

BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS

March 3, 2020 Consolidated Presidential Primary Election



City College Job Training, Repair and Earthquake Safety Measure

Proposition A would authorize the City College of San Francisco \$845M in bonds to be used to fix/repair City College facilities; make necessary seismic retrofit/earthquake safety improvements; make the College more environmentally sustainable through energy efficient buildings/increased renewable energy use; and acquire, construct, repair facilities, sites/equipment to prepare students for well-paid, local science, technology, and arts related jobs. The League supports measures that provide access to higher education and the use of bond financing for repair and retrofitting of existing public facilities and structures when other means of financing are not available.



San Francisco Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond, 2020

Proposition B would authorize the City to sell up to \$628.5M in bonds to be used to construct, acquire, improve, renovate, retrofit, seismically upgrade and complete projects for police, fire, and other disaster response facilities. The League supports measures to ensure revenue to meet the needs of state and local government services. This bond addresses infrastructure needs and has provisions for government body oversight.

Fire Hydrant icon by Bakunetsu Kaito from the Noun Project



Retiree Health Care Benefits for Former Employees of the San Francisco Housing Authority

The League is taking no stand on this measure because our Positions do not cover the issues in Proposition C.



Vacancy Tax

Store-front vacancies have become more prominent in commercial districts of San Francisco despite a time of strength in the City's overall economy. We are supportive on the Vacancy Tax, with the provision that it will last for a maximum duration of four years. The Vacancy Tax provides funding for a newly created "Small Business Assistant Fund". In addition, it encourages the rehabilitation of long-term retail vacancies and may stabilize rents in commercial corridors. The League supports policies that promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.



Limits on Office Development

Proposition E encourages more affordable housing production by amending Proposition M (1986), which had set an annual limit to the amount of square footage the City can allocate to office development projects. Proposition E would tie the office development project limit to whether the City is meeting its affordable housing goals and change the criteria for approving certain office development projects such that affordable housing development and community improvements are taken into consideration, most notably in the South of Market area. The League supports measures that provide for the needs of low, moderate and middle-income groups; increase the housing supply in the South of Market area; and require developers of office buildings in the South of Market area to provide for new or rehabilitated housing in San Francisco.