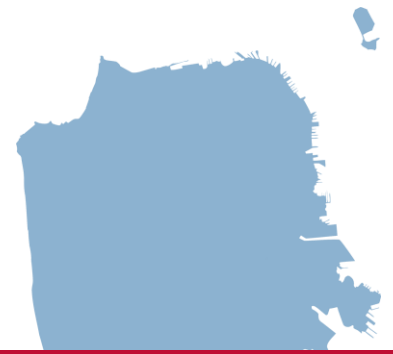


Pros & Cons Guide

At a glance



Nonpartisan information on election ballot measures

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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

Early voting starts October 10

Register to vote or update your registration online or by mail by October 24

Registered voters will automatically receive their vote-by-mail ballot in early October

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Proposition A

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

A “No” vote means: If you vote “no,” you do not support these changes.

Proposition B

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to remove the separate Department of Sanitation and Streets and return the department’s activities and authority to the Department of Public Works, and make associated changes to both the Public Works Commission and Streets and Sanitation Commission.

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

Proposition C

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to establish a Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and require the City controller to conduct audits of homelessness services.

A “No” vote means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to establish this Commission.

Proposition D

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to expedite the construction of affordable housing that provides:

1. Multi-family housing where all units are affordable for households with income up to 140% of AMI. The average household income of all residential units can be no more than 120% of AMI.
2. Additional affordable housing units equal to at least 15% of the previously required number.
3. All residential units are for households that include at least one San Francisco Unified School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions.

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 streamline approval of affordable housing projects that provide:

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

Projects that use City property or City financing would continue to require Board of Supervisors’ approval. The Board of Supervisors could not amend City law to apply these streamlined approvals to additional types of housing projects.

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

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

Proposition F

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to:

- Renew a voter-approved requirement that property tax revenues in the amount of 2.5 cents out of every \$100 of assessed valuation be used exclusively by the Library for services and materials, and extend the period of this property tax set-aside for 25 years, through fiscal year (FY) 2047-2048.
- Extend the current baseline requirement that the City maintain and increase discretionary revenues allocated for library services. (The baseline amount is approximately \$112.8 million annually in FY 2022-2023. It would change in future years given changes in overall discretionary revenues).
- Allow the City to temporarily freeze an increase to baseline funding in years when the City projects a budget deficit in the upcoming year of more than \$300 million.
- Increase weekly permanent system-wide service hours and existing permanent branch hours from 1,211 to 1,400 until 2028.

A “No” vote means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes to the Charter.

Proposition G

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to establish the Student Success Fund for school and district grants funded by excess money from the City’s Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).

A “No” vote means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make these changes to the Charter.

Proposition H

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want the City to hold elections for Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, and Treasurer in November of presidential election years, and to hold elections for local ballot measures only in even-numbered years. All other elections would be designated as special elections.

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

Proposition I

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

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

Proposition J

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to affirm the Ordinance the Board adopted in May 2022, reserving parts of JFK Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park as open recreation spaces, closing those streets 7 days a week to private motor vehicles, with limited exceptions.

A “No” vote means: If you vote “no,” you do not want to affirm the Board’s May 2022 Ordinance.

Proposition K

This was removed from the ballot by order of the San Francisco Superior Court. You will not vote for this proposition on your ballot.

Proposition L

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” the initiative ordinance would continue the existing sales tax at the current rate of 0.5% for 30 years and authorize the Transportation Authority to issue up to \$1,910,000,000 in bonds to be repaid with the proceeds of the tax. Revenue from this tax would fund transportation improvements under the 2022 Transportation Expenditure Plan, including transit projects, transit maintenance, paratransit services, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, congestion reduction projects, and other improvements.

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

Proposition M

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to tax owners of vacant residential units in buildings with three or more units if those owners have kept those units vacant for more than 182 days in a calendar year, and use those tax funds for rent subsidies and affordable housing.

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

Proposition N

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to allow the City to use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the underground parking garage below the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park, and direct the Authority to dissolve.

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

Proposition O

A “Yes” vote means: If you vote “yes,” you want to establish an additional parcel tax on some San Francisco property owners based on the square footage and use of their properties and transfer those tax funds to City College for student and workforce development programs.

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

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

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

Not a citizen? Learn about voting for school board at sfelections.org/noncitizenvoting.

Are you 16 or 17? Pre-register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov.

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