

# BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS

November 5, 2019  
Consolidated Municipal Election



## Affordable Housing Bond

San Francisco is experiencing a housing crisis. The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development ("MOHCD") continues to see a widening affordability gap for extremely-low, low and middle-income households in both the rental and homeownership markets. Prop A will issue up to \$600 million in general obligation bonds for the purchase, construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing. The League applauds the goals of this Bond measure to increase and preserve affordable housing in the City.



## Department of Disability and Aging Services

Prop B amends the Charter to change the name of the Department of Aging and Adult Services to the Department of Disability and Aging Services; to change the name of the Aging and Adult Services Commission to the Disability and Aging Services Commission; and to add new qualifications for three of the seven seats on this Commission. The League supports a system of boards and commissions which will effectively serve the public. By placing selection criteria to the commission, it will better reflect the diverse community the commission is trying to serve.



## Vapor Products

The US Surgeon General announced that there is an "epidemic of youth use" in the use of e-cigarette products. The League supports policies which promote the health and safety of all Americans, and the right to know the potentially harmful effects of materials. Unfortunately, Prop C is not such a policy. If Prop C passes, it may overturn Prop E (Nov 2018), which the League supported. Prop C overturns the law that prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes that have not been approved by the FDA. Furthermore, some of the regulations on the sale and distribution of e-cigarettes are redundant as they are covered under California's STAKE Act.

Vape icon by Alex Kwa from the Noun Project



## Traffic Congestion Mitigation Tax

Prop D would impose a 1.5% business tax on shared rides and a 3.25% business tax on private rides for fare charged by commercial ride-share and driverless-vehicle companies until November 5, 2045 to fund improvements in Muni service and bicycle and pedestrian safety. The League supports the maintenance of existing transportation systems and "earmarked" taxes for a specific purpose containing an automatic sunset date.



## Affordable Housing and Educator Housing

San Francisco is experiencing a housing crisis, especially for our educators. Prop E amends the Planning Code to allow 100% Affordable Housing Projects and Educator Housing Projects in public zoning districts and to expedite City approval of these projects. The League supports streamlining the building permit process and development where City-owned surplus or under-used land should be developed in a manner which best meets public needs.



## Campaign Contributions and Campaign Advertisements

Prop F would establish new restrictions on campaign contributions to local elected officials and candidates, and apply new disclaimer requirements to campaign advertisements. The League supports improving methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.