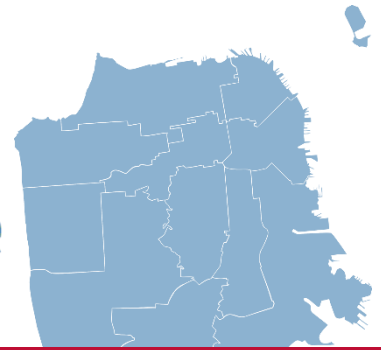


Pros & Cons Guide

At a Glance



Nonpartisan Information on Election Ballot Measures

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day
Early voting starts Oct 5
Register to vote by October 19

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 currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

Are you age 16 or 17? You can pre-register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov.

Not a citizen? Learn about voting for School Board at sfelections.org/noncitizenvoting.

Want more voting information? Visit sfelections.sfgov.org or call 415-554-4375.

November 2020 San Francisco Ballot Measures At a Glance

Proposition A – Health and Homelessness, Parks, and Streets Bond

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to authorize the City of San Francisco to issue up to \$487.5 million in bonds to raise money for facilities and services for those experiencing homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorders, as well as to improve City parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, and streets.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition B – Department of Sanitation and Streets, Sanitation and Streets Commission, and Public Works Commission

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to create a Department of Sanitation and Streets with oversight from a Sanitation and Streets Commission, and you want to establish a Public Works Commission to oversee the Department of Public Works.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition C – Removing Citizenship Requirements for Members of City Bodies

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to amend the City Charter to remove the requirement that people serving on City boards, commissions, and advisory bodies be registered voters and U.S. citizens, and continue to require that people be old enough to vote in City elections and be San Francisco residents.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition D – Sheriff Oversight

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to amend the Charter to create a Sheriff’s Department Office of Inspector General and a Sheriff’s Department Oversight Board that would make recommendations to the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors about the operations of the Sheriff’s Department.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition E – Police Staffing

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to remove the City Charter requirement that the San Francisco Police Department maintain a minimum of 1,971 full-duty sworn officers and replace it with regular evaluations of police staffing levels.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition F – Business Tax Overhaul

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to eliminate the City’s payroll expense tax but increase gross receipts and administrative office tax rates in phases, reduce business taxes for some small businesses, and further increase the City’s business taxes if the City loses either of the lawsuits regarding the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax or the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax, but exclude money collected from these increases when determining baseline funding.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition G – Youth Voting in Local Elections

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to amend the Charter to allow San Francisco residents to vote for local candidates and local ballot measures if they are U.S. citizens, at least 16 years old, and registered to vote.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make this change.

Proposition H – Neighborhood Commercial Districts and City Permitting

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to change the City’s Planning Code for Neighborhood Commercial Districts to amend the permitting and inspection process for new businesses and expand zoning uses in the City’s Neighborhood Commercial Districts and Neighborhood Transit Districts.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition I – Real Estate Transfer Tax

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to double the transfer tax rate on sales and leases of 35 years or more of real estate with a value of at least \$10 million.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition J – Parcel Tax for San Francisco Unified School District

A “YES” Vote Means: You want the City to replace the 2018 School Parcel Tax with a new tax that changes the annual tax rate from \$320 per parcel to \$288, beginning on July 1, 2021, adjusted for inflation each year, and with an exemption for people age 65 or older.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make these changes.

Proposition K – Affordable Housing Authorization

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to authorize the City to own, develop, construct, acquire or rehabilitate up to 10,000 units of low-income rental housing in the City.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make this change.

Proposition L – Business Tax Based on Comparison of Top Executive’s Pay to Employees’ Pay

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to place an additional tax on some businesses in San Francisco when their highest-paid managerial employee earns more than 100 times the median compensation paid to their employees in the City.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make this change.

Proposition RR – Caltrain Sales Tax

A “YES” Vote Means: You want to adopt the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) proposal to levy a 30-year one-eighth cent sales tax, providing approximately \$100 million annually, to preserve Caltrain service.

A “NO” Vote Means: You do not want to make this change.

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