointed to Seats 2 and 4 shall serve for an initial term of two years from August 1, 2008. The remaining three members appointed to Seats 1, 3, and 5 shall serve for an initial term of four years from August 1, 2008, and thereafter the terms of all members shall be four years.~~

~~(d) The Commission shall have charge of the construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all water and energy supplies and utilities of the City as well as the real, personal and financial assets, which are under the Commission's jurisdiction on the operative date of this Charter, or assigned pursuant to Section 4.132.~~

SECTION 17. Amending Section 4.113 of the Charter.

Section 4.113 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.113. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION.

~~The Recreation and Park Commission shall consist of seven members. The first and third appointments to fill full terms on the Commission following the expiration of terms existing on the effective date of this subsection shall be designated Seats 1 and 3. The remaining seats shall be designated Seats 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Seats 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100(18), for four-year terms. Seats 1 and 3 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105 appointing authority.~~

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

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

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

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

The Department shall have the power to construct new parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, recreation facilities, squares and grounds, and to erect and maintain buildings and structures on parks, playgrounds, square, avenues and grounds, except as follows:

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

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

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

SECTION 18. Amending Section 4.115 of the Charter.

Section 4.115 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.115. AIRPORT COMMISSION.

~~The Airport Commission shall consist of five members. The first appointment to fill a full term on the Commission following the expiration of terms existing on the effective date of this subsection shall be designated Seat 1. The remaining seats shall be designated Seats 2, 3, 4, and 5. Seats 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100(18), for four-year terms. Seat 1 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for a four-year term. Members may be removed by the Mayor appointing authority only pursuant to Section 15.105.~~

~~The Commission shall provide the Mayor with at least three qualified candidates for Director of Airports, related on the basis of executive, administrative and technical qualifications.~~

The Commission shall have charge of the construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets which are under the Commission's jurisdiction.

Subject to the approval, amendment or rejection of the Board of Supervisors of each issue, the Commission shall have exclusive authority to plan and issue revenue bonds for airport-related purposes.

SECTION 19. Repealing Section 4.117 of the Charter.

Section 4.117 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 4.117. ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION.~~

~~The San Francisco Entertainment Commission shall consist of seven members nominated and appointed pursuant to this section. The Mayor shall nominate four members to the commission, and the Board of Supervisors shall appoint, by motion, three other members to the commission. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be 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 of Supervisors fails to act on a mayoral nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed approved. Appointments to the commission shall become effective on the date the Board of Supervisors adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day following the date the mayoral nomination was transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors if the Board of Supervisors fails to act upon the nomination prior to such date.~~

~~Of the four members nominated by the Mayor, the Mayor shall nominate one member to represent the interests of City neighborhood associations or groups, one member to represent the interests of entertainment associations or groups, one member to represent the interests of the urban planning community, and one member to represent the interests of the law enforcement community. Of the three members of the commission appointed by the Board of Supervisors, one member shall represent the interests of City neighborhood associations or groups, one member shall represent the interests of entertainment associations or groups, and one member shall represent the interests of the public health community.~~

~~To stagger the terms of the members, the initial appointments to the commission shall be as follows: the Mayor shall nominate two members to serve terms of four years, one member to serve a term of three years, and one member to serve a term of two years. Of the three remaining members of the commission, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint one member to serve a term of four years, one member to serve a term of three years, and one member to serve a term of two years. Except for appointments to fill a vacancy, all subsequent appointments shall be for a term of four years.~~

~~Members of the commission nominated by the Mayor may be suspended by the Mayor and removed by the Board of Supervisors only as set forth in Section 15.105. Members of the commission appointed directly by the Board of Supervisors may be suspended by a motion of the Board of Supervisors approved by six votes and may be removed by the Board of Supervisors only as set forth in Section 15.105.~~

SECTION 20. Amending Section 4.118 of the Charter.

Section 4.118 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 4.118. COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

~~The Commission on the Environment shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor.~~

The Department of the Environment shall regularly produce an assessment of San Francisco's environmental condition. It shall also produce and regularly update plans for the long-term environmental sustainability of San Francisco.

Pursuant to the policies and directives set by the Board of Supervisors or any appointive board or commission designated by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to section 4.100, subsection (e), (f), or (g), of this Charter Commission, and under the supervision and direction of the department head, the Department shall manage the environmental programs, duties and functions assigned to it pursuant to Section 4.132 or by ordinance.

The Commission/Department shall have the authority to review and make recommendations on any policy proposed for adoption by any City agency regarding conformity with the long-term plans for environmental sustainability, except for those regarding building and land use.

The Commission/Department may investigate and make recommendations to all City agencies related to operations and functions, such as:

1. Solid waste management;
2. Recycling;
3. Energy conservation;
4. Natural resource conservation;
5. Environmental inspections;
6. Toxics;
7. Urban forestry and natural resources;
8. Habitat restoration; and
9. Hazardous materials.

The Commission/Department shall conduct public education and outreach to the community on environmental issues, including, but not limited to each of the categories listed above.

Any references to a "Commission on the Environment" in this Charter shall mean the Department on the Environment.

SECTION 21. Repealing Section 4.119 of the Charter.

Section 4.119 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 4.119. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.~~

~~The Commission on the Status of Women shall consist of seven members. Commission members shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105. The Commission shall develop and recommend policies and practices for the City and County to reduce the particular impacts on women and girls of problems such as domestic violence, sexual harassment, employment and health care inequity, and homelessness, as well as advocate on behalf of women and girls in such areas. The Commission may be assigned additional duties and functions by ordinance or pursuant to Section 4.132.~~

SECTION 22. Amending Section 4.120 of the Charter.

Section 4.120 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.120. DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION.

(a) The Disability and Aging Services Commission shall consist of seven members. Five shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100(18), for four-year terms. Two shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor/appointing authority. The Commission shall oversee the Department of Disability and Aging Services, including the functions of the

Public Guardian/Administrator, as well as carry out any additional duties and functions assigned to the Commission by ordinance or pursuant to Section 4.132.

(b) As of January 15, 2020, Seat 1 on the Commission shall be held by a person who is 60 years old or older; Seat 2 shall be held by a person with a disability, as defined under the Americans With Disabilities Act, who is 18 years old or older; and Seat 3 shall be held by a person who served in the United States military and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Seats 4, 5, 6, and 7, shall have no required qualifications in addition to those set forth in Section 4.101. The Mayor shall appoint Seats 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint Seats 2 and 4.

(c) For the purpose of calculating the terms of particular seats on the Commission, Seats 1, 2, and 3 are hereby designated as the seats with terms ending on January 15, 2020. Notwithstanding Charter Section 4.101.5, members in those seats who do not as of January 15, 2020 hold the qualifications set forth in subsection (b) respectively may no longer serve in those seats.

SECTION 23. Repealing Section 4.121 of the Charter.

Section 4.121 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 4.121. BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION.~~

~~—The Building Inspection Commission shall consist of seven members nominated and appointed pursuant to this Section 4.121 and with an emphasis on seeking to include members concerned with tenant safety and habitability issues. Four members shall be nominated by the Mayor for a term of two years. Three members shall be nominated by the President of the Board of Supervisors for a term of two years. Two of the four Mayoral appointments shall each have one or more of the following qualifications: be an active, formerly active, or retired structural engineer, architect, or residential builder. One of the three Board President appointments shall have one or more of the following qualifications: be a residential tenant or work or have worked for a non-profit housing organization.~~

~~—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 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed approved. 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. Vacancies occurring in the offices of members, shall be nominated and appointed in accordance with the appointment process specified in this paragraph.~~

~~—The Building Inspection Commission shall have responsibility for oversight of the Department of Building Inspection, which shall have responsibility for the enforcement, administration, and interpretation of the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes, except where this Charter specifically grants that power to another department.~~

~~—The Commission shall oversee the inspection and regulation of additions, alterations, and repairs in all buildings and structures covered by the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes. However, nothing in this Section 4.121 shall diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission or Department over changes of use or occupancy under the Planning Code. The Commission shall ensure the provision of minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property, and the public welfare by regulating and controlling the safe use of such buildings and structures. The Commission shall ensure~~

~~the vigorous enforcement of City laws mandating the provision of heat and hot water to residential tenants. The Commission shall also ensure the enforcement of local, state, and federal disability access laws. The Commission shall exercise all the powers and duties of boards and commissions set forth in Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104, and may take other actions as prescribed by ordinance. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.~~

~~—The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with fulfilling its responsibilities under this Charter. The Commission shall also adopt rules and regulations governing Commission meetings and also adopt requirements for notification and mailing for Commission business. The Commission shall hold public hearings on all proposed amendments to the San Francisco Building Code, Electrical Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code, and Mechanical Code.~~

~~—The Commission shall constitute the Abatement Appeals Board, and shall assume all powers granted to this entity under this Charter and the San Francisco Building Code. The Commission shall appoint and may remove at its pleasure members of the Board of Examiners, Access Appeals Commission, and Code Advisory Committee, all of which shall have the powers and duties to the extent set forth in the San Francisco Building Code.~~

~~—The Commission may reverse, affirm, or modify determinations made by the Department of Building Inspection on all permits required for a final certificate of completion. The Commission's jurisdiction under this paragraph, however, shall not extend to permits appealable to the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals. Appeals of decisions within the Commission's jurisdiction must be filed with the Commission within fifteen days of the challenged determination. The Commission's action shall be final.~~

SECTION 24. Repealing Section 4.122 of the Charter.

Section 4.122 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 4.122. YOUTH COMMISSION.~~

~~—There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Youth Commission (hereinafter called "Commission") to advise the Board of Supervisors and Mayor on issues relating to children and youth. The Commission shall operate under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.~~

SECTION 25. Repealing Section 4.123 of the Charter.

Section 4.123 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 4.123. YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP; APPOINTMENT; TERMS; MEETINGS; COMPENSATION; DIRECTOR.~~

~~—(a) Commission Membership. The Commission shall consist of seventeen (17) voting members, each of whom shall be between the ages of 12 and 23 years at the time of appointment. Each member of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor shall appoint one member to the Commission. The Mayor shall also appoint five (5) members from underrepresented communities to ensure that the Commission represents the diversity of the City. All appointments shall be completed by the sixtieth day after the effective date of this charter amendment and by that date of each year thereafter. Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities.~~

~~—The Commission shall consist of individuals who have an understanding of the needs of young people in San Francisco, or experience with children and youth programs or youth organizations, or involvement with school or community activities. The members shall represent the diversity of ethnicity, race, gender and sexual orientation of the people of the City and County, and shall be residents of the City and County.~~

—(b) Term of Office. Members shall serve a term of one year. The first one year term for all members shall begin upon the date the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors certifies that all members of the Commission have been appointed following the adoption of this charter amendment. Future terms of office shall begin on that date of each successive year. Members shall conduct the first meeting of the Commission within thirty days of the appointment of all members.

— In the event a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any voting member, a successor shall be appointed to complete the unexpired term of the office vacated in a manner similar to that which the member was initially appointed.

—(c) Removal of Members. Any member whom the Commission certifies to have missed three regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission in any six month period without prior authorization of the Commission shall be deemed to have resigned from the Commission effective on the date of the written certification from the Commission.

—(d) Compensation. Members of the Commission shall not be compensated, nor shall they be reimbursed for expenses.

—(e) Meetings. The Commission shall meet at least once a month.

—(f) Minutes of Meetings. The Commission shall prepare and maintain permanent minutes of the actions taken during its meetings, and shall file copies with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

—(g) Bylaws. To aid in the orderly conduct of business, the Commission shall have the authority to create, amend, and repeal its own code of bylaws.

SECTION 26. Repealing Section 4.124 of the Charter.

Section 4.124 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.124. YOUTH COMMISSION – PURPOSE AND DUTIES.

—The purpose of the Commission is to collect all information relevant to advising the Board of Supervisors and Mayor on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco. Before the Board of Supervisors takes final action on any matter that primarily affects children and youth of the City and County, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall refer the matter to the Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission shall provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days of the date the Board of Supervisors referred the matter to the Commission. After the 12 day period has elapsed, the Board of Supervisors may act on the matter whether or not the Board has received a response. This referral requirement shall not apply to any matter where immediate action by the Board of Supervisors is necessary to protect the public interest. The Commission shall have the following duties and functions:

—(a) Identify the concerns and needs of the children and youth of San Francisco; examine existing social, economic, educational, and recreational programs for children and youth; develop and propose plans that support or improve such programs; and make recommendations thereon to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

—(b) Identify the unmet needs of San Francisco’s children and youth through personal contact with these young people, school officials, church leaders, and others; and hold public forums in which both youth and adults are encouraged to participate.

—(c) Elicit the interest, support, and mutual cooperation of private groups (such as fraternal orders, service clubs, associations, churches, businesses, and youth organizations) and City-wide neighborhood planning collaborative efforts for children, youth and families that initiate and sponsor recommendations that address the social, economic, educational,

and recreational needs of children and youth in San Francisco. Advise the Board of Supervisors and Mayor about how such recommendations could be coordinated in the community to eliminate duplication in cost and effort.

—(d) Advise about available sources of governmental and private funding for youth programs.

—(e) Submit recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors about juvenile crime prevention, job opportunities for youth, recreational activities for teenagers, opportunities for effective participation by youth in the governmental process, and changes in City and County regulations that are necessary to improve the social, economic, educational, and recreational advantages of children and youth.

—(f) Respond to requests for comment and recommendation on matters referred to the Commission by officers, departments, agencies, boards, commissions and advisory committees of the City and County.

—(g) Report to the Board of Supervisors the activities, goals, and accomplishments of the Commission by July 1 of each calendar year, effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 27. Repealing Section 4.125 of the Charter.

Section 4.125 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.125. JURISDICTION.

—The Commission shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors; the Commission shall have only those powers created by Sections 4.122 through 4.125 or by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 28. Repealing Section 4.133 of the Charter.

Section 4.133 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.133. HOMELESSNESS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

—(a) There shall be a Homelessness Oversight Commission (“Commission”) to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“Department”), or any successor agency. The Department shall, to the extent prescribed by ordinance, manage and direct housing, programs, and services for persons experiencing homelessness in the City, including, but not limited to, street outreach, homeless shelters, transitional housing, homelessness prevention, and permanent supportive housing.

—(b) The Commission shall consist of seven members, appointed as follows:

—(1) Seats 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within those 60 days, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Seat 1 shall be held by a person who has personally experienced homelessness. Seat 2 shall be held by a person with significant experience providing services to or engaging in advocacy on behalf of persons experiencing homelessness. Seat 3 shall be held by a person with expertise in mental health service delivery or substance use treatment. Seat 4 shall be held by a person with a record of participation in a merchants’ or small business association, or neighborhood association. In addition to the aforementioned qualifications, at least one of the Mayor’s appointees shall have experience in budgeting, finance, and auditing.

—(2) Seats 5, 6, and 7 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Seat 5 shall be held by a person who has personally experienced homelessness. Seat 6 shall be held by a person with significant experi-

ence providing services to or engaging in advocacy on behalf of persons experiencing homelessness. Seat 7 shall be held by a person with significant experience working with homeless families with children and/or homeless youth.

— (3) Section 4.101 shall apply to these appointments, with a particular emphasis on diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and types of disabilities.

— (c) Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities and may be removed by their appointing authorities at any time. Vacancies shall be filled by the respective appointing authorities as prescribed in subsections (b)(1) and (2).

— (d) Commissioners shall serve four-year terms, beginning at noon on May 1, 2023; provided, however, the term of the initial appointees in Seats 1, 4, and 6 shall be a two-year term, expiring at noon on May 1, 2025.

— (e) The Commission shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and officers for other such positions, if any, that it chooses to create.

— (f) The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

— (1) With respect to the Department, the Commission shall exercise all of the powers and duties of boards and commissions as set forth in Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104, including but not limited to, approving applicable departmental budgets, formulating annual and long-term goals consistent with the overall objectives of the City and County, establishing departmental performance standards, holding hearings and taking testimony, conducting public education and outreach concerning programs and services for homeless persons in San Francisco, and issues concerning homelessness, and conducting performance audits of the Department to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department's delivery of services to persons experiencing homelessness and persons participating in programs overseen by the Department, and the extent to which the Department has met the annual goals and performance standards established by the Commission.

— (2) Notwithstanding the Commission's authority to review and set policies, the Commission shall not have the authority to approve, disapprove, or modify criteria used to ascertain eligibility or priority for programs and/or services operated or provided by the Department, where such criteria are required as a condition of the receipt of state or federal funding.

— (g) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors shall make their initial appointments to Seats 1-7, respectively, on the Commission by no later than noon, March 1, 2023. The Commission shall come into existence upon the appointment, and confirmation where required, of four members, or at noon on May 1, 2023, whichever is later. The Commission shall have its inaugural meeting within 30 days of its coming into existence.

— (h) By no later than May 1, 2023, the City shall enact an ordinance that:

— (1) Amends Article XXXI of Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code, to provide that the Commission shall appoint all members of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board (“LHCB”) and that the LHCB's sole duties shall be to serve as the Continuum of Care governing body and to advise the Commission on issues relating to the City's participation in the Continuum of Care program. This subsection (h)(1) shall not preclude the City by ordinance from amending said Article XXXI in a manner that is not inconsistent with this subsection or as necessary to comply with federal requirements relating to the Continuum of Care.

— (2) Amends Article XII of Chapter 20 of the Administrative Code, to provide that the Shelter Monitoring Committee shall advise the Commis-

sion in lieu of advising the LHCB. This subsection (h)(2) shall not preclude the City by ordinance from amending said Article XII in a manner that is not inconsistent with this subsection.

— (3) Amends Article XLI of Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code and Section 2810 of Article 28 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, to provide that the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee (“Oversight Committee”) shall advise and make recommendations to the Commission and the Health Commission, in addition to advising and making recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, on administration of the Our City, Our Home Fund (“Fund”) and on monies appropriated from the Fund, which monies are subject to the City budget approval process set forth in Article IX of the Charter, and to provide that the needs assessment conducted by the Oversight Committee shall inform the Department's strategic planning process. This subsection (h) (3) shall not preclude the City by ordinance from amending said Article XLI and said Section 2810 in a manner that is not inconsistent with this subsection, Section 2811 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, and Articles XXHA and XXHC of the California Constitution, as may be amended from time to time.

— (i) The references in subsection (h) to the LHCB, Shelter Monitoring Committee, and Oversight Committee do not change their character as bodies created by ordinance. Accordingly, they are not subject to provisions in the Charter or Municipal Code that apply exclusively to bodies enumerated in the Charter or created by the Charter, including but not limited to Charter Sections 4.101.1 and 4.101.5.

— (j) Within one year of the effective date of the ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors in compliance with subsection (h), the City Attorney shall cause subsections (h)-(j) of this Section 4.133 to be removed from the Charter.

SECTION 29. Repealing Section 4.134 of the Charter.

Section 4.134 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.134. SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION:

— (a) There shall be a Small Business Commission to oversee the San Francisco Office of Small Business. The Commission shall consist of seven members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The Mayor shall appoint four members of the Commission; the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the remaining three members. The Mayor shall designate two of his or her initial appointments to serve for two-year terms; the Board of Supervisors shall designate one of its initial appointments to serve a two-year term. Thereafter, all commissioners shall serve for four-year terms.

— (b) At least five of the individuals appointed to the Commission shall be owners, operators, or officers of San Francisco small businesses. One of the individuals appointed to the Commission may be either a current or former owner, operator, or officer of a San Francisco small business. One member of the Commission may be an officer or representative of a neighborhood economic development organization or an expert in small business finance.

— Pursuant to Government Code Section 87103, individuals appointed to the Commission under this Section are intended to represent and further the interest of the particular industries, trades, or professions specified herein. Accordingly, it is found that for purposes of persons who hold such office, the specified industries, trades, or professions are tantamount to and constitute the public generally within the meaning of Government Code Section 87103.

— (c) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors shall select Commission members who reflect the diversity of neighborhood and small business interests in the City.

SECTION 30. Repealing Section 4.135 of the Charter.

Section 4.135 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.135. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

~~—GENERAL. There is hereby created a Historic Preservation Commission, which shall advise the City on historic preservation matters, participate in processes that involve historic or cultural resources, and take such other actions concerning historic preservation as may be prescribed by ordinance. The Historic Preservation Commission shall consist of seven members nominated by the Mayor and subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Supervisors.~~

~~—The term and tenure of all members sitting on the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, created under Article 10 of the Planning Code, as of the effective date of this section shall terminate on December 31, 2008. Of the original appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission, four shall be for a four-year term and three for a two-year term as follows; the odd-numbered seats shall be for four-year terms and the even-numbered seats shall be for two-year terms. After the expiration of the original terms, all appointments shall be for four-year terms, provided however, that a member may holdover until a successor has been nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Supervisors. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a member may serve.~~

~~—The original nominations shall be made no later than 31 days after the date of the election creating this section. If the Mayor fails to nominate an original appointment within said period, the nomination for the original appointment may be made by the President of the Board of Supervisors, subject to the approval of a majority of the Board of Supervisors.~~

~~—Within 60 days of the expiration of a term or other vacancy the Mayor shall nominate a qualified person to fill the vacant seat for the term, or the remainder of the term, subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Supervisors who shall hold a public hearing and vote on the nomination within 60 days of the Mayor's transmittal of the nomination to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. If the Mayor fails to make such nomination within 60 days, the nomination may be made by the President of the Board of Supervisors, subject to the approval of a majority of the Board of Supervisors. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board of Supervisors adopts a motion approving the nomination or after 60 days from the date the Mayor transmits the nomination to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors if the Board of Supervisors fails to act.~~

~~—Members may be removed by the appointing officer only pursuant to Section 15.105.~~

~~—QUALIFICATIONS. In addition to the specific requirements set forth below, members of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be persons specially qualified by reason of interest, competence, knowledge, training and experience in the historic, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural traditions of the City; interested in the preservation of its historic structures, sites and areas, and residents of the City. Six of the members of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be specifically qualified in the following fields:~~

~~—1. Seats 1 and 2: licensed architects meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for historic architecture;~~

~~—2. Seat 3: an architectural historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for architectural history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area architectural history;~~

~~—3. Seat 4: an historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area history;~~

~~—4. Seat 5: an historic preservation professional or professional in a field such as law, land use, community planning or urban design with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in historic preservation or historic preservation planning;~~

~~—5. Seat 6 shall be specially qualified in one of the following fields or in one of the fields set forth for Seats 1, 2, or 3;~~

~~— a. A professional archeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for Archeology;~~

~~— b. A real estate professional or contractor who has demonstrated a special interest, competence, experience, and knowledge in historic preservation;~~

~~— c. A licensed structural engineer with at least four years of experience in seismic and structural engineering principals applied to historic structures; or~~

~~— d. A person with training and professional experience with materials conservation.~~

~~— Seat 7 shall be an at large seat subject to the minimum qualifications set forth above.~~

~~—LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS. The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors. The Historic Preservation Commission shall send recommendations regarding landmarks designations to the Board of Supervisors without referral or recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission shall refer recommendations regarding historic district designations to the Planning Commission, which shall have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed designation, which comments, if any, shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors together with the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation. Decisions of the Historic Preservation Commission to disapprove designation of a landmark or historic district shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors.~~

~~—CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS. The Historic Preservation Commission shall approve, disapprove, or modify certificates of appropriateness for work to designated landmarks or within historic districts. For minor alterations, the Historic Preservation Commission may delegate this function to staff, whose decision may be appealed to the Historic Preservation Commission.~~

~~For projects that require multiple planning approvals, the Historic Preservation Commission must review and act on any Certificate of Appropriateness before any other planning approval action. For projects that (1) require a conditional use permit or permit review under Section 309, et seq., of the Planning Code and (2) do not concern an individually land-marked property, the Planning Commission may modify any decision on a Certificate of Appropriateness by a 2/3 vote, provided that the Planning Commission shall apply all applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.~~

~~—For projects that are located on vacant lots, the Planning Commission may modify any decision on a Certificate of Appropriateness by a two-thirds vote, provided that the Planning Commission shall apply all applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.~~

~~—The Historic Preservation Commission or Planning Commission's decision on a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Appeals, which may modify the decision by a 4/5 vote; provided, however, that if the project requires Board of Supervisors approval or is appealed to the Board of Supervisors as a conditional use, the~~

decision shall not be appealable to the Board of Appeals, but rather to the Board of Supervisors, which may modify the decision by a majority vote.

~~SIGNIFICANT OR CONTRIBUTORY BUILDING AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS IN THE C-3 DISTRICTS.~~ The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of Significant or Contributory building and Conservation District designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors. The Historic Preservation Commission shall send recommendations regarding Significant or Contributory Buildings to the Board of Supervisors without referral or recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission shall refer recommendations regarding Conservation District designations to the Planning Commission, which shall have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed designation, which comments, if any, shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors together with the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation. Decisions of the Historic Preservation Commission to disapprove designation of a Significant or Contributory building or Conservation District shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

~~ALTERATION OF SIGNIFICANT OR CONTRIBUTORY BUILDINGS OR BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE C-3 DISTRICTS.~~ The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to determine if a proposed alteration is a Major Alteration or a Minor Alteration. The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to approve, disapprove, or modify applications for permits to alter or demolish designated Significant or Contributory buildings or buildings within Conservation Districts. For Minor Alterations, the Historic Preservation Commission may delegate this function to staff, whose decision may be appealed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

—For projects that require multiple planning approvals, the Historic Preservation Commission must review and act on any permit to alter before any other planning approval action. For projects that (1) require a conditional use permit or permit review under Section 309, et seq., of the Planning Code and (2) do not concern a designated Significant (Categories I and II) or Contributory (Category III only) building, the Planning Commission may modify any decision on a permit to alter by a 2/3 vote, provided that the Planning Commission shall apply all applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.

—For projects that are located on vacant lots, the Planning Commission may modify any decision on a permit to alter by a two-thirds vote, provided that the Planning Commission shall apply all applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.

—The Historic Preservation Commission's or Planning Commission's decision on a permit to alter shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Appeals, which may modify the decision by a 4/5 vote; provided, however, that if the project requires Board of Supervisors approval or is appealed to the Board of Supervisors as a conditional use, the decision shall not be appealable to the Board of Appeals, but rather to the Board of Supervisors, which may modify the decision by a majority vote.

~~MILLS ACT CONTRACTS.~~ The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of historical property contracts to the Board of Supervisors, without referral or recommendation of the Planning Commission.

~~PRESERVATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN.~~ The Historic Preservation Commission shall recommend to the Planning Commission a Preservation Element of the General Plan and shall periodically recommend to the Planning Commission proposed amendments to such Preservation Element of the General Plan. Other objectives, policies, and provisions of the General Plan and special area, neighborhood, and other plans designed to carry out the General Plan, and proposed amendments

thereto, that are not contained within such Preservation Element but that concern historic preservation shall be referred to the Historic Preservation Commission for its comment and recommendations prior to action by the Planning Commission. When the Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors for approval or rejection proposed amendments to the General Plan that concern historic preservation, any recommendation or comments of the Historic Preservation Commission on such proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for its information.

~~REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MATTERS.~~ The following matters shall, prior to passage by the Board of Supervisors, be submitted for written report by the Historic Preservation Commission regarding effects upon historic or cultural resources: ordinances and resolutions concerning historic preservation issues and historic resources; redevelopment project plans; waterfront land use and project plans; and such other matters as may be prescribed by ordinance. If the Planning Commission is required to take action on the matter, the Historic Preservation Commission shall submit any report to the Planning Commission as well as to the Board of Supervisors; otherwise, the Historic Preservation Commission shall submit any report to the Board of Supervisors.

~~OTHER DUTIES.~~ For proposed projects that may have an impact on historic or cultural resources, the Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to review and comment upon environmental documents under the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Historic Preservation Commission shall act as the City's local historic preservation review commission for the purposes of the Certified Local Government Program, may recommend properties for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and may review and comment on federal undertakings where authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act. The Historic Preservation Commission shall review and comment upon any agreements proposed under the National Historic Preservation Act where the City is a signatory prior to any approval action on such agreement. The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to oversee and direct the survey and inventory of historic properties.

—Once a quorum of members of the Historic Preservation Commission has been originally appointed and approved, the Historic Preservation Commission shall assume any powers and duties assigned to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board until the Municipal Code has been amended to reflect the creation of the Historic Preservation Commission.

~~BUDGET, FEES, DEPARTMENT HEAD, AND STAFF.~~ The provisions of Charter subsections 4.102(3), 4.102(4), 4.102(5), and 4.102(6) shall not apply to the Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission may review and make recommendations on the Planning Department budget and on any rates, fees, and similar charges with respect to appropriate items coming within the Historic Preservation Commission's jurisdiction to the department head of the Planning Department or the Planning Commission. The department head of the Planning Department shall assume the powers and duties that would otherwise be executed by an Historic Preservation Commission department head. The Planning Department shall render staff assistance to the Historic Preservation Commission.

SECTION 31. Repealing Section 4.137 of the Charter.

Section 4.137 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.137. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT:

—(a) Establishment of Oversight Board:

—(1) The Sheriff's Department Oversight Board ("SDOB") is hereby established. The SDOB shall consist of seven members. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint four members (to Seats 1, 2, 3, and 4), and the

Mayor shall appoint three members (to Seats 5, 6, and 7). Seat 4 shall be held by a person with experience in labor representation.

— (2) Members shall serve four-year terms, beginning at noon on March 1, 2021; provided, however, the term of the initial appointees to Seats 1, 3, and 5 shall expire at noon on March 1, 2023, whereas the term of the initial appointees to Seats 2, 4, 6, and 7 shall expire at noon on March 1, 2025.

— (3) No person may serve more than three successive terms as a member. No person having served three successive terms may serve as a member until at least four years after the expiration of the third successive term. Service for a part of a term that is more than half the period of the term shall count as a full term; further, this subsection (a)(3) makes no distinction between the two-year terms referenced in subsection (a)(2) and four-year terms.

— (4) Members may be removed from office only for official misconduct under Article XV.

— (5) All members shall complete a training and orientation on custodial law enforcement, constitutional policing, and Sheriff's Department ("SFSD") policies and procedures, within 90 days of assuming office for their first term. The Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee shall prescribe the content of and shall administer the training and orientation regarding SFSD patrol and custodial law enforcement, policies and procedures. SFSD shall develop the training content based on guidelines recommended by the National Association of Civilian Oversight for Law Enforcement ("NACOLE") or successor association, the Bar Association of San Francisco or successor association, and/or the American Civil Liberties Union, and SFSD shall consult with the Department of Police Accountability, Public Defender, and the District Attorney in developing the training content.

— (b) SDOB Powers and Duties. The SDOB shall:

— (1) Appoint, and may remove, the Inspector General in the Sheriff's Department Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), established in subsection (d).

— (2) Evaluate the work of the OIG, and may review the Inspector General's individual work performance.

— (3) Compile, evaluate, and recommend law enforcement custodial and patrol best practices.

— (4) Conduct community outreach and receive community input regarding SFSD operations and jail conditions, by holding public meetings and soliciting input from persons incarcerated in the City and County.

— (5) Prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors regarding the SDOB evaluations and outreach, and OIG reports submitted to SDOB.

— (6) By March 1 of each year, prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors or a committee designated by the President of the Board, an annual report that includes a summary of SDOB evaluations and outreach, and OIG reports submitted to SDOB, for the prior calendar year.

— (c) In performing its duties, the SDOB may hold hearings, issue subpoenas to witnesses to appear and for the production of evidence, administer oaths, and take testimony.

— (d) Establishment of Office of Inspector General. There is hereby established the Sheriff's Department Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), which shall be a department under the SDOB, and separate from the Sheriff's Department. The OIG shall be headed by the Inspector General, appointed by the SDOB as set forth in subsection (b)(1). The Inspector General shall be exempt from civil service selection, appointment, and removal procedures.

— (e) OIG Powers and Duties. The OIG shall:

— (1) Receive, review, and investigate complaints against SFSD employees and SFSD contractors; provided, however, that the OIG shall refer complaints alleging criminal misconduct to the District Attorney, and refer complaints alleging violations of ethics laws to the Ethics Commission.

— (2) Investigate the death of any individual in the custody of the SFSD. The OIG shall refer evidence of criminal misconduct regarding any death in custody to the District Attorney. Notwithstanding such a referral, the OIG may continue to investigate a death in custody unless OIG's investigation will interfere with a criminal investigation conducted by the District Attorney, or any law enforcement agency to which the District Attorney may refer the evidence of criminal misconduct.

— (3) Recommend disciplinary action to the Sheriff where, following an investigation pursuant to subsection (e)(1) or (e)(2), the OIG determines that an employee's actions or omissions violated law or SFSD policy; provide notice of and a copy of the recommendation, the reasons for the recommendation, and supporting records, to the extent permitted by State or federal law, to the employee; and make available to the public any records and information regarding OIG's disciplinary recommendations to the extent permitted by State or federal law.

— (4) Develop and recommend to the Sheriff an SFSD use of force policy and a comprehensive internal review process for all use of force and critical incidents.

— (5) Prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Sheriff and the SDOB regarding OIG investigations that includes the number and type of complaints under subsection (e)(1) filed; trend analysis; the outcome of the complaints; any determination that the acts or omissions of an employee or contractor, in connection with the subject matter of a complaint under subsection (e)(1), or a death in custody under subsection (e)(2); violated law or SFSD policy; the OIG's recommendations, if any, for discipline; the outcome of any discipline recommendations; and the OIG's policy recommendations under subsection (e)(4).

— (6) Monitor SFSD operations, including the provision of services to incarcerated individuals, through audits and investigations, to ensure compliance with applicable laws and policies.

— (f) In performing its duties, the OIG may hold hearings, issue subpoenas to witnesses to appear and for the production of evidence, administer oaths, and take testimony. The OIG also may request and the Sheriff shall require the testimony or attendance of any employee of the SFSD.

— (g) Cooperation and Assistance from City Departments. In carrying out their duties, the SDOB and OIG shall receive prompt and full cooperation and assistance from all City departments, officers, and employees, including the Sheriff and SFSD and its employees, which shall, unless prohibited by State or federal law, promptly produce all records and information requested by the SDOB or OIG, including but not limited to (1) personnel and disciplinary records of SFSD employees, (2) SFSD criminal investigative files, (3) health information pertaining to incarcerated individuals, and (4) all records and databases to which the SFSD has access, regardless of whether those records pertain to a particular complaint or incident. The Sheriff also shall, unless prohibited by State or federal law, allow the OIG unrestricted and unescorted access to all facilities, including the jails. The SDOB and OIG shall maintain the confidentiality of any records and information it receives or accesses to the extent required by local, State, or federal law governing such records or information.

— In carrying out their duties, the SDOB and OIG shall cooperate and collaborate with organizations that contract with SFSD to provide legal services to incarcerated individuals.

—(h) ~~Budget and Staffing.~~ Subject to the fiscal, budgetary, and civil service provisions of the Charter, the OIG staff shall include no fewer than one investigator for every 100 sworn SFSFD employees. No SDOB or OIG staff, including the Inspector General, shall have been employed previously by a law enforcement agency or a labor organization representing law enforcement employees.

—(i) Nothing in this Section 4.137 shall prohibit, limit, or otherwise restrict the Sheriff or the Sheriff’s designee from investigating the conduct of an employee or contractor of the SFSFD, or taking disciplinary or corrective action permitted by City or State law.

—(j) Nothing in this Section 4.137, including but not limited to subsections (f) and (g), is intended to or shall be interpreted to abrogate, interfere with, or obstruct the independent and constitutionally and statutorily designated duties of the Sheriff, including the Sheriff’s duty to investigate citizens’ complaints against SFSFD personnel and the duty to operate and manage the jails, the California Attorney General’s constitutional and statutory responsibility to oversee the Sheriff, or other applicable State law. In carrying out their duties, the SDOB and OIG shall cooperate and coordinate with the Sheriff so that the Sheriff, the SDOB, and the OIG may properly discharge their respective responsibilities.

SECTION 32. Repealing Section 4.139 of the Charter.

Section 4.139 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.139. SANITATION AND STREETS COMMISSION.

—(a) ~~Purpose.~~ There is hereby established a Sanitation and Streets Commission. The Commission shall set policy directives and provide oversight for the Department of Sanitation and Streets.

—(b) ~~Membership and Terms of Office.~~

—(1) The Commission shall consist of five members, appointed as follows:

— Seats 1 and 2 shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed. Seat 1 shall be held by a person who is a small business owner. Seat 2 shall be held by a person with experience in project management.

— Seat 3 shall be appointed by the Controller subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The nomination shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed. Seat 3 shall be held by a person who has a background in finance and audits.

— Seats 4 and 5 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Seat 4 shall be held by a person who has a background in either urban forestry, urban design, or environmental services. Seat 5 shall be held by a person with significant experience in cleaning and maintaining public spaces.

—(2) Members of the Commission shall serve four-year terms; provided, however, the term of the initial appointees in Seats 1 and 4 shall be two years.

—(3) Members may be removed at will by their respective appointing officer.

—(c) ~~Duties.~~ With regard to the Department of Sanitation and Streets, beginning three months after the Transition Date in subsection (d), the Commission shall exercise all the powers and duties of boards and com-

missions set forth in Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104, and may take other actions as prescribed by ordinance. In addition, the Commission shall:

—(1) review and evaluate data regarding street and sidewalk conditions, including but not limited to data collected by the Department, and annual reports generated by the Controller;

—(2) establish minimum standards of cleanliness for the public right of way, and set baselines for services to be administered by the Department;

—(3) approve all contracts proposed to be entered into by the Department, provided that the Commission may delegate this responsibility to the Director of the Department, or the Director’s designee;

—(4) perform an annual cost analysis evaluating whether there are inefficiencies or waste in the Department’s administration and operations; and

—(5) perform an annual review on the designation and filling of Department positions, as exempt, temporary, provisional, part-time, seasonal or permanent status, the number of positions that are vacant, and at the Commission’s discretion, other data regarding the Department’s workforce. This function shall not in any way limit the roles of the Civil Service Commission or the Department of Human Resources under the Charter.

—(d) ~~Transition provisions:~~

—(1) The Commission shall come into existence on the Transition Date, which shall be established by the Board of Supervisors by written motion adopted by a majority vote of its members, provided that the Transition Date shall be no earlier than July 1, 2022. The Board of Supervisors shall vote on a written motion to establish the Transition Date no later than January 1, 2022. If the Board of Supervisors fails to adopt such a motion by January 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall place such a motion on the agenda of a Board of Supervisors meeting at least once every three months thereafter until such time as the Board of Supervisors adopts a motion establishing the Transition Date. The Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Controller shall make initial appointments to the Commission by no later than three months before the Transition Date. The terms of all five members shall commence at noon on the Transition Date.

—(2) The Commission shall have its inaugural meeting by no later than 30 days after three members of the Commission have assumed office.

—(3) The Director of Public Works or person serving in an acting capacity as Director of Public Works, at the time the Commission comes into existence, shall perform the duties of the Director of the Department of Sanitation and Streets in an acting capacity until the Commission appoints a new Director in accordance with the Charter provisions governing appointment of a department head serving under a commission.

SECTION 33. Amending Section 4.140 of the Charter.

Section 4.140 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.140. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(a) Responsibilities of Department. There shall be a Department of Public Works (the “Department”). On January 1, 2023, the Department shall assume the responsibilities of the Department of Sanitation and Streets as they existed on December 31, 2022, and shall retain the existing responsibilities of the Department of Public Works. The Department shall be headed by a Director of Public Works appointed by the Mayor as provided in Sections 3.100(19) and 4.102(5).

Except as otherwise provided in the Charter or pursuant to Section 4.132, in addition to any other duties assigned by ordinance, the Department shall have the following duties: the design, building, repair, and improvement of the City's infrastructure, including City-owned buildings and facilities and the public right of way; maintenance of the public right of way, including street sweeping, and litter abatement; the provision and maintenance of City trash receptacles and removal of illegal dumping and graffiti in the public right of way; and planting and maintenance of street trees pursuant to Section 16.129.

(b) Nothing in this Section 4.140 shall relieve property owners of their legal responsibilities set by City or State law, including as those laws may be amended in the future.

—(c) Transition:

—(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Director of Public Works or person serving in an acting capacity as Director of Public Works on December 31, 2022, shall continue to serve in that capacity beginning on January 1, 2023. If at that time there is a person in an acting capacity serving as the Director of Public Works, or if at any time the position of Director of Public Works is vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled in accordance with the Charter provisions governing appointment of a department head. This subsection (c)(1) does not modify the powers vested in the Public Works Commission to remove the Director of Public Works in accordance with Section 4.102(6).

—(2) By no later than June 30, 2023, the Director of Public Works shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a proposed ordinance amending the Municipal Code to conform to Sections 4.139, 4.140, and 4.141 and the repeal of Section 4.138.

SECTION 34. Repealing Section 4.141 of the Charter.

Section 4.141 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 4.141. PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION:

—(a) Purpose. There is hereby established a Public Works Commission. The Commission shall set policy directives and provide oversight for the Department of Public Works.

—(b) Membership and Terms of Office:

—(1) The Commission shall consist of five members, appointed as follows:

— Seats 1 and 5 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Seat 1 shall be held by a registered professional engineer licensed in the State of California, with a background in civil, mechanical, or environmental engineering, and Seat 5 shall be an at-large position.

— Seats 2 and 4 shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed. Seat 2 shall be held by a registered architect licensed in the State of California, and Seat 4 shall be an at-large position.

— Seat 3 shall be held by a person with a background in finance with at least 5 years in auditing experience, appointed by the Controller subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The nomination shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed.

—(2) Members of the Commission shall serve four-year terms; provided, however, the term of the initial appointees in Seats 1, 3, and 5 shall be two years.

—(3) Commissioners may be removed from office at will by their respective appointing authority.

—(c) Powers and Duties:

—(1) With regard to the Department of Public Works, beginning on September 1, 2022, the Commission shall exercise all the powers and duties of boards and commissions set forth in Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104, and may take other actions as prescribed by ordinance.

—(2) The Commission shall oversee the Department's performance, including evaluation of data collected by the Department, the Controller, and other City agencies.

—(3) The Commission shall approve all contracts proposed to be entered into by the Department, provided that the Commission may delegate this responsibility to the Director of Public Works, or the Director's designee.

—(4) The Commission shall require the Director of Public Works, or the Director's designee, to provide the Commission with proof of adequate performance of any contract entered into by the Department for public works involving the City's infrastructure or public right of way, based on written documentation including documentation that the building official has issued a building or site permit and a final certificate of occupancy.

—(5) The Commission shall perform an annual review on the designation and filling of Department positions, as exempt, temporary, provisional, part-time, seasonal or permanent status, the number of positions that are vacant, and at the Commission's discretion, other data regarding the Department's workforce. This function shall not in any way limit the roles of the Civil Service Commission or the Department of Human Resources under the Charter.

—(d) Transition provisions:

—(1) The Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Controller shall make initial appointments to the Commission by no later than the Appointment Deadline, which shall be either noon on June 1, 2022, or an earlier date established by the Board of Supervisors by written motion adopted no later than January 1, 2022 by a majority vote of its members. The Commission shall come into existence either at noon on the 31st day after the Appointment Deadline, or at noon on the date that three members of the Commission have assumed office, whichever is later. The terms of all five members shall commence at noon on the 31st day after the Appointment Deadline, regardless of when the Commission comes into existence.

—(2) The Commission shall have its inaugural meeting by no later than three months after the terms of the initial members begin.

—(3) The Director of Public Works at the time the Commission comes into existence shall remain in that position unless removed from it in accordance with the Charter provisions governing removal of a department head serving under a commission. If a person is serving in an acting capacity as Director at the time the Commission comes into existence, the preceding sentence applies, except that the position shall also be considered vacant for purposes of the next sentence. If the position of Director is vacant for any reason, including removal of the incumbent Director, the position shall be filled in accordance with the Charter provisions governing appointment of a department head serving under a commission. In that event, a person removed from the position under the first sentence of this subsection may be considered for appointment to the position.

SECTION 35. Amending Section 5.102 of the Charter.

Section 5.102 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 5.102. CITY MUSEUMS.

When the term “museums” is used in this Article, unless otherwise specified, it refers to both the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco and The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Trustees and commissioners of the museums are exempt from the requirement of Section 4.101(2b) of this Charter, except that at least a majority of The Fine Arts Museum Board of Trustees shall be residents of the City and County. Members shall serve for three-year terms, and may be removed by the Mayor ~~only pursuant to Section 15.105~~. Members shall serve without compensation.

The governing boards of the museums shall adopt by-laws providing for the conduct of their affairs, including the appointment of an executive committee which shall have authority to act in such matters as are specified by the governing board.

The governing boards of the museums shall appoint and may remove a director and such other executive and administrative positions as may be necessary. Appointees to such positions need not be residents of the City and County. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the governing boards may accept and utilize contributions to supplement or pay for the salaries and benefits of these appointees in order to establish competitive compensation, provided that only compensation established pursuant to the salary provisions of this Charter shall be considered for Retirement System purposes.

The governing boards of the museums may insure any loaned exhibit and agree to indemnification and binding arbitration provisions necessary to insuring exhibitions without action of the Board of Supervisors so long as such agreement entails no expense to the City and County beyond ordinary insurance expense. The Recreation and Park Department shall maintain and care for the grounds of the Museums.

SECTION 36. Amending Section 5.103 of the Charter.

Section 5.103 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 5.103. ARTS COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT.

~~The Arts Commission shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Eleven members shall be practicing arts professionals including two architects, a landscape architect, and representatives of the performing, visual, literary and media arts; and four members shall be lay members. The President of the Planning Commission, or a member of the Commission designated by the President, shall serve ex officio. Members may be removed by the Mayor.~~

The ~~Mayor~~Commission shall appoint and may remove a director of the ~~Arts Department~~. The ~~Department~~Commission shall encourage artistic awareness, participation and expression; education in the arts; assist independent local groups with the development of their own programs; promote the employment of artists and those skilled in crafts, in the public and private sectors; provide liaison with state and federal agencies to ensure increased funding for the arts from these agencies as well as represent arts issues and policy in the respective governmental bodies; promote the continued availability of living and working space for artists within the City and County; and enlist the aid of all City and County governmental units in the task of ensuring the fullest expression of artistic potential by and among the residents of San Francisco.

In furtherance of the foregoing the Arts ~~Commission~~Department shall:

1. Approve the designs for all public structures, any private structure which extends over or upon any public property and any yards, courts, set-backs or usable open spaces which are an integral part of any such structures;

2. Approve the design and location of all works of art before they are acquired, transferred or sold by the City and County, or are placed upon or removed from City and County property, or are altered in any way; maintain and keep an inventory of works of art owned by the City and County; and maintain the works of art owned by the City and County;

3. Promote a neighborhood arts program to encourage and support an active interest in the arts on a local and neighborhood level, assure that the City and County-owned community cultural centers remain open, accessible and vital contributors to the cultural life of the City and County, establish liaison between community groups and develop support for neighborhood artists and arts organizations; and

4. Supervise and control the expenditure of all appropriations made by the Board of Supervisors for the advancement of the visual, performing or literary arts.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or abridge the powers or exclusive jurisdiction of the charitable trust departments or the California Academy of Sciences or the Library ~~Department~~Commission over their activities; the land and buildings set aside for their use; or over the other assets entrusted to their care.

References in this Charter to an “Arts Commission” shall mean the Arts Department.

SECTION 37. Amending Section 5.106 of the Charter.

Section 5.106 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 5.106. WAR MEMORIAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

The governing board of the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center shall consist of eleven trustees appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. In making appointments the Mayor shall give due consideration to veterans and others who have a special interest in the purposes for which the Center exists. Members may be removed by the Mayor ~~only pursuant to Section 15.105~~.

The governing board shall appoint and may remove a director.

SECTION 38. Repealing Section 7.102 of the Charter.

Section 7.102 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 7.102. JUVENILE PROBATION.

~~The Juvenile Probation Commission shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for staggered four-year terms. Two of the members shall be appointed from lists of eligibles submitted to the Mayor by the Superior Court. The Juvenile Probation Department shall be a part of the executive branch.~~

~~Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105.~~

~~Any member may serve concurrently as a member of the Juvenile Justice Commission created by state law and as a member of the Juvenile Probation Commission herein created.~~

~~The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, assistants and deputies shall have the powers and duties conferred upon such Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, assistants and deputies by state law, and they shall perform all of the duties prescribed by such laws, and such additional duties as may be prescribed by ordinances of the Board of Supervisors.~~

SECTION 39. Amending Section 8.102 of the Charter.

Section 8.102 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8.102. PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Libraries including ~~the Library Commission and the Library Department~~ shall be a part of the executive branch.

~~The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor. All references to a "Library Commission" in this Charter shall refer to the Library Department or any appointive board or commission designated by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to section 4.100, subsection (e), (f), or (g), of this Charter.~~

SECTION 40. Amending Section 8A.101 of the Charter.

Section 8A.101 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8A.101. MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY.

(a) There shall be a Municipal Transportation Agency. The Agency shall include a Board of Directors and a Director of Transportation. The Agency shall include the Municipal Railway and the former Department of Parking and Traffic, as well as any other departments, bureaus or operating divisions hereafter created or placed under the Agency. ~~There shall also be a Citizens Advisory Committee to assist the Agency.~~

(b) The Board of Supervisors shall have the power, by ordinance, to abolish the Taxi Commission created in Section 4.133, and to transfer the powers and duties of that commission to the Agency under the direction of the Director of Transportation or his or her designee. In order to fully integrate taxi-related functions into the Agency should such a transfer occur, the Agency shall have the same exclusive authority over taxi-related functions and taxi-related fares, fees, charges, budgets, and personnel that it has over the Municipal Railway and parking and traffic fares, fees, charges, budgets, and personnel. Once adopted, Agency regulations shall thereafter supercede all previously-adopted ordinances governing motor vehicles for hire that conflict with or duplicate such regulations.

(c) Any transfer of functions occurring as a result of the above provisions shall not adversely affect the status, position, compensation, or pension or retirement rights and privileges of any civil service employees who engaged in the performance of a function or duty transferred to another office, agency, or department pursuant to this measure.

(d) Except as expressly provided in this Article, the Agency shall comply with all of the restrictions and requirements imposed by the ordinances of general application of the City and County, including ordinances prohibiting discrimination of any kind in employment and contracting, such as Administrative Code Chapters 12B et seq., as amended from time to time. The Agency shall be solely responsible for the administration and enforcement of such requirements.

(e) The Agency may contract with existing City and County departments to carry out any of its powers and duties. Any such contract shall establish performance standards for the department providing the services to the Agency, including measurable standards for the quality, timeliness, and cost of the services provided. All City and County departments must give the highest priority to the delivery of such services to the Agency.

(f) The Agency may not exercise any powers and duties of the Controller or the City Attorney and shall contract with the Controller and the City Attorney for the exercise of such powers and duties.

SECTION 41. Amending Section 8A.102 of the Charter.

Section 8A.102 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8A.102. GOVERNANCE AND DUTIES.

~~(a) The Agency shall be governed by a board of seven directors. The first and third appointments to fill full terms on the Board of Directors following the expiration of terms existing on the effective date of this subsection shall be designated Seats 1 and 3. The remaining seats shall be designated Seats 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Seats 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 shall be appointed by the Mayor pursuant to Section 3.100(18) and confirmed after public hearing by the Board of Supervisors. Seats 1 and 3 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. All initial appointments must be made by the Mayor and submitted to the Board of Supervisors for confirmation no later than February 1, 2000. The Board of Supervisors shall act on those initial appointments no later than March 1, 2000 or those appointments shall be deemed confirmed.~~

At least four of the directors must be regular riders of the Municipal Railway, and must continue to be regular riders during their terms. The directors must possess significant knowledge of, or professional experience in, one or more of the fields of government, finance, or labor relations. At least two of the directors must possess significant knowledge of, or professional experience in, the field of public transportation. During their terms, all directors shall be required to ride the Municipal Railway on the average once a week.

Directors shall serve four-year terms, provided, however, that two of the initial appointees shall serve for terms ending March 1, 2004, two for terms ending March 1, 2003, two for terms ending March 1, 2002, and one for a term ending March 1, 2001. Initial terms shall be designated by the Mayor. No person may serve more than three terms as a director. ~~A director may be removed only for cause pursuant to Article XV. The directors shall annually elect a chair. The chair shall serve as chair at the pleasure of the directors. Directors shall receive reasonable compensation for attending meetings of the Agency which shall not exceed the average of the two highest compensations paid to the members of any board or commission with authority over a transit system in the nine Bay Area counties.~~

(b) The Agency shall:

1. Have exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use, and control of all property, as well as the real, personal, and financial assets of the Agency; and have exclusive authority over contracting, leasing, and purchasing by the Agency, provided that any Agency contract for outside services shall be subject to Charter Sections 10.104(12) and 10.104(15) and that the Agency may not transfer ownership of any of the real property of the City and County without approval from the Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors;

2. Have exclusive authority to enter into such arrangements and agreements for the joint, coordinated, or common use with any other public entity owning or having jurisdiction over rights-of-way, tracks, structures, subways, tunnels, stations, terminals, depots, maintenance facilities, and transit electrical power facilities;

3. Have exclusive authority to make such arrangements as it deems proper to provide for the exchange of transfer privileges, and through-ticketing arrangements, and such arrangements shall not constitute a fare change subject to the requirements of Sections 8A.106 and 8A.108;

4. Notwithstanding any restrictions on contracting authority set forth in the Administrative Code, have exclusive authority to enter into agreements for the distribution of transit fare media and media for the use of parking meters or other individual parking services;

5. Have exclusive authority to arrange with other transit agencies for bulk fare purchases, provided that if passenger fares increase as a result of such purchases, the increase shall be subject to review by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Sections 8A.106 and 8A.108;

6. Notwithstanding Section 2.109, and except as provided in Sections 8A.106 and 8A.108, have exclusive authority to fix the fares charged by the Municipal Railway, rates for off-street and on-street parking, and all other, rates, fees, fines, penalties and charges for services provided or functions performed by the Agency;

7. Notwithstanding any provision of the San Francisco Municipal Code (except requirements administered by the Department of Public Works governing excavation, street design and official grade) have exclusive authority to adopt regulations that control the flow and direction of motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic, including regulations that limit the use of certain streets or traffic lanes to categories of vehicles and that limit the speed of traffic; and to design, select, locate, install, operate, maintain and remove all official traffic control devices, signs, roadway features and pavement markings that control the flow of traffic with respect to streets and highways within City jurisdiction, provided that:

(i) Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 7, the Board of Supervisors may by ordinance establish procedures by which the public may seek Board of Supervisors review of any Agency decision with regard to the installation or removal of a stop sign or the creation or elimination of a bicycle lane. In any such review, the Agency's decision shall stand unless the Board of Supervisors reverses the decision of the Agency not later than 60 days after submission of a request to the Board of Supervisors.

(ii) Nothing in this subsection 7 shall modify the authority of ISCOTT, or any successor body, over the temporary use or occupancy of public streets, or the authority of the Board of Supervisors to hear appeals regarding the temporary use or occupancy of public streets, however nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the Board of Supervisors from dissolving or restructuring the ISCOTT as it deems appropriate.

(iii) Nothing in subsection 7 shall modify the power of the Board of Supervisors to establish civil offenses, infractions and misdemeanors.

(iv) Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 7, to the extent state law contemplates that Agency action authorized by subsection 7 be effectuated by ordinance, such action shall be effectuated by resolution of the Board of Directors and shall be subject to referendum in accordance with Article 14, and, if a referendum petition contains the requisite number of signatures, the Board of Supervisors shall have the power to reconsider or repeal the action as provided in Article 14.

8. Have exclusive authority to adopt regulations limiting parking, stopping, standing or loading as provided by state law and to establish parking privileges and locations subject to such privileges for categories of people or vehicles as provided by state law; to establish parking meter zones, to set parking rates, and to select, install, locate and maintain systems and equipment for payment of parking fees, provided that:

(i) Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 8, the Board of Supervisors may by ordinance establish procedures by which the public may seek Board of Supervisors review of any Agency decision with regard to the creation or elimination of any preferential parking zone, the creation or elimination of any parking meter zone, the adoption of any limitation on the time period for which a vehicle may be parked, or reservation of any parking space for persons with a disability that qualifies for parking privileges under state law. In any review of a decision of the Agency pursuant to this section, the Agency's decision shall stand unless the Board of Supervisors reverses the decision of the Agency not later than 60 days after submission of a request to the Board of Supervisors.

(ii) Nothing in subsection 8 shall modify the power of the Board of Supervisors to establish civil offenses, infractions and misdemeanors.

(iii) Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 8, to the extent state law contemplates that any Agency action authorized by subsection 8 be effectuated by ordinance, such action shall be effectuated by resolution of the Board of Directors and, if a referendum petition contains the requisite number of signatures, shall be subject to referendum in accordance with Article 14, and the Board of Supervisors shall have the power to reconsider or repeal the action as provided in Article 14.

9. Have exclusive authority to establish policies regarding and procure goods and services for the enforcement of regulations limiting parking, stopping, standing or loading and the collection of parking-related revenues and, along with the Police Department, have authority to enforce parking, stopping, standing or loading regulations;

10. Be responsible for chairing the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) or any successor body, however nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the Board of Supervisors from dissolving or restructuring the ISCOTT as it deems appropriate;

11. Be responsible for cooperating with and assisting the Police Department in the promotion of traffic safety; studying and responding to complaints related to street design, traffic control devices, roadway features and pavement markings; collecting compiling and analyzing traffic data and traffic accident data and planning improvements to improve the safety of the City's roadways; and conducting traffic research and planning;

12. Have exclusive authority to apply for, accept, and expend state, federal, or other public or private grant funds for Agency purposes;

13. To the maximum extent permitted by law, with the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors, and notwithstanding the requirements and limitations of Sections 9.107, 9.108, and 9.109, have authority without further voter approval to incur debt for Agency purposes and to issue or cause to be issued bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, commercial paper, financing leases, certificates of participation or any other debt instruments. Upon recommendation from the Board of Directors, the Board of Supervisors may authorize the Agency to incur on behalf of the City such debt or other obligations provided: 1) the Controller first certifies that sufficient unencumbered balances are expected to be available in the proper fund to meet all payments under such obligations as they become due; and 2) any debt obligation, if secured, is secured by revenues or assets under the jurisdiction of the Agency.

14. Have the authority to conduct investigations into any matter within its jurisdiction through the power of inquiry, including the power to hold public hearings and take testimony, and to take such action as may be necessary to act upon its findings; and

15. Exercise such other powers and duties as shall be prescribed by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors.

(c) The Agency's Board of Directors shall:

1. ~~Appoint a Director of Transportation, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Director of Transportation shall be employed pursuant to an individual contract. His or her compensation shall be comparable to the compensation of the chief executive officers of the public transportation systems in the United States which the Board of Directors, after an independent survey, determine most closely resemble the Agency in size, mission, and complexity. In addition, the Board of Directors shall provide an incentive compensation plan consistent with the requirements of Section 8A.104(k) under which a portion of the Director's compensation is based on achievement of service standards adopted by the Board of Directors.~~

—2. Appoint an executive secretary who shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the Board of Directors and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

23. In addition to any training that may be required by City, State or federal law, attend a minimum of four hours of training in each calendar year, provided by the City Attorney and the Controller regarding the legal and financial responsibilities of the Board and the Agency.

(d) The Director of Transportation shall appoint all subordinate personnel of the Agency, including deputy directors. The deputy directors shall serve at the pleasure of the Director of Transportation.

(e) Upon recommendation of the City Attorney and the approval of the Board of Directors, the City Attorney may compromise, settle, or dismiss any litigation, legal proceedings, claims, demands or grievances which may be pending for or on behalf of, or against the Agency relative to any matter or property solely under the Agency's jurisdiction. Unlitigated claims or demands against the Agency shall be handled as set forth in Charter Section 6.102. Any payment pursuant to the compromise, settlement, or dismissal of such litigation, legal proceedings, claims, demands, or grievances, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Supervisors, shall be made from the Municipal Transportation Fund.

(f) The Agency's Board of Directors, and its individual members, shall deal with administrative matters solely through the Director of Transportation or his or her designees. Any dictation, suggestion, or interference by a director in the administrative affairs of the Agency, other than through the Director of Transportation or his or her designees, shall constitute official misconduct; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall restrict the Board of Directors' powers of hearing and inquiry as provided in this Section.

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 6 or 21 of the Administrative Code establishing any threshold amount for exercise of executive authority to execute contracts, or any successor provision of the San Francisco Municipal Code, the Agency's Board of Directors may adopt threshold amounts under which the Director of Transportation and his or her designees may approve contracts.

(h) Except provided in this Article, the Agency shall be subject to the provisions of this Charter applicable to boards, commissions, and departments of the City and County, including Sections 2.114, 3.105, 4.101, 4.103, 4.104, 4.113, 6.102, 9.118, 16.100, and A8.346. Sections 4.102, 4.126, and 4.132 shall not be applicable to the Agency.

(i) The Mayor shall appoint a Director of Transportation, pursuant to section 3.100(19), who shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Director of Transportation shall be employed pursuant to an individual contract. His or her compensation shall be comparable to the compensation of the chief executive officers of the public transportation systems in the United States which the Board of Directors, after an independent survey, determine most closely resemble the Agency in size, mission, and complexity. In addition, the Board of Directors shall provide an incentive compensation plan consistent with the requirements of Section 8A.104(k) under which a portion of the Director's compensation is based on achievement of service standards adopted by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 42. Amending Section 8A.106 of the Charter.

Section 8A.106 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8A.106. BUDGET.

The Agency shall be subject to the provisions of Article IX of this Charter except:

(a) No later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, after professional review; ~~and public hearing and after receiving the recommendations~~

~~of the Citizens' Advisory Council~~, the Agency shall submit its proposed budget with annual appropriation detail in a form approved by the Controller for each of the next two fiscal years to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration. The Agency shall propose a budget that is balanced without the need for additional funds over the Base Amount, but may include fare increases and decreases, and reductions or abandonment of service. The Mayor shall submit the budget to the Board of Supervisors, without change. Should the Agency request additional general fund support over the Base Amount, it shall submit an augmentation request for those funds in the standard budget process and subject to normal budgetary review and amendment under the general provisions of Article IX.

(b) At the time the budget is adopted, the Agency shall certify that the budget is adequate in all respects to make substantial progress towards meeting the performance standards established pursuant to Section 8A.103 for the fiscal year covered by the budget.

(c) No later than August 1, the Board of Supervisors may allow the Agency's budget to take effect without any action on its part or it may reject but not modify the Agency's budget by a seven-elevenths' vote. Any fare change, route abandonment, or revenue measure proposed in the budget shall be considered accepted unless rejected by a seven-elevenths' vote on the entire budget. Should the Board reject the budget, it shall make additional interim appropriations to the Agency from the Municipal Transportation Fund sufficient to permit the Agency to maintain all operations through the extended interim period until a budget is adopted. Any request for appropriation of General Fund revenues in excess of the Base Amount shall be approved, modified, or rejected under the general provisions of Article IX.

(d) No later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Agency shall submit any budget amendment that may be required to increase appropriations over those approved in the two year budget or as may be required by law, provided that such budget amendment shall establish a detailed plan with appropriation detail only for those anticipated revenues and expenditures exceeding those approved in the two year budget or as otherwise required by law. The Agency may submit to the Board of Supervisors such additional budget amendments or modifications during the term of the budget, including but not limited to amendments reflecting fare changes, route abandonments and revenue measures, as may be required in the discretion of the Agency. The Board of Supervisors may allow any budget amendment to take effect without any action on its part or it may reject but not modify the budget amendment by a seven-elevenths' vote taken within 30 days after its submission to the Board of Supervisors.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter or requirements of the Annual Salary Ordinance, the Controller may authorize the Agency to move funds within its budget and hire personnel without specific Controller approval so long as the Agency's periodic and verifiable projections of spending by the Agency show the Controller that the Agency's spending will be within the approved budget. However, should the projections show that the Agency spending is likely to exceed its budget, the Controller may impose appropriate controls in his or her discretion to keep the Agency within budget.

SECTION 43. Amending Section 8A.107 of the Charter.

Section 8A.107 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8A.107. MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION QUALITY REVIEW.

(a) The Agency shall biennially contract with a nationally recognized management or transportation consulting firm with offices in the City and County for an independent review of the quality of its operations. The contract shall be competitively bid and approved by the Controller and Board of Supervisors. The review shall contain:

1. A detailed analysis of the extent to which the Agency has met the goals, objectives, and performance standards it is required to adopt under Section 8A.103, and the extent to which the Agency is expected to meet those goals, objectives, and performance standards in the two fiscal years for which the review is submitted, and independent verification of the Agency's reported performance under the performance measures adopted pursuant to Section 4 of this measure; and

2. Such recommendations for improvement in the operation of the Agency as the firm conducting the review deems appropriate.

(b) The results of the review shall be presented promptly to ~~the Citizens' Advisory Council, the Agency, the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor by the reviewing firm; and the Citizens' Advisory Council, the Agency, and the Board of Supervisors shall each promptly hold at least one public hearing thereon.~~

SECTION 44. Repealing Section 8A.111 of the Charter.

Section 8A.111 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 8A.111. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL.~~

~~—The Agency shall establish a Citizens' Advisory Council of fifteen members which shall consist of one person appointed by each member of the Board of Supervisors and four members appointed by the Mayor. Each member must be a resident of the City and County. No fewer than ten members of the Council must be regular riders of the Municipal Railway. At least two members must use the Municipal Railway's paratransit system, and at least three of the members must be senior citizens over the age of 60. The membership of the Council shall be reflective of the diversity and neighborhoods of the City and County. The Council may provide recommendations to the Agency with respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Agency and shall be allowed to present reports to the Agency's board of directors. The members of the Council shall be appointed to four-year terms and shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing power. Staggered terms for the initial appointees to the Council shall be determined by lot.~~

SECTION 45. Amending Section 8B.123 of the Charter.

Section 8B.123 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~(A) Planning and Reporting~~

The Public Utilities Commission shall annually hold public hearings to review, update and adopt:

(1) A Long-Term Capital Improvement Program, covering projects during the next 10-year period; including cost estimates and schedules.

(2) A Long-Range Financial Plan, for a 10-year period, including estimates of operation and maintenance expenses, repair and replacement costs, debt costs and rate increase requirements.

(3) A Long-Term Strategic Plan, setting forth strategic goals and objectives and establishing performance standards as appropriate.

The Capital Improvement Program and Long-Range Financial Plan shall serve as a basis and supporting documentation for the Commission's capital budget, the issuance of revenue bonds, other forms of indebtedness and execution of governmental loans under this Charter.

~~(B) Citizens' Advisory Committee~~

~~—The Board of Supervisors, in consultation with the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, shall establish by ordinance a Citizens' Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, the Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Supervisors.~~

SECTION 46. Amending Section 8B.125 of the Charter.

Section 8B.125 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8B.125. RATES.

Notwithstanding Charter sections 2.109, 3.100 and 4.102 or any ordinance (including, without limitation, Administrative Code Appendix 39), the Public Utilities Commission shall set rates, fees and other charges in connection with providing the utility services under its jurisdiction, subject to rejection – within 30 days of submission – by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act within 30 days the rates shall become effective without further action.

In setting retail rates, fees and charges the Commission shall:

1. Establish rates, fees and charges at levels sufficient to improve or maintain financial condition and bond ratings at or above levels equivalent to highly rated utilities of each enterprise under its jurisdiction, meet requirements and covenants under all bond resolutions and indentures, (including, without limitation, increases necessary to pay for the retail water customers' share of the debt service on bonds and operating expenses of any state financing authority such as the Regional Water System Financing Authority), and provide sufficient resources for the continued financial health (including appropriate reserves), operation, maintenance and repair of each enterprise, consistent with good utility practice;

2. Retain an independent rate consultant to conduct rate and cost of service studies for each utility at least every five years;

3. Set retail rates, fees and charges based on the cost of service;

4. Conduct all studies mandated by applicable state and federal law to consider implementing connection fees for water and clean water facilities servicing new development;

5. Conduct studies of rate-based conservation incentives and/or life-line rates and similar rate structures to provide assistance to low income users, and take the results of such studies into account when establishing rates, fees and charges, in accordance with applicable state and federal laws;

6. Adopt annually a rolling 5-year forecast of rates, fees and other charges; and

~~—7. Establish a Rate Fairness Board consisting of seven members: the City Administrator or his or her designee; the Controller or his or her designee; the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Finance or his or her designee; two residential City retail customers, consisting of one appointed by the Mayor and one by the Board of Supervisors; and two City retail business customers, consisting of a large business customer appointed by the Mayor and a small business customer appointed by the Board of Supervisors.~~

~~—The Rate Fairness Board may:~~

~~—i. Review the five-year rate forecast;~~

~~—ii. Hold one or more public hearings on annual rate recommendations before the Public Utilities Commission adopts rates;~~

~~—iii. Provide a report and recommendations to the Public Utilities Commission on the rate proposal; and~~

~~—iv. In connection with periodic rate studies, submit to the Public Utilities Commission rate policy recommendations for the Commission's consideration, including recommendations to reallocate costs among various retail utility customer classifications, subject to any outstanding bond requirements.~~

~~—These provisions shall be effective January 3, 2003 for the setting of retail rates, fees and charges related to the clean water system. If the voters~~

approve bonds for the Public Utilities Commission's Capital Improvement Program at the November 5, 2002 election then the provisions of this section shall take effect on July 2, 2006 for the setting of retail rates, fees and charges related to the water system. If the voters do not approve such bonds then this section will take effect on January 3, 2003.

SECTION 47. Amending Section 12.202 of the Charter.

Section 12.202 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 12.202. MEMBERSHIP IN HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM.

(a) The members of the System shall consist of all officers and permanent employees of the City and County, the Unified School District, the Community College District, and such other officers, employees, dependents and retirees as provided by ordinance.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), and except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Charter, or as necessary to comply with federal or state law, the members of the System shall not include any person appointed or reappointed to serve on an appointive board or commission, after the effective date of this subsection, solely by virtue of that appointment. The foregoing sentence shall not be construed to exclude an individual from the System if that person is otherwise eligible, such as an officer or permanent employee who is also appointed to serve on a board or commission in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 48. Amending Section 14.103 of the Charter.

Section 14.103 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 14.103. RECALL.

(a) An elected official of the City and County, the City Administrator, the Controller, or any member of ~~the Airports Commission~~ the Board of Education, the governing board of the Community College District, ~~or the Ethics Commission or the Public Utilities Commission~~ may be recalled by the voters as provided by this Charter and by the laws of the State of California, except that no recall petitions shall be initiated with respect to any officer who has held office for less than six months.

(b) Upon certifying the sufficiency of the recall petition's signatures, the Director of Elections shall immediately call a special municipal election on the recall, to be held not less than 105 nor more than 120 days from the date of its calling unless it is within 105 days of a general municipal or statewide election, in which event the recall shall be submitted at such general municipal or statewide election.

SECTION 49. Amending Section 15.105 of the Charter.

Section 15.105 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC SEC. 15.105. SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL.

(a) **ELECTIVE AND CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS.** Any elective officer, and any member of the ~~Airport Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Status of Women, Golden Gate Concourse Authority Board of Directors, Health Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, Port 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 is subject to suspension and removal for official misconduct as provided in this section. Such officer may be suspended by the Mayor and the Mayor shall appoint a qualified person to discharge the duties of the office during the period of suspension. Upon such suspension, the Mayor shall immediately notify the Ethics Commission and Board of Su-

pervisors 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. The Ethics Commission shall hold a hearing 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.

~~(b) BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION, BOARD OF APPEALS, ELECTIONS COMMISSION, AND ETHICS COMMISSION, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD, AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION.~~ Members of the ~~Building Inspection Commission, the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, the Elections Commission, and the Ethics Commission, the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board, and the Entertainment Commission~~ may be suspended and removed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section except that the Mayor may initiate removal only of the Mayor's appointees and the appointing authority shall act in place of the Mayor for all other appointees.

(c) **REMOVAL FOR CONVICTION OF A FELONY CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE.**

(1) Officers Enumerated in Subsections (a) and (b).

(A) An appointing authority must immediately remove from office any official enumerated in subsections (a) or (b) upon:

(i) a court's final conviction of that official of a felony crime involving moral turpitude; and

(ii) a determination made by the Ethics Commission, after a hearing, that the crime for which the official was convicted warrants removal.

(B) For the purposes of this subsection, the Mayor shall act as the appointing authority for any elective official.

(C) Removal under this subsection is not subject to the procedures in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(2) Other Officers and Employees.

(A) At will appointees. Officers and employees who hold their positions at the pleasure of their appointing authority must be removed upon:

(i) a final conviction of a felony crime involving moral turpitude; and

(ii) a determination made by the Ethics Commission, after a hearing, that the crime for which the appointee was convicted warrants removal.

(B) For cause appointees. Officers and employees who by law may be removed only for cause must be removed upon:

(i) a final conviction of a felony crime involving moral turpitude; and

(ii) a determination made by the Ethics Commission, after a hearing, that the crime for which the appointee was convicted warrants removal.

(3) Penalty for Failure to Remove. Failure to remove an appointee as required under this subsection shall be official misconduct.

(d) DISQUALIFICATION.

(1) (A) Any person who has been removed from any federal, state, County or City office or employment upon a final conviction of a felony crime involving moral turpitude shall be ineligible for election or appointment to City office or employment for a period of ten years after removal.

(B) Any person removed from any federal, state, County or City office or employment for official misconduct shall be ineligible for election or appointment to City office or employment for a period of five years after removal.

(2) (A) Any City department head, board, commission or other appointing authority that removes a City officer or employee from office or employment on the grounds of official misconduct must invoke the disqualification provision in subsection (d)(1)(B) and provide notice of such disqualification in writing to the City officer or employee.

(B) Upon the request of any former City officer or employee, the Ethics Commission may, after a public hearing, overturn the application of the disqualification provision of subsection (d)(1)(B) if: (i) the decision that the former officer or employee engaged in official misconduct was not made after a hearing by a court, the Board of Supervisors, the Ethics Commission, an administrative body, an administrative hearing officer, or a labor arbitrator; and (ii) if the officer or employee does not have the right to appeal his or her restriction on holding future office or employment to the San Francisco Civil Service Commission.

(e) OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT. Official misconduct means any wrongful behavior by a public officer in relation to the duties of his or her office, willful in its character, including any failure, refusal or neglect of an officer to perform any duty enjoined on him or her by law, or conduct that falls below the standard of decency, good faith and right action impliedly required of all public officers and including any violation of a specific conflict of interest or governmental ethics law. When any City law provides that a violation of the law constitutes or is deemed official misconduct, the conduct is covered by this definition and may subject the person to discipline and/or removal from office.

SECTION 50. Amending Section 16.107 of the Charter.

Section 16.107 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 16.107. PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund. There is hereby established the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund (“Fund”) to be administered by the Recreation and Park Department (“Department”) as directed by the Recreation and Park Commission (“Commission”). Monies in the Fund shall be expended or used solely by the Department, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, to provide park and recreational services and facilities. The Department embraces socio-economic and geographic equity as a guiding principle and commits to expending the funds across its open space and recreational programs to provide park and recreational access to all of San Francisco’s diverse neighborhoods and communities.

(b) Annual Set-aside. The City will continue to set aside from the annual tax levy, for a period of forty-five years starting with the fiscal year 2000-2001 and through and including fiscal year 2045-2046, an amount equivalent to an annual tax of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) for each \$100 assessed valuation. Beginning in fiscal year 2016-2017, revenues from the set-aside, together with interest, shall be deposited into the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund. Revenues from the set-aside shall be in addition to the baseline appropriation required by subsection (c).

The Controller shall set aside and maintain such an amount, together with any interest earned thereon, in the Fund, and any amount unspent or uncommitted at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year and, subject to the budgetary and fiscal limitations of this Charter, shall be appropriated then or thereafter for the purposes specified in this Section 16.107.

(c) Baseline Maintenance of Effort. The annual set-aside shall be used exclusively to increase the aggregate City appropriations to and expenditures by the Recreation and Park Department for Department purposes. To this end, beginning in fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter through fiscal year 2045-2046, the City shall not reduce the baseline general fund support amount appropriated to the Department below the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2015-2016, as calculated by the Controller, except that the baseline amount shall be adjusted as follows:

(1) Each year in fiscal years 2016-2017 through 2025-2026, the City shall increase the baseline appropriation by \$3 million over the prior year.

(2) Each year in fiscal years 2026-2027 through 2045-2046, the City shall adjust the baseline by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate City discretionary revenues, as determined by the Controller, based on calculations consistent from year to year. In determining aggregate City discretionary revenues, the Controller shall only include revenues received by the City which are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose. Additionally, in determining aggregate City discretionary revenues, the Controller shall not include revenues received by the City under the increased rates in Business and Tax Regulations Code Sections 953.1(g), 953.2(h), 953.3(h), 953.4(e), 953.5(d), 953.6(f), 953.7(d), and 953.8(i) adopted by the voters at the general municipal election on November 3, 2020, and shall not include revenues received by the City under Article 36 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code adopted by the voters at the general municipal election on November 3, 2020. The Controller is authorized to increase or reduce budgetary appropriations as required by this subsection (c) to align the baseline amount to the amount required by formula based on actual revenues received during the fiscal year.

(3) The City may suspend growth in the baseline funding pursuant to subsection (c)(1) in fiscal year 2016-2017 if the City’s projected budget deficit for that year at the time of the Joint Report or Update to the Five Year Financial Plan as prepared jointly by the Controller, the Mayor’s Budget Director, and the Board of Supervisors’ Budget Analyst exceeds 200 million. For fiscal year 2017-2018 through fiscal year 2045-2046, the City may suspend growth in baseline funding pursuant to subsections (c)(1) and (c)(2) when the projected budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year at the time of the Joint Report or Update to the Five Year Financial Plan as prepared jointly by the Controller, the Mayor’s Budget Director, and the Board of Supervisors’ Budget Analyst exceeds \$200 million adjusted annually by changes in aggregate City discretionary revenues.

(4) Monies from the baseline appropriation required by this subsection (c) shall not be appropriated or expended for services provided to the Recreation and Park Department by other City departments and agencies unless: (A) the City department or agency charged the Recreation and Park Department for that service in fiscal year 2015-2016 and the amount the Recreation and Park Department paid the City department or agency for that service was included in the baseline amount for fiscal year 2015-2016, although increases in the cost of such services may be paid out of the baseline appropriation, or (B) the Recreation and Park Department requests or agrees to a new service from a City department or agency.

(5) At the end of the fiscal year 2015-2016 and every year thereafter, any excess general fund Departmental revenue, including any Department expenditure savings or revenue surpluses deposited prior to fiscal

year 2015-2016, shall be reserved to be used for one-time Departmental expenditures. “General fund Departmental revenue” is defined as all revenues credited to the Department’s general fund budget other than the baseline contribution defined in subsection (c).

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

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

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

(g) Use and Allocation of the Fund. Each year, the Commission shall adopt a budget for the allocation and expenditure of the Fund in compliance with the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter. The annual budget for allocation of the Fund that is adopted by the Commission and submitted by the Mayor to the Board of Supervisors shall include:

(1) Allocations for after-school recreation programs, urban forestry, community gardens, volunteer programs, and a significant natural areas management program in the amounts allocated for each of those programs from the Park and Open Space Fund in the Department’s fiscal year 2015-2016 budget, to the extent that such programs are not so funded in the Department’s operating budget or in the budget of another City department.

(2) An allocation necessary to ensure that 3% of the monies to be deposited in the Fund during the upcoming fiscal year pursuant to subsection (b), above, be available at the start of the fiscal year as an undesignated contingency reserve. No later than September 1, 2017, the Commission shall adopt a policy for expenditures from the contingency reserve. Thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on any expenditures from the contingency reserve during the previous budget cycle along with its proposed budget for allocation of the Fund.

(3) An allocation of not less than 5% of the monies to be deposited in the Fund during the upcoming fiscal year pursuant to subsection (b), above. These monies shall be dedicated to the acquisition of real property identified in the Capital Expenditure Plan discussed in subsection (h)(3), below. Any portion of these monies that remains unspent or uncommitted at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward, with interest thereon, to the next fiscal year for the purposes set forth herein.

(4) An allocation, as a separate line item, of funds required for preparation, monitoring, and evaluation of the plans required under subsection (h).

Prior to the adoption of the annual budget by the Recreation and Park Commission, the Department, ~~in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”)~~

~~discussed in subsection (i), below,~~ shall conduct two public hearings in the evenings or on weekends to permit the public to comment on the Department’s full budget and programming allocations.

The Board of Supervisors shall consider and apply the Planning and Reporting Measures, including equity metrics, required in subsection (h) when reviewing and approving the Department’s budget.

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

(1) Metrics. The Department shall develop, and the Commission shall adopt, a set of equity metrics to be used to establish a baseline of existing Recreation and Park services and resources in low-income neighborhoods and disadvantaged communities, compared to services and resources available in the City as a whole. Following Commission approval, the Department shall submit its Equity Metrics to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

(2) Strategic Plan. By February 1, 2017, and every five years thereafter, the Department shall prepare, for Commission consideration and approval, a five-year Strategic Plan that establishes or reaffirms the mission, vision, goals and objectives for the Department. The Strategic Plan shall include an equity analysis of Recreation and Park services and resources, using the equity metrics adopted under subsection (h)(1), and shall include strategies to mitigate any equity deficiencies identified in the Plan.

The Department shall submit the proposed Strategic Plan ~~to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee for its review and comment before submitting the Plan to the Commission for its approval.~~ Following Commission approval of the Strategic Plan, the Department shall submit the Strategic Plan to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall consider and by resolution express its approval or disapproval of the Plan, but may not modify the Plan. If the Board expresses its disapproval of the Plan or makes recommendations regarding the Plan to the Department, the Department may modify and resubmit the Plan.

The Department will use the approved Strategic Plan to guide its work over each five-year period. Every two years after the approval of a Strategic Plan, the Department shall report to the Commission on the Department’s progress under the Plan and, subject to the Commission’s approval, may amend the Plan as appropriate. Following Commission approval of any amendments to the Strategic Plan, the Department may submit the amended Strategic Plan to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

(3) Capital Expenditure Plan. By January 15, 2017 and for each annual or biennial budgetary cycle thereafter, as determined under Charter Section 9.101, the Department shall prepare, for Commission consideration and approval, an annual Capital Expenditure Plan that addresses the development, renovation, replacement and maintenance of capital assets, and the acquisition of real property projected during the life of the Department’s five-year Strategic Plan. The Capital Expenditure Plan shall include an equity analysis of Recreation and Park capital expenditures, using the equity metrics adopted under subsection (h)(1), and shall include strategies to mitigate any equity deficiencies identified in the Plan. The Capital Expenditure Plan shall further address irrigation, water conservation, and urban forestry on park lands.

The Department shall submit the proposed Capital Expenditure Plan ~~to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee for its review and comment before submitting the Plan to the Commission for its approval.~~ Following Commission approval, the Department shall submit the Capital Expenditure Plan to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall consider and by resolution express its approval or disapproval of the Plan, but may not modify the

Plan. If the Board expresses its disapproval of the Plan or makes recommendations regarding the Plan to the Department, the Department may modify and resubmit the Plan.

The Department shall further cooperate in the development of the City's Capital Expenditure Plan under Administrative Code Section 3.20, as amended, or any successor legislation.

(4) Operational Plan. By February 1, 2017, and for each annual or biennial budgetary cycle thereafter, as determined under Charter Section 9.101, the Department shall prepare, for Commission consideration and approval, an Operational Plan. The Department shall base the Operational Plan on the then-current Strategic Plan, and the Operational Plan shall be in addition to the Department's budget. The Department shall include in the Operational Plan a statement of the objectives and initiatives within the Strategic Plan that the Department plans to undertake and/or accomplish during the next budgetary period, including performance indicators and targets. The Operational Plan shall include an equity analysis of Recreation and Park services and resources, using the equity metrics adopted under subsection (h)(1). Each Operational Plan shall further include an assessment of the Department's progress on the previous Operational Plan.

The Department shall submit the proposed Operational Plan to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee for its review and comment before submitting the Plan to the Commission for its approval. Following Commission approval, the Department shall submit the Operational Plan to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

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

In the fourth year of each Strategic Plan under subsection (h)(2), the Controller's City Services Auditor shall conduct a performance audit of the Department to assess the Department's progress under the Strategic Plan and to inform the development of the Department's next Strategic Plan. The audit shall include an analysis of the Department's compliance with the planning and reporting measures in this subsection (h). The costs of the audit may be charged to the baseline established in subsection (c).

If the audit finds that the Department has not complied with the requirements in this subsection (h), the Board of Supervisors may place up to 5% of the baseline appropriation under subsection (c) for the next fiscal year on reserve, pending subsequent release of the reserve by Board action upon finding progress toward these requirements. The preceding sentence is not intended to modify the Board's authority under the fiscal and budgetary provisions of the Charter.

The Commission may modify any deadlines contained in this subsection (h) by resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of its members, and a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Mayor.

~~(i) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee. The Board of Supervisors shall establish, by ordinance, a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee, such as the committee established in Park Code Section 13.01, as amended, or any successor legislation.~~

~~(j) Equity Fund. The City shall establish an Equity Fund to accept and expend private gifts, grants, and donations received by the Department~~

and intended to support initiatives and programs addressing unmet program and capital needs identified in the equity analyses required under subsection (h).

(kj) Environmental and Design Guidelines. The Department shall maintain written environmental and design guidelines for new facilities, parks, and open spaces and the renovation or rehabilitation of existing facilities, parks, and open spaces.

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

(~~ml~~) In addition to the requirements set forth by this Section 16.107, all expenditures from the Fund shall be subject to the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

(~~nm~~) This Section 16.107 shall expire by operation of law at the end of fiscal year 2045-2046 and the City Attorney shall cause it to be removed from future editions of the Charter unless the Section is extended by the voters.

SECTION 51. Amending Section 16.108-1 of the Charter.

Section 16.108-1 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~SEC. 16.108-1. CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~

~~—(a) **Creation.** There shall be a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (“Oversight and Advisory Committee”) to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (“DCYF”), to monitor and participate in the administration of the Children and Youth Fund as provided in Charter Section 16.108 (“Fund”), and to take steps to ensure that the Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.~~

~~—(b) **Responsibilities.**~~

~~—(1) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall develop recommendations for DCYF and the Fund regarding outcomes for children and youth services, the evaluation of services, common data systems, a process for making funding decisions, program improvement and capacity-building of service providers, community engagement in planning and evaluating services, leveraging dollars of the Fund and the use of the Fund as a catalyst for innovation. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall promote and facilitate transparency in the administration of the Fund.~~

~~—(2) As provided in Section 16.108, the Oversight and Advisory Committee shall review and approve the planning process for the Community Needs Assessment (“CNA”) and the final CNA, the Services and Allocation Plan, and DCYF's overall spending plan (including, as separate items, approval of the departmental budget and of DCYF's proposed grants as a package), and shall review the annual Data and Evaluation Report. Nothing in this Section shall limit the authority of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to propose, amend, and adopt a budget under Article IX of the Charter.~~

~~— (3) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall participate in the evaluation of the Director of DCYF, assist in recruitment for the Director when the position is vacant, and may recommend candidates to the Mayor.~~

~~— (4) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall establish and maintain a Service Provider Working Group as provided in subsection (e).~~

~~— (5) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall meet at least six times a year.~~

~~— (c) **Composition.** The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall have eleven members. The Mayor shall appoint members for Seats 1 through 6. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint members for Seats 7 through 11. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the initial members of the Committee by July 1, 2015. The terms of the initial appointees to the Committee shall commence on the date of the first meeting of the Committee, which may occur when at least eight members have been appointed and are present.~~

~~— (d) **Implementation.** The Board of Supervisors shall further provide by ordinance for the membership, structure, functions, appointment criteria, terms and support of the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Board of Supervisors shall adopt such legislation to be effective by July 1, 2015.~~

~~— (e) **Service Provider Working Group.** The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall create a Service Provider Working Group (“Working Group”) to advise the Oversight and Advisory Committee on funding priorities, policy development, the planning cycle, evaluation design and plans, and any other issues of concern to the Working Group related to the Fund or the responsibilities of DCYF or other departments receiving monies from the Fund. The Working Group shall engage a broad cross-section of service providers in providing information, education and consultation to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. All members of the Working Group shall be actively providing services to children, youth and their families. The Working Group shall be supported by DCYF staff, and shall meet at least four times a year. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall appoint two initial co-chairs of the Working Group, who shall be responsible for developing the structure of the Working Group and facilitating the meetings. After the terms of the initial co-chairs expire, the Working Group shall select its own chairs. Working Group meetings shall be open and encourage widespread participation.~~

~~— (a) All references in Section 16.108 of this Charter to a “Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee” or to an “Oversight and Advisory Committee” shall hereafter refer to the DCYF or to any agency or commission designated by the Board of Supervisors in any ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 4.101, subdivisions (e), (f), or (g), of this Charter.~~

~~— (b) To the extent that subsections (i)(1)(B), (i)(2)(A), or (i)(2)(D) of Section 16.108 require that the DCYF provide copies of reports or other materials to the Health Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Youth Commission, the Juvenile Probation Commission, or the Commission on the Status of Women, and to the extent those commissions are not retained or reconstituted by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to section 4.100, subsection (e), (f), or (g), of this Charter, the DCYF shall instead provide copies to such other departments or appointive boards or commissions as are appropriate and consistent with the purposes of Section 16.108.~~

SECTION 52. Amending Section 16.123-4 of the Charter.

Section 16.123-4 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 16.123-4. UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION.

(a) Universal Access to Early Education. It shall be the goal of the City and County of San Francisco to provide all children between the ages of three and five years who are City residents the opportunity to attend quality early education programs, giving priority to four year old children. It is the goal of the people in adopting this measure to expand such access beginning no later than September 1, 2015, building upon the work of the City’s existing Preschool for All program. This portion of the Fund may also be used to support the development of services for children from birth to three years old.

(b) Planning Process. No later than January 1, 2016, the OECE, in consultation with the San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, the First Five Commission, the San Francisco Unified School District, the San Francisco Human Services Agency, the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and community stakeholders, shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a proposal for expanding quality universal early education for San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors shall approve the plan by resolution; if the Board does not approve the plan, it may refer the plan back to the OECE for revision.

In preparing the plan, the OECE may consult with the First Five Commission to develop universal early education funding guidelines consistent with the findings of the 2012-2013 Child Care Planning and Advisory Council’s San Francisco Child Care Needs Assessment, the 2012 San Francisco Citywide Plan for Early Education, First 5 San Francisco’s 2013 Evaluations of the Preschool for All program, the San Francisco Unified School District’s 2014 Kindergarten Readiness Data, and the Office of Early Care and Education’s 2014 Financing Study.

The plan shall include goals for the quality of early care and education programs, shall align with emerging developments in state and/or federal early care and education policy, and shall address the professional development needs of center-based and family child care providers. “Professional development” as used in this Section 16.123-4 includes education, technical assistance and coaching, training, and supports, and shall be aligned with the City’s goals for early care and education program quality. Additionally, in preparing the plan, the OECE shall develop guidelines designed to meet neighborhood-specific needs, including school readiness, subsidy availability, children’s dual language development, facility development, parent engagement and education, inclusion of children with special needs, and provider support for both family child care homes and child care centers. Such funding guidelines also shall address the unmet need for universal early education and child care slots in specific City neighborhoods.

The plan shall also include an equity analysis of services and resources for children and families. The OECE Citizens’ Advisory Committee shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to compare existing services and resources in low-income and disadvantaged communities with services and resources available in the City as a whole.

Following the Board of Supervisors’ approval of the plan, the OECE, in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District and First Five Commission, shall develop an evaluation plan for tracking the results of the City’s investments in early care and education.

(c) Annual Disbursements. For Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the City shall appropriate one-third of the money in the Public Education Enrichment Fund to the First Five Commission for universal preschool programs administered by the Commission. Beginning July 1, 2015, the City each year shall appropriate one-third of the money in the Public Education Enrichment Fund to the OECE for early education programs to be administered by that office or entity or its successor.

~~— (d) Citizens Advisory Committee. No later than March 1, 2015, the Board of Supervisors shall establish, by ordinance, a Citizens Adviso-~~

ry Committee to provide recommendations to the OECE on universal access to early education and the funds appropriated under this Section.

SECTION 53. Repealing Section 16.127-1 of the Charter.

Section 16.127-1 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 16.127-1. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; PRE-AMBLE:~~

~~—(a) San Francisco has historically shown great concern and compassion for its most vulnerable residents — its children. The City and the community have demonstrated this commitment through the adoption of progressive, innovative and creative ideals supporting the well-being of San Francisco’s children and families.~~

~~—(b) To continue its legacy as a champion of children, it is imperative for San Francisco to further invest in the City’s children and families.~~

~~—(c) The people of the City and County of San Francisco previously supported the passage of the unprecedented Children’s Amendment in 1991 and 2000 and the Public Education Enrichment Fund in 2004. While these initiatives dedicated funding to services, the level of unmet needs in providing critical programming and services still falls short.~~

~~—(d) In order to advance a Citywide vision and long-term set of goals, City leaders, departments, the San Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD”), and community partners must come together to align needs with services, coordinate across agencies, and develop a strategy.~~

~~—(e) The Our Children, Our Families Council, comprised of department heads from the City and SFUSD, and community stakeholders, will build a platform that will place children and families at the center of every policy decision.~~

~~—(f) With the renewal of the Children and Youth Fund and the Public Education Enrichment Fund in November 2014, the City must seize this opportunity to develop a long-term Citywide vision, create a set of strategies, coordinate services, and identify shared goals to not only ensure that all children and families already here are able to thrive, but to encourage other families to live here.~~

~~—(g) The percentage of children under the age of 18 in San Francisco has steadily declined. As of 2010, 13.4 percent of the City’s total population was under the age of 18, the lowest percentage of any major city nationwide.~~

~~—(h) Families continue to leave San Francisco, especially those families in the low to moderate income brackets.~~

~~—(i) San Francisco’s children population is declining, with over 10 percent of 1 to 4 year olds moving out of the City annually and fewer children moving in.~~

~~—(j) The declining numbers of children and families in the City cost the community financially as less money is spent on the local economy.~~

~~—(k) This measure will put in place a collaborative approach around the following points of unity:~~

~~—(1) Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest needs;~~

~~—(2) Empowering parents, youth, and community stakeholders by giving them a voice in the implementation of this Citywide vision; and,~~

~~—(3) Building public trust through transparency and accountability meeting the needs of children and families.~~

SECTION 54. Repealing Section 16.127-2 of the Charter.

Section 16.127-2 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 16.127-2. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; CRE-ATION:~~

~~—There shall be an Our Children, Our Families Council (“the Council”) to advise the City on the unmet needs, services, and basic needs infrastructure of children and families in San Francisco through the creation of a Children and Families Plan for the City.~~

SECTION 55. Repealing Section 16.127-3 of the Charter.

Section 16.127-3 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 16.127-3. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; PURPOSE:~~

~~—In order to advance a Citywide vision centered on the needs of children and families, City leaders and departments, SFUSD, and community partners must come together to coordinate their efforts across agencies and develop a strategy for achieving shared goals. The purpose of the Children and Families Plan to be developed by the Council will be to create an aligned and connected system of programs and services, in order to strengthen the City’s ability to best serve children, youth and their families, with the specific goals of promoting coordination among and increased accessibility to such programs and services, and enhancing their overall effectiveness.~~

SECTION 56. Repealing Section 16.127-4 of the Charter.

Section 16.127-4 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 16.127-4. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; COM-POSITION:~~

~~—The Mayor shall chair the Council, and shall invite the Superintendent of SFUSD to serve as co-chair of the Council. Other members of the Council shall include the heads of City departments with responsibilities for services to children and families, members of the community, and stakeholders. The Mayor shall also invite the heads of SFUSD divisions identified by the Superintendent to serve as members of the Council.~~

SECTION 57. Repealing Section 16.127-5 of the Charter.

Section 16.127-5 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 16.127-5. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; RE-SPONSIBILITIES:~~

~~—(a) In order to ensure that all children in every neighborhood, especially those neighborhoods with the greatest needs, have access to the resources to achieve, the Council will be responsible for developing a Citywide vision, Citywide shared priorities, Citywide program goals, and Citywide best practices for addressing those needs.~~

~~—(b) The San Francisco Children and Families Plan. The Council shall craft a San Francisco Children and Families Plan (“the Plan”) and identify relevant goals and strategies to align and coordinate the services to children and families provided by City departments, SFUSD, and community partners and to maximize support for children and families. The Plan shall consider the following elements:~~

~~—(1) Ease of access for children, youth and families in receiving services;~~

~~—(2) Educational milestones developed by SFUSD and youth development milestones developed by the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (“DCYF”) and the Council;~~

~~—(3) Existing quality of service benchmarks established by City and SFUSD departments;~~

~~—(4) Framework for a basic needs infrastructure, including, but not limited to, housing, transit, and job placement resources; and~~

~~—(5) Fairness in prioritizing the delivery of services to the children and families with the most need.~~

—The Plan shall also include an equity analysis of services and resources for children, youth, and families. The Council shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to compare existing services and resources in low-income and disadvantaged communities with services and resources available in the City as a whole. The Council may draw upon metrics used by departments including DCYF and the Office of Early Care and Education (or any successor agency):

—(c) No later than May 1, 2016, and every fifth year thereafter, the Council shall develop and adopt a set of proposed Citywide outcomes for services to children and families, including an outcomes framework responsive to the evolving needs of the community. No later than July 1, 2016, and every fifth year thereafter, the Council shall prepare and adopt a Children and Families Plan for the City, which shall include a comprehensive assessment of City policies and programs, both public and private, addressing the needs of children and families in San Francisco, and policy-level recommendations for making the City more supportive of children and families. The Council shall emphasize solicitation and incorporation of community input in the development of the initial Plan and subsequent Plans.

—(d) No later than October 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the Board of Supervisors shall conduct a noticed public hearing to review the Council's performance and the City's overall progress under the current Plan and to update interested parties on the status of the next Plan.

—(e) All City Departments shall consider the Plan in developing their own strategic plans to make the City more supportive of children and families.

—(f) Planning. Following the adoption of implementing legislation under Section 16.126-71, the Mayor shall appoint members to the Council and the Council shall convene to make initial decisions regarding staffing, organization, and implementation. The Council shall also begin planning for the start of the five-year planning cycle in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The Council may recommend, and the Board of Supervisors may approve by ordinance, changes to the due dates and timelines provided in this Section 16.127-5:

—(g) Coordination of Stakeholders. The Council shall ensure that various community groups, agencies, and organizations responsible for providing support, including the City, SFUSD, and community partners, work together in aligned, coherent, and effective ways:

—(h) Coordination of Departments. The Council shall facilitate cooperation and coordination between relevant departments of the City and SFUSD to maximize alignment and improve outcomes for children and youth. The Council shall oversee development and implementation of a data-sharing agreement between SFUSD and relevant City departments. The Council, in cooperation with the Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco Board of Education, and community groups, shall work to ensure that funds spent to benefit children and families are targeted to those most in need of specific services and that the funds are used strategically to leverage and complement existing and anticipated federal, state, and local resources.

—(i) Continued Autonomy of City and SFUSD. The Council will be a policy coordinating body dedicated to improving coordination between the City and its departments, SFUSD and its departments, and community-based organizations funded by those agencies. While the Council will make recommendations to the City and SFUSD, the City and SFUSD will each retain its full independence and authority regarding programmatic and funding decisions:

—(j) Evaluation. Every five years, the Controller shall review the Council's operations and the Plan. The Controller shall submit the results of the review to the Council, the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Education. The Council shall consider the results of the Controller's re-

view in the preparation of the next Plan. The Council shall also report to the general public on the Council's efforts and achievements through the creation of an annual San Francisco Children and Families First Progress Report. The Progress Report shall provide the results of the efforts of the City, SFUSD, and the community to serve children and families under the Plan, measured against quantifiable standards and metrics and in light of the Council's previously-adopted goals and priorities.

SECTION 58. Repealing Section 16.127-6 of the Charter.

Section 16.127-6 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 16.127-6. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; STAFFING.~~

—(a) Staffing Support. Subject to the fiscal and budgetary provisions of the Charter, the City shall provide staff to the Council (“Council Staff”) for administrative, organizational, policy, and research support. Funding for Council Staff shall come from the General Fund; provided, however, that SFUSD, participating City departments, and members of the public may provide additional support and contributions:

—(b) Staff Roles and Responsibilities. Subject to the direction of the Council, Council Staff shall:

—(1) Provide administrative, organizational, policy, planning, and research support to the Council and its outcomes framework;

—(2) Engage department heads from the City and SFUSD to coordinate the implementation of services;

—(3) Provide support for the Council, including developing a joint data-sharing agreement between the City and SFUSD, monitoring the planning cycle, providing technical support, and developing policy briefs on key issues relevant to implementation of the Plan;

—(4) Support the development of an inventory of all Citywide services for children and youth, including state and federally funded programs; and,

—(5) Support the development of the Children and Families First Progress Report.

—(c) Funding. It shall be the policy of the City to provide sufficient funding and administrative support for the Council and Council Staff to perform these functions. Funding for administrative support for the Council shall come from the General Fund; provided, however, that SFUSD, participating City departments, and members of the public may provide additional support and contributions:

SECTION 59. Repealing Section 16.127-7 of the Charter.

Section 16.127-7 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~SEC. 16.127-7. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; IMPLEMENTATION.~~

—The Board of Supervisors shall further provide by ordinance for the membership, structure, functions and support of the Council, consistent with the provisions of Sections 16.126-1 through 16.126-61:

SECTION 60. Amending Section 16.128-11 of the Charter.

Section 16.128-11 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~SEC. 16.128-11. CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~

—(a) **Creation.** There shall be a Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee (“Oversight and Advisory Committee”) to monitor and participate in the administration of the Dignity Fund as provided in Charter Sections 16.128-1 *et seq.*, and to take steps to ensure that the Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.

—(b) ~~Responsibilities.~~

—(1) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall develop recommendations for DAAS and the Fund regarding outcomes for services to Seniors and Adults with Disabilities, the evaluation of services, common data systems, a process for making funding decisions, program improvement and capacity-building of service providers, community engagement in planning and evaluating services, leveraging dollars of the Fund, and the use of the Fund as a catalyst for innovation. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall promote and facilitate transparency and accountability in the administration of the Fund and in the planning and allocation process.

—(2) As provided in Section 16.128-6, the Oversight and Advisory Committee shall provide input into the planning process for the Community Needs Assessment (“CNA”) and the final CNA, the Services and Allocation Plan, and the over-all spending plan for the Fund to be presented to the Disability and Aging Services Commission, and shall review the annual Data and Evaluation Report. Nothing in this Section 16.128-11 shall limit the authority of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to propose, amend, and adopt a budget under Article IX of the Charter.

—(3) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall establish and maintain a Service Provider Working Group as provided in subsection (e).

—(4) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall meet at least six times a year.

—(c) ~~Composition.~~ The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall have 11 members. The Disability and Aging Services Commission shall appoint two of its members to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Advisory Council to the Department of Disability and Aging Services shall appoint three of its members to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. And the Long Term Care Council shall appoint three of its members to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Mayor shall appoint the remaining three at-large members of the Oversight and Advisory Committee, subject to rejection by the Board of Supervisors within 30 days following transmittal of the Notice of Appointment.

—The appointing authorities shall appoint the initial members by February 1, 2017. The terms of the initial appointees to the Committee shall commence on the date of the first meeting of the Committee, which may occur when at least eight members have been appointed and are present.

—(d) ~~Implementation.~~ The Board of Supervisors shall further provide by ordinance for the membership, structure, functions, appointment criteria, terms, and administrative and clerical support of the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Board of Supervisors shall adopt such legislation to be effective by January 1, 2017.

—(e) ~~Service Provider Working Group.~~ The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall create a Service Provider Working Group (“Working Group”) to advise the Oversight and Advisory Committee on funding priorities, policy development, the planning cycle, evaluation design and plans, and any other issues of concern to the Working Group related to the Fund or the responsibilities of DAAS or other departments receiving monies from the Fund. The Working Group shall engage a broad cross-section of service providers in providing information, education, and consultation to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. All members of the Working Group shall be actively providing services to Seniors, Adults with Disabilities, and their caregivers. DAAS staff shall provide administrative and clerical support to the Working Group. The Working Group shall meet at least four times a year. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall appoint two initial co-chairs of the Working Group, who shall be responsible for developing the structure of the Working Group and facilitating the meetings. After the terms of the initial co-chairs ex-

pire, the Working Group shall select its own chairs. Working Group meetings shall be open to the public and encourage widespread participation.

(a) All references in Sections 16.128-1 to 16.128-10 of this Charter to a “Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee” or to an “Oversight and Advisory Committee” shall hereafter refer to the Department of Disability and Aging Services, or to any agency or commission designated by the Board of Supervisors in any ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 4.101, subdivisions (e), (f), or (g), of this Charter.

(b) To the extent that subsections (b) or (c)(1) of Section 16.128-6 require that the DAAS provide copies of reports or other materials to the Health Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Veterans Affairs Commission, or the Commission on the Status of Women, and to the extent those commissions are not retained or reconstituted by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to section 4.100, subsection (e), (f), or (g), of this Charter, the DAAS shall instead provide copies to such other departments or appointive boards or commissions as are appropriate and consistent with the purposes of Section 16.108.

SECTION 61. Repealing Section 18.111 of the Charter.

Section 18.111 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

SEC. 18.111. ASIAN ART MUSEUM STATUS:

—During such time as the Asian Art Museum is located in a wing of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, the Commission shall control and manage the collections housed in that wing as provided for in the July 2, 1969 Management Agreement between the Committee of Asian Art and Culture and the Board of Trustees of the de Young Museum, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 62. Amending Section A8.400 of the Charter.

Section A8.400 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

A8.400 GENERAL RULES FOR ESTABLISHING AND PAYING COMPENSATION

(a) (1) The Board of Supervisors shall have power and it shall be its duty to fix by ordinance from time to time, as provided in Section 8.401, all salaries, wages and compensations of every kind and nature, except pension or retirement allowances, for the positions, or places of employment, of all officers and employees of all departments, offices, boards and commissions of the City and County in all cases where such compensations are paid by the City and County.

(2) Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Charter, or as necessary to comply with federal or state law, no person appointed to serve on an appointive board or commission, after the effective date of this subsection, shall be permitted any compensation solely by virtue of that appointment. The foregoing sentence shall not be construed to exclude an individual from compensation if that person is otherwise eligible, such as an officer or permanent employee who is also appointed to serve on a board or commission in accordance with applicable law.

(b) The Board of Supervisors shall have power by ordinance to provide the periods when salaries and wages earned shall be paid provided, that until such ordinance becomes effective, all wages and salaries shall be paid semi-monthly. No salary or wage shall be paid in advance. It shall be official misconduct for any officer or employee to present or approve a claim for full-time or continuous personal service other than in the manner provided by this Charter.

(c) All personal services shall be paid by warrants on the basis of a claim, bill, timeroll or payroll approved by the head of the department or office employing such service. The claims, bills or payrolls, hereinafter designated as payrolls, for salaries, wages or compensation

for personal services of all officers, assistants and employees of every class or description, without regard to the name or title by which they are known, for each department or office of the City and County shall be transmitted to the department of human resources before presentation to the controller.

(d) The human resources director shall verify that all persons whose names appear on payrolls have been legally appointed to or employed in positions legally established under this Charter. In performing such verification said director may rely upon the results of electronic data processing. Said director shall direct his attention to exception reports produced by such processing; he shall approve or disapprove each item thereon and transmit said exception reports to the controller. The controller shall not draw his warrant for any claim for personal services, salary, wages or compensation which has been disapproved by the said director.

(e) For the purpose of the verification of claims, bills, timerolls, or payrolls, contractual services represented by teams or trucks hired by any principal executive or other officer of the City and County shall be considered in the same manner as personal service items and shall be included on payrolls as approved by said principal executive or other officers, and shall be subject to examination and approval by the human resources director and the controller in the same manner as payments for personal services.

(f) The salary, wage or other compensation fixed for each officer and employee in, or as provided by this Charter, shall be in full compensation for all services rendered, and every officer and employee shall pay all fees and other moneys received by him, in the course of his office or employment, into the City and County treasury.

(g) No officer or employee shall be paid for a greater time than that covered by his actual service; provided, however, that the basic amount of salary, wage or other compensation, excluding premium pay differentials of any type whatsoever of any officer or employee who may be called upon for jury service in any municipal, state or federal court, shall not be diminished during the term of such jury service. There shall, however, be deducted from the amount of basic salary, wage or other compensation, excluding any pay premium differentials of any type whatsoever payable by the City and County to the officer or employee for such period as such officer or employee may be absent on account of jury service, any amounts which the officer or employee may receive on account of such jury service. Any absence from regular duty or employment while on jury duty shall be indicated on timerolls by an appropriate symbol to be designated by the controller.

(h) Notwithstanding any other limitation in the Charter to the contrary, and subject to meet and confer obligations of state law, the Mayor may request that the Board of Supervisors enact, and the Board shall then have the power to so enact, an ordinance entitling City officers or employees called to active duty with a United States military reserve organization to receive from the City the following as part of the individual's compensation: for a period to be specified in the ordinance, the difference between the amount of the individual's military pay and the amount the individual would have received as a City officer or employee had the employee worked his or her normal work schedule, including any merit raises which otherwise would have been granted during the time the individual was on active duty. Any such ordinance shall be subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The individual must have been called into active service for a period greater than 30 consecutive days.
2. The purpose for such call to active service shall be extraordinary circumstances and shall not include scheduled training, drills, unit training assemblies, or similar events.

3. The amounts authorized pursuant to such an ordinance shall be offset by amounts required to be paid pursuant to any other law in order that there be no double payments.

4. Any individual receiving compensation pursuant to such an ordinance shall execute an agreement providing that if such individual does not return to City service within 60 days of release from active duty, or if the individual is not fit for employment at that time, within 60 days of return to fitness for employment, then that compensation shall be treated as a loan payable with interest at a rate equal to the greater of (i) the rate received for the concurrent period by the Treasurer's Pooled Cash Account or (ii) the minimum amount necessary to avoid imputed income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any successor statute. Such loan shall be payable in equal monthly installments over a period not to exceed 5 years, commencing 90 days after the individual's release from active service or return to fitness for employment, as the case may be.

5. Such an ordinance shall not apply to any active duty served voluntarily after the time that the individual is called to active service.

6. Such ordinance shall not be retroactive.

SECTION 63. Amending Section A8.420 of the Charter.

Section A8.420 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

A8.420 ESTABLISHMENT OF AND MEMBERSHIP IN HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM

(a) A health service system is hereby established. Said system shall be administered by the human resources department subject to the approval of the health service board. The members of the system shall consist of all permanent employees, which shall include officers of the City and County, of the San Francisco Unified School District, and of the Parking Authority of the City and County of San Francisco and such other employees as may be determined by ordinance, subject to such conditions and qualifications as the Board of Supervisors may impose, and such employees as may be determined by collective bargaining agreement. Any employee who adheres to the faith or teachings of any recognized religious sect, denomination or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets or principles, depends for healing upon prayers in the practice of religion shall be exempt from the system upon filing annually with the human resources department an affidavit stating such adherence and dependence and disclaiming any benefits under the system. The human resources department shall have the power to exempt any person whose compensation exceeds the amount deemed sufficient for self coverage and any person who otherwise has provided for adequate medical care. Any claim or request for exemption denied by the human resources department may be appealed to the health services board.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), and except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Charter, or as necessary to comply with federal or state law, the members of the System shall not include any person appointed or reappointed to serve on an appointive board or commission, after the effective date of this subsection, solely by virtue of that appointment. The foregoing sentence shall not be construed to exclude an individual from the System if that person is otherwise eligible, such as an officer or permanent employee who is also appointed to serve on a board or commission in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 64. Amending Section A8.441 of the Charter.

Section A8.441 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

A8.441 AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER VACATION CREDITS

(a) Employees of the City and County of San Francisco may transfer their vested vacation allowance credits to other employees of the City and County of San Francisco who have been determined to be catastrophically ill by the employee's head of department, in accord with the definition of catastrophic illness previously adopted by the Health Commission or to be provided by the Board of Supervisors by ordinance Health Commission, and who have exhausted their vacation allowance, sick leave and compensatory time off, provided that such transfer may be made only in compliance with the terms and conditions established by the Board of Supervisors.

By ordinance, the Board of Supervisors may extend such vacation credit transfer rights to City employees for use as family leave to care for catastrophically-ill spouses, domestic partners or other dependents as defined in the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. sec. 152), as amended from time to time.

(b) The Board of Supervisors is hereby empowered to enact any and all ordinances necessary to administer, interpret and regulate the provisions of this section.

SECTION 65. Repealing Section D3.750 of the Charter.

Section D3.750 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~D3.750 AMENDMENT OF CHARTER PROVISIONS; TRANSITION~~

~~The amendments of Section 4.121 and of provisions of this Appendix D, adopted at the June 7, 2022 election, shall become operative on July 1, 2023; provided, however, that the new process for nominating and confirming members to the Building Inspection Commission, along with the change in qualifications for members accompanying that new process, as specified in Section 4.121 as amended, shall commence sufficiently in advance of July 1, 2023 such that members may be appointed under the new process and be prepared to assume office on that date.~~

SECTION 66. Repealing Section D3.750-1 of the Charter.

Section D3.750-1 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~D3.750-1 TERMS OF OFFICE OF BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION~~

~~The terms of office of all members of the Commission who hold office as of July 1, 2023 shall expire at noon on that date, at which time the terms of office for members of the Commission appointed pursuant to the new process for nominating and confirming members as referenced in Section D3.750 shall commence. In order to stagger the terms, three members (appointees to Seats 3 and 4, as designated by the Mayor when nominated; and the appointee to Seat 7, as designated by the President of the Board of Supervisors when nominated) shall initially serve one-year terms; and four members (appointees to Seats 1 and 2, as designated by the Mayor when nominated; and appointees to Seats 5 and 6, as designated by the President of the Board of Supervisors when nominated) shall initially serve two-year terms. All subsequent terms of office for all members of the Commission shall be two years.~~

SECTION 67. Amending Section D3.750-2 of the Charter.

Section D3.750-2 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

D3.750-2 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING INSPECTION

The Director of Building Inspection shall be the department head and appointing officer of the Department of Building Inspection and shall be qualified by either technical training or administrative experience in the enforcement of building and other construction codes. The Director shall serve as the building official of the City and County.

The Director shall not serve as an officer or member of any standing or ad hoc committee of any building industry or code development or en-

forcement organization or public agency other than the City and County of San Francisco without the prior approval of the Mayor Commission.

SECTION 68. Amending Section D3.750-3 of the Charter.

Section D3.750-3 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

D3.750-3 CODE PUBLICATION

The Commission Department of Building Inspection shall have the sole authority to contract for the publication of the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes, and any amendments thereto. Other provisions of this Charter and the Administrative Code notwithstanding, the selection of a publisher shall be based on the lowest retail cost to the public of a complete set of these codes.

SECTION 69. Repealing Section D3.750-4 of the Charter.

Section D3.750-4 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~D3.750-4 APPROVAL OF BUDGETS~~

~~The Director shall submit a proposed department budget for each upcoming fiscal year for approval by the Commission. The proposed budget shall be compiled in such detail as shall be required on uniform blanks furnished by the controller. The Commission must hold at least two public hearings on the respective budget proposal.~~

~~The final budget for the Department of Building Inspection must be approved by a favorable vote of at least five commissioners.~~

SECTION 70. Repealing Section D3.750-5 of the Charter.

Section D3.750-5 of the San Francisco Charter is hereby repealed:

~~D3.750-5 TECHNICAL BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES~~

~~The technical boards and advisory committees established in the Building Code by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors shall continue in existence as boards and committees within the Department of Building Inspection. Members of the boards and committees shall be appointed by the commission. Incumbents legally appointed to these respective bodies prior to the commission's assumption of management of the department shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.~~

SECTION 71. Interpretation.

(a) This Initiative must be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this Initiative be interpreted or implemented in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Initiative. The title of this Initiative and the captions preceding the sections of this Initiative are for convenience of reference only. Such title and captions shall not define or limit the scope or purpose of any provision of this Initiative. The use of the terms "including," "such as" or words of similar import when following any general term, statement or matter shall not be construed to limit such term, statement or matter to the specific items or matters, whether or not language of non-limitation is used. Rather, such terms shall be deemed to refer to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of such statement, term or matter.

(b) The fact that a provision of the Charter is amended by this measure to repeal or modify the creation or authorization for a given a commission shall not be deemed to bar the Board of Supervisors from retaining or reestablishing the body provided for in this section pursuant to section 4.100, subsection (e), (f) or (g), of the Charter.

SECTION 72. Severability.

If any provision of this Initiative, or part thereof, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the

provisions of this Initiative are severable. The voters declare that this Initiative, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, would have been adopted or passed irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, part, or portion is found to be invalid. If any provision of this Initiative is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity does not affect any application of this Initiative that can be given effect without the invalid application.

SECTION 73. Conflicting Ballot Measures.

(a) In the event that this Initiative and another measure or measures relating to the structure and powers of appointive boards and commissions shall appear on the same municipal election ballot, the provisions of such other measures shall be deemed to be in conflict with this Initiative. In the event that this Initiative shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this Initiative shall prevail in their entirety, and each and every provision of the other measure or measures that conflict, in whole or in part, with this Initiative shall be null and void in their entirety. In the event that the other measure or measures shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this Initiative shall take effect to the maximum extent permitted by law.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the We Need SF to Work Initiative shall not be deemed a conflicting measure but shall be deemed complementary hereto, and to the extent both that the voters approve both that measure and this measure at the same election, and both measures amend the same Charter section, the voters intended that the amendments of both measures shall be given full effect. To the extent that cannot plausibly be done, because there is a conflict between the measures that cannot be reconciled, it is the intent of the voters that this Initiative shall prevail over the We Need SF to Work Initiative. The fact that a given provision of this Initiative does become operative immediately upon the Initiative's effective date, as provided in Section 74 hereof, shall not preclude corresponding amendments contained in the We Need SF to Work Initiative from taking effect as provided in that measure.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a measure that imposes a tax or approves bonds, and which provides for oversight of the spending of the tax proceeds or of the expenditure of bond proceeds by an advisory committee, including but not limited to the existing Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee, shall not be deemed a conflicting measure, but the voters hereby express their intention that the Board of Supervisors may transfer the duties and functions of the advisory committee established by that tax or bond measure to another appointive board or commission in accordance with Section 4 of this Initiative, or transfer other duties and functions to an advisory committee established by that tax or bond measure, except to the extent otherwise prohibited by law, and notwithstanding the fact that the advisory committee is approved by a vote of the people.

SECTION 74. Effective Date.

If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the Initiative, the Initiative shall go into effect in accordance with California Elections Code § 9269 and Government Code §§ 34459-34460.

SECTION 75. Operative Dates.

Sections 1-10, 12-13, 16-18, 22, 33, 35, 37, 41-43, 47-49, 61-63, and 71-77 of this Initiative shall become operative immediately upon the effective date of the measure pursuant to Section 74 hereof. The remaining sections of this Initiative shall become operative on the date specified in section 4.100, subsection (b)(1), of the Charter, as added by Section 4 of this Initiative.

SECTION 76. Amendment.

Pursuant to Article XI, section 3, of the California Constitution, the provisions of this Initiative may only be amended by a vote of the People.

SECTION 77. Effect on Current Terms.

No change to the method of appointing commissioners adopted by this measure shall be construed to cut short the term of any currently serving commissioner on the following commissions: the Public Utilities Commission, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the Airport Commission, the Fire Commission, the Police Commission, the Planning Commission, the Disability and Aging Services Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Recreation and Park Commission.

Proposition E

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to establish the Commission Streamlining Task Force charged with making recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors about ways to modify, eliminate, or combine the City's appointive boards and commissions to improve the administration of City government; require the City Attorney to prepare a Charter Amendment to implement the Task Force's recommendations relating to Charter commissions, for consideration by the Board of Supervisors; and authorize the Task Force to introduce an ordinance to effectuate its recommendations relating to appointive boards and commissions codified in the Municipal Code, which ordinance shall go into effect within 90 days unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

(a) The City and County of San Francisco has long been a place that values public service, creativity, political activism, and civic engagement. And the City's system of participatory government reflects those values. San Francisco is led not only by elected officials and professional City staff, but also by hundreds of City residents who volunteer their time to serve on City boards and commissions (together referred to in this Section as "commissions"), such as the Planning Commission, the Disability and Aging Services Commission, and the Human Rights Commission.

(b) San Francisco's commissions leverage the perspectives, lived experiences, and expertise of the City's residents, and ensure that important policy decisions are not made behind closed doors by a powerful few, but through a public and participatory process that is informed by the very people whom those decisions will impact.

(c) San Francisco's commissions have been in existence as long as the City has had a Charter. The first commission – the Police Commission – was established in 1878, followed by the Civil Service Commission in 1900, and the Public Utilities Commission in 1932. Since then, the voters have amended the City Charter numerous times to establish policy and oversight bodies that have helped shape city policies and programs.

(d) In addition to providing policy guidance, many commissions perform essential government functions that are required by law. For example, the Historic Preservation Commission acts as the City's local historic preservation review commission for the purposes of the federal Certified Local Government Program; the Health Commission serves as the governing body of General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital; the Board of Appeals affords due process to permit applicants wishing to appeal a permit decision; and the Building Inspection Commission helps to craft and enforce the safety standards of the Building Code.

These and other functions performed by commissions cannot be summarily eliminated without creating significant uncertainty and disorder.

(e) Currently, there are over 100 commissions that perform work on behalf of the City or provide non-binding guidance to City officials and departments. Many of these bodies have existed for decades, without review or evaluation of their efficacy, or updates to maximize their utility. Some commissions have fulfilled their original mandate; some have outlived their useful purpose; and others perform work that duplicates the efforts of other City bodies. As the City enters a period in which it will have to make difficult budget choices, it is time to undertake a comprehensive, evidence-based review of the City’s commissions to identify those bodies that add value to the City, those that can be consolidated, streamlined, or improved, and those whose time has passed.

(f) This measure establishes a clear pathway for that review, starting with a study conducted by the Budget and Legislative Analyst of the annual financial cost of supporting the City’s commissions. The measure will also establish a Task Force of experts in City management and operations. This Task Force will not only have the authority to make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors about how to change the current commission system, but will also have the power to introduce legislation to effectuate those recommendations. Recommendations could include changes to the structure, staffing, and meeting requirements of individual commissions, with the goal of improving the commissions’ efficacy.

(g) This measure’s creation of an expert Task Force to analyze and make recommendations to optimize the number, functions, and structure of City commissions, is consistent with recommendations from the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled “Commission Impossible,” as well as the Rose Institute of State and Local Government’s “Re-Assessing San Francisco’s Government Design,” which concluded it is not possible to determine the optimal number of City commissions without an exhaustive review, and encouraged the City to “[c]onsider a system-wide evaluation of the City’s commission system” as its main recommendation.

(h) Making significant changes to a system of government is no easy feat. And it cannot be done effectively by establishing arbitrary limits on the number of citizen-led commissions. But it is time for San Francisco to make tough choices, which requires looking at which parts of our current system of government work, and which don’t. This measure provides a roadmap for that inquiry, and an expedited path to effective change.

SECTION 2. CHARTER AMENDMENT.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County, to read as follows:

NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text** is in plain font.

Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman font.

Deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman font~~.

Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby amended by revising Sections 2.105, 4.100, and adding new Section 4.100.1, to read as follows:

SEC. 2.105. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

The Board of Supervisors shall meet and transact its business according to rules which it shall adopt.

The Board of Supervisors shall act only by written ordinance or resolution, except that it may act by motion on matters over which the Board of Supervisors has exclusive jurisdiction. All legislative acts

shall be by ordinance. An ordinance or resolution may be introduced before the Board of Supervisors by a member of the Board, a committee of the Board, the Mayor, or the Commission Streamlining Task Force subject to the limitations set forth in Section 4.100.1, and shall be referred to and reported upon by an appropriate committee of the Board. An ordinance or resolution may be prepared in committee and reported out to the full Board for action, consistent with the public notice laws of the City. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, passage of an ordinance or a resolution shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board.

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SEC. 4.100. GENERAL.

In addition to the office of the Mayor, the executive branch of the City and County shall be composed of departments, appointive boards, commissions, and other units of government that perform the sovereign powers of the City and County. To the extent law permits, each appointive board, commission, or other unit of government of the City and County established by State or Federal law shall be subject to the provisions of this Article *IV* and this Charter.

SEC. 4.100.1. COMMISSION STREAMLINING TASK FORCE.

(a) Establishment of the Task Force. By no later than February 1, 2025, a Commission Streamlining Task Force (“Streamlining Task Force”) shall be convened for the purpose of advising the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on ways to eliminate, consolidate, or limit the powers and duties of appointive boards and commissions for the more effective, efficient, and economical administration of City and County government, and introducing one or more ordinances to effectuate its recommendations. The Streamlining Task Force shall have the powers and duties set forth herein, and shall expire by operation of law 24 months after its first meeting.

The City Administrator shall provide administrative support to the Streamlining Task Force. The Controller and the City Administrator shall provide professional and technical assistance to the Streamlining Task Force. All City and County officials, departments, and other agencies, and all appointive boards and commissions, shall cooperate with the Streamlining Task Force as it performs its responsibilities under this Section 4.100.1.

For purposes of this Section 4.100.1, an “appointive board” or “commission” includes any body that meets the definition of a “legislative body,” under California Government Code § 54952, whether denominated a “board,” “commission,” “council,” “committee,” “task force,” “advisory body,” or otherwise.

(b) Composition of the Streamlining Task Force. The Streamlining Task Force shall consist of five members. Seat 1 shall be held by the City Administrator or the City Administrator’s designee, who must be an employee of the Office of the City Administrator. Seat 2 shall be held by the Controller or the Controller’s designee, who must be an employee of the Office of the Controller. Seat 3 shall be held by the City Attorney or the City Attorney’s designee, who must be an employee of the Office of the City Attorney. Seat 4 shall be held by a representative of organized labor representing the public sector, appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors. Seat 5 shall be held by an individual with expertise in open and accountable government, appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor’s appointment shall not be subject to rejection by the Board of Supervisors under Charter Section 3.100(18). Members in seats 4 and 5 shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.

(c) Budget and Legislative Analyst Report. The Streamlining Task Force shall undertake a comprehensive review of the City and County’s appointive boards and commissions, including those created by voter-approved ordinance. To inform that review, by no later than September 1, 2025, the Budget and Legislative Analyst shall prepare and submit to the Streamlining Task Force, the Mayor, and the Clerk

of the Board of Supervisors a report that assesses for each appointive board or commission established in the Charter (1) the annual financial cost to the City to operate the body, including but not limited to the costs of City staff time spent to support, brief, meet with, develop materials for, or otherwise enable the functioning of the body; and (2) the projected financial impact of eliminating the appointive board or commission, or consolidating it with another body. The report shall also include an estimate of the average annual financial cost to the City of operating an appointive board or commission that is established by ordinance for the purpose of providing non-binding advice to City officials on a given topic.

*(d) **Streamlining Task Force Report and Recommendations.** By no later than February 1, 2026, the Streamlining Task Force shall prepare and submit to the Mayor and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors a report containing the Streamlining Task Force's recommendations as to which existing appointive boards and commissions, if any, should be eliminated in their entirety, consolidated, revised to limit their powers and/or duties, or revised to expand their powers and/or duties as a result of a consolidation.*

For each recommendation made pursuant to this subsection (d), the Streamlining Task Force shall provide a rationale; analyze whether any function(s) performed by the appointive board or commission that is recommended to be eliminated, consolidated, or revised are required by law or essential to the effective operation of City and County government; and identify the City and County officers, departments, or other units of government that could assume responsibility for any legally required or essential function(s).

*(e) **Effectuation of Recommendations.***

By no later than March 1, 2026, the City Attorney shall prepare a draft Charter Amendment to implement the Streamlining Task Force's recommendations relating to commissions established in the Charter, and shall submit such draft to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. By no later than April 1, 2026, the Streamlining Task Force's report and recommendations and the draft Charter Amendment shall be the subject of a hearing before the Board of Supervisors. Any Supervisor(s) wishing to seek voter approval of the draft Charter Amendment, or a modified version thereof, shall be required to introduce the Charter Amendment for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, consistent with the process and deadlines set forth in the Municipal Elections Code and the Board's Rules of Order at that time.

During its tenure, the Streamlining Task Force shall have the authority to introduce one or more ordinances to effectuate its recommendations relating to the elimination, consolidation, or revision of any appointive board or commission established by ordinance, other than any appointive board or commission that was established or amended by the adoption of an ordinance approved by the voters and cannot be amended or rescinded without voter approval. Such ordinance(s) shall go into effect 90 days after the date of introduction unless before the expiration of the 90-day period two-thirds of all members of the Board of Supervisors vote to disapprove the ordinance.

*(f) **Expiration.** This Section 4.100.1 shall expire by operation of law on January 31, 2027, and the City Attorney shall cause it to be removed the Charter thereafter.*

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this measure, or part thereof is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this measure are severable. The voters declare that this measure, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, would have been adopted or passed irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, part, or portion is found to be invalid. If any provision of this measure is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such

invalidity does not affect any application of this measure that can be given effect without the invalid application.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTING BALLOT MEASURES.

This measure is intended as the voters' only decision in this election on the composition of City appointive boards and commissions. In the event that this measure and another measure or measures relating to the structure and powers of appointive commissions and advisory bodies shall appear on the same municipal election ballot, the provisions of such other measures shall be deemed to be in conflict with this measure. In the event that this measure shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety, and each and every provision of the other measure or measures that conflict, in whole or in part, with this measure shall be null and void in their entirety. In the event that the other measure or measures shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes than this measure, the provisions of this measure shall take effect to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Proposition F

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to define the term "Full-Duty Sworn Officer"; modify the criteria for establishing recommended staffing levels for sworn officers; change the requirement for the Chief of Police to submit a staffing report from every two years to every three years; and establish a new voluntary Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") for the period from July 2025 – July 2030, for eligible members of the Police Department (in the rank of officer, sergeant, or inspector) that allows those members to earn additional deferred compensation in the Retirement System for up to 60 months in exchange for agreeing to perform neighborhood patrol or investigative work.

Section 1. Findings.

(a) In the wake of an unprecedented global pandemic that strained emergency and public safety responder staffing everywhere — one of several factors leading to a nationwide decline in police recruitment numbers — cities like San Francisco struggle to recruit new officers and offset the unusually high number of retirements facing our Police Department.

(b) In testimony before the Board of Supervisors in 2023, a San Francisco Police Department ("SFPD" or "Police Department") commander described the City's police understaffing crisis as "catastrophic for the Department if we cannot balance the attrition," warning that: "We are losing members at a far faster rate than we are hiring, and this pattern will continue, and that gap will continue to widen for the next few years — unless we are able to do something drastic."

(c) Chronic police understaffing enables elevated levels of public disorder and public nuisance, which continue to overwhelm many parts of San Francisco. These problems include open-air drug scenes, brazen street-level drug dealing, deteriorating street conditions, vehicular and commercial smash-and-grabs, retail thefts and street-level fencing in stolen goods, graffiti and malicious vandalism, and myriad property crimes plaguing numerous San Francisco neighborhoods and tourist destinations. These conditions hinder San Francisco's post-COVID-19 economic recovery and fuel a public health crisis in drug overdose fatalities.

(d) In March 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution urging the Police Commission to form a Task Force, in collaboration with the Chief of Police, on Strategic Police Staffing for the purpose of determining the best methodology for establishing SFPD staffing levels. That Task Force endeavored to determine SFPD staffing levels using a

workload methodology based on the demand for police services rather than utilizing other metrics such as population size.

(e) In 2020, San Francisco voters amended the Charter to require the Police Department to submit a report and recommendations to the Police Commission every two years using the workload methodology and directed the Police Commission to use the report to inform the approval of the Police Department’s budget.

(f) The workload-based process, developed in partnership with an outside independent consultant, produced an initially recommended SFPD staffing level of 2,176 full-duty sworn officers (in 2021), which was subsequently revised to 2,182 sworn officers (in 2022) and then to 2,074 sworn officers (in 2023).

(g) Although the City has made worthwhile progress in recent years to develop a workload-based methodology to calculate the number of full-duty officers required to meet San Francisco’s policing needs, SFPD’s full-duty staffing level has dropped precipitously — by more than 23% — since 2020. Given the added urgency presented by the impending retirement of many officers, adjusting the method for establishing recommended minimum SFPD staffing levels — together with incentives to defer looming retirements with a focus on increasing deployments for patrol work and investigations — is prudent public policy.

(h) The urgency of addressing San Francisco’s chronic police understaffing crisis is not limited to public safety imperatives. It is creating needlessly expensive and wasteful inefficiencies, requiring significant overtime to run a short-staffed Police Department. In recent fiscal years, overtime has accounted for as much as 20% of SFPD’s entire salary budget. The reliance on overtime also burdens an already-understaffed workforce, increasing the risk of officer burnout and taking a toll on the physical and mental well-being of officers and their families.

(i) The City has made strides in hiring by approving the most competitive entry-level wages for new officers in the entire Bay Area. Additionally, through April of 2024, SFPD has made notable progress in recruiting lateral hires from other law enforcement agencies, with nearly one-in-four sworn officer hires having prior experience and certification in policing.

(j) Because lateral hires require significantly less time than newly hired recruits to qualify for deployment, this Charter Amendment aims to incentivize additional lateral hiring. It does so by extending to lateral hires the opportunity to apply their prior service toward eligibility for a new voluntary Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”), thereby enhancing the value of a program historically focused on retention to new recruits as well.

(k) In 2008, the voters approved a Charter Amendment establishing the original DROP for certain members of the SFPD who had served at least 25 years and who were at least 50 years old. A deferred retirement program, like DROP, is a program that allows an employee who is eligible to retire to continue working while simultaneously drawing a pension. In the original DROP, participating officers would continue working at their prior salary and benefits while the City placed their monthly pension into an interest-bearing account (at 4% annual interest) that the employee would receive at the end of their participation in the DROP. During their participation in the DROP, officers were ineligible for promotion and the additional time served would not count towards added pension benefits. The original DROP was discontinued in 2011.

(l) Drawing on lessons from the previous DROP as well as best practices from other jurisdictions across California, this proposal contains significant reforms that: (1) limit DROP eligibility to the frontline ranks of officer, sergeant and inspector, with supervisory ranks from lieutenant through chief ineligible for the program, (2) require DROP participants to perform neighborhood patrol or investigation work, and (3) require participants to remain actively working for SFPD during

their participation to address certain abuses observed in other jurisdictions.

(m) This Charter Amendment aims to accelerate favorable public safety impacts and help San Francisco achieve full police staffing by (1) restoring police staffing levels to the Charter and carrying forward the spirit of the 2020 Charter Amendment by periodically updating this number based on a scientific workload analysis, and (2) establishing a voluntary DROP program that would be offered to eligible members of the Police Department, to attract and retain sworn officers who will be deployed to district stations for patrol or investigative work.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections 4.127 and replacing expired text in Sections A8.900 through A8.910 to read as follows:

NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text** is in plain font.
Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman font.
Deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

SEC. 4.127. POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Police Department shall preserve the public peace, prevent and detect crime, and protect the rights of persons and property by enforcing the laws of the United States, the State of California, and the City and County.

The Chief of Police may appoint and remove at pleasure special police officers.

The Chief of Police shall have all powers which are now or that may be conferred upon a sheriff by state law with respect to the suppression of any riot, public tumult, disturbance of the public peace, or organized resistance against the laws or public authority.

DISTRICT POLICE STATIONS. The Police Department shall maintain and operate district police stations. The Police Commission, subject to the approval by the Board of Supervisors, may establish additional district stations, abandon or relocate any district station, or consolidate any two or more district stations.

BUDGET. Monetary awards and settlements disbursed by the City and County as a result of police action or inaction shall be taken exclusively from a specific appropriation listed as a separate line item in the Police Department budget for that purpose.

POLICE STAFFING.

By no earlier than October 1 and no later than November 1 in 2025 and every odd-numbered third calendar year thereafter, the Chief of Police shall transmit to the Police Commission a report describing the ~~D~~Department’s current number of full-duty sworn officers Full-Duty Sworn Officers and recommending staffing levels of full-duty sworn officers Full-Duty Sworn Officers ~~infor~~ for the subsequent ~~two~~ three fiscal years. Full-Duty Sworn Officers means full-time sworn members of the Department except those assigned to the San Francisco International Airport, those on long-term leaves of absence, and Police Academy recruits. The report shall include an assessment of the Police Department’s overall staffing, the workload handled by the ~~d~~Department’s employees, the ~~d~~Department’s public service objectives, the ~~d~~Department’s legal duties, and other information the Chief of Police deems relevant to determining proper staffing levels of Full-Duty Sworn Officers full-duty sworn officers. The report shall evaluate and make recommendations regarding staffing levels at all district stations and in all types of jobs and services performed by full-duty sworn officers Full-Duty Sworn Officers. By no later than July 1 in 2028 and every odd-numbered third

calendar year *thereafter*, the Police Commission shall adopt a policy prescribing the methodologies that the Chief of Police may use in evaluating staffing levels, which may include consideration of factors such as workload metrics, the Department’s targets for levels of service, ratios between supervisory and non-supervisory positions in the Department, progress toward the Department’s “30 by 30 Pledge” to increase the representation of women in police academy recruit classes to 30% by 2030 and to ensure that police policies and culture intentionally support the success of women officers throughout their careers, whether particular services require a fixed number of hours, and other factors the Police Commission determines are best practices or otherwise relevant. The Chief of Police may, but is not required by this Section 4.127 to, submit staffing reports regarding full-duty sworn officers Full-Duty Sworn Officers to the Police Commission more frequently than every three even-numbered years.

Beginning in 2025, the Police Commission shall hold a public hearing regarding the Chief of Police’s staffing report by December 31 in every year in which the Chief of Police submits a staffing report between October 1 and November 1 odd-numbered calendar year. The Police Commission shall consider the Chief of Police’s most recent report in its consideration and approval of the Police Department’s proposed budget every fiscal year, but the Commission shall not be required to accept or adopt any of the recommendations in the report.

The Board of Supervisors is empowered to adopt ordinances necessary to effectuate the purpose of this ~~Section 4.127~~ regarding staffing levels including but not limited to ordinances regulating the scheduling of police training classes.

Further, the Police Commission shall initiate an annual review and submit the following reports to the Board of Supervisors annually for the Board’s review: (1) a report on progress, obstacles, and additional needs, if any, for the successful recruitment and retention of Full-Duty Sworn Officers and to achieve and maintain the Department’s recommended staffing levels; (2) a report monitoring the progress toward the Department’s “30 by 30 Pledge,” as described above, including a description of the Department’s recruitment plan and an outline of milestones to achieve the pledge’s goals; and (3) a report on opportunities and plans to civilianize as many positions as possible and submit that report to the Board of Supervisors annually for review and approval. Beginning on January 1, 2030, the Board of Supervisors may by ordinance amend the reporting requirements in this paragraph.

PATROL SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS. The Commission may appoint patrol special police officers and for cause may suspend or dismiss patrol special police officers after a hearing on charges duly filed with the Commission and after a fair and impartial trial. Patrol special police officers shall be regulated by the Police Commission, which may establish requirements for and procedures to govern the position, including the power of the Chief of Police to suspend a patrol special police officer pending a hearing on charges. Each patrol special police officer shall be at the time of appointment not less than 21 years of age and must possess such physical qualifications as may be required by the Commission.

Patrol special police officers may be designated by the Commission as the owners of a certain beat or territory which may be established or rescinded by the Commission. Patrol special police officers designated as the owners of a certain beat or territory or the legal heirs or representatives of the owners may dispose of their interest in the beat or territory to a person of good moral character, approved by the Police Commission and eligible for appointment as a patrol special police officer.

Commission designation of beats or territories shall not affect the ability of private security companies to provide on-site security services on the inside or at the entrance of any property located in the City and County.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (“DROP”)

A8.900 PREAMBLE ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM.

~~—(a) It is critical to the health, the safety, and economic vitality of the City and County of San Francisco, that the City be able to recruit new Police Officers, and retain veteran Police Officers. Recent experience has demonstrated that the City’s Police Department has had difficulty recruiting qualified Police Officers, and, more significantly, has had difficulty retaining the services of veteran Police Officers.~~

~~—(b) There is a highly competitive labor market for the services of Police Officers. Additionally, due to the historical hiring patterns in this Department, hundreds of Police Officers will become eligible for normal service retirement in the next three to five years. The City Police Department is already three hundred officers below the Charter mandated staffing level.~~

~~—(c) In order to address this recruitment and this retention problem, through this measure the voters establish a voluntary Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) which would be offered to members of the Police Department in order to create an incentive for the retention of experienced Police Officers, and as well, to attract new Officers.~~

~~—(d) Specifically, as well, the voters intend that this Charter provision, if adopted, shall be “cost neutral” to the City; that is, it shall not impose new costs upon the City as a consequence of the participation by Police Officers in the DROP.~~

~~—(e) Finally, in order that the cost impact of the DROP may be assessed, this measure additionally provides that at the end of the third year after the implementation of the Program, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to data provided by the Police Department along with an analysis by the Controller of the City and County and the consulting actuary of the Retirement Board, shall determine whether the Program has been cost-neutral, and whether in light of its achievement of the goals of the measure, it should be continued for an additional three year term, and thereafter, subject to similar evaluations.~~

(a) Establishment. Sections A8.900 through A8.910 of the Charter hereby establish a voluntary Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”).

(b) Purpose. The purpose of the DROP is to facilitate the retention and recruitment of police officers, with the ultimate goal of having a fully-staffed police force.

A8.901 ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM.

(a) Sworn members of the Police Department occupying the rank of Police Officer (currently Classification Code Q2-Q4 as of 2024), Sergeant (currently Classification Code Q50-Q52 as of 2024), or Inspector (currently Classification Code 0380-0382 as of 2024) at their date of entry into the DROP Program, shall be eligible to participate in the DROP for up to a maximum of 36 60 months from their date of entry into the DROP Program, provided they otherwise meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section A8.901(eb). Sworn members of the Police Department occupying the ranks of Sergeant (currently Q50—Q52) and Inspector (currently 0380-0382) at their date of entry into the Program, shall be eligible to participate in the DROP of up to a maximum of 24 months from their date of entry into the Program, provided they otherwise meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section A8.901(c).

(b) Sworn members of the Police Department occupying the ranks of Lieutenant (currently Q60—Q62) and Captain (currently Q80—Q82) at their date of entry into the Program shall be eligible to participate in the Program for a maximum of 12 months from their date of entry into the Program, provided that they otherwise meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section A8.901(c). No sworn member of

~~the Police Department occupying a rank above that of Captain shall be eligible to participate in the Program.~~

~~(e) To be eligible to participate in the DROP, a sworn member occupying one of the eligible ranks must additionally be an active employee of the San Francisco Police Department, have at least 25 years of service credit as a sworn member of the Department, including any service as a member of the San Francisco Airport Police or service credit granted through a lateral transfer; and be at least 50 years of age at the time of entry into the DROP Program; and ~~Additionally, a member must be either a “full-duty sworn officer Full-Duty Sworn Officer” as that term is used defined in Charter Section 4.127 or a member currently assigned to the San Francisco International Airport. Reciprocity must be established prior to participation in the DROP and the member must exit the DROP and retire from the reciprocal plan concurrently. As a condition of participation in the DROP, a sworn member shall agree to be assigned to a district station within the Field Operations Bureau to perform neighborhood patrol work, or to the Investigative Bureau to conduct investigations. As a condition of participation the sworn member must and shall further agree to that they shall terminate their employment with the City through retirement at the conclusion of their participation in the DROP Program.~~~~

A8.902 EFFECT OF DISABILITY ON CONTINUED PARTICIPATION.

(a) If, after a member becomes a participant in the DROP, the member shall become incapacitated for the performance of duty by reason of any bodily injury received in or illness caused by the performance of duty, said member will be eligible to apply for a retirement for incapacity and be subject to the same eligibility requirements provided elsewhere in this Charter as though the participant was not enrolled in the DROP. If a member receives a retirement for this duty related incapacity, said retirement shall be in lieu of the benefits provided in accordance with these DROP provisions, and the participant shall be paid an industrial disability retirement benefit as if the participant had never entered the DROP. Participation in the DROP terminates on the date the Retirement Board approves a DROP participant’s application for disability retirement, after which no DROP distribution(s) shall be made. The DROP participant shall be paid an industrial disability retirement allowance as if they had never entered the DROP.

(b) If, after a member becomes a participant in the DROP, the member shall become incapacitated for the performance of duty by reason of any bodily injury received or illness not related to the performance of duty, said member will be eligible to apply to terminate participation in the DROP in accordance with Section A8.906. The participant will be paid the balance credited in their DROP Account, and will begin to receive a monthly payment as determined under Section A8.903, including any cost of living adjustments to which the member would otherwise be entitled.

(c) In the event a member shall become temporarily incapacitated for the performance of duty while participating in the DROP, the member is entitled to disability benefits only as provided for in this Charter. The member is thus no longer a “full-duty sworn officer,” as defined in Section 4.127 eligible to participate in DROP under Section A8.901(eb), and therefore the member’s service retirement payments will be suspended for the period during which disability benefits are received. The member’s DROP enrollment shall be extended for the period during which disability benefits were received, provided that this extension may not exceed 30 months one-half of the permitted maximum participation period for the rank occupied by the member at the time of enrollment in the DROP.

(d) In the event a member who is participating in the DROP applies for a retirement for incapacity, and the application remains unresolved at the conclusion of their DROP participation period, that member must leave the DROP when their participation period con-

cludes, but they shall be permitted to continue on disability status with the Department until such time as their application is finally determined. In no event, however, shall any such member receive the distribution of their DROP Account until their disability retirement status is finally determined.

(e) Members waive any right to apply for or be granted a disability pension once they have taken distribution of the funds in their DROP account.

A8.903 THE EFFECT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DROP UPON PENSION BENEFIT CALCULATIONS.

Upon the voluntary entry of a qualified member into the DROP, that member’s Retirement System benefits, including survivor benefits, shall be frozen, and shall not be increased as a result of any additional service time, increase in age or compensation earned by the member while they are participating in the DROP. During the period of a member’s participation in the DROP, the monthly service pension payment described herein shall be increased by any cost of living adjustment to which the member would otherwise be entitled, if retired, during the period of their participation in the DROP, pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan which applies to the member.

A8.904 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DROP ACCOUNT.

(a) The DROP Account is an account established for book-keeping purposes within the Retirement System for each member who elects to enter the DROP.

(b) Commencing with the first pay period after the entry of a member into the DROP, and for each pay period thereafter so long as the member participates in the DROP, the service pension (including any Cost of Living Adjustments) to which the member would otherwise be entitled based on their compensation, age, and length of service as of their date of their entry into the Program, shall be credited monthly into a DROP Account established within the Retirement System for each individual participant.

(c) A participating member, to the extent permitted by law and regulations established by the Retirement Board and the Board of Supervisors, may direct the crediting into that member’s DROP Account the dollar value of any compensatory time off, accrued unused vacation, or accrued Sick Pay, if any, to which the member may be entitled, in lieu of receiving a payout of those amounts upon the date of entry into the DROP.

~~(d) The DROP Account into which the member’s monthly service pension is credited shall also be credited on a monthly basis with interest at an annual effective rate of 4% of four percent throughout the period of the member’s participation in the DROP.~~

A8.905 RIGHTS OF SURVIVING SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER, OR DEPENDENTS.

(a) If a member shall die by reason of an injury received in, or illness caused by the performance of duty during the period of their participation in the DROP, the member’s qualified surviving spouse, qualified registered/certified domestic partner, or other qualified dependents provided for in this Charter shall receive a death allowance pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Charter as if the member had never elected to enter the DROP. Whichever of the member’s qualified surviving spouse, qualified registered/certified domestic partner, or other qualified dependents provided for in this Charter is entitled to receive this allowance may, instead of receiving the benefit under this paragraph subsection (a), elect to receive a non-work related death benefit as specified in subsection paragraph (b) below.

(b) If a member shall die during the period of their participation in the DROP for non-work related causes, the surviving qualified spouse, qualified registered/certified domestic partner, or other qualified dependents provided for in this Charter, shall be entitled to a post-retirement continuation allowance, along with any amounts credited to

the deceased member's DROP Account, determined as if the participant had elected to voluntarily withdraw from the DROP under Section A8.906 on the participant's date of death. Such payments shall be made on the basis of beneficiary elections made by the member at the time of their/this-or-her entry into DROP, and updated from time to time, as set forth in Section A8.905(d).

(c) In order for a surviving spouse or registered/certified domestic partner to be qualified for the monthly allowance described in this ~~s~~Section A8.905, the member must have been married, or have established a domestic partnership within the time limits specified by this Charter. In order for surviving dependents to be qualified for the monthly allowance described in this ~~s~~Section, such dependents must satisfy the requirements of the retirement provisions of this Charter. In any circumstance where the eligibility requirements specify the member's date of retirement, those requirements must be met at the date of entry into the DROP.

(d) A member who elects to participate in the DROP may designate a beneficiary for the proceeds of the member's DROP Account in writing, not later than the time of entry into the DROP. The member may change the designation at any time prior to the distribution of the DROP Account. If the designated beneficiary predeceases the participating member, and the member becomes deceased before designating a new beneficiary, any distribution of the proceeds of the DROP Account shall be made to the estate of the member, pursuant to law.

(e) Notwithstanding the above provisions, a member's designation of a DROP Account beneficiary shall be subject to community property obligations, if any, under applicable California law.

A8.906 TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DROP.

~~(a) A member's participation in the DROP shall be terminated, other than by death or disability, by the first occurrence of any of the following: (1) the member's completion of the applicable DROP participation period set forth in Section A8.901(a) or (b); (2) the member's voluntary termination of employment while a DROP participant; (3) involuntary termination of the member's employment; provided, however, that distribution of the member's DROP Account shall be deferred during the pendency of any hearing or appeal of the member's termination of employment. Should the member be reinstated to employment, the member may continue to participate in the DROP for the full duration of the member's original participation period. Any time during which the member was excluded from DROP participation shall not be deducted from the member's maximum participation period set forth in Section A8.901(a) or (b).~~

(a) DROP participation shall be terminated by the first occurrence of any one of the following events:

(1) Upon the member's completion of the 60-month DROP participation period, or upon their voluntary exit from the DROP at any time during the participation period.

(2) Involuntary termination of employment. At the member's request, distribution of the DROP account will be withheld while the appeal of the member's termination is pending. Should the member be reinstated, the member may continue to participate in the DROP if the account has been withheld. The period of the DROP participation will continue under the terms of the original application.

(3) Death of the member.

(4) Approval of disability retirement benefits under the terms of this Charter.

(5) Voluntary termination of employment prior to the completion of the DROP participation period.

(b) No interest shall accrue after any one of the events set forth in subsection (a) terminating the DROP.

A8.907 EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE MEMBER DURING PARTICIPATION IN THE DROP.

(a) During the period of a member's participation in the DROP, the member shall continue to receive the regular compensation attached to the rank occupied by the member at the time of enrollment in the DROP Program, and the member shall have all of the rights, privileges, benefits, and obligations of employment, including health benefits, attached to said rank, and shall be subject to all of the other terms and conditions of active employment in their respective rank and assignment. No member shall be eligible for a promotion during the time of their participation in the DROP.

(b) Notwithstanding the continued receipt by a participating member of the regular compensation and benefits attached to the rank and assignment which they occupy during their time in the DROP, no participating member shall receive service credit or compensation credit for retirement purposes pursuant to this Charter on account of their participation in the DROP. The member shall be subject to the employee contribution, as required by this Charter for all other active members of the Police Department, into the Retirement System. The City and County need not continue to make its required contributions for any DROP participant. Member contributions made during a participation in the DROP shall be deemed a contribution to the general assets of the Retirement System, and shall not be a part of the member's DROP Account.

A8.908 COMPLIANCE WITH TAX LAWS AND IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) It is the intent of the voters that the DROP shall not jeopardize in any way the tax qualified status of the Retirement System under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, Section 415 of the Code, as amended.

(b) The Board of Supervisors shall adopt ordinances to implement the DROP, including to repeal or amend Administrative Code Sections 16.63 through 16.63-10 as necessary and appropriate to conform to revisions in the DROP as enacted at the November 5, 2024 election, and the Retirement Board shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to implement the DROP, regulate investment and distribution of the DROP contributions, establish forms and procedures for designating beneficiaries of the DROP Account, and all such other matters as may be necessary, in its discretion, to implement the Program, including the revisions as enacted at the November 5, 2024 election, by no later than July 1, ~~2008~~2025 and to assure its tax-qualified character.

A8.909 ~~DETERMINATION OF COST NEUTRALITY REAUTHORIZATION.~~

~~(a) The implementation of the DROP shall not result in any net increase in cost to the City. This determination shall take into account the costs associated with payroll, the expenditures associated with the recruitment and training of Police Officers, the costs of conducting academies for such recruits and trainees, the Field Training Officer costs, the retirement contributions made by members participating in the DROP, and the City, and the City's share of the return on the investment of the DROP funds, along with any other cost or savings elements related to the implementation of the Program. Notwithstanding this objective, the DROP shall be given a sufficient trial period to determine whether, as implemented, it is cost-neutral to the City as so defined. By no later than December 15 in the fifth year after the effective date of the DROP and every fifth year thereafter, the Board of Supervisors must act by motion to either reauthorize the DROP for an additional five-year period without amendment, or, if the reauthorization motion fails, allow it to expire.~~

~~(b) Not later than April 15, in the third year after the effective date of the DROP, a joint report prepared by the Controller of the City and the consulting actuary of the Retirement System documenting the net cost effect of the Program shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board shall determine by majority vote whether, on the basis of said report, the Program shall be renewed for an addition-~~

al period of time as specified by the Board, but in no event beyond an additional three years.

(be) By no later than December 15 in the fifth year after the effective date of the DROP, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to data provided by the Police Department along with an analysis by the Controller of the City and County and the consulting actuary of the Retirement Board, shall determine the cost of the DROP, and whether in light of its achievement of the goals of the measure, it should be continued for an additional five-year term, and thereafter, subject to similar evaluations. The net cost effect of the DROP Program shall be similarly evaluated periodically thereafter; pursuant to a schedule established by ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors by majority vote; provided, however, that in no event may such an evaluation be conducted less often than every three five years after the initial evaluation.

(c) The Board of Supervisors may by ordinance reduce or cap the number of new DROP requisitions available for the upcoming fiscal year. In setting any limit on the number of new DROP requisitions, the Board of Supervisors may consider the number of Full-Duty Sworn Officers then employed by the Police Department.

(d) If the Board of Supervisors determines not to renew the DROP Program is not renewed by ordinance, those members then enrolled shall be permitted to complete their DROP Program participation pursuant to the terms in effect when they entered into the DROP Program.

(e) Should the DROP expire under subsection (a) and following the completion of participation in the DROP under subsection (d), the City Attorney may cause Sections A8.900 through A8.910 to be removed from the Charter.

A8.910 WITHDRAWAL OR ROLLOVER OF DROP ACCOUNTS.

(a) Upon the termination or conclusion of a member’s participation in the DROP, the member shall be paid a lump sum equal to the balance in the member’s DROP Account, or, pursuant to the member’s instructions, that balance shall be paid as a direct rollover into a qualified retirement plan. The Retirement Board shall establish rules, and may develop such forms as may be appropriate, regarding distribution of the DROP Account proceeds, the rollover of such proceeds into a qualified retirement plan, and the time periods within which distributions may be made.

(b) Upon the voluntary withdrawal of a member from the DROP, or the expiration of their participation period, the member shall be deemed to be retired on a service pension and shall then commence receiving directly the monthly service pension amount calculated pursuant to Section A8.903, including any cost of living adjustments to which the member would have been otherwise entitled during the time of their participation in the DROP, and shall, for all other purposes under this Charter and state law be deemed to be a retired member of the Police Department.

Section 3. At the February 5, 2008 election, the voters approved the addition of Sections A8.900 through A8.910 to the Charter, thereby establishing the Police Department Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”). It was a program with an initial three-year term, and would expire unless extended by the Board of Supervisors. In 2011, following its initial three-year term, the DROP was not renewed by the Board of Supervisors, and thus expired by operation of law. But Sections A8.900 through A8.910 have remained physically in the Charter, albeit without legal effect.

Notwithstanding the “NOTE” regarding fonts at the beginning of Section 2 of this measure, Sections A8.900-A8.910 of the Charter amendment have been prepared using fonts for existing text and amendments to existing text, merely as a convenience and in recognition that the prior language was never physically removed from the Charter.

The net effect is that the words in Section A8.900-A8.910 designated according to the “NOTE” as in plain font for “unchanged Charter text” and in single-underline italics Times New Roman font for “additions” constitute the text being adopted by the voters at the November 5, 2024 election.

Proposition G

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to establish the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors, Families, and People with Disabilities to fund project-based rental subsidies for extremely low-income households consisting of seniors, families, and persons with disabilities, and to require the City to appropriate at least \$8.25 million to the Fund annually starting in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Section 1. Findings.

(a) California law requires the City to adopt a Housing Element that commits to approving an annual number of 1,748 units of housing, or 13,981 units total, over eight years, affordable to Extremely Low-Income (“ELI”) households with income up to 30% of the region’s Area Median Income (“AMI”). The rents affordable to households making 30% of AMI do not cover the costs of affordable housing projects, and as a result, project sponsors serving ELI households in affordable housing projects face a financial operating deficit. In addition, there are an insufficient number of higher-paying renters within affordable housing projects to cover the financial operating deficit that results from affordable rents for ELI households. Thus, project sponsors of affordable housing projects cannot subsidize a sufficient number of units for ELI renters to meet the City’s Housing Element goals and feasibly operate their affordable housing projects.

(b) Due to the high cost of developing and operating housing in San Francisco, most affordable housing rents are set at income limits that are out of reach for ELI households. The largest funding source for affordable housing development – the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (“LIHTC”) – is designed to make units affordable to households with incomes at 50%-60% of AMI, with rents up to twice that which would be affordable to ELI households. Additionally, the City’s Below Market Rate (“BMR”) units under the Inclusionary Housing Program (Planning Code Section 415 *et seq.*) are also out of reach for ELI (as well as very low-income) households, as the Inclusionary Housing Program only requires developers to set rents for low-income (55% of AMI), moderate-income (80% of AMI), and middle-income households (110% of AMI). Given these barriers to the production of affordable housing for ELI households, it is not surprising that the majority of affordable housing produced in San Francisco since 2005 has only targeted very low-income (30%-50% of AMI) and low-income (50%-80% of AMI) households.

(c) Seniors on fixed incomes and adults with disabilities are particularly rent-burdened. According to the Department of Disability and Aging Services (“DAAS”), there are approximately 52,600 households in San Francisco with a senior aged 62 years or older, and 20,000 households with a disabled adult aged 18-61 years. Of those households with a senior member, 33,900 income-qualify as ELI, and of those households with a disabled adult, 8,900 income-qualify as ELI.

(d) There are approximately 66,000 ELI households in San Francisco, and 80% of them are rent-burdened or paying more than 30% of their income on rent.

(e) While funding for the development and construction of affordable senior housing has historically been generated through affordable housing bond issuances, LIHTC, and MOHCD loans, the 15-year underwriting standards of private lenders and the Mayor’s Office of Hous-

ing and Community Development (“MOHCD”) require rents affordable to low income households that are well out of reach for ELI households. Many affordable senior housing projects lack the rent subsidies that would be necessary to maintain rents required under such underwriting guidelines while charging affordable rents to ELI seniors, meaning that the seniors most in need of safe, stable, and affordable senior housing end up in our city’s Single Room Occupancy (“SRO”) hotels or shelter system – or worse, on the streets.

(f) Approximately 12% (or 8,000) of ELI households are families with children. A full-time minimum wage worker in San Francisco makes approximately \$37,600 per year. A single parent working full-time at a minimum wage job does not earn enough to pay or qualify for two- or three-bedroom units at the majority of the City’s affordable housing developments as their income falls just under 30% of AMI.

(g) The DAAS estimates that there are 41,900 ELI households with a senior or disabled member and that over 56% of those households are rent-burdened. The median monthly income of a single-senior household is \$1,511, and that of a household consisting of a single adult with a disability is \$1,493 – or approximately 15% of AMI in both cases. The rent for a studio apartment at a majority of the City’s affordable housing developments is only affordable to households with incomes at or above 50% of AMI.

(h) More than 75% of all ELI residents in the City are people of color. Forty-eight percent of African American, 31% of American Indian, 23% of Latino, and 22% of Asian households are ELI. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City funded the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (“ERAP”). Of ERAP’s 23,462 applicants, more than half had incomes below 19% of AMI and over 85% had incomes below 30% of AMI. Twenty-seven percent of applicants identified as Black or African American and almost 21% identified as Latino.

(i) The San Francisco Reparations Plan 2023, prepared by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, identified the establishment and enforcement of a City policy to prioritize the creation of low-income and acutely low-income housing based on 30% of AMI as a key policy recommendation (Policy Recommendation 1.5).

(j) The lack of stable and continuous operating subsidies leads to rents that disqualify the City’s neediest and most vulnerable populations, including rents for affordable housing acquired or preserved through bond funds. Affordable housing non-profits are struggling to acquire and preserve “small-sites,” funded through MOHCD, given the high cost of deferred maintenance and lack of operating subsidies to make the rents affordable to ELI households.

(k) Despite hundreds of millions raised from revenue measures, and unanimous Board of Supervisors support, the City’s budget has failed to fund crucial affordable housing strategies each year for ELI households, including seniors, families with children, and persons with disabilities. To ensure ELI households can afford to reside in the City’s affordable housing, the City must provide annual funding specifically to the City’s affordable housing serving ELI households.

(l) There have been dramatic cuts to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) rental subsidy programs (including Section 8 low-income rent subsidies, HUD Section 202 housing program for seniors, and HUD Section 811 housing program for people with disabilities). The State of California does not fund any operating or rental subsidy programs.

(m) The Bay Area Housing Finance Agency (“BAHFA”) is expected to place a \$20 billion regional affordable housing bond on the November 2024 ballot. While BAHFA’s Business Plan prioritizes the production of units for ELI households, the operating or rental subsidies needed to create ELI-affordable units are not an eligible use of bond revenue. The BAHFA Business Plan acknowledges that, “this housing type requires reliable, ongoing operating subsidies to successfully stabilize households’ tenancies” and that BAHFA expects to work closely

with local jurisdictions to create the financing programs necessary to make ELI housing successful.

(n) This Charter Amendment addresses a chronic budgetary problem by setting aside a portion of the City’s existing revenue each year to fund project-based rent subsidies for existing and newly constructed or acquired permanent affordable housing for ELI households.

(o) The intent of this measure is to establish a minimum annual commitment of no less than \$8.25 million, starting in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, to ensure access for ELI households to the City’s affordable housing. If there is a significant budget deficit, the funding for the first fiscal year may be reduced to \$4 million and then will be \$8.25 million in Fiscal Year 2027-2028 and thereafter.

(p) The City may fulfill its commitment to fund the expenditures this measure requires by appropriating funds from any number of sources, including but not limited to taxes collected under the Empty Homes Tax Ordinance (Business and Tax Regulations Code, Article 29A) and the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance (Business and Tax Regulations Code Article 28), or other similar special taxes, to the extent that the permissible expenditures in those special tax measures coincide with the expenditures this measure requires. Furthermore, any money in the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors, Families, and People with Disabilities at the end of each fiscal year will be held in reserve for future use. Nothing in this measure requires that revenues from any special tax measure be appropriated for the uses in this measure.

(q) It is the further intent of this measure that the City maximize the number of ELI affordable housing units created by the Fund by entering into long term rent subsidy agreements with the City making annual contributions. The duration of such agreements should reflect the requirements of competitive regional, state and federal funding sources.

(r) It is the further intent of this measure to support the future growth and expansion of the Fund, subject to the future approval of voters, by developing sound, transparent, and effective policies with regular public reporting of program performance.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by adding Section 16.132, to read as follows:

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SEC. 16.132. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FUND FOR SENIORS, FAMILIES, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

(a) Establishment of Fund. There is hereby established the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors, Families, and People with Disabilities (“Fund”) to be administered by the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (“MOHCD”), or any successor agency. Monies therein shall be expended or used solely by MOHCD, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter. Monies in the Fund shall accumulate interest which shall be credited to the Fund, provided that the balance in the Fund exceeds \$50,000. Any unexpended and unencumbered balance remaining in the Fund at the close of any fiscal year shall be accumulated to the Fund.

(b) Purpose of Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to increase and fund project-based rent subsidies for permanently affordable housing to make rents affordable for Extremely Low-Income Households.

(c) Definitions.

“Acutely Low-Income Disabled Persons” shall mean households consisting of persons eligible for accessible units for disabled households and earning up to 15% of Median Income.

“Acutely Low-Income Seniors” shall mean households consisting of seniors and earning up to 15% of Median Income.

“Extremely Low-Income Disabled Persons” shall mean households consisting of persons eligible for accessible units for disabled households and earning up to 25% of Median Income, and including Acutely Low-Income Disabled Persons.

“Extremely Low-Income Families” shall mean single adults or families earning up to 35% of Median Income.

“Extremely Low-Income Households” shall mean, collectively, Extremely Low-Income Disabled Persons, Extremely Low-Income Families, and Extremely Low-Income Seniors.

“Extremely Low-Income Seniors” shall mean households consisting of seniors and earning up to 25% of Median Income, and including Acutely Low-Income Seniors.

“Fund” shall mean the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors, Families, and People With Disabilities, established in this Section 16.132.

“Housing Preservation Program” shall mean a program administered by MOHCD to preserve multifamily residential buildings or buildings with SRO Units as Permanent Affordable Housing that are at risk of loss of affordability or at risk of loss of the opportunity to create permanent housing affordability, due to vacancy decontrol or market speculation, and/or at risk due to their physical condition and need for life safety improvements.

“LOSP” shall mean the City’s Local Operating Subsidy Program that provides operating subsidies to residential buildings providing supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

“Median Income” means the median income published annually by MOHCD for the City and County of San Francisco, adjusted solely for household size, and derived in part from the income limits and area median income determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the San Francisco area, but not adjusted for a high housing cost area.

“MOHCD” shall mean the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, or any successor agency.

“Permanent Affordable Housing” shall mean a multifamily housing building or a building with SRO Units that is: (1) regulated and monitored by the City under a recorded deed restriction, recorded regulatory agreement, and/or ground lease ensuring permanent affordability for the useful life of the property but for no less than 75 years; (2) 100% of the residential units are restricted to income qualified households (except any manager units) with a maximum average of not more than 80% of Median Income across all units in a project, but not to exceed 120% of Median Income for any unit; and (3) with a rent for all units in a project affordable to such households, at initial residence and at re-rental at no more than 30% of the maximum household income. Permanent Affordable Housing may include principally permitted non-residential uses on the ground floor, and non-residential uses that are accessory to and supportive of the affordable housing.

“Senior Housing” shall mean a multifamily residential building that is specifically designed for and occupied by senior households and complies with all applicable federal and state fair housing laws.

“Senior Operating Subsidies (SOS) Program Fund” shall refer to the program established to receive any monies appropriated or donated for the purpose of providing project-based subsidies to new senior affordable housing developments funded by the City to maintain rents that are affordable to extremely low-income senior residents with incomes at or below 30% of Median Income, or any successor program.

“SRO Unit” shall mean a Single Room Occupancy Unit and shall mean a dwelling unit or group housing room consisting of the following: (1) no more than one occupied room with a maximum gross floor area of 350 square feet and meeting the Housing Code’s minimum floor area standards; (2) which may have a bathroom in addition to the occupied room; and (3) as a dwelling unit, has a cooking facility and bathroom or, as a group housing room, it shares a kitchen with one or more other single room occupancy unit(s) in the same building and may also share a bathroom.

(d) Annual Appropriations to the Fund.

(1) In Fiscal Year 2026-2027, except as provided in subsection (d)(3), the City shall appropriate \$8.25 million to the Fund.

(2) In each year after Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and through Fiscal Year 2045-2046, the City shall appropriate to the Fund an amount not less than the prior year’s appropriation, adjusted by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate discretionary revenues, as determined by the Controller, based on calculations consistent from year to year, provided that the City may not increase appropriations to the Fund under this subsection (d)(2) by more than 3% in any fiscal year. In determining aggregate City discretionary revenues, the Controller shall only include revenues received by the City that are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2), the City may reduce the amount appropriated to the Fund in any fiscal year when the City’s projected budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year at the time of the March Joint Report or March Update to the Five Year Financial Plan as prepared jointly by the Controller, the Mayor’s Budget Director, and the Board of Supervisors’ Budget Analyst exceeds \$250 million, adjusted annually beginning with Fiscal Year 2026-2027 by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate City discretionary revenues, as determined by the Controller, based on calculations consistent from year to year; provided, however, that the amount appropriated to the Fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 shall be no less than \$4 million and, thereafter, must be no less than \$8.25 million in each fiscal year.

(4) The Controller shall set aside and maintain appropriations, together with any interest earned thereon, in the Fund.

(5) Commencing with a report filed no later than March 1, 2025, the Controller shall file annually with the Board of Supervisors, by March 1 of each year, a report containing the amount of monies from each non-general fund source projected to be available that may be appropriated to the Fund under this subsection (d).

(e) Uses of the Fund. The City, acting through MOHCD, shall disburse monies from the Fund through grants or other types of payments, on terms determined by MOHCD in its sole discretion. Any repayment of a grant or other payment from the Fund that the City receives will be returned to the Fund. Monies in the Fund shall be used to provide project-based rent subsidies only for new and existing Permanent Affordable Housing, provided that no more than 20% of annual funding from the Fund shall be used for the purpose of subsidizing existing Permanent Affordable Housing. Monies in the Fund shall be used to allow:

(1) Extremely Low-Income Seniors to afford a unit with rent restricted at 30% of 60% of Median Income in new or existing Permanent Affordable Housing that is Senior Housing and such households to pay a maximum rent not to exceed 30% of 15% of Median Income or 30% of 25% of Median Income, as applicable to the household’s income, with priority for Senior Housing that provides housing to persons at or over the age of 62; or

(2) Extremely Low-Income Families, prioritizing families with children, to afford a unit with rent restricted at 30% of 60% of Median Income in new or existing Permanent Affordable Housing, including a

building with SRO Units, and such households to pay a maximum rent not to exceed 30% of 35% of Median Income; or

(3) Extremely Low-Income Disabled Persons to afford new or existing accessible units designated and designed for disabled households in Permanent Affordable Housing with rent restricted at 30% of 60% of Median Income and such households to pay a maximum rent not to exceed 30% of 15% of Median Income or 30% of 25% of Median Income, as applicable to the household's income; or

(4) Extremely Low-Income Households to afford a unit with rent restricted at 30% of 60% of Median Income in an existing multifamily residential building, including an existing building with SRO Units, that will be acquired and preserved as Permanently Affordable Housing through funding under a Housing Preservation Program and such households to pay a maximum rent not to exceed 30% of 15% of Median Income, 30% of 25% of Median Income, or 30% of 35% of Median Income, as applicable to the household's income.

Monies in the Fund shall not be used to provide rent subsidies directly to tenants to lease residential units, to provide subsidies for the sole purpose of an operating deficit, or to provide any other form of housing assistance that is not supporting Extremely Low-Income Households to afford a Permanent Affordable Housing unit. Except for expanding the availability of existing Senior Operating Subsidies (SOS) Program Fund programs, monies in the Fund shall not be used to replace or supplant funding for other rent subsidy programs existing as of the date this Section 16.132 was added to the Charter, including, but not limited to, LOSP housing or its successor programs.

(f) Implementation Policies and Annual Report.

(1) No later than June 1, 2025, MOHCD shall publish a report describing and analyzing implementation policy options that would maximize the number of ELI affordable senior, family, and accessible units through the provision of project-based rent subsidies in both new affordable housing and preservation projects.

(2) Beginning with the end of Fiscal Year 2026-2027, within 150 days of the end of each fiscal year, MOHCD shall file with the Board of Supervisors a report describing the status of any project authorized to be funded under this Section 16.132. MOHCD may combine such report with any other annual reporting obligations to the Board of Supervisors.

(g) Legislation. The City may enact ordinances establishing additional requirements for use of the Fund consistent with the purposes of this Section 16.132.

(h) Expiration. This Section 16.132 shall expire by operation of law on December 31, 2046, following which the City Attorney may cause it to be removed from the Charter unless the Section is extended by voters.

Proposition H

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to change the age factor percentage for benefit calculations such that persons who have or will become members of the Fire Department on and after January 7, 2012 reach a higher age factor percentage at earlier ages and lower from 58 to 55 the retirement age at which persons who have or will become members of the Fire Department on and after January 7, 2012 reach the highest age factor percentage.

Section 1. Findings.

(a) In November 2011, San Francisco voters approved Proposition C to reform the City and County of San Francisco's (City) retirement and health benefits systems. This reform was a response to the disastrous fiscal impacts of the 2008 Great Recession that significantly

reduced the City's revenues and caused the retirement fund to drop from being fully funded to being only partially funded. This drop in funding status required the City to substantially increase its employer contributions, further exacerbating the City's budget deficit.

(b) Proposition C amended the Charter to increase pension contribution rates for employees hired on and after January 7, 2012. In addition, it raised the retirement ages for which members of the Fire Department hired on and after January 7, 2012 receive the highest percentage for each year of credited service for retirement benefit calculations and raised the age at which employees reach the highest percentage from age 55 to 58.

(c) In the more than 12 years since this pension reform, the financial outlook of the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System has improved significantly.

(d) Members of the Fire Department uniquely face both short- and long-term health complications as a result of their occupation. The City relies on our firefighters to be the first responders to a plethora of dangerous circumstances, most notably active fires but also many other instances of trauma or tragedy. Beyond these immediate high-risk threats, the conditions that City firefighters endure have demonstrably increased their risk of adverse long-term health impacts. According to the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation, San Francisco's female firefighters have a rate of breast cancer that is six times higher than the national average, and over the past 20 years, the Fire Department has lost more than 300 firefighters to cancer. Furthermore, national research shows that firefighters experience higher rates of behavioral health issues than the general public. According to the International Association of Fire Fighters, 20% of firefighters and paramedics meet the criteria for post-traumatic stress at some point during their careers, while the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation reports that the suicide rate for firefighters is higher than the rate for the general public.

(e) Additionally, the Fire Department has few positions that are not directly in the field, meaning that members of the Fire Department are asked to enter active fires and other dangerous circumstances regardless of their age. In 2024, only approximately 180 out of 1800 positions in the San Francisco Fire Department are not "in the field" or on frontline service delivery, and these jobs are dependent on promotions, not seniority of employee tenure. As a result, the risk of severe injury and health complications is further heightened for members of the Fire Department over age 55, as demonstrated by data from the Department of Human Resources that show a positive correlation between increased age, number of injuries, and workers' compensation claim costs.

(f) This Charter amendment aims to recognize the distinctive and brave work of the members of the Fire Department and to lessen the adverse health impacts firefighters experience. By allowing members of the Fire Department to retire with up to 90% of their final compensation at age 55 while maintaining the increased contribution rates for employees imposed by Proposition C in 2011, the City simultaneously accomplishes these important goals. In doing so, the City ensures that our firefighters can enter retirement with financial security without facing an additional three years of potential health risks.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections A8.604, A8.604-1, and A8.604-2, and adding Section A8.604-17, to read as follows:

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A8.604 MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON AND AFTER JANUARY 7, 2012

Persons who become members of the fire department, as defined in Section A8.604-1, on and after January 7, 2012, shall be members of the Retirement System subject to the provisions of Sections A8.604 through A8.604-1~~76~~ in addition to such other applicable provisions of this Charter, including but not limited to Sections 12.100 and A8.500.

A8.604-1 DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases as used in this Section, Section A8.604, and Sections A8.604-2 through A8.604-1~~76~~, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

"Retirement allowance," "death allowance," or "allowance," shall mean equal monthly payments, beginning to accrue upon the date of retirement, or upon the day following the date of death, as the case may be, and continuing for life unless a different term of payment is definitely provided by the context.

"Compensation," as distinguished from benefits under the Workers' Compensation laws of the State of California shall mean all remuneration whether in cash or by other allowances made by the City and County, for service qualifying for credit under this Section, but excluding remuneration for overtime and such other forms of compensation excluded by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section A8.500 of the Charter. Remuneration shall not mean new premiums or allowances first paid by the City and County after January 7, 2012, that exceed the rate of pay fixed for each classification for service qualifying for credit under this Section. For members with concurrent service in more than one position, "compensation" shall be limited to the first hours paid during any fiscal year equal to one full-time equivalent position. "Compensation" for any fiscal year shall not include remuneration that exceeds 75% of the limits set forth in Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(17) and as amended from time to time.

Subject to the requirements that it be payable in cash, and that overtime and new premiums or allowances first paid by the City and County after January 7, 2012 are excluded, "compensation" for pension purposes may be defined in a collective bargaining agreement.

"Compensation earnable" shall mean the compensation which would have been earned had the member received compensation without interruption throughout the period under consideration and at the rates of remuneration attached at that time to the ranks or positions held by ~~him or her~~ the member during such period, it being assumed that during any absence, ~~he or she~~ the member was in the rank or position held by ~~him or her~~ the member at the beginning of the absence, and that prior to becoming a member of the fire department, ~~he or she~~ the member was in the rank or position first held by ~~him or her~~ the member in such department.

"Benefit" shall include "allowance," "retirement allowance," "death allowance" and "death benefit."

"Final compensation" shall mean the average monthly compensation earned by a member during the higher of any three consecutive fiscal years of earnings or the thirty six consecutive months of earnings immediately prior to retirement.

For the purpose of Sections A8.604 through A8.604-1~~76~~, the terms "member of the fire department," "member of the department," or "member" shall mean any member of the fire department employed on and after January 7, 2012, who was or shall be subject to the Charter provisions governing entrance requirements of members of the uniformed force of said department and said terms shall further mean per-

sons employed on and after January 7, 2012, at an age not greater than the maximum age then prescribed for entrance into employment in said uniformed force, to perform duties now performed under the titles of pilot of fireboats, or marine engineer of fireboats; provided, however, that said terms shall not include any person who has not satisfactorily completed such course of training as may be required by the fire department prior to assignment to active duty with said department.

"Qualified for service retirement," "qualification for service retirement," or "qualified as to age and service for retirement," as used in this Section and other Sections to which persons who are members under Section A8.604 are subject, shall mean completion of 25 years of service and attainment of age 50, said service to be computed under Section A8.604-10.

"Retirement System" or "system" shall mean San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System as created in Sections 12.100 and A8.500 of the Charter.

"Retirement Board" shall mean "Retirement Board" as created in Section 12.100 of the Charter.

"Charter" shall mean the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco.

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"Interest" shall mean interest at the rate adopted by the Retirement Board.

A8.604-2 SERVICE RETIREMENT

Any member of the fire department, who completes at least five years of service in the aggregate and attains the age of ~~ffty~~ (50) years, said service to be computed under Section A8.604-10, may retire for service at ~~his or her~~ the member's option. A member retired after meeting the service and age requirements in the preceding sentence, shall receive a retirement allowance equal to the percent of final compensation (as defined in Section A8.604-1) set forth below opposite ~~his or her~~ the member's age at retirement, taken to the preceding completed quarter year, for each year of service, as computed under Section A8.604-10:

<i>Age at Retirement</i>	<i>Percent for Each Year of Credited Service</i>
50	2.200
50 ¹ / ₄	2.225
50 ¹ / ₂	2.250
50 ³ / ₄	2.275
51	2.300
51 ¹ / ₄	2.325
51 ¹ / ₂	2.350
51 ³ / ₄	2.375
52	2.400
52 ¹ / ₄	2.425
52 ¹ / ₂	2.450
52 ³ / ₄	2.475
53	2.500
53 ¹ / ₄	2.525
53 ¹ / ₂	2.550
53 ³ / ₄	2.575
54	2.600
54 ¹ / ₄	2.625
54 ¹ / ₂	2.650
54 ³ / ₄	2.675
55	2.700
55 ¹ / ₄	2.725
55 ¹ / ₂	2.750
55 ³ / ₄	2.775
56	2.800
56 ¹ / ₄	2.825
56 ¹ / ₂	2.850
56 ³ / ₄	2.875
57	2.900
57 ¹ / ₄	2.925
57 ¹ / ₂	2.950

~~57¾~~ ~~2.975~~
~~58~~ ~~3.0~~

<u>Age at Retirement</u>	<u>Percent for Each Year of Credited Service</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>2.400</u>
<u>50.25</u>	<u>2.430</u>
<u>50.5</u>	<u>2.460</u>
<u>50.75</u>	<u>2.490</u>
<u>51</u>	<u>2.520</u>
<u>51.25</u>	<u>2.550</u>
<u>51.5</u>	<u>2.580</u>
<u>51.75</u>	<u>2.610</u>
<u>52</u>	<u>2.640</u>
<u>52.25</u>	<u>2.670</u>
<u>52.5</u>	<u>2.700</u>
<u>52.75</u>	<u>2.730</u>
<u>53</u>	<u>2.760</u>
<u>53.25</u>	<u>2.790</u>
<u>53.5</u>	<u>2.820</u>
<u>53.75</u>	<u>2.850</u>
<u>54</u>	<u>2.880</u>
<u>54.25</u>	<u>2.910</u>
<u>54.5</u>	<u>2.940</u>
<u>54.75</u>	<u>2.970</u>
<u>55+</u>	<u>3.000</u>

In no event shall a member’s initial retirement allowance exceed ~~90%~~ninety percent of ~~his or her~~ the member’s average final compensation.

A8.604-17 APPLICABILITY

The amendment to Sections A8.604-1 and A8-604-2, effective January 1, 2025, shall not apply to any member of the Retirement System who separated from service, retired, or died before that date, or to that member’s continuant.

Proposition I

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to allow registered nurses, who are or become members of the San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System and have worked an average of 32 hours or more per week for at least one year, to purchase up to three years of service credit for time previously worked as per diem nurses; and to move public safety communications personnel (911 dispatchers, supervisors, and coordinators) from the miscellaneous retirement plans to the miscellaneous safety retirement plan, for compensation earned on and after January 4, 2025.

Section 1. Findings.

(a) Per Diem Nurse Retirement Credit Purchases.

(1) According to the United States Registered Nurse Workforce Report Card and Shortage Forecast, a national shortage of registered nurses (RNs) is projected to exist through 2030, with the most intense shortage in the Western region of the United States. Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, are projecting that many regions of California – including San Francisco – will face a shortage of RNs through 2035, due to the number of RNs expected to retire or enter advanced practices, as well as the burnout, stress, exhaustion, and frustration among nurses in the post-pandemic era.

(2) In June 2023, the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury released a report that attributed the reduced quality of care and long wait times at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center

(“ZSFG”) to high RN vacancy rates, stating, “[h]ospital capacity consistently exceeds staffing limits, resulting in diverted ambulances and reduced levels of care.”

(3) A San Francisco Chronicle article dated April 23, 2024, noted that the nursing shortage is already being felt in our public health system, and ZSFG nursing staff believe the shortage is at a “crisis level.” A San Francisco Department of Public Health (“DPH”) survey found that 73% of the hospital’s workforce would not recommend ZSFG as a place to receive care. The same survey found that the percentage of hospital employees who would recommend working at ZSFG dropped from 63% of respondents in 2019 to 32% in 2023.

(4) To address RN vacancies, DPH has hired per diem nurses and also retained traveling nurses through registry services. A “per diem nurse” is an RN employed by the City on an intermittent, temporary basis to augment staffing needs caused by, but not limited to, increased census, leaves of absence, vacant positions, sick leave and increased acuity. A “traveling nurse” is a nurse who accepts a temporary assignment at a hospital in a different geographical location than where they live. In hard budgetary years, San Francisco must find a better solution to address the City’s nursing shortage, while still providing uncompromised patient care, and supporting the wellbeing of the City’s full-time nurses.

(5) This Charter amendment creates an incentive for per diem nurses to accept RN positions with the City by allowing RNs who become members of SFERS and work on average 32 or more hours per week in those roles to purchase retirement service credits for up to three years of time they have spent working as a per diem nurse with the City. The Charter amendment also rewards existing City RNs who work an average of 32 hours or more per week by allowing them to purchase up to three years of retirement service credit for time they have previously worked as per diem nurses.

(6) As of March 2024, San Francisco had an estimated 169 fully funded RN positions that were vacant. By allowing new and existing nurses to purchase up to three years of retirement service credit for time they spent working as per diem nurses for the City, San Francisco will be better equipped to compete with the private sector – the number one competitor for nursing talent – to fill our nursing positions, and to attract and retain these dedicated healthcare professionals who provide top-quality care for patients at ZSFG and elsewhere in the City’s health-care system.

(b) Retirement Plan for Public Safety Communications Personnel.

(1) Public Safety Communications Personnel, which include 911 dispatchers, supervisors, and coordinators, work with the public and other first responders to protect the lives of residents of and visitors to San Francisco. Although they are a critical component of our emergency response system, the City’s public safety communications personnel teams have been chronically understaffed for years, negatively affecting emergency response times.

(2) In 2019, San Francisco adopted a new national standard that 95% of 911 calls should be answered within 15 seconds. Department of Emergency Management (“DEM”) 911 operators met or exceeded this standard briefly in 2020, due to a significant drop in call volume during the global coronavirus pandemic. But since January 2022, 911 response times meeting this standard have declined from 90% in January 2022 to 73% in February 2024. Meanwhile, call volumes – which plummeted in 2020 and 2021 – have ramped back up to the roughly pre-pandemic rate of nearly 2,000 calls a day, or 81 calls per hour.

(3) DEM staff attribute these declining response times to 911 operator understaffing. According to a December 19, 2023 San Francisco Chronicle article, between March 2020 and December 2022, the number of full-time 911 dispatchers declined from 155 to 123. As of April 2024, the vacancy rate for 911 dispatchers was between 20% and

25%, and DEM was nearly 40 dispatchers short of its goal of 160 fully trained dispatchers.

(4) In 2020, California Assembly Bill 1945, codified at Government Code Sec. 8562, included emergency dispatchers among the list of first responders for whom the state must develop emergency preparedness training materials. Yet, 911 operators statewide do not receive the same retirement benefits as other first responders.

(5) This Charter amendment reclassifies Public Safety Communications Personnel as members in the Miscellaneous Safety Plan rather than members in the Miscellaneous Plans in SFERS, both to recognize the vital importance of their work and to make the position more attractive for qualified job seekers. This change will help DEM fill its vacant positions more quickly, and retain its employees for longer periods of time, which will reduce call response times and improve emergency service for all of San Francisco’s residents, workers, and visitors.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by adding new Sections A8.524 and A8.611, to read as follows:

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A8.524 RETIREMENT SYSTEM CREDIT FOR PER DIEM NURSE SERVICE

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, any member of the Retirement System under Sections A8.509, A8.587, A8.600, A8.603, or any subsequently approved miscellaneous plan, who is employed in a registered nurse classification that qualifies them for membership in the Retirement System may purchase up to three years aggregated retirement service credit for time worked in a P103 per diem appointment prior to becoming a member of the Retirement System, subject to the terms of this Section A8.524.

(b) A member shall be eligible to purchase retirement service credit as set forth in subsection (a), only if:

(1) the member is a registered nurse;

(2) the member has worked an average of not less than 32 regularly-scheduled hours per week for at least one calendar year in a registered nurse classification that qualifies them for membership in the Retirement System prior to electing to purchase service credit; and

(3) during the time in which the member worked in a P103 per diem appointment for which they seek to purchase credit, the member did not concurrently work in a nurse job classification that is within the Retirement System.

(c) Nothing in this Section A8.524 shall permit any time worked as a P103 per diem nurse to be used to establish membership in the Retirement System.

(d) The employing department shall certify to the Retirement System that a member is eligible to purchase retirement service credit pursuant to eligibility criteria set forth in this Charter Section A8.524. A member electing to purchase service credit with the Retirement System for a period of qualifying per diem appointment must so elect in writing on a form provided by the Retirement System. This election must be made and payment received before the effective date of retirement.

(e) The cost to purchase this prior service credit shall be based on the contribution rate percentage in effect at the time the service was rendered. Service credit will be allowed only for such contributions plus interest received by the Retirement System from the member prior

to the effective date of retirement. A member cannot receive more than 80 hours of service credit in a pay period and cannot receive more than one year of service credit in a fiscal year, as a result of such prior service credit purchase.

(f) This Section A8.524 creates no vested right to the benefits received pursuant to this Section. The voters expressly reserve the right to alter, reduce, or repeal such benefits for any or no reason.

(g) This Section A8.524 shall not apply to Retirement System members who retired, died, or separated prior to the effective date of this Section, or to their successors in interest.

A8.611 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL

(a) Effective January 4, 2025, Public Safety Communications Personnel shall be classified as miscellaneous safety plan employees. For purposes of this Section A8.611, “Public Safety Communications Personnel” means public safety communications dispatchers, public safety communications supervisors, and public safety communications coordinators.

(b) As of January 4, 2025, Public Safety Communications Personnel shall be subject to the provisions of Section A8.610 through A8.610-16, in addition to the provisions of this Section A8.611, regardless of their date of hire. For Public Safety Communications Personnel, computation of service under Section A8.610-10 shall be time during which a member is entitled to receive compensation in a Public Safety Communications Personnel job classification on and after January 4, 2025. Time during which a Public Safety Communications Personnel member was entitled to receive compensation before January 4, 2025 shall remain in the miscellaneous plan applicable to the member.

(c) Section A8.611 shall not apply to a Public Safety Communications Personnel member who separated from service, retired, or died before January 4, 2025, or to the member’s continuant.

Proposition J

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) create an Our Children, Our Families Initiative (“Initiative”) to coordinate efforts by City departments and the San Francisco Unified School District (“School District”) to deliver outcomes-based services for children, youth, and families; 2) require the Initiative to use an objective and measurable outcomes framework (“Outcomes Framework”) to evaluate the budget and spending of each City department with expenditures that are eligible to be included in the Children and Youth Fund baseline, the Public Education Enrichment Fund (“PEEF”), the PEEF baseline, or any discretionary funding allocated from the General Fund for children, youth, and families; 3) require the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to consider the Initiative’s findings during their consideration of the City budget each year, including by the Board of Supervisors holding a public hearing and adopting findings about the expenditures; 4) require the School District to submit a proposal once every five years describing how it will spend the City’s general fund contribution to the PEEF consistent with the San Francisco Children and Families Plan and the Outcomes Framework, and prohibit the City from providing PEEF funding to the School District until the Board of Supervisors and Mayor have approved the School District’s proposal; 5) require the School District to submit annual reports describing how it has spent the City’s general fund contribution and the PEEF funding for arts, music, sports, and library programs; 6) authorize the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to place PEEF funding to the School District on reserve if the School District’s expenditures are inconsistent with the Charter, the Outcomes Framework, or the School District’s spend-

ing plan or its internal guidelines regarding student educational outcomes; 7) provide that money set aside for the School District in the Student Success Fund cannot replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for other City funding for the School District or children and youth required under the Children and Youth Fund, the PEEF, or other provisions in the Charter; and 8) prohibit the City from providing discretionary funds to the School District unless it has entered into a data-sharing agreement with the City.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections 16.108, 16.123-2, 16.123-4, 16.123-6, 16.123-8, 16.127-1, 16.127-5, 16.127-6, 16.127-7, and 16.131; and adding Sections 16.127-8, 16.127-9, 16.127-10, 16.127-11, 16.127-12, and 16.133, to read as follows:

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SEC. 16.108. CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND.

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(b) **Fund for Children and Youth Services.** Operative July 1, 2001, there is hereby established a fund to expand children’s services, which shall be called the Children and Youth Fund ("Fund"). Monies in the Fund shall be expended or used only to provide services for children and youth as provided in this Section 16.108.

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(h) **Baseline.** The Fund shall be used exclusively to increase the aggregate City appropriations and expenditures for those services for children and Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth that are eligible to be paid from the Fund (exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law). To this end, the City shall not reduce the amount of such City appropriations for eligible services (not including appropriations from the Fund and exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law) under this section below the amount so appropriated for the ~~f~~Fiscal Year 2000-2001 (“the base year”) as set forth in the Controller’s baseline budget, as adjusted (“the base amount” or “the Children and Youth Baseline”).

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SEC. 16.123-2. PUBLIC EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND.

(a) **Creating the Fund.** There shall be a Public Education Enrichment Fund. The City shall each year appropriate monies to the Public Education Enrichment Fund according to subsections (b), (c), and (d), below.

(b) **Baseline Appropriations.** The Fund shall be used exclusively to increase the aggregate City appropriations to and expenditures for the San Francisco Unified School District (“School District”). To this end, the City shall not reduce the amount of such City appropriations (not including appropriations from the Fund and exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law) in any year during which funds are required to be set aside under this Section 16.123-2 below the amount so appropriated for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 (“the base year”). These baseline appropriations shall be separate from the City’s annual contributions to the Public Education Enrichment Fund under subsection (c), and shall be appropriated by the City to the School District each year through and including Fiscal Year 2040-2041.

The amount of the City’s baseline appropriations to the School District shall be adjusted for each year after the base year by the Controller based on calculations consistent from year to year by the percentage increase or decrease in City and County discretionary General Fund revenues. In determining City and County discretionary General Fund revenues, the Controller shall only include revenues received by the City and County that are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose. Additionally, in determining aggregate City and County discretionary General Fund revenues, the Controller shall not include revenues received by the City under the increased rates in Business and Tax Regulations Code Sections 953.1(g), 953.2(h), 953.3(h), 953.4(e), 953.5(d), 953.6(f), 953.7(d), and 953.8(i) adopted by the voters at the general municipal election on November 3, 2020, and shall not include revenues received by the City under Article 36 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code adopted by the voters at the general municipal election on November 3, 2020. Errors in the Controller’s estimate of discretionary revenues for a fiscal year shall be corrected by an adjustment in the next year’s estimate. Using audited financial results for the prior fiscal year, the Controller shall calculate and publish the actual amount of City appropriations that would have been required under this baseline for the School District.

~~(c) **Annual Contributions to the Fund FY 2005-2006 through FY 2009-2010.** In addition to the annual baseline appropriation provided above, the City shall, for years two through six of this measure, contribute the following amounts to the Public Education Enrichment Fund:~~

- Fiscal Year 2005-06 \$10 million
- Fiscal Year 2006-07 \$20 million
- Fiscal Year 2007-08 \$30 million
- Fiscal Year 2008-09 \$45 million
- Fiscal Year 2009-10 \$60 million

(~~c~~d) **Annual Contributions to the Fund – FY 2010-11 and Thereafter.** For Fiscal Years 2010-11 and thereafter, the City’s annual contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund (the “Annual City Contribution”) shall equal its total contribution for the prior year, beginning with Fiscal Year 2009-2010, adjusted for the estimated increase or decrease in discretionary General Fund revenues for the year. In determining the increase or decrease in discretionary General Fund revenues, the Controller shall not include revenues received by the City under the increased rates in Business and Tax Regulations Code Sections 953.1(g), 953.2(h), 953.3(h), 953.4(e), 953.5(d), 953.6(f), 953.7(d), and 953.8(i) adopted by the voters at the general municipal election on November 3, 2020, and shall not include revenues received by the City under Article 36 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code adopted by the voters at the general municipal election on November 3, 2020.

(d) **School District Spending Proposal.**

(1) Beginning April 1, 2028 and every fifth year thereafter, as a condition of receiving the Annual City Contribution under this Section 16.123-2, the School District shall submit a proposal to the Our Children, Our Families Initiative (the “Initiative”), the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, the Mayor, the Controller, and the Board of Supervisors, describing how the School District proposes to use the Annual City Contribution during the subsequent five fiscal years, consistent with the Charter, the Citywide Community Needs Assessment described in Section 16.127-5, the School District’s internal guidelines regarding student educational outcomes, and the Outcomes Framework described in Section 16.127-5, and the Children and Families Plan described in Section 16.127-5, and any other applicable City laws.

(2) The Initiative shall review the proposal described in subsection (d)(1) and make a recommendation to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors as to whether to approve or disapprove the School

District's proposal. As part of its review, the Initiative may request comments from interested organizations and committees, including the School District's Public Education Enrichment Fund Community Advisory Committee or any successor body created by the School District.

(3) Beginning with the contribution for Fiscal Year 2029–2030, the City shall not provide any Annual City Contribution during any five-year period set forth in subsection (d)(1), until the Board of Supervisors adopts and the Mayor signs a resolution approving the School District's proposal, except as provided in this subsection (d)(3). If the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor do not enact such a resolution before the enactment of the biennial budget for the first fiscal year of the five-year cycle, then the School District may submit a modified proposal during the course of the five-year period for consideration by the Initiative, the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor following the process in this subsection (d)(3). If the Board of Supervisors adopts and the Mayor signs a resolution approving the School District's modified proposal, the City shall provide the Annual City Contribution for that fiscal year and for every subsequent fiscal year in the five-year period, but such contribution may be placed on reserve, consistent with subsection (d)(4). If neither the Mayor nor a member of the Board of Supervisors introduces a resolution consistent with this subsection (d)(3) before July 1 immediately prior to the first year of the five-year cycle, then the City shall provide the Annual City Contribution during the five-year period, but such contribution may be placed on reserve, consistent with subsection (d)(4).

(4) The City shall place the Annual City Contribution for the second fiscal year of the City's biennial budget on reserve in the biennial budget if, before enactment of that budget, the Board of Supervisors adopts and the Mayor signs a resolution finding that the School District's expenditures for the current or past fiscal year are inconsistent with the Charter, the School District's spending proposal described in subsection (d)(1), the Outcomes Framework described in Section 16.127-5, or the School District's internal guidelines regarding student educational outcomes. The Board of Supervisors by motion may release the Annual City Contribution from the reserve during the fiscal year.

(5) The Board of Supervisors by ordinance may modify the deadlines in this subsection (d).

(e) Audit Requirements. All disbursements from the Fund and from the baseline appropriations shall be subject to periodic audit by the Controller. The *San Francisco Unified School District* and the *Department of Early Childhood Office of Early Care and Education* (“DEC”) or any successor entity (“OECE”) shall agree to such audits as a condition of receiving disbursements from the Fund.

SEC. 16.123-4. UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION.

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(b) Planning Process. No later than January 1, 2016, *DECthe OECE*, in consultation with the San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, the First Five Commission, the San Francisco Unified School District, the San Francisco Human Services Agency, the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and community stakeholders, shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a proposal for expanding quality universal early education for San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors shall approve the plan by resolution; if the Board does not approve the plan, it may refer the plan back to *DECthe OECE* for revision.

In preparing the plan, *DECthe OECE* may consult with the First Five Commission to develop universal early education funding guidelines consistent with the findings of the 2012-2013 Child Care Planning and Advisory Council's San Francisco Child Care Needs Assessment, the 2012 San Francisco Citywide Plan for Early Education, First 5 San Francisco's 2013 Evaluations of the Preschool for All program, the San Francisco Unified School District's 2014 Kindergarten

Readiness Data, and the Office of Early Care and Education's 2014 Financing Study.

The plan shall include goals for the quality of early care and education programs, shall align with emerging developments in state and/or federal early care and education policy, and shall address the professional development needs of center-based and family child care providers. “Professional development” as used in this Section 16.123-4 includes education, technical assistance and coaching, training, and supports, and shall be aligned with the City's goals for early care and education program quality. Additionally, in preparing the plan, *DECthe OECE* shall develop guidelines designed to meet neighborhood-specific needs, including school readiness, subsidy availability, children's dual language development, facility development, parent engagement and education, inclusion of children with special needs, and provider support for both family child care homes and child care centers. Such funding guidelines also shall address the unmet need for universal early education and child care slots in specific City neighborhoods.

The plan shall also include an equity analysis of services and resources for children and families. The *Early Childhood Community Oversight and OECE Citizens' Advisory Committee*, or any successor entity, shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to compare existing services and resources in low-income and disadvantaged communities with services and resources available in the City as a whole.

Following the Board of Supervisors' approval of the plan, *DECthe OECE*, in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District and First Five Commission, shall develop an evaluation plan for tracking the results of the City's investments in early care and education.

(c) Annual Disbursements. For Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the City shall appropriate one-third of the money in the Public Education Enrichment Fund to the First Five Commission for universal preschool programs administered by the Commission. Beginning July 1, 2015, the City each year shall appropriate one-third of the money in the Public Education Enrichment Fund to *DECthe OECE* for early education programs to be administered by that office or entity or its successor.

(d) Citizens Advisory Committee. No later than March 1, 2015, the Board of Supervisors shall establish, by ordinance, a Citizens Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to *DECthe OECE* on universal access to early education and the funds appropriated under this Section 16.123-4.

SEC. 16.123-6. EXPENDITURE PLANS.

(a) No later than April 1 of each year *during the term of this measure*, the San Francisco Unified School District and *DECthe OECE* shall each submit an expenditure plan (“*Annual Expenditure Plan*”) for funding to be received *by the School District* from the Public Education Enrichment Fund for the upcoming fiscal year to the *Initiative, the Controller, the Mayor*, and the Board of Supervisors, in response to the Controller's March fund estimate for the coming fiscal year. *The School District's Annual Expenditure Plan shall also describe the School District's plans to ensure oversight and transparency of the spending through regular review by the Board of Education. The Initiative shall review the School District's Annual Expenditure Plan and may provide any recommendations regarding the plan to the Board of Supervisors.*

(b) The plans shall include a budget for the expenditures, descriptions of programs and services, performance goals, *student impact goals*, target populations, hiring and recruitment plans for personnel, plans for matching or other additional funding, operating reserves, *the estimated carryover funds in the current fiscal year and the planned allocations for those estimated funds during the upcoming fiscal year*, and any other matters that the *School District* and *DECthe OECE* deem appropriate or the *Initiative, the Controller, the Mayor*, or the Board requests.

(c) By no later than April 1 of each year, beginning in 2026, the School District shall submit to the Initiative, the Controller, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors an annual report describing how the School District plans to expend funds for arts, music, sports, and library programs for schools consistent with the School District's internal guidelines regarding student educational outcomes in the subsequent fiscal year.

(d) In addition to the Annual Expenditure Plan referenced in subsection (a), by no later than January 31 of each year, beginning in 2026, the School District shall submit to the Initiative, the Controller, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors an annual report detailing the School District's budgeted expenditures compared to its actual expenditures for the prior fiscal year, and describing: (1) how the School District expended arts, music, sports, and library and other funding it received from the Annual City Contribution for the prior fiscal year, including, if applicable, a comprehensive summary of courses and programs funded in each school by the Annual City Contribution, with information about participation rates in each course or program; (2) how the expended funding is consistent with the Citywide Community Needs Assessment described in Section 16.127-9, the Outcomes Framework described in Section 16.127-5, and internal guidelines regarding student educational outcomes; and (3) how the School District plans to use the Annual City Contribution consistent with the Citywide Community Needs Assessment, Outcomes Framework, and internal guidelines regarding student educational outcomes in the subsequent fiscal year; and (4) identification of any carryover funds from the Annual City Contribution and how the School District plans to reallocate those carryover funds during the fiscal year.

(e) By no later than January 31 of each year, the School District shall submit to the Initiative, the Controller, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors a report describing, to the extent available, its fiscal year-to-date expenditures and activities as described in subsection (b) for the current fiscal year, including but not limited to the School District's progress in the design and delivery of programs and in meeting student impact goals identified in the Annual Expenditure Plan and expenditures regarding arts, music, sports, and library programs.

(f) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may request further explanation of items included in the plans, and the District and ~~DECthe OECE~~ shall respond in a timely manner to such inquiries. The Board may place appropriations provided for under this measure on reserve until it has received adequate responses to its inquiries.

(g) The Board of Supervisors by ordinance may modify the deadlines in this Section 16.123-6.

SEC. 16.123-8. ADJUSTMENTS.

(a) **Audit Recommendations.** The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may suspend the City's disbursements from the baseline appropriations or the Public Education Enrichment Fund under Sections 16.123-3, 16.123-4, or 16.123-5 in whole or in part for any year where the Controller certifies that the San Francisco Unified School District or ~~DECthe OECE~~ has failed to adopt audit recommendations made by the Controller.

As part of the audit function, the Controller shall periodically review performance and cost benchmarks developed by the School District and ~~DECthe OECE~~, including:

- (1) Fund dollars spent for services, materials, and supplies permitted under the Charter;
- (2) Fund dollars spent as reported to the City;
- (3) Supporting documentation of Fund expenditures; and
- (4) Progress towards established workload, efficiency, and effectiveness measures.

(b) **Reserve Policies.** The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may suspend the City's disbursements from the baseline appropriations or the Public Education Enrichment Fund under Sections 16.123-

2, 16.123-4, or 16.123-5 in whole or in part for any year where the Controller certifies that the San Francisco Unified School District or ~~DECthe OECE~~ has failed to adopt reserve policies recommended by the Controller.

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(d) **New Local Revenues.** The Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, proportionally reduce the contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund and the disbursements to the San Francisco Unified School District and ~~DECthe OECE~~ required by Sections 16.123-1 through 16.123-10 if the voters of San Francisco adopt new, dedicated revenue sources for the School District or the ~~DECthe OECE~~, and the offsetting reduction in disbursements is specifically authorized by the local revenue measure.

(e) **New State Revenues.** Following full implementation of the per-student funding targets outlined for SFUSD in the State's Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF"), as adopted in 2013, the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, proportionally reduce the contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund and the disbursements to the San Francisco Unified School District required by ~~Section 16.125-5~~ *this measure* if the percentage increase in per-pupil LCFF funding provided by the State of California to the San Francisco Unified School District in any subsequent fiscal year exceeds the percentage increase in the City's cost of living during the previous fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, proportionally reduce the contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund and the disbursements to ~~DECthe OECE~~ if the State of California provides funding to the City for universal preschool, provided that such disbursements are not required to match state and/or other funding.

SEC. 16.127-1. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES ~~INITIATIVE AND COUNCIL~~; PREAMBLE.

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(l) To further support a coordinated approach to outcomes-based services for children, youth, Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth, and families, the Our Children, Our Families Initiative ("Initiative") shall be a joint initiative staffed by employees and officers of the City and SFUSD with the mission to build a public policy platform that will place children and families at the center of every policy decision. The Initiative will support aligning and coordinating the development of comprehensive and connected systems, services, policies, and planning strategies to strengthen the City's services for children, youth, Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth, and families, with the goals of increasing equitable access and enhancing effectiveness. The Mayor shall lead the Initiative, and shall invite the Superintendent of SFUSD to co-lead the Initiative with support from SFUSD staff in the Superintendent's discretion. The Mayor shall ensure that City departments are convened, coordinated, and engaged as part of the development of the Children and Families Plan, engaging in a Citywide Community Needs Assessment for children, youth, and families, and the Outcomes Framework described in Section 16.127-9, as well as in advancing the goals established in the Plan and Outcomes Framework.

SEC. 16.127-5. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; RESPONSIBILITIES.

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(b) **The San Francisco Children and Families Plan.** The Council, *with support from the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families ("DCYF") and the Initiative*, shall craft a San Francisco Children and Families Plan ("the Plan") and identify relevant goals and strategies to align and coordinate the services to children and families provided by City departments, SFUSD, and community partners and to maximize support for children and families. *The Mayor shall invite SFUSD to participate in the planning process for the Plan.* The Plan shall be responsive to the Citywide Community Needs Assessment ("*CCNA*") in Section 16.127-9 and consider the following elements:

(1) Ease of access for children, youth, and families in receiving services;

(2) Educational milestones developed by SFUSD and youth development milestones developed by ~~the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families~~ (“DCYF”) and the Council;

(3) Existing quality of service benchmarks established by City and SFUSD departments;

(4) Framework for a basic needs infrastructure, including, but not limited to, housing, transit, and job placement resources; and

(5) Fairness in prioritizing the delivery of services to the children and families with the most need.

The Plan shall also include an equity analysis of services and resources for children, youth, and families. The Council shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to compare existing services and resources in low-income and disadvantaged communities with services and resources available in the City as a whole. The Council may draw upon metrics used by departments including DCYF, ~~and the Department of Early Childhood Office of Early Care and Education~~ (or any successor agency), ~~and SFUSD. Other City departments and commissions shall provide information and data to assist the Council, the Initiative, and DCYF to draft the Plan. To ensure the Plan accomplishes its purposes, the Initiative shall propose recommendations and accountability measures to include in the Plan on how City departments and commissions can streamline processes, reduce duplicative data collection, improve data sharing across City platforms to simplify the navigation of City services for children, youth, and families, and establish standardized performance metrics where City departments or commissions provide overlapping or shared services to children, youth, and families.~~

(c) No later than May 1, 2016, and every fifth year thereafter, the Council, with support from the Initiative, shall develop and adopt a set of proposed Citywide outcomes for services to children and families, including an outcomes framework (“*Outcomes Framework*”) responsive to the evolving needs of the community. No later than July 1, 2016, and every fifth year thereafter, the Council shall prepare and adopt a Children and Families Plan for the City, which shall include a comprehensive assessment of City policies and programs, both public and private, addressing the needs of children and families in San Francisco, and policy-level recommendations for making the City more supportive of children and families. The Council shall emphasize solicitation and incorporation of community input in the development of the initial Plan and subsequent Plans.

(d) No later than October 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the Board of Supervisors shall conduct a noticed public hearing to review the Council’s performance and the City’s overall progress under the current Plan and to update interested parties on the status of the next Plan.

(e) All City ~~departments that serve children, youth, and families~~ shall consider the Plan in developing their own strategic plans to make the City more supportive of children and families. The Controller shall provide guidance to City departments about how to incorporate the findings of the CCNA and the Plan into their proposed budgets under Article IX.

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SEC. 16.127-6. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; STAFFING.

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(c) **Funding.** It shall be the policy of the City to provide sufficient funding and administrative support for the Council and Council Staff to perform these functions. Funding for administrative support for the Council shall come from the General Fund; provided, however, that SFUSD, participating City departments, and members of the public may provide additional support and contributions. Funding for administra-

tive support for the Council shall not be included in the Children and Youth Fund Baseline calculation.

SEC. 16.127-7. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; IMPLEMENTATION.

The Board of Supervisors shall further provide by ordinance for the membership, structure, functions, and support of the Council, consistent with the provisions of Sections 16.1267-1 through 16.1267-6.

SEC. 16.127-8. ROLE OF THE OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES INITIATIVE.

(a) The Initiative shall provide support for the Council by providing data and information relevant to the Council’s decisions, by preparing drafts of the Outcomes Framework and the Plan, by implementing alignment of systems and coordination of services, and by evaluating submissions from City departments and SFUSD under this Section 16.127-8.

(b) The Initiative shall ensure that various community groups, agencies, and organizations responsible for providing support, including SFUSD, other government agencies, and community partners, work together in aligned, coherent, and effective ways.

(c) The Initiative shall ensure that the City maximizes opportunities to receive available funding for children and youth from the State and Federal governments. As part of their biennial budget submission under Article IX, City departments that provide services to children, youth, and families shall report on any State or Federal funding for which the department has applied or received funding.

(d) The Board of Supervisors by ordinance shall designate a department, commission, or other City entity to assume primary responsibility for supporting the Initiative and establish the responsibilities of constituent City departments and commissions within the Initiative. Funding for administrative support for the Initiative shall not be included in the Children and Youth Fund Baseline calculation.

SEC. 16.127-9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES INITIATIVE.

(a) **Citywide Community Needs Assessment.** The Initiative shall assist the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (“DCYF”) in developing a Citywide Community Needs Assessment (“CCNA”) for children, youth, and families. The CCNA shall supplement and expand upon the CNA described in Section 16.108(i)(1), and the Initiative and its constituent departments, commissions, and SFUSD shall use the CCNA to develop the San Francisco Children and Families Plan (the “Plan”) and Outcomes Framework. DCYF shall prepare the CCNA using the same process and timeline described in Section 16.108(i)(1).

(b) **The San Francisco Children and Families Plan and Outcomes Framework.** The Initiative shall support the Council in crafting the Plan and Outcomes Framework described in Section 16.127-5 and identifying relevant goals and strategies to align and coordinate the services to children and families provided by City departments, SFUSD, and community partners, and to maximize support for children and families. Through the Initiative, the Mayor shall invite SFUSD to participate in the planning process for the Plan and the Outcomes Framework.

SEC. 16.127.10. BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS.

(a) **Outcomes Framework Analysis.** By January 1, 2028 and at least once every five years thereafter in alignment with the beginning of the Five-Year Planning Cycle described in Section 16.108(i), the Initiative, in consultation with the Controller, shall develop a policy to help the Initiative evaluate whether the following types of expenditures are consistent with the Outcomes Framework: (1) expenditures that are included in, or are eligible to be included in, the Children and Youth Fund Baseline described in Section 16.108(h), and (2) expenditures from the Public Education Enrichment Fund (“PEEF”) and the annual PEEF Baseline appropriation (“PEEF Baseline”) described in Section 16.123-2.

(b) Budget Review and Approval for Proposed Appropriations in the Children and Youth Baseline, Public Education Enrichment Fund, and Public Education Enrichment Fund Annual Baseline Appropriations.

(1) By February 21 each year, beginning in 2026, each City department that anticipates expending funds for eligible services in the Children and Youth Fund Baseline, the PEEF, or the PEEF Baseline in the subsequent fiscal year shall submit a written report with its anticipated expenditures to the Initiative for review. The Initiative may request that City departments provide additional reports on expenditures as the Initiative deems necessary.

(2) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028–2029, the Initiative shall review and determine whether each department’s proposed expenditures under subsection (b)(1) and SFUSD’s annual report under Section 16.123-6(d) are consistent with the Plan and Outcomes Framework. The Initiative shall also review the department’s and SFUSD’s expenditures for eligible services in the Children and Youth Fund Baseline, the PEEF, or the PEEF Baseline for the current and prior fiscal year, if any, to determine whether those expenditures were consistent with the Outcomes Framework. By April 30 each year, the Initiative shall provide a written report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors evaluating whether each department’s current and prior year expenditures were consistent with the Outcomes Framework and stating whether the department’s proposed expenditures for the subsequent fiscal year are consistent with the Outcomes Framework. By April 30 each year, the Initiative also shall provide a written report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors evaluating whether SFUSD’s current and prior year expenditures were consistent with the Outcomes Framework and stating whether SFUSD’s proposed expenditures for the subsequent fiscal year are consistent with the Outcomes Framework.

(3) In preparing the biennial budget under Article IX of this Charter, the Mayor shall consider the Initiative’s written report. In its evaluation of the proposed biennial budget, the Board of Supervisors also shall consider the Initiative’s written report and shall hold a public hearing on the Initiative’s report before finally approving the budget. The Initiative may provide an addendum or update to the report based on new information it receives following its initial report regarding the budget.

(4) By no later than the date of final enactment of the biennial budget, beginning with the biennial budget for Fiscal Year 2029–2030, the Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution, find that all anticipated expenditures for services in the Children and Youth Fund Baseline and City department and SFUSD expenditures under the PEEF and the PEEF Baseline in the biennial budget are, on balance, consistent with the Outcomes Framework as provided in subsection (1) (2), or that specified expenditures are not consistent with the Outcomes Framework but otherwise serve an overriding public purpose.

(c) The Board of Supervisors by ordinance may modify the deadlines in this Section 16.127-10.

(d) For purposes of Section 16.127-10(b)(2), the Controller and the Board of Supervisors’ Budget Analyst shall jointly be responsible for approving the final determinations and reports of the Initiative. The Board of Supervisors by ordinance may designate a different City entity to perform the duties of the Initiative for the purposes of that subsection.

SEC. 16.127-11. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES INITIATIVE; GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES.

(a) No later than February 21 of each year, beginning in 2026, each City department that anticipates expending funds from the City’s General Fund to procure or otherwise support any services related to children and youth in the subsequent fiscal year, other than funds for eligible services in the Children and Youth Fund Baseline, the PEEF, or PEEF Baseline, shall submit to the Initiative a written report describing its anticipated expenditures. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028–2029, the

Initiative may evaluate whether the anticipated expenditures are consistent with the Plan and Outcomes Framework, and may provide a written report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors detailing the expenditures that it has concluded are consistent with the Plan and Outcomes Framework and the expenditures that it has concluded are inconsistent with the Plan or Outcomes Framework and the reasons for such conclusions.

(b) The Board of Supervisors by ordinance may modify the deadlines and the reporting requirements in this Section 16.127-11.

SEC. 16.127-12. TRANSFER OF DUTIES TO INITIATIVE.

If, by June 30, 2026, the Council ceases to exist, the Initiative shall assume the Council’s responsibilities described in Sections 16.127-1, 16.127-3, 16.127-5, and 16.127-6; provided that if those sections have been removed from the Charter by the voters, the City shall enact an ordinance designating the Initiative or a different City entity to assume the Council’s responsibilities.

SEC. 16.131. STUDENT SUCCESS FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund. There is hereby established the Student Success Fund (“the Fund”) to be administered by the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (the “Department”), or any successor agency. Monies therein shall be expended or used solely by the Department, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, for the purposes set forth in this Section 16.131.

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(d) Annual Appropriations to the Fund.

(1) In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the City shall appropriate \$11 million to the Fund (an amount that is equivalent to approximately 3.1% of the anticipated value of Excess ERAF for Fiscal Year 2023-24, as projected by the Controller on June 1, 2022). In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the City shall appropriate \$35 million to the Fund (an amount that is equivalent to approximately 9.4% of the anticipated value of Excess ERAF for Fiscal Year 2024-25, as projected by the Controller on June 1, 2022). In Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the City shall appropriate \$45 million to the Fund (an amount that is equivalent to approximately 11.5% of the anticipated value of Excess ERAF for Fiscal Year 2025-26, as projected by the Controller on June 1, 2022). In Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the City shall appropriate \$60 million to the Fund (an amount that is equivalent to approximately 14.6% of the anticipated value of Excess ERAF for Fiscal Year 2026-27, as projected by the Controller on June 1, 2022).

(2) In each year from Fiscal Year 2027-2028 through Fiscal Year 2037-2038, the City shall appropriate to the Fund an amount equal to the prior year’s appropriation, adjusted by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate discretionary revenues, as determined by the Controller, based on calculations consistent from year to year, provided that the City may not increase appropriations to the Fund under this subsection (d)(2) by more than 3% in any fiscal year. In determining aggregate City discretionary revenues, the Controller shall only include revenues received by the City that are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2), the City may freeze appropriations to the Fund for any fiscal year after Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at the prior year amounts when the City’s projected budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year at the time of the March Joint Report or March Update to the Five Year Financial Plan as prepared jointly by the Controller, the Mayor’s Budget Director, and the Board of Supervisors’ Budget Analyst exceeds \$200 million, adjusted annually beginning with Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate City discretionary revenues, as determined by the Controller, based on calculations consistent from year to year. In any such fiscal year, the City also may in its discretion appropriate to the Fund an amount less than the amount required by subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2), as applicable, provided that the City must appropriate at least \$35 million to the Fund in each such fiscal year.

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (d)(1), (d)(2), or (d)(3), if the Controller determines that there will be a Significant Reduction in Excess ERAF in any fiscal year after Fiscal Year 2023-2024, then the City shall not be required to appropriate the full amount set forth in subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2) for that fiscal year, but the City shall appropriate at least \$35 million to the Fund in that fiscal year, in the following manner and sequence: In any such fiscal year, the City shall appropriate monies withdrawn from the separate reserve account under subsection (d)(6) until that account has no remaining funds. If there are no remaining funds in that reserve account, the City shall appropriate monies withdrawn from the City's Budget Stabilization Reserve established under Charter Section 9.120. If there are no remaining funds in the Budget Stabilization Reserve, the City shall appropriate monies withdrawn from other budget reserve accounts established under Charter Section 9.120.

(5) If, at any election after November 8, 2022, the voters of the City enact a special tax measure that dedicates funds for the purposes described in this Section 16.131, the City may reduce the amount of appropriations in subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) in any subsequent fiscal year by the amount of special tax revenues that the City appropriates for those purposes in that fiscal year.

(6) Reserve Account.

(A) The Controller shall establish a separate reserve account in the Fund to facilitate additional appropriations and expenditures during fiscal years described in subsections (d)(3) and (d)(4). In any fiscal year described in subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4), the City may appropriate and expend funds from this separate reserve account for the purposes permitted by this Section 16.131, provided that the total amount expended from the Fund in any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount set forth for that fiscal year in subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2).

(B) At the end of each fiscal year, the Controller shall deposit in the separate reserve account any monies that were appropriated to the Fund under subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2) but that remain uncommitted, provided that the amount in the separate reserve account shall not exceed \$40 million. The Controller shall return to the General Fund any additional monies in the Fund that remain uncommitted.

(7) In Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and thereafter, monies from the Fund shall not replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for funding that is included or partially included in the Children and Youth baseline requirements under Section 16.108, the Public Education Enrichment Fund baseline requirements under Section 16.123-2, or any other provision of this Charter that requires the City to provide funding to the District or to services for children and youth.

(e) Uses of the Fund to Support Community Schools Site Initiatives for Academic Achievement and Social Emotional Wellness of Students. On a funding cycle determined by the Department, the Department shall invite Eligible Schools and the District to apply for grant funding to support academic achievement and social/emotional wellness of students. The Department shall establish after making reasonable efforts to consult with and reach mutual agreement with the District, or the Board of Supervisors may establish by ordinance after requesting input from the District, a simple and accessible grant funding process. If there is any conflict between any ordinance and a regulation described in the preceding sentence or in any other provision in this subsection (e), the ordinance shall prevail.

(1) Criteria: The Department, after consultation with the District, shall adopt criteria, and the Board of Supervisors may by ordinance adopt criteria, establishing the qualifications for Eligible Schools to receive a Student Success Grant or a Technical Assistance Grant, or for the District to receive a District Innovation Grant in coordination with one or more Eligible Schools. At minimum, to receive a Student Success Grant under subsection (e)(2), each Eligible School, including

Eligible Schools covered by a District Innovation Grant, must meet the following criteria:

(A) The Eligible School must have a School Site Council that has endorsed the Eligible School's grant funding proposal and has committed to supporting the implementation of the programs and/or staffing funded by the grant either before the award of the grant or within the first year of the grant being awarded.

(B) The Eligible School must have a full-time Community School Coordinator, or must plan to hire and in fact hire a Community School Coordinator, who will serve in a leadership role working alongside the Eligible School's principal in implementing the grant and ensuring that the programs funded by the grant integrate with and enhance the Eligible School's academic programs, social/emotional supports, and other programming. If there is a program or a community-based organization integrally connected to the Eligible School that provides on-site services and support for students and their families, including without limitation an after-school, Beacon, or other program, the Community School Coordinator must fully integrate these programs or organizations so they work together to enhance the academic learning and social/emotional support that occurs during the regular school day. The Community School Coordinator must participate in the School Site Council to help it gain and maintain the skills and capacity to meaningfully reflect the values of the school community and support the implementation of programs funded by each Student Success Fund Grant. The District or the Eligible School may pay for the Community School Coordinator with monies allocated through Student Success Grants or Technical Assistance Grants.

(C) The Eligible School must agree to coordinate with City departments and with the District's administration to ensure that all resources, strategies, and programs at the Eligible School best serve students and their families. If the Eligible School implements initiatives that advance the community school innovative student support models and strategies but are not funded by a grant under the Fund (for example, but without limitation, Beacon, ExCEL, or Promised Neighborhoods programs, or other partnerships with community-based organizations), then the Eligible School must demonstrate to the Department how programs supported by the grant will coordinate with, align with, and share leadership with those other initiatives. Eligible Schools' initiatives should utilize the state-mandated school plan to ensure a coherent approach and align resources allocation with student outcomes in both academic achievement and social/emotional wellness.

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(h) Task Force. By no later than March 31, 2023, the Board of Supervisors shall pass an ordinance establishing a task force to exist until at least July 31, 2024 with the purpose to provide advice to the Board and the Mayor regarding potential future sources of revenue for the Fund, including a potential special tax measure that would dedicate funds for the purposes described in this Section 16.131.

(i) Expiration. This Section 16.131 shall expire by operation of law on December 31, 2038, following which the City Attorney may cause it to be removed from the Charter unless the Section is extended by the voters.

SEC. 16.133. DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: DATA SHARING AGREEMENT.

Beginning July 1, 2026 or a later date established by ordinance, the City may not make any payment to the San Francisco Unified School District ("District") not required by this Charter or State law unless the District has entered into a data-sharing agreement with the City, under which the District agrees to share any appropriate and relevant data with the Our Children, Our Families Initiative, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, and the Department of Early Childhood (or any successor agency) during the period in which the District will

use the discretionary funds. Any data-sharing agreement between the District and the City shall include terms requiring compliance with applicable State and Federal student privacy laws.

Proposition K

Ordinance amending the Park Code to establish new recreation and open space by restricting private vehicles at all times on the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard, subject to the City obtaining certain required approvals; making associated findings under the California Vehicle Code; and reaffirming the existing restriction of private vehicles on the Great Highway Extension.

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain font.

Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.

Deletions to Codes are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.

Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Background and Findings.

(a) In response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to provide safe open space for people to recreate, in April 2020, the City temporarily limited private vehicle traffic on the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard (“Upper Great Highway”). On August 15, 2021, with reduced pandemic restrictions and people resuming in-person work, school, and other activities, the City modified the vehicular restrictions to apply only between Fridays at noon and Mondays at 6 a.m., and on holidays. In 2022, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”), on recommendation of the Recreation and Park Commission and the Municipal Transportation Authority Board of Directors, adopted Ordinance No. 258-22, which ratified the pandemic-related restrictions and limited private vehicles from the Upper Great Highway on a pilot basis, on Friday afternoons, weekends and holidays until December 31, 2025.

(b) The restrictions on private vehicles have enabled people of all ages and all walks of life to safely recreate by the coast next to Ocean Beach by using the Upper Great Highway as a promenade for walking, jogging, biking, scooting, and rolling. This use of the Upper Great Highway greatly expanded access and enjoyment of the coast in ways not possible on sand, including for those reliant on wheelchairs, rollators, and other mobility aids. From April 2020 until May 2022, there were an estimated two million visits or more to the Upper Great Highway when it functioned as a full-time, and then part-time, recreational open space. During the current weekend-only promenade, an average of 4,000 visitors per day come to the Upper Great Highway, making it the third most visited park in the Recreation and Park system. Special events and programming have at times drawn over 10,000 people on a weekend day. The New York Times highlighted the promenade on a global list of “52 places for a changed world” in 2022, writing that the “Great Highway has become a unique destination – in a city full of them – to take in San Francisco’s wild Pacific Ocean coastline by foot, bike, skates or scooter, sample food trucks and explore local cafes, restaurants, record stores, bookstores and more.”

(c) In response to climate change and sea level rise, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is implementing the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project in order to protect vulnerable water and sewer infrastructure on the west side of the City. In April 2024, by Ordinance No. 102-24, the Board restricted private vehicles from a portion of the Great Highway Extension between Sloat Boulevard and Skyline Boulevard, to allow for managed retreat, restore coastal dunes, protect wastewater treatment infrastructure, and transform the former roadway into a future multi-use pathway. These collective adaptive responses will ensure resilience to climate change, protect the western coastline, and enhance public access, recreation, habitat protection, and scenic quality. Restricting private vehicles from the Upper Great Highway will further reduce automobile pollution in a sensitive coastal habitat, including runoff pollution, which is one of the primary contributors to oceanic pollution.

(d) Restricting full-time vehicular use of the Upper Great Highway expands coastal recreational access by extending walking and biking space north for an additional two miles, creating a connected and continuous 2.75-mile open space along the shoreline. This new public space would allow people walking, biking, rolling, and strolling to enjoy San Francisco’s Pacific Coast, from Lincoln Way to Skyline Boulevard.

(e) The Great Highway serves as a physical connection between Golden Gate Park and Lake Merced, to create over 2,000 contiguous acres of recreational parkland for residents and visitors to enjoy. Providing a seamless link between these two existing open spaces enables more residents and visitors to safely access the coast, and better connects Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, Lands End, and the Presidio.

(f) The Upper Great Highway and the Great Highway Extension are frequently closed in one or both directions due to sand accumulation on the roadway that makes it impossible for private vehicles to pass. Since 2020, the roadway has been closed up to 65 times per year, often for multiple days. In addition, during closures of the Upper Great Highway, private vehicles have adequately navigated the area using nearby roadways that run parallel to the Upper Great Highway, and weekday traffic volumes are generally lower than before the pandemic due to changes in commuting patterns.

(g) Establishing new recreation and open space and protecting the coast in the face of climate change by limiting private vehicles on the Upper Great Highway is consistent with the following policies:

(1) Section 4.113 of the Charter, which states that park land, which includes the Upper Great Highway, shall be used for recreational purposes.

(2) The Recreation and Park Department Strategic Plan, which calls for developing more open space and improving access to existing facilities to address population growth in high-need and emerging neighborhoods; and strengthening the City’s climate resiliency by protecting and enhancing San Francisco’s precious natural resources through conservation, education, and sustainable land and facility management practices.

(3) The Transit First Policy, in Section 8A.115 of the Charter, which encourages the use of the public right-of-way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and strives to reduce private vehicular traffic and improve public health and safety; calls for enhanced pedestrian areas, to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians and to encourage travel by foot; and promotes bicycling by encouraging safe streets for riding, convenient access to transit, bicycle lanes, and secure bicycle parking.

(4) San Francisco's Climate Action Plan, which details actionable steps to sequester carbon from the atmosphere and store it in plants, trees, and soil. Stewardship of the City's natural resources helps restore biodiversity and provides a healthy environment that benefits all San Franciscans. Globally, nature-based climate solutions can provide 37% of the mitigation needed by 2030 to limit temperature rise. Nature-based solutions offer important pathways for sequestering carbon while protecting and restoring healthy, biodiverse ecosystems, natural areas, and urban forests. Shifting the Upper Great Highway away from a roadway for private vehicles allows the City to respond to climate change and sea-level rise with adaptive, resilient measures that ensure the health and future of our coastal environment.

(5) In 2022, the Controller estimated that it would cost the City \$80 million over the next 20 years to preserve the Great Highway Extension from Sloat Boulevard to Skyline Boulevard as a roadway for private vehicles, due to sea level rise and coastal erosion impacts. Maintaining the roadway for private vehicles in place from Lincoln Way to Sloat Boulevard will also create additional costs for the City as sea level rise continues. Further, due to increasing sand accumulation, the Department of Public Works estimates that it will cost the City \$1.7 million each year to clear sand from the Upper Great Highway to ensure safe use of the roadway by private vehicles.

(6) The California Coastal Act of 1976 (Public Resources Code Sections 30000-30900) ("Coastal Act") requires public access and public recreational access opportunities in the coastal zone to be protected and maximized. On May 9, 2024, the California Coastal Commission ("Commission") approved a coastal development permit for the City's Great Highway pilot project and found that pilot project to enhance public recreational access to and along the Great Highway, while appropriately protecting other coastal resources.

Section 2. Article 6 of the Park Code is hereby amended by revising Section 6.13, to read as follows:

SEC. 6.13. RESTRICTING MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE UPPER GREAT HIGHWAY.

(a) **Findings and Purpose.** In 2022, following the temporary closure of the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard (hereafter, the "Upper Great Highway") due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and on recommendation of the Recreation and Park Commission and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA") Board of Directors, the Board of Supervisors found that it would be appropriate to restrict private vehicles from the four-lane limited-access Upper Great Highway at certain times, *as described herein*, due to the need to ensure the safety and protection of persons who are to use those streets; and because the restrictions would leave a sufficient portion of the streets in the surrounding area for other public uses including vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. Consistent with the foregoing, the People of the City and County of San Francisco hereby affirm and readopt these findings that the Upper Great Highway is not needed for vehicular traffic, and further find that, for the same reasons, it would be appropriate to restrict private vehicles from the four-lane limited-access Upper Great Highway at all times, as described herein. The additional restrictions would still leave a sufficient portion of the streets in the surrounding area for other public uses including vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.

(b) **Restrictions on Private Vehicles.** The Recreation and Park Department shall restrict private vehicles from the Upper Great Highway *from Fridays at 12:00 p.m. until Monday mornings at 6:00 a.m., and on holidays*, as set forth herein. *These closures shall remain in effect until December 31, 2025, unless extended*

by ordinance. The temporary closure of the Upper Great Highway due to the COVID-19 pandemic from April 2020 until the commencement of the pilot project is hereby ratified.

(c) **Public Notice and Engagement.**

—(1) The Recreation and Park Department shall include on its website a map depicting the street segments subject to the street closures and traffic restrictions authorized in subsection (b), and such other information as it may deem appropriate to assist the public; and shall provide advance notice of any changes to these street closures or traffic restrictions to residents and owners of property abutting those streets.

—(2) ~~The Recreation and Park Department and SFMTA shall collect and publicly report data on pedestrian and cyclist usage and vehicular traffic on the Upper Great Highway and surrounding streets at regular intervals throughout the duration of the pilot program established in this Section 6.13.~~

—(3) ~~SFMTA shall develop and release draft recommendations for traffic management no later than July 31, 2023. The draft recommendations shall build upon past traffic management measures and past traffic studies, and shall be updated during the pilot program based on data monitoring, traffic conditions, and community outreach. SFMTA shall also develop final recommendations which may propose traffic management measures for after the pilot period, with a description of potential improvements to the surrounding circulation system, cost estimates, and an implementation schedule for accommodating any future vehicular traffic restrictions that may be in the public interest.~~

—(4) ~~The Recreation and Park Department, in coordination with SFMTA, shall engage in community outreach during the pilot period to gain public input on the effectiveness of the pilot program and inform the development of the Westside Traffic Management Plan.~~

—(5) ~~Public Works or its successor agency shall develop an Upper Great Highway Sand Management Plan by no later than March 1, 2023. This plan shall detail how Public Works will manage and maintain an Upper Great Highway free of sand incursions, along with any resource or policy changes needed to accomplish this.~~

(d) **Exempt Motor Vehicles.** The following motor vehicles are exempt from the restrictions in subsection (b):

(1) Emergency vehicles, including but not limited to police and fire vehicles.

(2) Official City, State, or federal vehicles, or any other authorized vehicle, being used to perform official City, State, or federal business pertaining to the Upper Great Highway or any property or facility therein, including but not limited to public transit vehicles, vehicles of the Recreation and Park Department, and construction vehicles authorized by the Recreation and Park Department.

(3) Authorized intra-park transit shuttle buses, paratransit vans, or similar authorized vehicles used to transport persons along the Upper Great Highway.

(4) Vehicles authorized by the Recreation and Park Department in connection with permitted events and activities.

(e) **Emergency Authority.** The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall have the authority to allow vehicular traffic on segments of the Upper Great Highway that would otherwise be closed to vehicles in accordance with this Section 6.13 in circumstances which in the General Manager's judgment constitute an emergency such that the benefit to the public from the vehicular street closure is outweighed by the traffic burden or public safety hazard created by the emergency circumstances.

(f) **Promotion of the General Welfare.** In enacting and implementing this Section 6.13, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is

it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

(g) **Severability.** If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Section 6.13 or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of Section 6.13. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares it would have passed this Section and each and every subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portions of Section 6.13 or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

*(h) **Sunset Clause.** This Section 6.13, and the temporary closures of the Upper Great Highway authorized herein, shall expire by operation of law on December 31, 2025, unless extended by ordinance. If not extended by ordinance, upon expiration the City Attorney is authorized to remove this Section 6.13 from the Code.*

Section 3. Article 6 of the Park Code is hereby amended by revising Section 6.15, to read as follows:

SEC. 6.15. RESTRICTING VEHICLES ON THE GREAT HIGHWAY EXTENSION.

(a) **Findings.** *Consistent with California Vehicle Code Section 21101, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is appropriate to permanently restrict vehicles from a portion of the Great Highway Extension, beginning at Sloat Boulevard and extending south for a distance of approximately 3,317 feet, because that portion of the street is no longer needed for vehicular traffic. Consistent with California Vehicle Code Section 21101, the People of the City and County of San Francisco find that it is appropriate to permanently restrict vehicles from a portion of the Great Highway Extension, beginning at Sloat Boulevard and extending south for a distance of approximately 3,317 feet, because that portion of the street is no longer needed for vehicular traffic.*

(b) **Restrictions on Vehicles.** *The Recreation and Park Department shall restrict vehicles from the Great Highway Extension, beginning at Sloat Boulevard and extending south for a distance of approximately 3,340 feet. The Recreation and Park Department shall restrict vehicles from the Great Highway Extension, beginning at Sloat Boulevard and extending south for a distance of approximately 3,340 feet.*

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Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the People of the City and County of San Francisco intend to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions, in accordance with the “Note” that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

Section 5. Additional Approvals. Within 180 days of voter approval of this initiative ordinance, the City shall seek all approvals it deems necessary or appropriate to enable the permanent closure of the Upper Great Highway, including amendment of the City’s General Plan and any approval or certification required under the Coastal Act. The Planning Department and Recreation and Park Department shall, in consultation with the City Attorney, notify the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in writing once the City has obtained these approvals.

Section 6. Effective and Operative Dates. This Ordinance shall be effective upon approval by the voters. All sections of this Ordinance other than Section 2 shall be operative immediately upon approval by the voters. Section 2 of this Ordinance shall

become operative upon the transmission of the written notification from the Planning Department and Recreation and Park Department to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as set forth in Section 5 of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Severability. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance. The People of the City and County of San Francisco hereby declare they would have passed this Ordinance and each and every subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portions of this Ordinance or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 8. Conflicting Measures. This ordinance is intended to be comprehensive. It is the intent of the people of the City and County of San Francisco that in the event that this measure and one or more measures regarding the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard shall appear on the same ballot, the provisions of the other measure or measures shall be deemed to be in conflict with this measure. In the event that this measure receives a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety, and all provisions of the other measure or measures shall be null and void. If this measure is approved by a majority of the voters but does not receive a greater number of affirmative votes than any other measure appearing on the same ballot regarding the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard, this measure shall take effect to the extent not in conflict with said other measure or measures.

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Proposition L

Note: Uncodified text is in plain or **bold** text.

Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics text.

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

Section 1. Title.

This Initiative shall be known and may be cited as “The ComMUNity Transit Act.”

Section 2. The Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by adding by Article 38, consisting of Sections 3801 through 3814, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 38 RIDE-HAIL PLATFORM GROSS RECEIPTS TAX
SEC. 3801. SHORT TITLE.

This Article 38 shall be known as the “Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance” and the tax it imposes shall be known as “Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax.”

SEC. 3802. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) San Francisco’s local public transit system, Muni, serves hundreds of thousands of passenger boardings each day, connecting San Franciscans to family, friends, retail, work, school, food, housing, medical care, recreation, and the things they love.

(b) The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted Muni ridership, and although ridership is steadily recovering, ridership and fare revenues have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.

(c) A robust, growing, and fully-funded public transportation system is critical to increase public transit ridership and meet City and State goals for climate, housing, equity, safety, and economic recovery.

(d) San Francisco’s 2021 Climate Action Plan found that “At nearly 50% of total city emissions, the transportation system must be transformed to reduce overall reliance on cars and equitably and efficiently connect people to where they want to go by transit, walking, and biking,” and set a goal of 80% of trips taken by low-carbon modes like public transit by 2030.

(e) The Association of Bay Area Governments’ Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan and the Housing Element of San Francisco’s General Plan indicate a need to add an additional 82,069 housing units to the city by 2030. Ensuring the availability of numerous, equitable, and healthy transportation and mobility options is a key component to the success of meeting our housing goals.

(f) A strong public transit system is an important tool in reducing mobility gaps across the City for essential workers, people of color, people with disabilities, and people with limited incomes, as documented in the Muni Service Equity Strategy.

(g) A robust, reliable, and expanded public transit system is essential to San Francisco’s post-COVID economic recovery, connecting people with local businesses and services.

(h) The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency creates thousands of jobs, employing workers to operate, build, and maintain Muni service.

(i) Discount programs are essential to maintain affordable mobility access for thousands of riders, including youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness. Currently, discount programs such as the Lifeline program require passenger applications, and usage remains very low among qualifying riders, demonstrating a need to improve uptake.

(j) The San Francisco County Transportation Authority estimates that Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) accounted for approximately 51% of San Francisco’s congestion increase and 47% of the increase in Vehicle Miles Traveled, from 2010-2016.

(k) In 2014, San Francisco adopted Vision Zero, a plan committed to eliminating all traffic deaths in the city. In 2021, the Vision Zero SF Action Plan found that better management and regulation of TNCs could improve street safety and contribute to mode shift goals, and that supporting mode shift is critical to achieving zero traffic fatalities.

(l) The California Air Resource Board’s 2018 Base Year Inventory report found that TNCs emit 48% more greenhouse gasses on a per-passenger mile basis than trips taken in a private vehicle. In the 2020 Greenhouse Gas Inventory, the transportation sector was found to be the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in San Francisco, accounting for 44% of City-wide GHG emissions. Private cars and trucks accounted for 72% of San Francisco’s transportation GHG emissions, while Muni transit service only accounted for less than 1% of City-wide GHG emissions.

(m) Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) will likely have a larger contribution to traffic congestion and GHG emissions than human-operated TNC vehicles because the economics of driverless trips incentivize longer trips, more frequent trips and additional ‘deadhead’ miles while waiting for passengers. AVs also create solid particulate matter pollution and heavy-metal battery waste, encourage continued investment in passenger vehicle infrastructure, and interfere with the operations of Muni, first responders such as the San Francisco Fire Department, and other city services.

(n) Travel patterns have changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the need for more stable sources of transportation operating revenue.

(o) Due to insufficient funding at the federal, state, regional, and local levels, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency is facing a major deficit of transportation operating funding that threatens the delivery of adequate public transportation service in the coming years. In the absence of sufficient funding from other levels of govern-

ment, San Francisco must take steps locally to ensure a thriving public transportation system.

(p) It is the intention of voters to impose a tax on the gross receipts of transportation network companies and autonomous vehicle passenger services in order to provide funding for Muni to expand service and improve discount programs for riders, and to protect Muni transit service and discount programs from reductions due to insufficient funding.
SEC. 3803. DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise defined in this Article 38, the terms used in this Article shall have the meanings given to them in Articles 6 and 12-A-1 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, as amended from time to time. For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions apply.

“Autonomous vehicle passenger services” means any transportation of passengers offered to the public for compensation using a vehicle driven without the active physical control of a human operator.

“Limousine” means a limousine as that term is used in Section 5431 of the California Public Utilities Code as of January 1, 2019.

“Muni” means the Municipal Railway of the City and County of San Francisco.

“Municipal Transportation Agency” means the Municipal Transportation Agency of the City and County of San Francisco.

“Participating driver” or “driver” means any person who operates a vehicle in connection with a transportation network company’s online-enabled application or platform to connect with passengers.

“Personal Vehicle” means a vehicle that (1) has a passenger capacity of eight persons or less, including the driver, (2) is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise authorized for use by the driver, (3) meets any applicable inspection and other safety requirements imposed by the California Public Utilities Commission, and (4) is not a Taxicab or Limousine.

“Ride-hail platform business activities” means any business activities defined by “Transportation network company services” or “Autonomous vehicle passenger services” in this section.

“Taxicab” means a taxicab as that term is used in Section 5431 of the California Public Utilities Code as of January 1, 2019.

“Transportation network company” means an organization, including, but not limited to, a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietor, or any other entity, operating in California that provides prearranged transportation services for compensation using an online-enabled application or other platform to connect passengers with drivers using a Personal Vehicle.

“Transportation network company services” means prearranged transportation services for compensation using an online-enabled application or other platform to connect passengers with drivers using a Personal Vehicle, including but not limited to a “Transportation network company” as that term is defined in Section 5431(c) of the California Public Utilities Code as of January 1, 2019.
SEC. 3804. IMPOSITION OF TAX.

(a) Commencing with the tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, for the privilege of engaging in ride-hail platform business activities within the City, the City imposes an annual Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax on each person engaging in business within the City that receives more than \$500,000 in gross receipts attributable to ride-hail platform business activities in the City.

(b) The Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax shall be calculated as follows:

(1) 1% for taxable gross receipts attributable to the City from ride-hail platform business activities between \$500,000.01 and \$1,000,000

(2) 2.5% for taxable gross receipts attributable to the City from ride-hail platform business activities between \$1,000,000.01 and \$2,500,000

(3) 3.5% for taxable gross receipts attributable to the City from ride-hail platform business activities between \$2,500,000.01 and \$25,000,000

(4) 4.5% for taxable gross receipts attributable to the City from ride-hail platform business activities over \$25,000,000

(c) For the purposes of this Article 38, a person is “engaging in business within the city” if the person has more than \$500,000 in total gross receipts in the City during the tax year using the rules for assigning gross receipts under Section 956.1 of Article 12-A-1.

(d) This section shall not be construed as to impose a Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax on a person engaging solely as a participating driver as defined in Section 3803.

(e) Any person upon whom the City is prohibited under the Constitution or laws of the State of California or the Constitution or laws of the United States from imposing the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax shall be exempt from the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax.
SEC. 3805. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT; GROSS RECEIPTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CITY.

(a) Any person subject to the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax engaging in ride-hail platform business activities within the City and engaging in no ride-hail platform business activities outside the City is subject to the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax on all non-exempt gross receipts.

(b) Any person subject to the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax engaging in ride-hail platform business activities both within the City and outside the City shall determine their or their combined group’s gross receipts attributable to the City from ride-hail platform business activities under Section 956.1 of Article 12-A-1. For purposes of this Section 3805(b), “gross receipts” as used in Section 956.1 of Article 12-A-1 shall mean all of the person or combined group’s non-exempt gross receipts from ride-hail platform business activities. Apportionment of receipts based on payroll, such as under Article 12-A-1 Section 956.2, shall not apply to the calculation of the amount of gross receipts subject to the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax.

SEC. 3806. CONSTRUCTION AND SCOPE OF THE RIDE-HAIL PLATFORM GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.

(a) This Article 38 is intended to authorize application of the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax in the broadest manner consistent with its provisions and with the California Constitution, the United States Constitution, and any other applicable provision of federal or state law.

(b) The Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax imposed by this Article 38 is in addition to all other City taxes, including the gross receipts tax imposed by Article 12-A-1, as amended from time to time. Accordingly, by way of example and not limitation, persons subject to both the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax and the gross receipts tax shall pay both taxes. Persons exempt from either the gross receipts tax or the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax, but not both, shall pay the tax from which they are not exempt.

SEC. 3807. RETURNS; COMBINED RETURNS.

(a) Persons subject to the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax shall file returns at the same time and in the same manner as returns filed for the gross receipts tax (Article 12-A-1), including the rules for combined returns under Section 956.3, as amended from time to time.

(b) If a person is subject to the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax but is not required to file a gross receipts tax return, such person or combined group’s Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax return shall be filed at the same time and in the same manner as if such person or combined group were required to file a gross receipts tax return.

SEC. 3808. TAX COLLECTOR AUTHORIZED TO DETERMINE GROSS RECEIPTS.

The Tax Collector may, in their reasonable discretion, independently establish a person or combined group’s gross receipts within

the City and establish or reallocate gross receipts among related entities so as to fairly reflect the gross receipts within the City of all persons and combined groups.

SEC. 3809. ADMINISTRATION OF THE RIDE-HAIL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.

Except as otherwise provided under this Article 38, the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax shall be administered pursuant to Article 6 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, as amended from time to time, including all penalties and other charges imposed by that Article.
SEC. 3810. DEPOSIT AND EXPENDITURE OF PROCEEDS.

(a) All proceeds collected under the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

(1) Up to 2% of proceeds may be deposited to the Tax Collector for administration of the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax.

(2) Refunds of any overpayments of the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax, including any related penalties, interest, and fees.

(3) All remaining amounts shall be deposited to the Municipal Transportation Agency, or any successor agency, to be used exclusively for the following operational purposes:

(A) Preserving, maintaining or increasing the amount of Muni service provided.

(B) Improving or preserving Muni access to public schools, public libraries and/or public parks by increasing the frequency of routes, expanding routes, or adding new routes that provide access to those destinations.

(C) Maintaining or expanding discounted Muni fare programs, or Muni fare-free programs, for passengers with disabilities, senior passengers, youth, students, or passengers with limited incomes.

(b) All amounts allocated to the Municipal Transportation Agency under Section 3810(a)(3) shall be credited to the Municipal Transportation Fund as described in Section 8A.105 of Article VIII A of the Charter.
SEC. 3811. EFFECT OF STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION.

To the extent that the City’s authorization to impose or to collect any tax imposed under this Article 38 is expanded or limited as a result of changes in state or federal statutes, regulations, or other laws, or judicial interpretations of those laws, no amendment or modification of this Article shall be required to conform the taxes to those changes, and the taxes are hereby imposed in conformity with those changes, and the Tax Collector shall collect them to the full extent of the City’s authorization up to the full amount and rate of the taxes imposed under this Article.

SEC 3812. SEVERABILITY.

(a) Except as provided in Section 3812(b), below, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Article 38, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by an unappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Article. The People of the City and County of San Francisco hereby declare that, except as provided in Section 3812(b), they would have adopted this Article 38 and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this Article or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

(b) If the imposition of the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax in Section 3804 is held in its entirety to be facially invalid or unconstitutional in a final court determination, the remainder of this Article 38 shall be void and of no force and effect, and the City Attorney shall cause it to be removed from the Business and Tax Regulations Code.

SEC 3813. AMENDMENT.

The Board of Supervisors may amend this Article 38 by ordinance by a two-thirds vote and without a vote of the people, but only to further the intent as set in Section 3802(p).

SEC 3814. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

No section, clause, part, or provision of this Article 38 shall be construed as requiring the payment of any tax that would be in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or of the Constitution or laws of the State of California.

Section 3. Appropriations Limit Increase.

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B and applicable laws, for four years from the election date when this ordinance is approved by voters, the appropriations limit for the City shall be increased by the aggregate sum collected by the levy of the tax imposed under this ordinance.

Section 4. No Conflict with Federal or State Law.

Nothing in this measure shall be interpreted or applied so as to create any requirement, power or duty in conflict with any federal or state law.

Section 5. Competing Measures.

In the event that this measure appears on the same ballot as one or more measures which would prevent the Ride-Hail Platform Gross Receipts Tax from being imposed, the other measure or measures shall be deemed in conflict. In the event that this measure receives a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety.

A measure appearing on the same ballot as this measure shall not be deemed to be in conflict solely because the other measure restructures, updates or otherwise modifies other gross receipts taxes imposed in the Business and Tax Regulations Code.

Section 6. Effective Date.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be 10 days after the date the official vote count is declared by the Board of Supervisors.

Proposition M

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

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to Codes are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Section 1. Title. This initiative is known and may be referred to as the “Local Small Business Tax Cut Ordinance.”

Section 2. Article 2 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising Section 76.3 to read as follows:

SEC. 76.3. WAIVER OF FIRST-YEAR PERMIT, LICENSE, AND BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEES.

(a) **Definitions.** Unless otherwise defined in this Section 76.3, the terms used in this Section shall have the meanings given to them in Article 6 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, as amended from time to time. For purposes of this Section 76.3, the following definitions shall apply:

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“San Francisco Gross Receipts” has the same meaning as used in Section 855 of Article 12 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, as may be amended from time-to-time.

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Section 3. Article 6 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 6.8-2, 6.9-1, 6.9-4, 6.11-2, 6.15-1, 6.15-2, and 6.17-1.1, and adding Sections 6.2-15.1, 6.2-17.1, and 6.25-1, to read as follows:

SEC. 6.2-15.1. REGISTRATION YEAR; 2025-2026 REGISTRATION YEAR.

(a) *For registration periods ending on or before June 30, 2025, the term “registration year” means the fiscal year commencing July 1 of each calendar year and ending on June 30 of the subsequent calendar year.*

(b) *The term “2025-2026 registration year” means the period commencing on July 1, 2025 and ending on March 31, 2026.*

(c) *For registration periods commencing on or after April 1, 2026, the term “registration year” means the period commencing April 1 of each calendar year and ending on March 31 of the subsequent calendar year.*

SEC. 6.2-17.1. “SAN FRANCISCO GROSS RECEIPTS.”

The term “San Francisco Gross Receipts” means gross receipts attributable to the City as described in Sections 955 and 956 of Article 12-A-1 of this Business and Tax Regulations Code.

SEC. 6.8-2. CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS; TAX DIFFERENCES.

The credits, ~~and~~ exemptions, ~~and~~ differences in tax treatment set forth in Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10B, 11, 12, 12-A-1, 12-C, 21, 28, 29, 29A, 30, 32, and 33 of this Business and Tax Regulations Code, in laws applicable to fees administered pursuant to this Article 6, and in laws applicable to assessments levied pursuant to the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (California Streets and Highways Code sections 36600 *et seq.*) or Article 15 of this Code, are provided on the assumption that the City has the power to ~~authorize~~ offer such credits, ~~and~~ exemptions, ~~and~~ differences in tax treatment. If a credit, ~~or~~ exemption, ~~or~~ difference in tax treatment is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the taxpayer must pay any additional amount that the taxpayer would have owed but for such invalid credit, ~~or~~ exemption, ~~or~~ difference in tax treatment. Amounts owed as a result of the invalidation of a credit, ~~or~~ exemption, ~~or~~ difference in tax treatment that are paid within three years after the decision of the court becomes final shall not be subject to interest or penalties.

SEC. 6.9-1. RETURNS AND PAYMENTS.

(a) **Returns Generally.** Except as otherwise provided in this Business and Tax Regulations Code, on or before the due date, or in the event of cessation of business within ~~30~~45 days of such cessation, each taxpayer shall file a return for the subject period on a form provided by the Tax Collector, regardless of whether there is a tax liability owing. A taxpayer who has not received a return form from the Tax Collector is responsible for obtaining such form and filing a return, and the failure of the Tax Collector to furnish the taxpayer with a return shall not relieve the taxpayer of any payment or filing obligation. Returns shall show the amount of tax paid, collected, or otherwise due for the subject period and such other information as the Tax Collector may require. Each taxpayer shall transmit the return, together with the remittance of the tax due, to the Tax Collector at the Tax Collector’s Office on or before the due date specified in this Section 6.9-1. Filing a return that the Tax Collector determines to be incomplete in any material respect may be deemed failure to file a return in violation of this Section 6.9-1(a).

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(c) Gross Receipts Tax, Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax, Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax, Cannabis Business Tax, and Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax.

(1) **Annual Due Date.** Except for any extensions granted under Section 6.9-4 or as otherwise provided in this Business and Tax Regulations Code, returns and payments of the Gross Receipts Tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax (Article 21), the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (Article 28) (including the homelessness administrative office tax imposed under Section 2804(d) *or* *Section 2804.9* of Article 28), the Cannabis Business Tax (Article 30), and the Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (Article 33) (including the overpaid executive administrative office tax imposed under Section 3303(dg) of Article 33) are due and payable, and shall be delinquent if not submitted and paid to the Tax Collector, on or before the last day of February of the succeeding year.

(2) **Small Business Exemption.** A person or combined group that qualifies for the small business exemption in Section 954.1 of Article 12-A-1 shall be exempt from filing a Gross Receipts Tax return, *an Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax return, a Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax return, and, except for a person or combined group subject to the overpaid executive administrative office tax imposed under Section 3303(d) of Article 33, an Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax return.* Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any person taking the Payroll Expense Tax Exclusion Credit in Section 960 of Article 12-A-1 must file a Gross Receipts Tax return, *regardless of whether such person qualifies for the small business exemption from the Gross Receipts Tax. A person or combined group that qualifies for the small business exemption in Section 2106 of Article 21 shall be exempt from filing an Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax return, and except that any person taking the credit for child care facilities in Section 2106.1 of Article 21 must file an Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax return, regardless of whether such person qualifies for the small business exemption from the Gross Receipts- Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax. This subsection (c)(2) shall not apply to persons or combined groups subject to taxes on administrative office business activities in Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1, Sections 2804(d) or 2804.9 of Article 28, or Section 3303(g) of Article 33.*

(3) **Estimated Tax Payments.** Except as provided in Section 6.9-1(c)(3)(D) with respect to estimated tax payments of the Gross Receipts Tax, *Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax, and Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax,* every person or combined group liable for payment of the Gross Receipts Tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax (Article 21), the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (Article 28) (including the homelessness administrative office tax imposed under Section 2804(d) *or* *Section 2804.9* of Article 28), the Cannabis Business Tax (Article 30), or the Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (Article 33) (including the overpaid executive administrative office tax imposed under Section 3303(dg) of Article 33) shall make three estimated tax payments, in addition to the annual payments in Section 6.9-1(c)(1), as follows:

(A) **Due Dates.** The first, second, and third estimated tax payments for a tax year shall be due and payable, and shall be delinquent if not paid on or before, April 30, July 31, and October 31, respectively, of that tax year. Estimated tax payments shall be a credit against the person or combined

group's total annual liability, as applicable, for the Gross Receipts Tax (including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax, Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (including the homelessness administrative office tax imposed under Section 2804(d) *or* *Section 2804.9* of Article 28), Cannabis Business Tax, or Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (including the overpaid executive administrative office tax imposed under Section 3303(dg) of Article 33), for the tax year in which such estimated tax payments are due.

(B) **Gross Receipts Tax Estimated Tax Payments.** A person or combined group's estimated tax payments of Gross Receipts Tax, including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1, shall each equal the lesser of:

(i) 25% of the Gross Receipts Tax liability (including any liability for the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) shown on the person or combined group's return for the tax year (or, if no return is filed, 25% of the person or combined group's actual Gross Receipts Tax liability for the tax year); or

(ii) 25% of the Gross Receipts Tax liability (including any liability for the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) *as determined by applying the applicable Gross Receipts Tax rates and small business exemption in Section 954.1 of Article 12-A-1 for the current tax year to the taxable gross receipts* shown on the person or combined group's return for the preceding tax year *(or, if subject to the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1 for the preceding tax year, by applying the applicable administrative office tax rate for the current tax year to the total payroll expense attributable to the City shown on the person or combined group's return for the preceding tax year).* *If the person or combined group did not file a return for the preceding tax year and timely requested an extension under Section 6.9-4 of this Article 6 to file that return, the person or combined group's Gross Receipts Tax liability (including any liability for the tax on administrative office business activities) for the preceding tax year for purposes of this subsection (c)(3)(B)(ii) shall be deemed to be the amount of any payment required under Section 6.9-4 as a condition of such extension.* If the person or combined group did not file a return for the preceding tax year *and did not request an extension under Section 6.9-4 to file that return,* the person or combined group shall owe no estimated tax payments of Gross Receipts Taxes (or estimated tax payments of the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) for the current tax year. For purposes of this *Section 6.9-1 subsection (c)(3)(B)(ii),* "taxable gross receipts" means a person or combined group's gross receipts, not excluded under Section 954 of Article 12-A-1, attributable to the City.

(C) **Estimated Tax Payments for Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax, Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax, Cannabis Business Tax, and Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax.** A person or combined group's estimated tax payments of the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax, Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (including the homelessness administrative office tax imposed under Section 2804(d) *or* *Section 2804.9* of Article 28), Cannabis Business Tax, and Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (including the overpaid executive administrative office tax imposed under Section 3303(dg) of Article 33), shall each equal the lesser of:

(i) 25% of the applicable tax liability shown on the person or combined group's return for the tax year (or, if no

return is filed, 25% of the person or combined group's actual tax liability for the tax year); or

(ii) 25% of the applicable tax liability shown on the person or combined group's return for the preceding tax year. If the person or combined group did not file a return for the preceding tax year and timely requested an extension under Section 6.9-4 of this Article 6 to file that return, the person or combined group's applicable tax liability for the preceding tax year for purposes of this subsection (c)(3)(C)(ii) shall be deemed to be the amount of any payment required under Section 6.9-4 as a condition of such extension. If the person or combined group did not file a return for the preceding tax year, and did not request an extension under Section 6.9-4 to file that return, the person or combined group shall be deemed to have filed a return showing no liability for purposes of this ~~Section 6.9-1~~ subsection (c)(3)(C)(ii), and no estimated tax payments of that tax shall be due for the current tax year.

(D) Lessor of Residential Real Estate Exemption. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section 6.9-1(c)(3), a lessor of residential real estate, as defined in Section 954.1 of Article 12-A-1, shall not be required to make estimated tax payments under this Section 6.9-1(c)(3), but shall pay its full Gross Receipts Tax liability, Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax liability, and Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax liability on or before the last day of February of the succeeding year, or the extended deadline in Section 6.9-4, if the lessor's gross receipts within the City shown on the lessor's return for either the current tax year or the preceding tax year did not exceed the threshold in Section 954.1(b) of Article 12-A-1.

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(g) Business Registration Certificate; Annual Due Date.

(1) For registration years ending on or before June 30, 2025 and the 2025-2026 registration year, eExcept for any extensions granted under Section 6.9-4 or as otherwise provided in this Business and Tax Regulations Code, returns and payments of the Business Registration Fee (Article 12) shall be filed annually and are due and payable, and shall be delinquent if not submitted and paid to the Tax Collector, on or before the last day of May preceding the registration year commencing July 1 of that year.

(2) For registration years beginning on or after April 1, 2026, except for any extensions granted under Section 6.9-4 or as otherwise provided in this Business and Tax Regulations Code, returns and payments of the Business Registration Fee shall be filed annually and are due and payable, and shall be delinquent if not submitted and paid to the Tax Collector, on or before the last day of February preceding the registration year commencing April 1 of that year.

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SEC. 6.9-4. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING A RETURN AND PAYING TAX.

(a) The following shall apply to tax years and tax periods ending on or before December 31, 2024, registration years ending on or before June 30, 2025, and the 20252026 registration year:

(1) For good cause, the Tax Collector, in the Tax Collector's discretion, may extend, for a period not to exceed 60 days, the time for filing any return, other than a Vacancy Tax (Article 29) or Empty Homes Tax (Article 29A) return, pursuant to this Article 6 or regulations prescribed by the Tax Collector. For taxes required to be deposited monthly, or for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (Article 8), the Tax Collector may only extend the time for filing a return for a period not to exceed 30 days. As a condition of such extension, the person seeking the extension shall make a payment of not less than 100% of such person's liability for such period.

(2b) Failure to make the required 100% payment will result in the automatic denial of the person's extension and the person being subject to the standard due dates in this Article 6, including any penalties, interest, fees, and other consequences of failing to file and pay by those due dates.

(b) The following shall apply to tax years and tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and registration years beginning on or after April 1, 2026:

(1) For good cause, the Tax Collector, in the Tax Collector's discretion, may extend, for a period not to exceed 60 days, the time for filing any return, other than returns for the Business Registration Fee (Article 12), Gross Receipts Tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (Article 28) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 2804(d) or Section 2804.9 of Article 28), Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax (Article 21), Vacancy Tax (Article 29), Empty Homes Tax (Article 29A), Cannabis Business Tax (Article 30), or Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (Article 33) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 3303(g)), pursuant to this Article 6 or regulations prescribed by the Tax Collector. For taxes required to be deposited monthly, or for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (Article 8), the Tax Collector may only extend the time for filing a return for a period not to exceed 30 days. As a condition of the extensions under this subsection (b)(1), the person seeking the extension shall make a payment of not less than 100% of such person's liability for such period. Failure to make the required 100% payment will result in the automatic denial of the person's extension and the person being subject to the standard due dates in this Article 6, including any penalties, interest, fees, and other consequences of failing to file and pay by those due dates.

(2) For returns of the Gross Receipts Tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax (Article 21), Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (Article 28) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 2804(d) or Section 2804.9 of Article 28), Cannabis Business Tax (Article 30), or Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (Article 33) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 3303(g)), persons may request from the Tax Collector an extension of time to file one or more such returns, which extension would extend the deadline to file such return to November 30 of the calendar year in which the return was originally due under Section 6.9-1 of this Article 6. As a condition of such extension, the person seeking the extension shall, by the original due date under Section 6.9-1 for filing the return, for each tax type, request the extension and make the Required Payment, and, by the November 30 extended deadline, file the return. An extension for the Gross Receipts Tax (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) return shall also extend to November 30 the deadline to pay any Business Registration Fee liability in excess of the Required Payment necessary for the extension.

(3) For purposes of this subsection (b), the "Required Payment" means:

(A) For an extension of a Gross Receipts Tax return, a payment of not less than the sum of:

(i) 110% of such person's Gross Receipts Tax liability, prior to the application of any payments, as reported on the later of:

a. Such person's original return for the tax year immediately preceding the tax year for which the extension is being requested; or

b. Such person's amended return, filed on or before the due date for the extension request, for the tax year immedi-

ately preceding the tax year for which the extension is being requested; and

(ii) Such person's Business Registration Fee, calculated by applying the current registration year rates to 110% of such person's San Francisco Gross Receipts or San Francisco payroll expense, as applicable, as reported on the later of:

a. Such person's original Gross Receipts Tax return for the tax year immediately preceding the tax year for which the extension is being requested; or

b. Such person's amended Gross Receipts Tax return, filed on or before the due date for the extension request, for the tax year immediately preceding the tax year for which the extension is being requested; and

(B) For an extension of an Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax, Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax, Cannabis Business Tax, or Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax return, a payment of not less than 110% of such person's liability, prior to the application of any payments, for each tax type for which an extension is being requested, as reported on the later of:

(i) Such person's original return for the tax year immediately preceding the tax year for which the extension is being requested; or

(ii) Such person's amended return, filed on or before the due date for the extension request, for the tax year immediately preceding the tax year for which the extension is being requested.

(4) For purposes of determining the amount of the Required Payment, if a person did not file a return for a tax type and tax year before the due date for the extension request, the person's liability and San Francisco Gross Receipts for that tax type and tax year shall be deemed to be zero.

(5) For purposes of extensions requested under subsection (b)(2), failure to timely make the Required Payment for a tax type, or failure to file the return by the November 30 extended deadline for a tax type, will result in the automatic denial of the person's extension request for that tax type and the person being subject to the standard due dates in this Article 6, including any penalties, interest, and fees, each calculated from those standard due dates, and other consequences of failing to file and pay by those due dates.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this Section 6.9-4, the Tax Collector may extend any time for filing any return or payment of tax or excuse penalties for any late filing or late payment by a period not to exceed 60 days if billing or other administrative duties of the Tax Collector cannot be performed in a timely manner.

SEC. 6.11-2. DEFICIENCY DETERMINATIONS; REVOCATION DETERMINATIONS; NOTICE AND SERVICE.

(a) Upon making a determination pursuant to Section 6.11-1 or Section 6.11-1.1, as applicable, or upon making a determination pursuant to Section 6.6-1 that a certificate shall not be issued or to revoke a registration, the Tax Collector shall give to the taxpayer or other person affected written notice of the Tax Collector's determination. Except in the case of fraud, intent to evade the Business and Tax Regulations Code or rules and regulations issued by the Tax Collector, or failure to file a return, in all of which cases there is no statute of limitations, every notice of a deficiency determination shall be served within three years after the date that a return was due for a tax for the reporting period or three years after the return was actually filed for that reporting period, whichever is later. The taxpayer may agree in writing to extend said period for service of a notice of a deficiency determination. For purposes of serving a notice of a deficiency determination under this Section 6.11-2, the date that a return was due shall be:

(1) For tax years and tax periods ending on or before December 31, 2021, and registration years ending on or before June 30, 2023, the due date of the return without regard to any extensions under Section 6.9-4;

(2) For tax years and tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2023 and ending on or before March 31, 2026, except for the taxes for the years and periods subject to subsection (a)(3) of this Section 6.11-2, the due date of the return including any extensions; or

(3) For the Gross Receipts Tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax (Article 21), the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (Article 28) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 2804(d) or Section 2804.9 of Article 28), the Cannabis Business Tax (Article 30), and the Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (Article 33) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 3303(g)) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and for the Business Registration Fee (Article 12) for registration years beginning on or after April 1, 2026, November 30 of the calendar year in which the return for such respective tax was originally due.

(b) The notice of any determination under this Section 6.11-2 may be served upon the taxpayer or other affected person personally or by mail; if by mail, service shall be:

(1) to the last known address that appears in the Tax Collector's records, provided there is such an address in the Tax Collector's records, or

(2) to an address that the Tax Collector concludes, in the Tax Collector's discretion, is the last known address of the person(s).

(c) In case of service by mail of any notice required by this Article 6 to be served upon the taxpayer or other person, the service is complete at the time of deposit with the United States Postal Service.

SEC. 6.15-1. REFUNDS.

(a) **Claims for Refund; Limitations.** Except as otherwise provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this Section 6.15-1, the Controller shall refund or cause to be refunded the amount of any tax, interest, or penalty that has been overpaid or paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City, provided the person that paid such amount files a claim in writing with the Controller within the one year of the date specified in subsection (h) of this Section later of one year of: (1) payment of such amount; (2) the date the return accompanying such payment was due, without regard to any extensions under Section 6.9-4; or (3) the date on which such amount requested on a return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed under subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g).

(b) **Claims for Refund; Contents.** Any claim filed under subsections (a)-(f) of this Section 6.15-1 must state: (1) the specific amount claimed to have been overpaid or paid more than once, or erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City; (2) the tax periods at issue; (3) the grounds upon which the claim is founded, with specificity sufficient to enable the responsible City officials to understand and evaluate the claim; and (4) the date on which the amount requested on a return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed under subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g), if the person filing the claim filed such a return, amended return, or request for refund.

(c) **Claims for Refund; Third-Party Taxes.** The customer who pays a third-party tax to an operator is the proper party to seek the refund of a disputed third-party tax. No operator or

other person responsible for collecting or remitting a disputed third-party tax may obtain a tax refund unless that operator or other person proves that the tax has not been passed on to its customers or any other person.

(d) **Claims for Refund; Applicable Law.** Claims for refund shall be made according to California Government Code, Title 1, Division 3.6, Part 3. For purposes of subsections (a)-(f) of this Section 6.15-1, a claim shall be deemed to accrue on the date specified in subsection (h) of this Section later of: (1) the date the return was due, without regard to any extensions under Section 6.9-4; (2) the date the tax was paid; or (3) the date the refund requested on a return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under said subsection (g). The Controller shall furnish a form to be used for claims.

(e) **Claims for Refund; Actions by the City.** The Controller shall enter the claim in the claim register, and shall forthwith forward it to the City Attorney. The City Attorney is designated to take such actions on claims as authorized by California Government Code, Title 1, Division 3.6, Part 3, Chapter 2, except that the City Attorney's authority with regard to rejecting or allowing claims shall be as provided in this Section 6.15-1. The City Attorney may reject the claim, and shall notify the claimant of such rejection. Allowance or compromise and settlement of claims under this Section 6.15-1 in excess of \$25,000 shall require the written approval of the City Attorney and approval of the Board of Supervisors by resolution. The City Attorney may allow or compromise and settle such claims if the amount is \$25,000 or less. No claim may be paid until the Controller certifies that monies are available from the proper funds or appropriations to pay the claim as allowed or as compromised and settled. If the City approves the claim, the City may refund the excess amount collected or paid, or may credit such amount toward any amount due and payable to the City from the person from whom it was collected or by whom it was paid, and the balance may be refunded to such person, or the person's administrator or executor.

(f) **Claims for Refund; Waiver of Written Filing Requirement.** The City Attorney, in ~~his or her~~ the City Attorney's discretion and upon good cause shown, prior to the expiration of the one-year limitations period, may waive the requirement set forth in subsection (a) of this Section 6.15-1 that a taxpayer file a written claim for a refund in any case in which the Tax Collector and City Attorney determine on the basis of other evidence that:

(1) an amount of tax, interest, or penalty has been overpaid or paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City; and

(2) all other conditions precedent to the payment of a refund to the taxpayer have been satisfied.

(g) **Requests for Refund; Refunds Permissible Without a Claim.**

(1) The Tax Collector may authorize the Controller to refund tax, interest, or penalty payments, without a refund claim having been filed and without review by the City Attorney, if the Tax Collector determines that the amount paid exceeds the tax, penalties, and interest due.

(2) The person that made the overpayment may request such a refund from the Tax Collector on a return, amended return, or request for refund form that is issued by the Tax Collector and that is filed with the Tax Collector within the later of one year of:

(A) For tax years and tax periods ending on or before December 31, 2021, and registration years ending on or before June 30, 2023:

(i) the payment of such amount; or

(ii) the date the return accompanying such payment was due, without regard to any extensions under Section 6.9-4.

(B) For tax years and tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2023 and ending on or before March 31, 2026, except for requests for refund subject to subsection (g)(2)(C):

(i) the payment of such amount; or

(ii) the date the return accompanying such payment was due, including any extensions.

(C) For requests for refund of the Gross Receipts Tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax (Article 21), the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (Article 28) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 2804(d) or Section 2804.9 of Article 28), the Cannabis Business Tax (Article 30), and the Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (Article 33) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 3303(g)) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and for requests for refund of the Business Registration Fee (Article 12) for registration years beginning on or after April 1, 2026:

(i) the payment of such amount; or

(ii) November 30 of the calendar year in which the return for such respective tax was originally due.

(3) The Tax Collector may also authorize the Controller to refund the overpaid tax, interest, or penalty payments on its own initiative within ~~this the~~ one-year period in subsection (g)(2).

(4) A refund requested on a return, amended return, or request for refund form under this subsection (g) shall automatically be deemed denied for purposes of subsections (a), (b), and (d) of this Section 6.15-1 if the Tax Collector does not grant or deny the refund request within one year of the date it was filed. The Tax Collector may not grant a request for refund after this one-year period, and any action by the Tax Collector after a refund request under this subsection (g) has been deemed denied shall not constitute a denial and shall have no effect on the statute of limitations for filing a claim for refund under subsections (a)-(f) and (h) of this Section 6.15-1.

(5) In lieu of requesting a refund on a return, amended return, or request for refund form, a taxpayer may elect to apply an overpayment of the business registration fee in Article 12, the Gross Receipts Tax in Article 12-A-1 (including the tax on administrative office business activities under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax in Article 8, the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax in Article 21, the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax in Article 28 (including the homelessness administrative office tax under Section 2804(d) of Article 28), the Cannabis Business Tax in Article 30, or the Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax in Article 33 (including the tax on administrative office business activities under Section 3303(g)) as a credit against the taxpayer's immediately succeeding payment or payments due for tax years or periods ending on or before December 31, 2024, of the respective tax type, for up to one year. Any election to apply an overpayment to the taxpayer's future liability shall be binding and may not later be changed by the taxpayer.

(h) The date from which the deadline for filing a claim under subsection (a) of this Section 6.15-1 is determined and the date on which a claim shall be deemed to accrue under subsection (d) of this Section shall be the later of:

(1) For tax years and tax periods ending on or before December 31, 2021, and registration years ending on or before June 30, 2023:

(A) the payment of such amount;

(B) the date the return accompanying such payment was due, without regard to any extensions under Section 6.9-4; or

(C) the date on which such amount requested on a return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed under subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g).

(2) For tax years and tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2023 and ending on or before March 31, 2026, except for claims for refund subject to subsection (h)(3):

(A) the payment of such amount;

(B) the date the return accompanying such payment was due, including any extensions; or

(C) the date on which such amount requested on a return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed under subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g).

(3) For claims for refund of the Gross Receipts Tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax (Article 21), the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax (Article 28) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 2804(d) or Section 2804.9 of Article 28), the Cannabis Business Tax (Article 30), and the Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax (Article 33) (including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 3303(g)) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and for claims for refund of the Business Registration Fee (Article 12) for registration years beginning on or after April 1, 2026:

(A) the payment of such amount;

(B) November 30 of the calendar year in which the return for such respective tax was originally due; or

(C) the date on which such amount requested on a return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed under subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g).

SEC. 6.15-2. REFUNDS; INTEREST.

(a) Any amounts refunded prior to entry of a final judgment in a judicial proceeding shall bear interest at the rate for pre-judgment interest on refunds of local taxes or fees provided by Section 3287(c) of the California Civil Code, as amended from time to time, and shall be computed from the date of payment to the date of refund.

(b) If the Controller offsets overpayments for a period or periods against another liability or liabilities currently owed to the City, or against penalties or interest on the other liability or liabilities currently owed to the City, the taxpayer will be credited with interest on the amount so applied at the rate of interest set forth above, computed from the date of payment.

(c) If a taxpayer elects to apply all or part of an overpayment of the business registration fee in Article 12, the Gross Receipts Tax in Article 12-A-1 (including the tax on administrative office business activities under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax in Article 8, the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax in Article 21, the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax in Article 28 (including the homelessness administrative office tax under Section 2804(d) of Article 28), the Cannabis Business Tax in Article 30, or the Overpaid Executive Gross Receipts Tax in Article 33 (*including the tax on administrative office business activities in Section 3303(g)*) as a credit against the taxpayer's immediately succeeding payment or payments due *for tax years or periods ending on or before December 31, 2024*, of the respective tax type, the taxpayer will not be credited with interest on the amount so applied.

SEC. 6.17-1.1. PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR FAILURE TO PAY.

(a) Any person who fails to pay, collect, or remit to the City any tax shown on a return or required to be shown on a return shall pay a penalty of 5% of the unpaid tax, if the failure is for not more than one month after the tax was due and unpaid, plus an additional 5% for each following month or fraction of a month during which such failure continues, up to 25% in the aggregate, until the date of payment.

The text above contains the first 20 pages of Measure M but does not include the remaining pages of the measure. The pages that have been excluded may include important information that could be useful to voters, and the Department of Elections encourages voters to review those pages as well. The full text of this measure is available online at sfelections.gov and in every public library. If you desire a copy of the full text of the measure to be mailed to you, please contact the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375 and svvote@sfgov.org and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

Proposition N

Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, an Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund for the purpose of paying outstanding student loans, and job-related educational and training expenses incurred while employed by the City, for employees who are sworn members of the Police Department, Fire Department, or Sheriff's Department; paramedics; registered nurses; or 911 dispatchers, supervisors, or coordinators.

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby submits the following ordinance to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund for the purpose of paying outstanding student loans, and job-related educational and training expenses incurred while employed by the City, for employees who are sworn members of the Police Department, Fire Department, or Sheriff's Department; paramedics; registered nurses; or 911 dispatchers, supervisors, or coordinators.

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Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.

Deletions to Codes are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.

Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Article XIII of Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 10.100-72.5, to read as follows:

SEC. 10.100-72.5. FIRST RESPONDER STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund. *The First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund (the "Fund") is hereby established as a category four fund to receive any monies appropriated or donated for the purpose of making student loan payments to or on behalf of Eligible Employees and reimbursing Eligible Employees for the costs of job-related education and training they receive during their City employment.*

(b) Definitions. *For the purpose of this Section 10.100-72.5, the following definitions shall apply:*

"Covered Position" shall mean a sworn member of the Police Department, Fire Department, or Sheriff's Department; paramedic; registered nurse; or 911 dispatcher, supervisor, or coordinator.

"Eligible Employee" shall mean a City employee who (1) was hired by the City on or after January 1, 2025 in a Covered Position or who transitioned into a Covered Position on or after January 1, 2025, and (2) subsequently has worked full-time in a Covered Position for at least three consecutive years.

(c) Use and Administration of the Fund.

(1) Subject to any required meet and confer processes or bargaining with employee labor organizations, and after the Controller certifies that the Fund contains at least \$1,000,000, the Department of Human Resources (the "Department") may establish a program under which the City may make payments to or on behalf of Eligible Employees to cover those employees' outstanding student loans or to reimburse those employees for the costs of job-related education and training they receive during their City employment, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per Eligible Employee. The Department shall adopt rules and procedures to govern the program, including but not limited to additional eligibility criteria consistent with this Section 10.100-72.5 for Eligible Employees, application processes, procedures for determining the amount of funds to pay to or on behalf of an Eligible Employee, procedures for disbursing funds, and plans for informing Eligible Employees about the program.

(2) After consultation with the Controller, the Department shall approve all expenditures from the Fund, consistent with this Section 10.100-72.5 and the terms of any Memoranda of Understanding between the City and employee labor organizations.

(d) Amendments. *Notwithstanding the provisions of Charter Section 14.101, the Board of Supervisors by ordinance may amend or repeal this Section 10.100-72.5.*

Proposition O

Initiative ordinance amending the Administrative Code to 1) declare it official City policy to safeguard comprehensive reproductive freedoms; 2) establish a fund to receive monies to support reproductive rights and health services; 3) require the City to provide public information through website and signage about where abortions and emergency contraception may be available, including signage in front of limited services pregnancy centers that do not provide those services; 4) direct the City to identify and allocate funding that supports access to abortions and emergency contraception services in San Francisco; 5) prohibit City-funded providers from requiring providers to obtain additional medical qualifications not required by state or federal law; 6) restrict City officers and employees from cooperating with state or federal prosecutions as to reproductive health care that is provided or obtained lawfully in California; and 7) direct City departments to monitor changes in state and federal law that prevent discrimination on the basis of a

person's reproductive health decisionmaking; and amending the Planning Code to establish that reproductive health care centers that provide services for abortions and emergency contraception are principally permitted in non-residential zoning districts.

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

Section 1. Title.

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "San Francisco Reproductive Freedom Act."

Section 2. Purpose and Findings.

(a) Comprehensive reproductive health care is a fundamental human right that should not be taken away, restricted, or denied.

(b) Access to safe and legal abortions, contraception, in vitro fertilization, and accurate information about reproductive health is a critical factor in the health, safety, and quality of life of women and people with capacity for pregnancy.

(c) According to recent studies conducted at the University of California San Francisco, people who obtained an abortion presented with fewer mental health struggles, were more financially stable, and raised children under more stable conditions, as compared to people who were unable to receive abortions.

(d) Despite the vital importance of women and people with the capacity for pregnancy maintaining bodily autonomy and access to the reproductive health care services they need, all around the country, many states and municipalities are taking away these critical services.

(e) The landmark Roe v. Wade decision protected access to abortion for nearly 50 years, and the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn this long-established precedent took our country backwards and dramatically reduced access to abortion for millions of people. Many jurisdictions across the country have since weaponized their newfound ability to limit abortions, by criminalizing the procedure, controlling and monitoring pregnancies, and imposing onerous conditions on providers that make it harder and legally risky for them to operate.

(f) Access to abortion is fundamental to comprehensive reproductive health care. Abortion is a critical medical procedure that is the foundation of reproductive freedom and an essential aspect of routine pregnancy care and miscarriage management. Pregnant patients in states that restrict access to abortion are being forced to endure traumatic miscarriages, carry non-viable pregnancies, and experience other complications that can be life-threatening and dramatically risk their overall health and future fertility. Patients who need abortion care also are often forced to travel hours to access that care. If San Francisco residents or visitors experience difficulty or delays in obtaining care, it can lead them to seek more invasive and expensive options, endangering their health, and costs may fall upon City health facilities that provide medical services of last resort for patients who are indigent.

(g) San Francisco recognizes First Amendment protections including the freedom of speech and religion. This measure is

not intended to curtail those protections. Instead, this measure is intended to ensure that factual, comprehensive, and science-based health care services can be accessible to all San Francisco residents and visitors.

(h) San Francisco has always been and will continue to be a City that strives to protect fundamental human rights.

(i) San Francisco will continue to be a beacon of hope, care, and compassion, including by upholding the right to access unbiased, fact-based health care.

(j) The City supports the autonomy of all women and people with capacity for pregnancy, including young people and members of the LGBTQ+ community, to exercise their reproductive rights and freedoms at any point in their pregnancy.

(k) San Francisco is a welcoming place for abortion clinics and providers.

(l) People in San Francisco should always be able to access reproductive health care services free from coercion, threat, violence, or fear.

(m) No person in San Francisco should be criminalized for the reproductive health decisions they make.

(n) Governments should not be involved in a person's reproductive health care decisions, as those decisions should be made by an individual, along with their provider and any other natural supports they choose to include in these very personal decisions.

(o) San Francisco will remain a safe and secure place for women to access comprehensive reproductive health care, including accurate medical information, in vitro fertilization, contraception, and abortion.

Section 3. Article XIII of Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 10.100-265, to read as follows:

SEC. 10.100-265. REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund. *The Reproductive Freedom Fund (the "Fund") is established as a category eight fund to receive all private grants, gifts, and bequests of money and property which may be offered to the City and County of San Francisco to support reproductive rights and health services.*

(b) Use of Fund. *The City shall use the Fund for the purpose of supporting comprehensive reproductive health, consistent with the San Francisco Reproductive Rights Policy set forth in Chapter 93A of the Administrative Code.*

(c) Administration of Fund. *The Department of Public Health shall administer the Fund.*

Section 4. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 93A, consisting of Sections 93A.1, 93A.2, 93A.3, and 93A.4, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 93A: SAN FRANCISCO REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS POLICY

SEC. 93A.1. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It shall be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco to serve as a safe and welcoming place for patients seeking reproductive health care, to protect the rights of pregnant persons to bodily autonomy and control over their private medical decisions, and to safeguard confidential health information between patients seeking access to reproductive health care and their providers. To these ends:

(a) The City shall keep personally identifiable health information regarding reproductive health care confidential, and shall not disclose such information unless authorized or required by law. This policy does not prohibit the lawful use or disclosure of health information otherwise authorized by law for the purpose of providing medical care, social services, or similar assistance, or prohibit the lawful sharing of deidentified data for research purposes as provided by applicable law.

(b) It shall be against City policy to criminally investigate or prosecute a person for having accessed or provided reproductive health care, or to assist or cooperate with such an investigation or prosecution. This policy does not apply to cases involving the use of coercion or force against the pregnant person, or to cases based on conduct that was criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking care.

(c) The City shall ensure that City-funded reproductive health care providers provide accurate medical information as it relates to reproductive health care.

(d) March 10, or such other date approved by the Board of Supervisors by resolution, shall be known and celebrated in San Francisco as Abortion Provider Appreciation Day.

(e) The City shall endeavor to keep patients and providers safe, secure, and free from harassment or abuse when they are receiving and providing reproductive health care.

(f) The City Attorney is urged to continue supporting reproductive rights.

SEC. 93A.2. ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.

(a) For purposes of this Chapter 93A, the terms "abortion," "client," "emergency contraception," "health information," "licensed medical provider," "limited services pregnancy center," "pregnancy services center," "premises," and "prenatal care" shall be defined consistent with Administrative Code Chapter 93, as it may be amended from time to time. The findings and purposes of Chapter 93 are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) The Department of Public Health ("DPH") shall maintain a website that lists pregnancy services centers in the City that provide or offer referrals for abortions or emergency contraception, as well as limited service pregnancy centers. In addition, the City shall maintain a non-emergency telephone number where members of the public can obtain information about where to obtain abortions and emergency contraception.

(c) DPH may install signage outside of limited services pregnancy centers in the City, to inform the public that those facilities do not provide or offer referrals for abortions or emergency contraception, and to provide information about where those services may be available. DPH may prioritize installing such signage in geographic areas of the City where there is a greater need for abortion or emergency contraception services. DPH shall provide a limited services pregnancy center at least 30 days' written notice before installing the signage. If the facility or the owner of the premises at any time wishes to contest the determination that the facility is a limited services pregnancy center, they may file a petition with the Director of Public Health to review the matter. The Director's decision shall be final. Subject to that decision, DPH shall install the signage in the public right of way, at or near the entrance to the facility. The Department of Public Works shall assist DPH with the installation and maintenance of the signage.

SEC. 93A.3. USE OF CITY FUNDS.

(a) The City shall identify and allocate funding that supports access to abortions and emergency contraception in San Francisco. The City shall allocate revenues from the Reproductive Rights Fund in Section 10.100-265 of the Administrative Code for these purposes, and may supplement monies in the Fund with additional City funds, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions set forth in the Charter.

(b) Commencing January 1, 2025, City departments shall prohibit City-funded pregnancy services centers that offer abortions from requiring abortion providers to possess or obtain additional medical qualifications beyond those required by state and federal law, in order to provide abortions. The Director of Public Health may grant exceptions to this prohibition if the additional qualifications will further the patient receiving adequate care.

(c) California Penal Code Section 13778.2(b) restricts City officers and employees from cooperating with or providing information to any individual or agency or department from another state or to a federal law enforcement agency regarding an abortion that is lawful under California law and performed in California. City officers and employees also may not cooperate with or provide information to any individual or agency or department from another state's law enforcement agency or a federal law enforcement agency, regarding any of the following, to the extent they do not fall under 13778.2(b) as it may be amended from time to time: (1) a person's possession or use of contraception; (2) a person's use of in vitro fertilization; (3) a person's pregnancy status; and (4) a person's choice to get an abortion. This subsection (c) does not prohibit the use of City resources to investigate criminal activity in San Francisco that may involve the performance of an abortion, or any of the numbered items in the preceding sentence, provided that information relating to a specific individual is not shared for the purpose of enforcing another state's abortion law or a federal abortion law. This subsection (c) also shall not be construed to obstruct the constitutional and statutory powers and duties of the District Attorney, the Sheriff, the Chief Adult Probation Officer, or the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer.

SEC. 93A.4. MONITORING AND PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION.

Existing law prohibits housing and employment discrimination on the basis of a person's reproductive health decisionmaking. The Department on the Status of Women and the Department of Public Health shall monitor changes in these laws, and consider policy and legislative strategies to reinstate those protections in San Francisco if such laws are modified contrary to the San Francisco Reproductive Rights Policy in Section 93A.1.

Section 5. Articles 1 and 2 of the Planning Code are hereby amended by revising Section 102 and adding Section 202.5, to read as follows:

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

* * * *

Reproductive Health Clinic. A Retail Sales and Service Use that is a clinic licensed pursuant to applicable provisions of the California Health and Safety Code that meets both of the following requirements: a) provides directly to patients medical services consisting of Abortions or Emergency Contraception as those terms are defined in Administrative Code Section 93.3; and b) primarily specializes in reproductive health services as defined in California Penal Code 423.1. A Reproductive Health Clinic that meets the foregoing requirements may also provide additional medical and allied health services by physicians or other healthcare professionals.

Required Open Space. See Open Space, Required.

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Service, Health. A Retail Sales and Service Use that provides medical and allied health services to the individual by physicians, surgeons, dentists, podiatrists, psychologists, psychiatrists, acupuncturists, chiropractors, Sole Practitioner massage therapists as defined in Section 29.5 of the Health Code, or any other health-care professionals when licensed by a State-sanctioned Board overseeing the provision of medically oriented services. It includes, without limitation, a clinic, primarily providing outpatient care in medical, psychiatric, or other health services, and not part of a Hospital or medical center, as defined by this Section of the Code, and Sole Practitioner Massage Establishments as defined in Section 29.5 of the Health Code, but does not include other Massage Establishments, which are defined elsewhere in this Code. Health Service does not include Reproductive Health Clinic, which is defined separately in this Section 102.

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SEC. 202.5. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CLINICS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, a Reproductive Health Clinic is a Principally Permitted use on all stories in all use

districts, except the following residential districts: Residential, House (Section 209.1); Residential, Mixed (Section 209.2); and Residential, Transit-Oriented (Section 209.4). In the aforementioned residential districts, Reproductive Health Clinics shall be permitted as a Limited Corner Commercial Use pursuant to Section 231, to the same extent such uses were permitted under Section 231 as of the effective date of this ordinance. If development of a Reproductive Health Clinic would require Residential Conversion of a Residential Unit or Unauthorized Unit under Section 317, the development shall be subject to Section 317 and may require Conditional Use authorization, or may be prohibited in the aforementioned residential districts. It shall not be deemed a change in use for a Health Services use or a use categorized as Institutional under this Code to become a Reproductive Health Clinic use. For any Reproductive Health Clinic established prior to the effective date of the ordinance adding this Section 202.5, it shall not be deemed a change in use to revert to the use in existence prior to the effective date of said ordinance, such as Health Services.

Section 6. The Planning Department shall, within 120 days of the effective date of this ordinance, submit for introduction at the Board of Supervisors an ordinance that makes all changes necessary to conform the Planning Code to the requirements of Section 202.5 adopted herein, including but not limited to, amending Zoning Control Tables to list Reproductive Health Clinics as a Principally Permitted use.

Section 7. Amendments.

The Board of Supervisors may by ordinance, with a supermajority vote of at least eight votes, amend Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Ordinance, provided that any such amendment is in furtherance of the purposes stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Promotion of the General Welfare.

In undertaking the adoption and enforcement of this Ordinance, the City is undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

Section 9. Severability.

(a) If any part or provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the People of the City and County of San Francisco declare that the provisions and applications of this Ordinance are severable.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the amendment to the Planning Code Section 102 definition of Health Services in Section 5 of this Ordinance is not severable, in the event the definition of Reproductive Health Clinic added to Planning Code Section 102 is invalidated, and/or the first sentence of the new Planning Code Section 202.5 is invalidated.

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Information About Prohibited Election Activities

Warning: Electioneering prohibited!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

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

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

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

Warning: Corrupting the voting process is prohibited!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

The following activities are prohibited:

- DO NOT commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- DO NOT provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- DO NOT illegally vote.
- DO NOT attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- DO NOT engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- DO NOT challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- DO NOT attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- DO NOT possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- DO NOT appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- DO NOT tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- DO NOT forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- DO NOT alter the returns of an election.
- DO NOT tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- DO NOT display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- DO NOT tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- DO NOT coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- DO NOT act as an election officer when you are not one.

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions about Registration and Voting in San Francisco

Answered by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Registration FAQs

Who is eligible to register and to vote in California?

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

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

Local law allows certain noncitizen residents of San Francisco to vote in San Francisco's Board of Education elections. Noncitizens may register and vote in the November 5, 2024, Board of Education Election if they are parents, legal guardians or caregivers of a child living in San Francisco and who is under 19 years old on Election Day. Learn more at sfelections.gov/ncv.

What is the deadline to register to vote or to update my registration information?

The deadline to register online or by mail for the November 5 election is October 21, 2024. After that date, you will need to register and vote with a provisional ballot in person at the City Hall Voting Center or a polling place.

Can I register to vote in California before I turn 18?

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

Can I register to vote in California if I just became a new citizen?

If you become a U.S. citizen after the regular registration deadline of October 21, you can register and vote in person at the City Hall Voting Center or a polling place.

Can I still vote in San Francisco if I have moved locally?

If you move within San Francisco, you can reregister to vote at registertovote.ca.gov or update your address at sfelections.gov/voterportal or at an in-person voting site.

Can I still vote in San Francisco if I have moved within California?

If you move to a new California address outside San Francisco, you can reregister to vote at registertovote.ca.gov or contact your new county elections official.

Can I still vote in San Francisco if I have moved to another state?

If you move out of state, you can register with your local elections official. You may also want to contact the Department of Elections to cancel your registration in San Francisco.

Can I still vote in San Francisco if I am currently living abroad?

If you are temporarily living abroad, you may be able to reregister and request a ballot by mail, fax, or email by visiting registertovote.ca.gov or fvap.gov.

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

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Delivery FAQs

Will I receive my ballot in the mail?

Per state law, all voters will now receive ballots in the mail for all future elections. Any voter may choose to cast a ballot arriving in the mail or vote in person in the November 5 election.

What if my ballot does not arrive in the mail?

You can track where your ballot is in the mailing process at sfelections.gov/voterportal. If it has been more than three days since your ballot was mailed, you may request a replacement vote-by-mail ballot at sfelections.gov/voterportal or by calling the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375.

How can I get a replacement vote-by-mail ballot?

To request a replacement vote-by-mail ballot before October 30, go to sfelections.gov/voterportal or call the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375. After that date, contact the Department as soon as possible to discuss your voting options.

Can I use the Accessible Vote-by-Mail (AVBM) system to access my ballot?

Any voter can access and mark their ballot at sfelections.gov/access. AVBM ballots must be printed and returned by mail or in person.

How can I track my vote-by-mail ballot?

You can track your vote-by-mail ballot from assembly up through delivery, verification, and counting, at sfelections.gov/voterportal. Or, sign up to receive ballot notifications via email, text, or voice message at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov. Alternatively, you may call or email the Department of Elections.

Vote-By-Mail Ballot Return FAQs

Can I return my ballot by mail on Election Day?

For your ballot to be counted, your ballot return envelope must be postmarked by Election Day, November 5. If you mail your ballot return envelope after the last mail collection time on Election Day, your ballot will be postmarked too late to be counted. Find United States Post Office box locations and pickup times at usps.com/locator.

How should I sign the ballot return envelope?

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

Where can I drop off my vote-by-mail ballot?

From October 7 to November 4, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box or the City Hall Voting Center. On Election Day, November 5, you can return your ballot to any official ballot drop box, the City Hall Voting Center, or any polling place in the City no later than 8 p.m. To find a conveniently located ballot drop box, go to sfelections.gov/balлотdropoff or call (415) 554-4375.

In-Person Voting FAQs

Can I vote early in person in the November 5 election?

The City Hall Voting Center will be open at these times:

- Every weekday, October 7–November 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (the Voting Center is closed on Indigenous Peoples' Day, Monday, October 14);
- Last two weekends, October 26–27 and November 2–3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and
- Election Day, November 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (same voting hours as polling places).

Can I vote at any polling place in San Francisco?

There will be 501 polling places open for in-person voting and vote-by-mail ballot drop off on Election Day, November 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You are encouraged to vote at your assigned polling place. If you vote at another polling place, your name will not be on the roster of voters and you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot.

What kind of multilingual resources are available at in-person voting sites?

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

What kind of accessibility resources are available at in-person voting sites?

All in-person voting sites will offer curbside voting service as well as accessible voting equipment, tools, and personal assistance. Any voter may ask one or two people to assist them with marking a ballot, provided any such assistant is not the voter's employer or a representative of the voter's union and the assistant does not attempt to influence the voter.

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

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

Do I have to vote on every contest and measure on the ballot?

No. The votes you cast will be counted even if you have not voted on every contest and measure.

Have more questions?

You can email us at **sfvote@sfgov.org**, call **(415) 554-4375**, or visit our office at **City Hall, Room 48**.

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November 5, 2024 Ballot Worksheet

You can use this worksheet to organize your choices before marking your official ballot cards. To do so:

1. Refer to your sample ballot included in this Pamphlet or at sfelections.gov/voterportal.
2. Read about the candidates and measures listed on your ballot in this Pamphlet and the State Voter Information Guide.
3. Beginning October 25, you can see all qualified write-in candidates for this election at sfelections.gov/writein.
4. As you finish researching each contest, use the relevant blank space below to note your choice(s).
5. Then carefully copy your choices from this worksheet onto your official ballot cards.

If you make a mistake marking your official ballot, you may request a new ballot by visiting sfelections.gov/voterportal, calling the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375, or asking a poll worker or Voting Center representative.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES	
FEDERAL	
Vote for One Party	
President and Vice President	
VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	
FEDERAL AND STATE	
Vote for One	
United States Senator (Term ending Jan 2031)	
United States Senator (Term ending Jan 2025)	
United States Representative (District 11 or 15)	
State Senator (District 11)	
State Assembly Member (District 17 or 19)	
NONPARTISAN OFFICES	
SCHOOL	
Vote for no more than Four	
Member, Board of Education	
Trustee, Community College Board	



NONPARTISAN OFFICES

DISTRICT

Vote for One

BART Board of Directors (District 7 or 9)*

CITY AND COUNTY

The following local offices are elected using ranked-choice voting. You can rank as many or as few candidates in order of preference. The maximum number of choices for each contest are printed on your ballot.

Mayor	
Member, Board of Supervisors** <i>(Odd-numbered Supervisorial Districts only)</i>	
City Attorney	
District Attorney	
Sheriff	
Treasurer	

(The ballot worksheet continues on the next page)



*Voters residing in BART District 8 will not have this contest on their official ballots. Check your BART voting district at sfelections.gov/newdistricts

**Voters residing in even-numbered Supervisorial Districts will not have this contest on their official ballots. Check your Supervisorial District at sfelections.gov/newdistricts

(Ballot worksheet, continued)

MEASURES				
STATE PROPOSITIONS			YES	NO
2	Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities. Legislative Statute.			
3	Constitutional Right to Marriage. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.			
4	Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks. Legislative Statute.			
5	Allows Local Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure With 55% Voter Approval. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.			
6	Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.			
32	Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.			
33	Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute.			
34	Restricts Spending of Prescription Drug Revenues by Certain Health Care Providers. Initiative Statute.			
35	Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.			
36	Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.			
CITY AND COUNTY PROPOSITIONS			YES	NO
A	Schools Improvement and Safety Bond			
B	Community Health and Medical Facilities, Street Safety, Public Spaces, and Shelter to Reduce Homelessness Bond			
C	Inspector General			
D	City Commissions and Mayoral Authority			
E	Creating a Task Force to Recommend Changing, Eliminating, or Combining City Commissions			
F	Police Staffing and Deferred Retirement			
G	Funding Rental Subsidies for Affordable Housing Developments Serving Low Income Seniors, Families, and Persons with Disabilities			
H	Retirement Benefits for Firefighters			
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L	Additional Business Tax on Transportation Network Companies and Autonomous Vehicle Businesses to Fund Public Transportation			
M	Changes to Business Taxes			
N	First Responder Student Loan and Training Reimbursement Fund			
O	Supporting Reproductive Rights			

Have Questions? We are Here to Help!

Contact our multilingual team, email us, or visit our office!

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Email:

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Make voting easier with our online tools!

- ✓ Register to vote or update your registration: registertovote.ca.gov
- ✓ Map out your voting plan: sfelections.gov/voteready
- ✓ Practice marking a ranked-choice voting contest: sfelections.gov/practicercv
- ✓ Track your ballot or request a replacement: sfelections.gov/voterportal
- ✓ Sign up to receive ballot notifications: wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov
- ✓ Find a convenient ballot drop box location: sfelections.gov/balлотdropoff
- ✓ Confirm your assigned polling place location: sfelections.gov/myvotinglocation
- ✓ Learn about election security: sfelections.gov/security
- ✓ View preliminary and final election results: sfelections.gov/results

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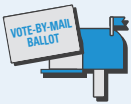
Your voting precinct and districts are:

Notice: If the person above is not at this address, please help keep the voter rolls current and save city funds by returning this pamphlet to your mail carrier.



Are the entryway and voting area of your polling place accessible?

Important Reminders!



Check your mailbox for your vote-by-mail ballot packet arriving in early October.
Any voter may choose to vote by mail or in person.



Return your ballot as soon as possible using the postage-paid envelope enclosed with your ballot packet.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day, November 5. Ballots returned in person must be hand-delivered by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 5 to any official ballot drop box or voting site in California.



Track your ballot to check if it was received and counted.

Visit sfelections.gov/voterportal or sign up for ballot tracking notifications at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov.

Get accurate answers to your election questions.

Read this pamphlet, visit sfelections.gov, contact us at (415) 554-4375 or sfvote@sfgov.org.