

Prop A Health and Recovery General Obligation Bond YES

Prop A would provide funding to three areas of urban living: housing, support and services for people experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness; parks and open spaces; and public infrastructure. There are multiple League principles as well as League positions which specifically state support for all three of these areas. Given our principles and positions, and that LWVSF has previously supported similar Bond Measures, our recommendation is to support Prop A.

Vote Yes on Prop A

Related League Positions

[LWVC Housing and Homelessness](#), [LWVUS Meeting Basic Human Needs](#), [LWVC Mental Health Care](#), [LWVUS Urban Policy](#)

Prop C Removing Citizenship Requirements for Members of City Bodies YES

The League's national position states that we support facilitating public participation in government decision-making. In addition, on a local level we support having members on commissions that represent the diversity of the community which includes citizens and non-citizens. Prop C would also make changes to the charter related to the use of the term "gender identity" instead of "gender" or "male/female" that could also make commissions more inclusive.

Vote Yes on Prop C

Related League Positions

[LWVUS Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation](#), [LWVSF Board of Commissions](#)

Prop D Sheriff Oversight YES

Prop D would create the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board and the Office of Inspector

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General to investigate complaints against the Sheriff. The measure makes clear that the Inspector General has subpoena power over the Sheriff. Significant law enforcement authority requires accountability and transparency, and effective oversight requires subpoena power to compel documents, records, and the witness testimony necessary to perform complete investigations. The League supports promoting law enforcement accountability through independent oversight.

Vote Yes on Prop D

Related League Positions

[LWVC Criminal Justice](#), [LWVUS Violence Prevention](#)

Prop E Police Staffing

YES

Prop E would create a process for making decisions about police staffing based on facts and data. The League believes the demographics of the San Francisco Police Department should generally reflect our community. This means we also believe the city should regularly evaluate the number of full-duty sworn police officers in the Police Department and consider whether it reflects the number of people living in the city's neighborhoods and meets their needs.

Vote Yes on Prop E

Related League Positions

[LWVC Criminal Justice](#), [LWVUS Violence Prevention](#)

Prop F Business Tax Overhaul

YES

Prop F would create a more equitable tax system that takes into account flexibility, economic effects, simplicity, efficiency, and accountability. The League supports measures that promote effective and equitable methods of paying for city services. Prop F would simplify the tax system. It would also emphasize equity and fair sharing of the tax burden by fully shifting the city's business tax base from payroll expense to gross receipts. If the city loses the lawsuit challenging [Prop C Additional Tax on Commercial Rents Mostly to Fund Child Care and Education \(June 2018\)](#), then Prop F would create a new commercial rents tax for revenues to go to the city's General Fund.

Vote Yes on Prop F

Related League Positions

[LWVSF Financing San Francisco Government](#), [LWVC State and Local Finances](#)

Prop G Youth Voting in Local Elections YES

For 100 years the League has stood strong in our support for voting rights. We are firm in the belief that the strength of our democratic government depends on the active participation of everyone and we actively work to increase young voter turnout. We have seen a surge of civic engagement by youth — including many high schoolers — on issues ranging from gun control to climate change to racial justice. Young people are at the forefront of movements to improve the communities they call home, and we would all benefit from their voices at the ballot box.

Vote Yes on Prop G

Related League Positions

[LWVUS Citizen’s Right to Know/Citizen Participation](#), [LWVC Voting Rights](#), [LWVUS Voting Rights](#)

Prop H Neighborhood Commercial Districts and City Permitting YES

Prop H is focused on streamlining the city’s permit process to allow certain business owners in neighborhood commercial districts to make changes to their businesses in response to current realities, including the public health safety measures for COVID-19. While this measure is not limited to small businesses, small businesses will be one of key beneficiaries of the changes. The League believes small businesses are vital to both the economic health and quality of life in San Francisco, and a reasonable timeline for permitting approvals is an element of a responsive government. Although we are concerned this measure would eliminate the requirement for public notifications for permitted use, which is counter to our city planning policy, we believe the overall benefits to city life outweigh the decrease in transparency.

Vote Yes on Prop H

Related League Positions

[LWVUS Urban Policy](#), [LWVSF City Planning](#), [LWVUS Citizen’s Right to Know/Citizen Participation](#)

Vote Yes on Prop K

Related League Positions

[LWVSF Housing](#), [LWVC Housing and Homelessness](#), [LWVUS Meeting Basic Human Needs](#)

NO RECOMMENDATIONS ON OTHER LOCAL MEASURES ON NOVEMBER'S BALLOT

Prop B Public Works Commission, Department of Sanitation and Streets, and Sanitation and Streets Commission NEUTRAL

On one hand, the League supports efforts to improve the cleanliness of San Francisco's public spaces and increase the citizen's right to know through government oversight. On the other hand, we also have taken positions that say the San Francisco Charter should prohibit the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors from interfering with the operation of administrative affairs and the city should reduce the cost of government by eliminating duplication of functions among departments. The LWVSF Board of Directors carefully considered Prop B and came to the consensus to remain neutral on this measure.

Related League Positions

[LWVUS Urban Policy](#), [LWVUS Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation](#), [LWVSF San Francisco Charter](#), [LWVSF Financing San Francisco Government](#)

Prop L Business Tax Based on Comparison of Top Executive's Pay to Employees' Pay NEUTRAL

Prop L would be a progressive tax that contributes to the equity and fair sharing of the tax burden. Prop L would also contribute to the flexibility of the tax system, with money collected from the tax going directly to the city's General Fund. These features of Prop L are supported by League positions on government financing. However, Prop L falls short on parts of those same League positions. When we take into account the efficiency of Prop L, we are concerned about the high volatility of the tax. While Prop L would be an equitable method of paying for city services, we are not sure it would be an effective method.

Related League Positions

[LWVSF Financing San Francisco Government](#), [LWVC State and Local Finances](#)

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