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Non-Partisan Information on the Election

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day

Early voting starts October 11

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You are eligible to vote in San Francisco if you are:

- ✓ A United States citizen
- ✓ At least 18 years old on Election Day
- ✓ Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction
- ✓ A resident of San Francisco
- ✓ Registered to vote in San Francisco

Get more information on how to register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov or call the San Francisco Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375.

San Francisco Ballot Measures Pros & Cons Quick Guide

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- Candidate forums
- Statements from candidates
- ...and more!

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Learn about the following ballot measures in the Pros & Cons Guide at www.lwvsf.org/procon.

Proposition C: A Yes Vote Means: You want to allow the City to spend the unused \$261 million from the 1992 general obligation bond ordinance to provide loans to acquire, improve and rehabilitate at-risk multi-unit residential buildings in need of seismic, fire, health or safety upgrades or other major rehabilitation; and to convert those buildings to permanent affordable housing.

A No Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition D: A Yes Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to:

- require the Mayor to make a temporary appointment to fill a vacancy in a local elected office within 28 days of the date of the vacancy;
- provide that the person who temporarily fills a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors cannot run in the election held to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term; and
- require the City to hold an election to fill a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors within 126 to 154 days if there is no City election scheduled, within 180 days if another election is already scheduled within that period, or more than 180 days later if requested by the Director of Elections and approved by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes.

Proposition E: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to transfer responsibility from property owners to the City for maintaining trees on sidewalks around their property as well as sidewalks damaged by the trees. The City would pay for this by setting aside \$19 million per year from its General Fund, adjusted annually, based on City revenues.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want the City to take on responsibility for maintaining the trees along the sidewalks and any sidewalks damaged by the trees.

Proposition G: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to rename the Office of Citizen Complaints as the Department of Police Accountability (DPA), allow the DPA to submit a budget independent from the SF Police Department, and require the DPA to review the San Francisco Police Department’s use-of- force policies and its handling of claims of police misconduct every two years.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes to the OCC.

Proposition H: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to create the position of Public Advocate, responsible for investigating and attempting to resolve public complaints concerning City services and programs. You also want to make it City policy to provide the Public Advocate with sufficient funding and a support staff of at least 25 people.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes to amend the Charter to create the position of Public Advocate.

Proposition J: **A “YES” vote means:** You want the City to create two new funds for Homeless Housing and Services and for Transportation Improvement through fiscal year 2040 - 2041.

A “NO” vote means: You do not want the City to set aside funds for these purposes.

Proposition K: **What a “YES” vote means:** You support increasing the City’s sales to 9.25%

What a “NO” vote means: You do not support increasing the City’s sales tax to 9.25%.

Proposition N: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to allow a non-citizen resident of San Francisco who is of legal voting age and the parent, legal guardian or legally recognized caregiver of a child living in the San Francisco Unified School District to vote for members of the Board of Education.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make this change.

Proposition O: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to permanently exempt new office space on Candlestick Point and most of the former Navy shipyard at Hunters Point from the City’s annual 950,000-square- foot limit.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes. And new office space on Candlestick Point and most of the former Navy shipyard at Hunters Point will remain subject to the City’s annual 950,000-square- foot limit.

Proposition P: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to prohibit the City from proceeding with an affordable housing project on City-owned property unless the Housing Office receives at least three proposals and you want to make most current selection criteria part of City law.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make this change.

Proposition Q: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to prohibit the placement of tents on public sidewalks without a City permit and allow the City to remove unauthorized tents if the City provides 24-hour advance notice, offers shelter for all tent residents and stores the residents’ personal property for up to 90 days.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes.

Proposition S: **A Yes Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to use the money raised by the current base tax on the rental of hotel rooms to provide specific funding for two different areas: arts programs and family homeless services.

A No Vote Means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes.

Proposition U: **A “YES” Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want to increase the income eligibility limit for on-site rental units for all new and existing affordable housing units to make them affordable for households earning up to 110% of the area median income.

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

Proposition V: **A “YES” Vote Means:** If you vote “yes,” you want the City to collect a tax of one cent per ounce from the distributors of sugar-sweetened beverages.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want the City to collect a tax of one cent per ounce on the distribution of sugar-sweetened beverages.

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