

June 2016 Props A-E Summaries

Proposition A: San Francisco Public Health and Safety Bond

The League supports this bond measure to fund needed improvements, such as seismic retrofits, to the Pricilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and the San Francisco Fire Department Ambulance Deployment Facility; agencies that support the public health and safety of the city of San Francisco. The League also supports use of the bond to build facilities which meet the basic human needs of the homeless individuals and families of San Francisco.

Position: Support

Proposition B: Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund Charter Amendment

Proposition B would earmark a sizeable and growing automatic appropriation to the Recreation and Park Department over 30 years and would remove the effective checks and balances on Department policy currently exercised by the public through the Board of Supervisors. While recognizing the importance of parks to quality of life in San Francisco, the League has firm positions in favor of including citizens in decision-making, in favor of effective control over expenditures, and opposing earmarks.

Position: OPPOSE

Proposition C: Affordable Housing Requirements

Proposition C will increase the supply of safe, decent and adequate housing for San Francisco residents, and is consistent with League principles that government should provide for the needs of low, moderate and middle-income groups. In addition, placing the ability to further adjust the mix of housing in the hands of the Board of Supervisors reflects the League's position that this elected Board should have the authority to be responsive, responsible and effective in all areas of government, including housing.

Position: Support

Proposition D: Office of Citizens' Complaints Investigations

Proposition D gives the Office of Citizens' Complaints the authority to investigate any occurrence where a SFPD officer fires a gun killing or physically injuring someone even if no complaint is filed. The League supports commissions that effectively serve the public by providing a public forum. However, while the League views this ordinance as a first step toward increased accountability surrounding incidents involving officer involved shootings, it is unclear whether or how this will impact the policies and practices of the police department.

Position: Support

Proposition E: Paid Sick Leave

LWVSF is taking no stand on this measure because League Positions do not cover the issues involved.

Position: No Position