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June 7, 2022 Consolidated Statewide Election

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Prop A Muni Reliability and Street Safety Bond

YES

Prop A is a bond measure that would authorize the city to borrow up to \$400 million by issuing general obligation bonds for transportation infrastructure projects. The funds would go toward a range of projects, including bus yard repair and renovation, traffic flow improvements, traffic and pedestrian signal changes, street redesigns, and traffic speed management. The League supports Prop A based on our positions that focus on making public transportation more "efficient, convenient, and cost effective" and advocating for transportation that helps families get to child care programs. We also believe that energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems provide better access to housing and jobs for the community.

Vote YES on Prop A

Related League positions

LWVUS Meeting Basic Human Needs, LWVC Transportation, LWVSF Child Care

Prop B Building Inspection Commission

YES

Prop B is one of several measures on the ballot developed in response to lengthy FBI investigations into corruption that have resulted in multiple arrests. Prop B would bring the San Francisco Building Inspection Commission and the Department of Building Inspection more in line with other city departments regarding the selection, appointment, and confirmation process for commissioners and the director role. It would also allow for the Mayor to hire and fire the director of the department. Overall it would increase transparency and accountability to the public in the proposed process by including multiple public hearings.

Vote YES on Prop B

Related League positions

<u>LWVUS Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation, LWVUS Representative Government, LWVC Intergovernmental Relationships, LWVSF Executive Branch</u>



Prop C Recall Timelines and Vacancy Process

YES

Prop C would change the recall process as well as the appointment process for vacancies created by recalls. Preventing recall elections within 12 months of the next scheduled election for that office would alleviate voter fatigue and low voter turnout, especially from underrepresented communities. Reforming the vacancy appointment process created by recalls would also give voters a chance to select their elected representative from a more equitable field of candidates because appointees would no longer have the advantage of running as the incumbent in the election following a recall. The League supports electoral systems that proportionally reflect the people they represent, provide the broadest voter representation possible, and are expressive of voter choices.

Vote YES on Prop C

Related League positions

LWVUS Voter Representation/Electoral Systems, LWVC Electoral Process

Prop D Victims and Witness Rights

NEUTRAL

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Prop D would create a new city department for victims and witness services and establish a right to free civil legal representation for victims of domestic violence in San Francisco. The League applauds the benefit being extended to victims of domestic violence, but we question whether creating a new department is the most effective way to provide the services included in the ordinance. Prop D would authorize a survey to determine what the needs of the community are, but only after the department has already been created. Though a good intent, we question whether this is the most effective use of city funds. One of our local positions supports measures that reduce government expenses by eliminating duplication of functions. We urge the Board of Supervisors to determine the needs of the community before establishing a new department.

Related League positions

LWVUS Violence Prevention, LWVSF Financing San Francisco Government

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Prop E Behested Payments

YES

Prop E would amend the law to stop public officials from asking for donations to benefit either a government agency or a private organization in only two new ways. First, members of the Board of Supervisors would be prohibited from seeking donations from contractors if the Board approved their contract. Second, the Board could only amend this law by a two-thirds vote and only if the Ethics Commission also approves the amendments by a majority vote. This meets the League's national position on Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation. The impact on nonprofit partnerships and donations was discussed extensively in multiple public meetings and these concerns were refuted. Officials would be allowed to fundraise for an "interested party" nonprofit, meaning that officials could not solicit payments from the nonprofit, but officials could solicit payments to the nonprofit.

Vote YES on Prop E

Related League positions

LWVUS Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation

Prop F Refuse Collection and Disposal

YES

Prop F would restructure membership of the city's Refuse Collection and Disposal Rate Board, change the process by which rates and regulations are set for both residential and commercial customers, and change rules governing how future changes are made. The League supports boards and commissions that effectively serve the public through improved public participation in decision making. Prop F would provide better oversight and transparency into rate changes for refuse collection by adding a rate payer advocate to the Rate Board and by increasing the requirements for public hearings on proposed changes to rates.

Vote YES on Prop F

Related League positions

LWVUS Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation, LWVSF Boards and Commissions

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Prop G Public Health Emergency Leave

YES

Prop G would require employers with more than 100 employees worldwide to provide paid public health emergency leave, not to exceed 80 hours a year, for their employees in San Francisco. Prop G is similar to the previous laws passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the <u>Families First Coronavirus Response Act</u> and <u>Ordinance No. 59-20</u>. However, those were temporary and have already expired. The League believes responsible government should be responsive and share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect people's lives. The League supports Prop G because it would put worker health protection provisions in place for future public health emergencies.

Vote YES on Prop G

Related League positions

LWVUS Meeting Basic Human Needs

Prop H District Attorney

NO RECOMMENDATION

The League does not support, oppose, or advocate for or against a recall because of our nonpartisan policy. A recall deals with candidates, and the process is legally valid. Therefore, the League does not have a recommendation on Prop H.