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The February 5, 2008 election is the first time that California is holding a separate primary election for presidential candidates. Since it is a primary, however, voters must vote according to their party affiliation. The only exception is voters who declined to state a party affiliation when registering to vote; these “decline-to-state” voters are allowed to vote using a ballot for the American Independent or Democratic Party. This is called “crossover voting.”

### **CROSSOVER VOTING**

People who declined to state an affiliation with a political party when registering to vote have the option of requesting either an American Independent Party or Democratic Party ballot and voting on that party’s candidates. Decline-to-state voters who wish to vote by mail may request an American Independent Party or Democratic Party ballot by indicating their choice on the Vote-by-Mail Application on the back of this pamphlet and sending the application to the Department of Elections. Permanent Vote-by-Mail voters have been sent a form on which they can indicate their choice of either party ballot. If no request is made for a party ballot, we will mail a Nonpartisan ballot that lists only ballot measures.

Decline-to-state voters who go to their polling places on Election Day and who want to vote either an American Independent Party or Democratic Party ballot will need to request that ballot from the poll workers. Please note, however, that decline-to-state voters are not required to choose a ballot from any party and can vote on ballots specifically for nonpartisan voters.

### **NEW ACCESSIBLE VOTING EQUIPMENT**

In the February 5 election, San Francisco voters will also use a new voting system. Mostly, voters will not notice any difference voting in this election compared to recent elections. The ballot cards will look the same and will still be “read” by optical scan machines at the polling places, as will vote-by-mail ballots in City Hall. The one difference is each polling place will have a new piece of voting equipment that is accessible to voters with disabilities, and that allows people to vote independently and privately. This new equipment is a touch screen machine that provides a paper audit trail that voters are able to review before confirming their selections.

### **CONTACT US**

If you have questions or need more information on any issue related to the election, please contact the Department at 554-4375, 554-4367 (Chinese), or 554-4366 (Spanish). Also, our Web site – [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections) – is an excellent source of information and provides materials in English, Chinese, and Spanish.

Respectfully,  
John Arntz, Director



# Purpose of the Voter Information Pamphlet

The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide voters with information about candidates and ballot measures before each election. In addition to the sample ballot, this pamphlet contains: information about voting in a primary election; an impartial summary of each local ballot measure prepared by the City's Ballot Simplification Committee; a financial analysis of each local ballot measure prepared by the City's Controller; an explanation of how each local ballot measure qualified for the ballot; arguments supporting and opposing local ballot measures and the legal text of each local ballot measure.

You may bring this pamphlet with you to your polling place. In addition, every precinct is supplied with a copy of the Voter Information Pamphlet. Please ask a pollworker if you would like to see it.

The Department of Elections delivers the Voter Information Pamphlets to the Post Office for delivery to individual voters. If you do not receive your pamphlet by January 22, 2008, please contact your local Post Office and the Department of Elections.

This pamphlet is also available in Chinese and Spanish.

這本手冊有**中文版**，要索取中文版，請致電：(415) 554-4367。

Este folleto también está disponible en **español**. Para solicitar una copia, por favor llame al 415-554-4366.

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## The Ballot Simplification Committee

The Ballot Simplification Committee prepares an impartial summary of each local ballot measure. In addition, the Committee writes or reviews other information in this pamphlet, including the glossary of "Words You Need to Know" and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's). The Committee members have backgrounds in journalism and written communication, and they volunteer their time to prepare these informational materials for voters. The Committee members are:

Betty Packard, Chair

*Nominated by the Northern California Broadcasters Association*

Suzanne Stassevitch

*Nominated by the League of Women Voters*

June Fraps

*Nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences*

Ann Jorgensen

*Nominated by the San Francisco Unified School District*

Ann O'Leary, *ex officio*

*Deputy City Attorney*

Jon Givner, *ex officio*

*Deputy City Attorney*



## ACCESSIBLE VOTING AND SERVICES FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

**Vote-by-Mail before Election Day** – Vote-by-Mail voters are mailed an official ballot prior to the upcoming election, which allows them to vote privately and at their own leisure. Any registered voter may request to vote by mail in any election. A Vote-by-Mail application can be found on the back cover of this pamphlet.

**Early Voting in City Hall** – During the 29 days prior to any election a voter may come to the Department of Elections on the ground floor of City Hall and vote. City Hall is fully accessible from any of its four entrances. The polling station at City Hall is equipped with all of the assistance tools provided at all polling places on Election Day.

**Access to the Voter Information Pamphlet** – The San Francisco Public Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, at 100 Larkin Street, distributes recorded copies of the Voter Information Pamphlet on cassette. To request a copy call Martin Magid at 415-557-4253. These are also available at the Department of Elections. In addition, you may access a PDF or text copy of the Voter Information Pamphlet online on the Department of Elections Web site: [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections)

**Election Day Assistance** – Voters with, but not limited to, sight and mobility impairments have the option to use an accessible voting machine. This machine is designed to assist voters with specific needs to vote independently and privately. This assistive terminal is available at every polling place on Election Day. For instruction on its use, please see page 16.

### **Other Forms of Assistance at the Polling Place:**

**Personal Assistance** – A voter may bring up to two persons, or pollworkers, into the voting booth to receive assistance in marking their ballot.

**Curbside Voting** – If a voter is unable to enter a polling place, pollworkers can be asked to bring the necessary voting materials to the voter.

**Reading Tools** – Every polling place is provided with large print instructions on how to mark a ballot and special optical sheets to magnify the print on the ballot.

**Seated Voting** – Every polling place has at least one voting booth that allows voters to vote while in a seated position.

**Voting Tools** – Every polling place has two easy-grip pens for signing the roster and marking the ballot.

**TTY (Teletypewriter Device)** – The Department of Elections can also be reached via TTY by calling 415-554-4386.

If your polling place is not functionally accessible, you may call 415-554-4551 to find out the location of the nearest accessible polling place within your district.

For further information on accessibility or the upcoming election, please contact the Department of Elections at 415-554-4375.



# Multilingual Voter Services: Voter Assistance in Chinese and Spanish

## 多種語言選民服務： 選民中文和西班牙語言協助

## Servicios Multilingües para los Electores: Asistencia para los Electores en Chino y Español

In compliance with federal law and local ordinance, the Department of Elections provides services to voters and official election materials in Chinese and Spanish, in addition to English. Multilingual voter services include:

- Translated election materials including: ballots, voter registration forms, voter notices, vote-by-mail ballot applications and instructions, and Voter Information Pamphlets.
- Telephone assistance in Chinese and Spanish, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.
  - Telephone Assistance in Chinese: 415-554-4367
  - Telephone Assistance in Spanish: 415-554-4366
- Instructional signs in English, Chinese and Spanish at all polling places on Election Day.
- Chinese and Spanish bilingual pollworker assistance at designated polling places on Election Day.
- Voter information in Chinese and Spanish on our Web site at [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections)

### 中文選民服務

依照聯邦法律和地方法令，選務處提供選民中文服務和官方選舉資料。中文服務包括：

- 已翻譯的選舉資料，其中包括：選票、選民登記表格、選舉預告、郵寄選票申請表格和指南以及選民資料手冊。
- 由星期一至星期五上午8時至下午5時及選舉日上午7時至晚上8時提供的中文電話協助：415-554-4367。
- 於選舉日在每個投票站提供中文的說明標牌。
- 於選舉日在指定的投票站提供中文語言協助。
- 在選務處網站([www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections))提供中文選舉資料。

### 中文版的選民資料手冊

除了英文版選民資料手冊之外，選務處還提供中文版的選民資料手冊。如果你想要選務處郵寄給你一本中文版的選民資料手冊，請致電：**415-554-4367**。

### Asistencia para los Electores en Español

Conforme a la ley federal y el reglamento municipal, el Departamento de Elecciones proporciona materiales electorales y asistencia a los electores en español. Servicios para los electores en español incluyen:

- Materiales electorales traducidos incluyendo: la boleta electoral, el formulario de inscripción para votar, avisos a los electores, solicitudes e instrucciones para votar por correo y el Folleto de Información para los Electores.
- Asistencia telefónica en español disponible de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. y en el Día de las Elecciones de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. llamando al 415-554-4366.
- Rótulos con las instrucciones en español en los lugares de votación el Día de las Elecciones.
- Trabajadores electorales bilingües en los lugares de votación designados.
- Información electoral en nuestro sitio Web en español: [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections)

### El Folleto de Información para los Electores en español

Además del Folleto de Información para los Electores en inglés, el Departamento de Elecciones provee un Folleto de Información para los Electores en español a los electores que lo soliciten. Si desea recibir un Folleto de Información para los Electores en español, por favor llame al 415-554-4366.



# MULTIPLE PARTY VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET CONSOLIDATED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The Department of Elections has provided this sample ballot booklet for the February 5, 2008 Consolidated Presidential Primary Election for the following qualified parties:

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Republican Party

The February 5, 2008 election is a modified closed presidential primary. In this type of election, a voter who has registered with a particular political party may vote *only* for candidates from that party. Voters who declined to state an affiliation with a political party at the time of registration (decline-to-state voters) may request a ballot from either of the two parties that allow decline-to-state voters to vote their party’s ballot in this election. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote for or against ballot measures.

**The two political parties that will allow decline-to-state voters to vote their party’s ballot in this election are:**

- The American Independent Party
- The Democratic Party

Decline-to-state voters who wish to receive a ballot from one of the parties listed above must request that ballot from a pollworker when signing the roster on Election Day. Voters requesting a vote-by-mail ballot can indicate their choice on the Vote-by-Mail Application located on the back cover of this Voter Information Pamphlet.

Decline-to-state voters who do not request a specific party ballot will be given a nonpartisan ballot containing only the measures to be voted on.

Please note that under state law, when a decline-to-state voter chooses an American Independent or Democratic Party ballot, this choice must be noted in the roster of voters and becomes part of the public record.

To determine your party registration, look at the box containing your polling place address on the back cover of this booklet. The party with which you are registered is identified by one of the codes listed below:

AIP-3	American Independent Party	P&F-6	Peace and Freedom Party
DEM-1	Democratic Party	REP-2	Republican Party
GRN-4	Green Party	NP-0	Decline to state a party affiliation (DTS) / Nonpartisan
LIB-5	Libertarian Party		

To change your party registration, you **must complete and submit a new voter registration card by January 22, 2008.** You can request that a voter registration card be mailed to you on our Web site at [sf.gov.org/elections](http://sf.gov.org/elections) or by calling 415-554-4375, or fill one out in person at the Department of Elections.





# Early Voting in Person or by Mail

(Absentee Voting)



**Any voter may request a vote-by-mail ballot (absentee ballot).** You can request that a ballot be mailed to you, or you can come to the Department of Elections and vote in person starting on January 7, 2008.

## VOTING IN PERSON

You can vote on or before Election Day at *City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48.*

Office hours for early voting are as follows:

- **8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning January 7, 2008;**
- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27 and February 2-3;**
- **7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 5, 2008.**

## VOTING BY MAIL FOR THIS ELECTION ONLY

To request a ballot by mail, **complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet**, and mail it to the Department of Elections. You may also request a ballot by sending a written request or postcard to the Department of Elections. Remember to include your home address, the address to which you want the ballot mailed, your birthdate, name and **signature**.

**Your signature must be included!** Mail your request to the address on the front cover of this pamphlet, or fax it to 415-554-4372.

Your request must be received by the Department of Elections before 5 p.m. on January 29, 2008. (By law, the Department of Elections cannot accept requests for mailed ballots received after 5 p.m. on January 29, 2008, *regardless of when these requests were postmarked!*) Once we process your request, a ballot will be sent to you.

When you receive your ballot, please read the instructions carefully. You can mark your ballot using a **#2 pencil (recommended) or a black pen**. If you use another type of marking device, the vote-counting machines may not record your votes properly. (Do not use a felt-tip pen because these can bleed through to the reverse side of the ballot card.) You can mail your ballot back to the Department of Elections—**free-of-charge**—by inserting your ballot into the envelope provided, signing and sealing the envelope, and dropping it in any mailbox—no stamp is required. You can also drop off your voted ballot at any polling place on Election Day, Tuesday, February 5, 2008. The Department of Elections **MUST** receive your ballot by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

If your ballot is damaged or you make a mistake, check the “Spoiled Ballot” box on the back of the return envelope and return it to the Department of Elections, no later than 5 p.m. on January 29, 2008, to be mailed a new one. You may also surrender the spoiled ballot at your polling place or at the Department of Elections in City Hall, Room 48, to obtain a new ballot.

## VOTING BY MAIL FOR ALL ELECTIONS

**Any voter may request to be permanent vote-by-mail voter (permanent absentee voter).**

Once you are on our permanent vote-by-mail voter mailing list, we will mail you a ballot automatically for every election until you move, re-register, or do not vote in two consecutive statewide general elections. If you do not vote in two consecutive statewide general elections, you will no longer be a permanent vote-by-mail voter; however, you will remain on the voter roll unless the Department of Elections has been informed that you no longer live at the address at which you are registered.

To become a permanent vote-by-mail voter, complete the Vote-By-Mail Application on the back cover and return it to the Department of Elections, or call for an application at 415-554-4375. **Be sure to check the box that says, “Permanent Vote-By-Mail Voter” and sign your name where it says, “Sign Here.”**

If you do not vote in two consecutive statewide general elections, you will need to re-apply to be a permanent vote-by-mail voter. In all other cases, you do not need to re-apply.



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS**

If you have already registered as a permanent vote-by-mail voter, your ballot will be mailed on or about January 7. To find out if you are registered as a permanent vote-by-mail voter, please call the Department of Elections at 415-554-4411. If you have not received your ballot by January 22, please call 415-554-4375.

欲知詳情，請致電：415-554-4367。

Para más información, llame al 415-554-4366.

### **Track and Confirm Receipt of Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot**

Vote-by-mail voters can track and confirm when their voted ballot was received by the Department of Elections for the February 5, 2008 election. To determine the receipt status of your ballot, visit our Web site at [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections) or call the Department of Elections at 415-554-4411.





# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**Q — *Who can vote?***

**A —** U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who are registered to vote in San Francisco on or before January 22, 2008.

**Q — *When do I vote?***

**A —** Election Day is Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Your polling place will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Q — *Where do I go to vote?***

**A —** Go to your polling place. The address is on the back cover of this book.

**Q — *My 18th birthday is after January 22 2008 but on or before February 5. May I vote in the February 5 election?***

**A —** Yes, if your 18th birthday is on or before February 5, but after January 22, you can register to vote on or before January 22 and vote February 5 — even though you were not 18 at the time you registered to vote.

**Q — *If I was arrested or convicted of a crime, can I still vote?***

**A —** You can register and vote as long as you are not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction. You must complete a new registration form on or before January 22 to vote.

**Q — *I have just become a U.S. citizen. Can I vote in the February 5 election?***

**A —** If you became a U.S. citizen on or before January 22, you may vote in the election, but you must register to vote by January 22;

**OR**

If you became a U.S. citizen after January 22, but on or before January 29, you may register and vote at the Department of Elections office by January 29 with proof of citizenship.

**Q — *I have moved within the county but have not re-registered. Can I vote in this election?***

**A —** Yes, but you must go to your new polling place or City Hall, Room 48, and complete a voter registration form to update your registration information. You can look up the address of your new polling place by entering your new home address on the Department of Elections Web site ([www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections)). You may be asked to vote a provisional ballot at your new polling place.

**Q — *What do I do if my polling place is not open?***

**A —** Check the back cover of this book to make sure you have gone to the right place. Polling places often change. If

you **are** at the right place, call the Department of Elections immediately at 415-554-4375.

**Q — *If I don't know what to do when I get to my polling place, is there someone there to help me?***

**A —** Yes, the pollworkers at the polling place will help you.

**Q — *Can I take my sample ballot or my own written list into the voting booth?***

**A —** Yes. Deciding your votes before you get to the polls is helpful. Your sample ballot is located inside this voter pamphlet, or you may use the Ballot Worksheet included in this pamphlet for this purpose.

**Q — *Do I have to vote on every item on the ballot?***

**A —** No, you do not. The votes you cast will be counted whether you have voted on every item or not.

**Q — *Is there any way to vote instead of going to the polling place on Election Day?***

**A —** Yes, you can vote before February 5 if you:

Fill out and mail the Vote-by-Mail Application printed on the back cover of this book. Once we process your request, a vote-by-mail ballot will be sent to you. Your request must be **received** by the Department of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on January 29, 2008;

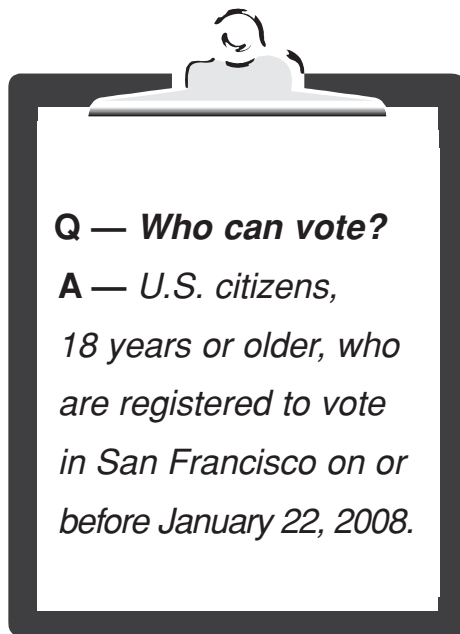
**OR**

Go to the Department of Elections at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48, from January 7 to February 5. The office hours are: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday on January 26-27 and February 2-3; and

7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 5.

**Q — *If I don't use an application, can I get a Vote-by-Mail Ballot some other way?***

**A —** You can send a note, preferably on a postcard, to the Department of Elections asking for a ballot. This note must include: your printed home address, the address where you want the ballot mailed, your birthdate, your printed name and your **signature**. Mail your request to the address on the front cover of this pamphlet, or fax it to 415-554-4372. Your request must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on January 29, 2008.



# Voter Bill of Rights

- 1. You have the right to cast a ballot if you are a valid registered voter.**  
A valid registered voter means a United States citizen who is a resident in this state, who is at least 18 years of age and not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and who is registered to vote at his or her current residence address.
- 2. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.**
- 3. You have the right to cast a ballot if you are present and in line at the polling place prior to the close of the polls.**
- 4. You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.**
- 5. You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.**  
If, at any time before you finally cast your ballot, you feel you have made a mistake, you have the right to exchange the spoiled ballot for a new ballot. Vote-by-mail voters may also request and receive a new ballot if they return their spoiled ballot to an elections official prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.
- 6. You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot, if you are unable to vote without assistance.**
- 7. You have the right to return a completed vote-by-mail ballot to any precinct in the county.**
- 8. You have the right to election materials in another language, if there are sufficient residents in your precinct to warrant production.**
- 9. You have the right to ask questions about election procedures and observe the elections process.**  
You have the right to ask questions of the precinct board and election officials regarding election procedures and to receive an answer or be directed to the appropriate official for an answer. However, if persistent questioning disrupts the execution of their duties, the board or election officials may discontinue responding to questions.
- 10. You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent activity to a local elections official or to the Secretary of State's Office.**

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or you are aware of any election fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free **Voter Protection Hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE (8683)**.

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE **DEBRA BOWEN**

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Any voter has the right under California Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13314 to seek a writ of mandate or an injunction, prior to the publication of the Voter Information Pamphlet, requiring any or all of the materials submitted for publication in the Pamphlet to be amended or deleted.





# How to Locate Your Polling Place

## Note: Your Polling Place May Have Changed!

Check the back cover of this pamphlet (upper left-hand side):

Back cover

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 40  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4004  
www.sfgov.org/elections

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
San Francisco,  
California  
Permit No. 2700

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Check Your Polling Place Address Below  
請在此頁下面填寫您的投票站地址  
Verifique la dirección de su lugar de votación indicada abajo

Supervisory District # \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Type 04

Your Polling Place Address Is:  
請在此處填寫地址  
La dirección de su lugar de votación es:

ACCESS:  
Are the entryway and the voting area accessible?  
¿Son accesibles la entrada y el área de votación?

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
投票站將在上午 7 點至下午 8 點之間開放。  
Los lugares de votación estarán abiertos de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.

For additional accessibility information, please call 415-554-4515.  
如需更多關於投票站可及性的資訊，請電 415-554-4515。  
Para más información sobre accesibilidad, llame al 415-554-4515.

**Print Name**  
Address (Residential Street)  
City, State, Zip Code  
County

**Mailing Address** (if different from Mailing Address)  
City, State, Zip Code  
County

Sign Here (Signature Line)

**NOTE:**  
Your polling place address is located on the upper left-hand side of the back cover of this pamphlet. Please make a note of it. Even if you request a vote-by-mail ballot, you may still wish to turn in your ballot at your polling place on Election Day.

Check here for whether your polling place is accessible for people with disabilities.

### Your Polling Place Address Is:

Eureka Valley Playground  
100 Collingwood Street  
Between Stevens and Broadway  
PRECINCT 3623

### Access:

Are the entryway and the voting area accessible?

5.1% Slope

**YES**

Your precinct number

A physical description of your polling place entryway, such as slope, ramped access or height clearance.

Your polling place address is also available at the Department of Elections Web site:  
[www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections)

If your polling place is not accessible, you may call 415-554-4515 to find the nearest accessible polling place.

# Polling Places Change Every Election

Each election an average of thirteen percent (13%) of San Francisco's polling places change due to cancellations. To confirm the location of your polling place, **always check the back cover of your Voter Information Pamphlet.** There you will find the accessibility status and location of your polling place, including cross-streets.



**Check the back cover of your Voter Information Pamphlet before each election.**



## Change of Polling Place Card

If a polling place becomes unavailable after the Voter Information Pamphlet has been mailed, the Department of Elections sends change notification postcards to all registered voters within the precinct to inform them of the new location.



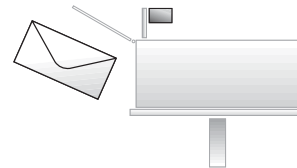
## Change of Polling Place Signs

For those voters who are unaware that their polling place has changed, the Department of Elections posts "Change of Polling Place" signs at the address of the old location on Election Day. Voters can tear off a sheet of paper with the location name, address and cross-streets of their new polling place from a pad attached to the "Change of Polling Place" sign.

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## Some Voters Must Vote by Mail

Voting precincts with fewer than 250 registered voters may be designated "Mail Ballot Precincts". An official ballot and postage-paid return envelope will be mailed automatically to all voters in those precincts approximately four weeks before every election.



For those voters who would prefer to drop off their official mail ballot at a polling place, the location names and addresses of the two polling places nearest their precinct are provided with the ballot.



# Visit our Web site [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections) for information on:



## VOTING

- Voting by mail
- Voting at the polls on Election Day
- Polling place and sample ballot look-up
- Access for voters with disabilities

## MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES

- List of services available in English, Chinese and Spanish
- Contact numbers for Chinese and Spanish telephone assistance
- Bilingual voter registration forms and vote-by-mail ballot applications
- Voter Information Pamphlets in Chinese and Spanish

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

- Election calendar
- Official list of local ballot measures
- Qualified candidates list
- Voter Information Pamphlet online

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

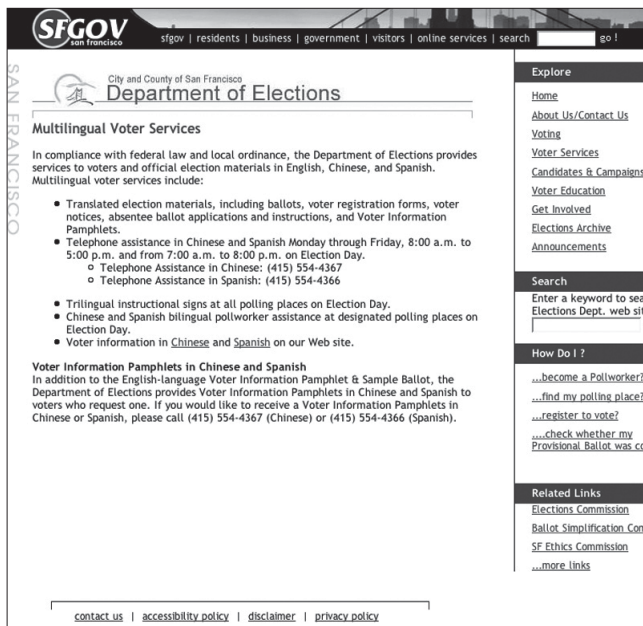
- Become a pollworker on Election Day
- High school student pollworker program
- Provide your property as a polling place
- Voter education programs

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Press releases and memoranda
- Employment opportunities
- Local election results

## ELECTIONS ARCHIVE

- Historical Voter Information Pamphlets going back to 1907!
- Election results dating back to 1995
- Historical voter turnout records



Your first source for election information is [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections)





# Telephoning the Department of Elections

The Department of Elections has telephone lines for specific purposes:

- For general information, call 415-554-4375;
- To register to vote, call 415-554-4375;
- To request a **Vote-by-Mail Application**, call 415-554-4375;
- For assistance in Chinese, call 415-554-4367; 中文電話協助 : 415-554-4367;
- For assistance in Spanish, call 415-554-4366; Para asistencia en español, llame al 415-554-4366;
- For TTY assistance, call 415-554-4386;
- For information about becoming a pollworker, call 415-554-4395;
- For election results on Election Night, call 415-554-4375;
- To offer your facility as a polling place, call 415-554-4551;
- To request a voter education presentation or voter education materials for distribution, call 415-554-4340.

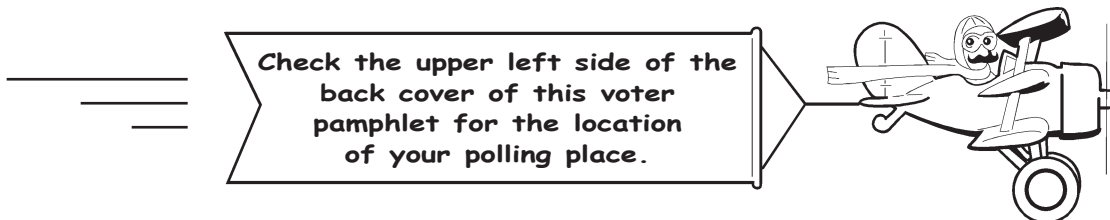
Our office hours are Mondays through Fridays (except holidays) from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. For your convenience and because of the high call volume during the weeks leading up to the election, the Department of Elections uses automated information lines in addition to regular operators. If all operators are busy, callers may hear recorded messages that will direct them to leave their name, address and telephone number. Callers with touch-tone phones may be asked to press numbers to direct their calls to the right staff member. Callers with rotary phones may wait on the line for an operator or leave a message.



## To Vote by Mail

1. Complete and detach the application on the back cover of this pamphlet.
2. Affix sufficient postage where indicated.
3. Drop your completed application into a mailbox.

**Applications must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008.**



## Your Polling Place May Have Changed

We urge you to double-check the location of your polling place printed on the back cover of this pamphlet.



# Voting at Your Polling Place on Election Day



Approach the table where pollworkers are issuing ballots and state your name and address. When one of the pollworkers finds your name in the roster of voters, the pollworker will repeat your name and address. Sign your name on the signature line next to your name in the roster of voters.

The pollworker will give you your ballot and your ballot's stub receipt in a blue secrecy folder. Your ballot may consist of multiple cards. Take your ballot to one of the voting booths, where you may mark your ballot in privacy. There will be a special ballot-marking pen in each voting booth.

## Marking the Ballot

You will vote on paper ballots that may be printed on both sides of the page. Using the ballot-marking pen provided at your polling place, mark your ballot by connecting the head and tail of the arrow pointing to your choice for each contest, as shown in the picture. Be sure to review both sides of each ballot card!

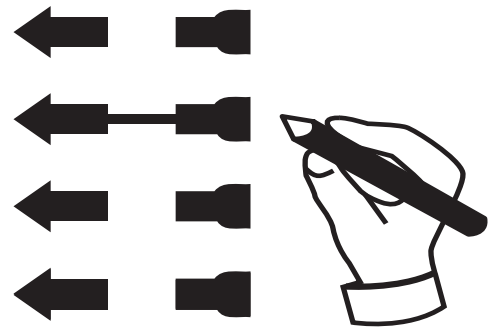
Please note: the number of candidates you may select for each contest or choice will be printed above the list of candidate names for each contest. If you overvote by marking more than the allowed number of candidates for any contest or choice, or by marking both "YES" and "NO" in a measure contest, your votes for that contest cannot be counted!

In addition to the candidates listed on the ballot, there may be other people running as qualified write-in candidates. For a list of qualified write-in candidates, please ask a pollworker. Voters with mailed ballots may access the list of qualified write-in candidates by visiting our Web site at [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections) or by calling the Department of Elections at 415-554-4375.

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the name of the candidate in the space marked "Write-In." **You must connect the head and tail of the arrow pointing to the "Write-In" space for your write-in vote to be counted.** Only write-in votes for qualified write-in candidates can be counted. Do not write in a vote for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot.

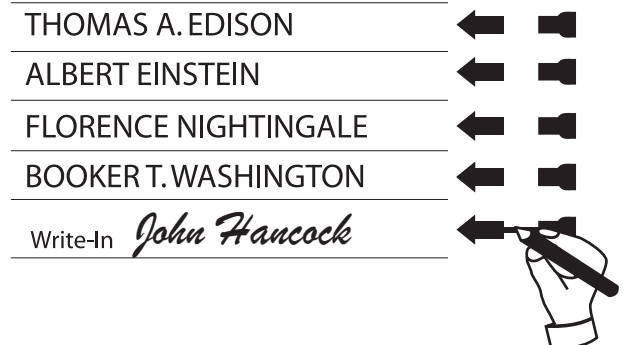
If you make a mistake while voting, ask a pollworker for another ballot. Voters may request up to two replacement sets of ballots.

For information about accessible voting using the touch screen voting machine, please refer to page 16.



### PRESIDENT

Vote For One



## Once You Have Marked Your Ballot



Make sure that your ballot stub receipt has been detached from each ballot card. Insert your ballot, one card at a time, into the slot in the front of the voting machine. The ballot can be inserted into the voting machine in any direction: upside down, right side up, backwards or forwards. The voting machine counts the votes electronically when the ballots are inserted by the voter. The ballots are stored in a locked compartment inside the voting machine.



# Guidelines for Provisional Voting

If you are a registered San Francisco voter, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot at your polling place if:

- You were issued a vote-by-mail ballot that you are unable to surrender and you want to vote at the polls;
- Your name does not appear in the roster of voters for the precinct;
- You have moved within San Francisco but did not re-register to vote; or
- You are a first-time voter listed in the pink Provisional Roster and were unable to provide a valid California driver's license or state identification number or the last four digits of your Social Security number on your voter registration form.

## How to cast a provisional vote:

You will receive a ballot and the pink provisional ballot envelope from a pollworker. The pollworker will fill out the pollworker section of the envelope. You must complete the voter's section of the provisional envelope, including providing your name, date of birth, current address and previous address. You must also sign the declaration confirming that you are a resident of San Francisco and are registered and eligible to vote in this election. **It is very important that you sign your name at the bottom of the envelope – without your signature your provisional ballot cannot be counted.**

Once you have filled out the voter's section of the provisional envelope and marked your ballot, insert your ballot into the provisional envelope, **seal the envelope**, and return it to a pollworker.

A double-sided receipt on the back of the provisional envelope includes a Web site and a toll-free number which you may use to find out whether your provisional ballot was counted. To determine the status of your provisional ballot, call 1-866-325-9163 or visit the Department of Elections Web site ([www.sfelections.org/pv/](http://www.sfelections.org/pv/)) no sooner than March 17 (40 days after the election) and provide the number printed on your provisional voter receipt.

# Your Sample Ballot

Your sample ballot begins on page 19. It is a 20% reduction in size of the Official Ballot you will use to cast your vote on Election Day. Feel free to mark your sample ballot and bring it to the polling place to use as a guide on Election Day. (You can also use the Ballot Worksheet, located on page 94 of this pamphlet, for the same purpose.)

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS 提交選民投票表決的提案 MEDIDAS PRESENTADAS A LOS ELECTORES	
STATE PROPOSITIONS / 州提案 / PROPOSICIONES ESTATALES	
<p><b>87</b></p>	<p><b>ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, INCENTIVES, TAX ON CALIFORNIA OIL PRODUCERS, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.</b> Establece un programa de \$4 mil millones para reducir el consumo de petróleo mediante incentivos para la energía alternativa, la educación y la capacitación. Financiado mediante un impuesto sobre los productores de combustible de California. Impacto fiscal: Puntos del impuesto estatal sobre el combustible de entre \$225 millones y \$485 millones anualmente para los programas de energía alternativa con un total de \$4 mil millones. Reducciones de la renta estatal y local de hasta decenas de millones de dólares anualmente.</p> <p>替代能源、研究、生產、獎勵、California 州石油生產商稅、動議憲法修正案與法規。 本提案擬設立一項 4,000,000,000 美元的計畫，旨在透過獎勵開發替代能源、教育和培訓，減少石油的消耗。該計畫的資金由 California 州石油生產商繳納的稅收提供。財政影響：州府每年將獲得 225,000,000 美元至 485,000,000 美元石油稅收入，用於為替代能源計畫提供總額為 4,000,000,000 美元的資金。州府及地方政府的收入每年將減少幾千萬美元。</p> <p>YES/贊成/ SI NO/反對/ NO</p>
<p><b>88</b></p>	<p><b>EDUCATION FUNDING, REAL PROPERTY PARCEL TAX, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.</b> Imposes \$50 tax on each real property parcel to provide additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12. Exempts certain elderly, disabled homeowners from tax. Use of funds restricted to specific educational purposes. Fiscal impact: State parcel tax revenue of roughly \$450 million annually, allocated to school districts for specified education programs.</p> <p>教育經費、房地產宗地稅、動議憲法修正案與法規。 本提案擬對每宗地 50 美元的稅率對每宗房地產課稅，稅收用於為幼稚園至 12 年級提供附加的公立學校經費。某些老年人、殘疾人士和有殘障的學生不繳納此稅。此項資金僅能用於教育和教育用途。財政影響：州府每年將獲得約 450,000,000 美元的宗地稅收入。稅收將撥給各學區，用於指定的教育計畫。</p> <p>YES/贊成/ SI NO/反對/ NO</p>
<p><b>89</b></p>	<p><b>POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, PUBLIC FINANCING, CORPORATE TAX INCREASE, CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS, INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> Provides that eligible candidates for state elective office may receive public campaign funding. Increases tax on corporations and financial institutions by 0.2 percent to fund program. Imposes new campaign contribution expenditure limits. Fiscal impact: Increased revenues (primarily from increased taxes on corporations and financial institutions) with new \$500 million annually to pay for the public financing of political campaigns.</p> <p>政治競選、政府撥款、提高企業稅、競選捐款與開支限制、動議性法規。 本提案規定，州選舉公職的候選人可獲撥款。將對企業和金融機構的稅率提高 0.2%。本提案擬設立新的競選捐款與支開支限制。財政影響：州府收入將增加約 500 萬美元用於資助政治競選。此項增加的收入將用於資助政治競選。每年總計約 200,000,000 美元，該資金將用於政治競選經費。</p> <p>YES/贊成/ SI NO/反對/ NO</p>
<p><b>90</b></p>	<p><b>CAMPAÑAS POLÍTICAS, FINANCIAMIENTO PÚBLICO, AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO A CORPORACIONES, CONTRIBUCIONES DE CAMPAÑA Y LÍMITES DE GASTOS, INICIATIVA PARA PROMULGAR UN ESTATUTO.</b> Dispone que los candidatos elegibles para los cargos electivos estatales puedan recibir financiamiento público para la campaña. Aumenta el impuesto a corporaciones e instituciones financieras a un 0.2 por ciento para financiar el programa. Impone nuevas contribuciones de campaña/límites de gastos. Impacto fiscal: Mayores rentas (principalmente del aumento de los impuestos a corporaciones e instituciones financieras) alcanzando más de \$500 millones anualmente para pagar el financiamiento público de las campañas políticas.</p> <p>政府競選、政府撥款、提高企業稅、動議憲法修正案。 本提案規定，州選舉公職的候選人可獲撥款，用於其他任何競選用途。在執行有關土地稅用、性別、消費品、環境和工作的法律方面，政府權力應受到限制。財政影響：州府收入將增加約 500 萬美元用於資助政治競選。此項增加的收入將用於資助政治競選。每年總計約 200,000,000 美元，該資金將用於政治競選經費。此項增加的收入將用於資助政治競選。其餘金額可能較低。</p> <p>YES/贊成/ SI NO/反對/ NO</p>
<p><b>A</b></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL PROPOSITIONS / 學校提案 / PROPOSICIONES ESCOLARES</b></p> <p>Shall the San Francisco Unified School District modernize and repair up to 64 additional school facilities to health, safety, instructional and accessibility standards, and where applicable, add portable trailers with permanent classrooms, upgrade bathroom, science labs, plumbing, electrical and other building systems; replace heating and ventilation systems; and renovate classrooms, with proceeds from the issuance of up to \$450,000,000 in bonds, at legal interest rates, with guaranteed annual debt service to monitor expenditures?</p> <p>三藩市聯合校區是否應以法定利率發行最多 \$450,000,000 的公債，保證年度票面利率和接受公眾對支出的監督，並將所得資金用於更新和修理最多 64 處校區設施使其達到健康、安全、教學和無障礙標準，以及為有礙於現代化設施的校舍，以及翻新教室、水電、電氣和其他建築物系統，更換暖氣和通風系統，以及翻新教室？</p> <p>¿Debería el Distrito Escolar Unificado de San Francisco modernizar y reparar un máximo de 64 recintos escolares adicionales de acuerdo a los niveles apropiados de salud, seguridad, educación y accesibilidad; y correspondiente, sustituir los salones prefabricados por salones permanentes; modernizar los baños, los laboratorios de ciencias, la plomería, el sistema eléctrico y otros componentes de los edificios; cambiar los sistemas de calefacción y ventilación; y renovar las aulas, con los ingresos resultantes de la emisión de un máximo de \$450,000,000 en bonos, a tasas de interés legales, con la garantía de auditorías anuales y la supervisión de la ciudadanía con el fin de controlar los gastos?</p> <p>YES/贊成/ SI NO/反對/ NO</p>





# Voting with the Accessible Touch Screen Voting Machine

For the February 5, 2008 election, each polling place will have one accessible touch screen voting machine that assists voters with disabilities to vote independently and privately. This accessible voting machine allows voters to make ballot selections using a touch screen and review their selections on a paper record before casting their vote.

Additionally, the touch screen voting machine provides an audio ballot feature that allows voters to listen to instructions and ballot selections while voting. The touch screen machine also has an option for voters to use their own personal assistive device such as a sip/puff switch.

The accessible touch screen voting machine will be available for use at each of the City's 561 polling places and during Early Voting in City Hall. If you would like to vote using the touch screen voting machine on Election Day, please tell a pollworker.



## Audio Ballot and Hand-held Keypad

For audio voting, the accessible voting machine is equipped with headphones and a Braille embossed hand-held keypad. When using the audio ballot feature, the voting machine will provide you with audio instructions and guide you through the ballot. The keypad is used to move through the ballot and make selections. If you would like to use the audio ballot feature, please tell a pollworker.



# Steps for Voting Using the Touch Screen

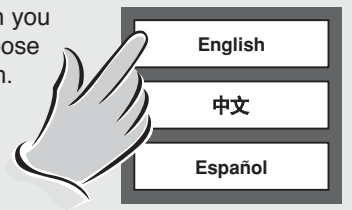
## Step 1: Insert Voter Card

Insert **Voter Card** into the yellow slot on the lower left-hand side of the machine.



## Step 2: Select Language

Select the language in which you want to vote. Voters can choose English, Chinese, or Spanish.



## Step 3: Select Candidates and Ballot Measure Choices

Make your selections by touching the candidate or choice for which you intend to cast your vote. A green check mark will appear in the circle indicating your selection.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CESAR CHAVEZ	<input type="checkbox"/>
WALTER LUM	<input type="checkbox"/>
JOHN HANCOCK	<input type="checkbox"/>
MARTIN LUTHER KING	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANNA MAE PICTOU ADAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>

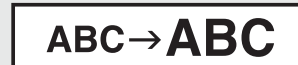
To change your selection, touch your selection again. The check mark will disappear and you can make a new selection.



After making your selection, touch the **"Next"** arrow button at the bottom of the screen to go to the next contest or measure. Touch the **"Back"** arrow button to return to the previous screen.



Touch the **"ABC"** button to enlarge the text on the screen.



## Step 4: Print and Review Selections

After voting all contests, a review screen is displayed showing all your selections.

To change a selection, touch the box of the contest or measure and select a new candidate or choice.

After completing your ballot review on screen, print and review a paper record of your ballot. A paper record of your selections will appear in the window on the left side of the screen.

Touch Here to Print and Review a Paper Record of Your Ballot.



### Write-in Candidates

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, touch **"Write-in"** and a keyboard will appear on screen. Type the name of the candidate and press **"OK."**



## Step 5: Cast Ballot or Make Changes

After verifying the paper record either touch **"Cast Ballot"** or **"Make Changes."**

Touch **"Cast Ballot"** to finish voting. The printer will show **"Accepted"** on the paper record. The voter card will eject for you to return to the poll worker.

**IMPORTANT!** – You cannot change your mind after **"Cast Ballot"** is pressed.

Touch **"Make Changes"** to change a selection. After you make a change you can review a new paper record of your ballot.

**IMPORTANT!** – You can only print two paper records of your ballot for review. After this you will need to cast your ballot.

Please review the paper record of your ballot.

You may now cast your ballot or make changes.

Make Changes

Cast Ballot

### Ballot Review

At any time you can review your ballot selections by touching **"Review."** The review screen will show you a summary of your selections. To change a selection, touch the box of the contest or measure and select a new candidate or choice.



# Important Registration and Voting Information

## Registration Forms

### To obtain a voter registration form:

- Visit [www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections) to fill out or download a form;
- Call the Department of Elections at 415-554-4375 and request that one be mailed to you; or
- Pick one up at the Department of Elections in City Hall, the County Clerk's office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, or at public libraries and post offices throughout San Francisco.

Effective January 1, 2006 each registrant *must* provide a current and valid California driver's license or California identification number on his or her voter registration form. Registrants who do not have either must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number to meet the identification requirements. If a voter does not have any of these three forms of identification, a unique identifying number will be assigned for voter registration purposes only. Any registrant who does not provide this information prior to Election Day, February 5, may have to vote a provisional ballot; if the identification cannot be confirmed, the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Once the Department of Elections receives a completed voter registration form, the new voter will receive a card in the mail as proof of his or her right to vote.

## Overseas and Military Voters

### Special Overseas and Military Voters are:

- Members of the armed forces;
- Spouses or dependents of members of the armed forces;
- United States citizens temporarily living outside of the country; or
- U.S. citizens serving on a merchant vessel documented under the laws of the United States.

Special Overseas and Military Voters can register to vote and receive a vote-by-mail (absentee) ballot by completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). The application can be downloaded from <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpca.pdf> or obtained from embassies, consulates, or from military voting assistance officers.

## New Citizen Registration and Voting

California election law extends the registration and voting deadline to the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the election for those who become new citizens after the close of registration on January 22. Anyone who becomes a new citizen between January 23 and January 29 must, no later than January 29:

- Present your Certificate of U.S. Naturalization to the Department of Elections;

- Complete a voter registration form; and
- Vote at the Department of Elections after registering.

## Ex-Offenders' Right to Vote

In addition to standard voting age and residency requirements, California law allows a person who has been convicted of a felony to register and vote if he or she:

- Has completed his or her prison term for a felony, including any period of parole or supervised release.
- Is on federal or state probation.
- Is incarcerated in county jail as a condition of felony probation or as a result of a misdemeanor sentence.

Additionally, people who have been convicted of a misdemeanor can register and vote even while on probation, supervised release, or incarcerated in county jail.

In order to restore the right to vote, a person only needs to complete and return a voter registration form. No other documentation is required.

## Have You Moved?

When voters move, they must inform the Department of Elections of the address change to update their voter registration records. Voters must inform the Department of address changes 15 days before an election to vote in that election. Voters may change their address by:

- Completing and submitting a voter registration form; or
- Submitting a written notice of their change of address along with their signature, printed name, date of birth, and previous and new addresses.

NOTE: Voters who moved within the county and were unable to change their address before the deadline 15 days before the election are encouraged to:

- Go to their new polling place on Election Day, complete a new voter registration form to update their registration information, and cast a provisional ballot; or
- Come to City Hall, Room 48, on or before Election Day, complete a new voter registration form to update their registration information, and vote at the Department of Elections.

## Not Yet 18?

Any person who will turn 18 years of age before the next election is eligible to register and vote at that election. To register:

- Complete a voter registration form; and
- Submit the registration form either in person or by mail no later than 15 days before that election.



Absentee voting has a new name!

# **Vote-by-Mail!**

Starting January 1, 2008 absentee voting will be referred to as vote-by-mail in all of the Department of Elections' literature. A new state law mandates this change, but all the benefits and requirements remain the same!

To receive your ballot in the mail, send in the application on the back cover of this pamphlet. The Department of Elections must receive your application by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

For more information about voting by mail see page 7.



# Before Casting a Write-In Vote, Read This:



Every write-in vote must be manually reviewed by the Department of Elections.

Unfortunately, **a great majority of write-in votes cast each election *cannot* be counted.**

## Here's why:

- X** **The write-in vote was not for a qualified write-in candidate.** Only votes for qualified write-in candidates can be counted. Write-in votes for anyone else CANNOT be counted. Qualified write-in candidates can be found on the Certified Write-In List, available at your polling place, on the Department of Elections Web site ([www.sfgov.org/elections](http://www.sfgov.org/elections)) or by calling the Department of Elections.
- X** **The write-in candidate was qualified for a different party's ballot.** In a primary election, any qualified write-in candidates can only be voted for on the appropriate party ballot. To see the party affiliation of a write-in candidate, check the Certified Write-in List.
- X** **The write-in vote was not correctly marked.** Write-in votes must be indicated by both completing the arrow next to the "Write-In" space **and** writing the candidate's name in the space provided.
- X** **Overvoting by selecting a candidate listed on the ballot and also marking a write-in vote for the same candidate** will invalidate your vote for that contest.

**Make sure your write-in vote counts!**



# Upcoming Elections

## **New for 2008 – Two Primaries!**

This year, California is holding two primary elections. After the upcoming February 5, 2008 Consolidated Presidential Primary Election, there will be a Statewide Direct Primary Election on June 3, 2008. In this second primary election, Californians will choose party candidates for the federal and state legislatures. These candidates, along with the presidential candidates chosen February 5, will compete for offices in the November 4, 2008 General Election. And in each election, voters will be able to vote on local candidate contests and state and local ballot measures.

So, don't forget, there are two more elections this year!

- June 3, 2008 Statewide Direct Primary Election
- November 4, 2008 General (Presidential) Election

**Exercise your right – VOTE!**





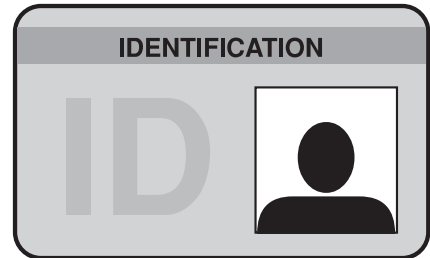
# Changes Affecting Voter Registration

## Confidential Voter Records

### ***Changes to Permissible Uses of Voter Registration Information***

Beginning in 2006, state law changed the way personal information supplied by voters for the purpose of completing a voter registration affidavit can be used. To protect your privacy and the integrity of voting, new laws that took effect in 2006 create safeguards for voter records as follows:

Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place and the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver's license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration form, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's Voter Protection and Assistance Hotline: 1-800-345-VOTE [8683]



Additionally, any person obtaining information on your voter registration affidavit shall not send that information outside of the United States or make it available in any way electronically to persons outside the United States, including, but not limited to, access over the Internet.

### **Secretary of State's "Safe At Home" Program**

Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, please contact the Secretary of State's "Safe At Home" program at 877-322-5227, or visit the Secretary of State's Web site at [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov)



# Information on Local Ballot Measures

## DIGEST AND ARGUMENT PAGES

On the following pages, you will find information about local ballot measures. For each measure, a digest has been prepared by the Ballot Simplification Committee. This digest includes a brief explanation of “The Way it is Now,” what each proposal would do, what a “Yes” vote means, and what a “No” vote means. Also included is a statement by the City Controller about the fiscal impact or cost of each measure. There is also a statement of how the measure qualified to be on the ballot. Following the ballot digest page, you will find arguments for and against each measure.

**NOTE: All arguments are strictly the opinions of their authors. They have not been checked for accuracy by the Department of Elections or any other City official or agency. Arguments and rebuttals are reproduced as they are submitted, including any typographical, spelling or grammatical errors.**

## “PROPONENT’S” AND “OPPONENT’S” ARGUMENTS

For each measure, one argument in favor of the measure (“Proponent’s Argument”) and one argument against the measure (“Opponent’s Argument”) is printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet free of charge.

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### “PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT”

1. The official proponent of an initiative petition; or the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, or four or more members of the Board, if the measure was submitted by same.
2. The Board of Supervisors, or any member or members designated by the Board.
3. The Mayor.
4. Any bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and association of citizens, any individual voter.



### “OPPONENT’S ARGUMENT”

1. For a referendum, the person who files the referendum petition with the Board of Supervisors.
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# WORDS YOU NEED TO KNOW

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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## LISTED BELOW ARE DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

**ABSENTEE (VOTE-BY-MAIL) BALLOTS** (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS) — Ballots mailed to voters or given to voters in person at the Department of Elections. Absentee ballots can be mailed back to the Department of Elections, turned in at the Department of Elections office in City Hall, or turned in at any San Francisco polling place on election day. Also known as vote-by-mail ballots. See page 7 for more information.

**CHARTER AMENDMENT** (PROPOSITION B) — A change to the City's Charter. The Charter is the City's Constitution. The Charter can only be changed by a majority of the votes cast.

**CITIZEN'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** (PROPOSITION A) — Reviews and reports on how bond money is spent. The nine members of the committee are appointed by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Controller and Civil Grand Jury. If the committee finds that the bond money has been spent for purposes not approved by the voters, the committee can require corrective action and prohibit the sale of any remaining bonds until action is taken. The Board of Supervisors can reverse the decisions of the committee by a two-thirds vote. The Controller may audit any of the City's bond expenditures.

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND** (PROPOSITION A) — Matching funds to finance park improvement projects initiated by community members.

**COST-NEUTRAL** (PROPOSITION B) — Requires no additional costs or expenses for the City.

**DECLARATION OF POLICY** (PROPOSITION C) — A statement or expression of the will of the voters.

**EARLY VOTING** — Voting in person at City Hall before election day or mailing an absentee ballot before election day. See page 7 for more information.

**FULL-DUTY OFFICE** (PROPOSITION B) — A police officer who can perform all police duties without limitation.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND** (PROPOSITION A) — A promise issued by the City to pay back money borrowed, plus interest, by a certain date. When the City wants to raise money to pay for a large public project, it can borrow money by issuing General Obligation Bonds. The City then repays the money plus interest over a period of years with property taxes. General obligation bonds must be approved by the voters.

**INITIATIVE** (PROPOSITIONS B AND C) — A proposition placed on the ballot by voters. Any voter may place an initiative on the ballot by gathering the required number of signatures on a petition.

**INTEREST** (PROPOSITION A) — The cost of borrowing money.

**PASS-THROUGH** (PROPOSITION A) — To recover an increase in property taxes by passing on a portion of the cost to tenants.

**PRINCIPAL** (PROPOSITION A) — The actual amount of borrowed money. Principal does not include interest charges.

**PROPOSITION** — (PROPOSITION A THROUGH C) Any measure that is submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval.

**QUALIFIED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE** — A person who has completed the required paperwork and signatures for inclusion as a write-in candidate. Although the name of this person will not appear on the ballot, voters can vote for this person by writing the name of the person in the space on the ballot provided for write-in votes. The Department of Elections counts write-in votes only for qualified write-in candidates.

**VOTING BY MAIL** (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS) — Also known as absentee voting. See page 7 for more information.

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**NEW FORMAT FOR PROPOSITIONS: THE FULL LEGAL TEXT FOR ALL LOCAL PROPOSITIONS IS NOW PRINTED TOGETHER RATHER THAN SEPARATELY. THE LEGAL TEXT FOR ALL LOCAL MEASURES STARTS ON PAGE 87.**



# AN OVERVIEW OF SAN FRANCISCO'S DEBT

## WHAT IS BOND FINANCING?

Bond financing is a type of long-term borrowing used to raise money for projects. The City receives money by selling bonds to investors. The City must pay back the amount borrowed plus interest to those investors. The money raised from bond sales is used to pay for large capital projects such as fire and police stations, affordable housing programs, schools, libraries, parks, and other city facilities. The City uses bond financing because these buildings will last many years and their large dollar costs are difficult to pay for all at once.

**Types of Bonds.** There are two major types of bonds – General Obligation and Revenue.

**General Obligation Bonds** are used to pay for projects that benefit citizens but do not raise revenue (for example, police stations or parks are not set up to pay for themselves). When general obligation bonds are approved and sold, they are repaid by property taxes. General obligation bonds issued by the City must be approved by a two-thirds vote. The Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond on this ballot is a general obligation bond to be issued by the City.

**Revenue Bonds** are used to pay for projects such as major improvements to an airport, water system, garage or other large facilities which generate revenue. When revenue bonds are approved and sold, they are generally repaid from revenues generated by the bond-financed projects, for example usage fees or parking fees. The City's revenue bonds must be approved by a majority vote. There is no revenue bond on this ballot.

## WHAT DOES IT COST TO BORROW?

The City's cost to borrow money depends on the amount borrowed, the interest rate on the debt and the number of years over which the debt will be repaid. Large debt is usually paid off over a period of 10 to 35 years. Assuming an average interest rate of 6% the cost of paying off debt over 20 years is about \$1.73 for each dollar borrowed – \$1 for the dollar borrowed and 73 cents for the interest. These payments, however, are spread over the 20-year period. Therefore inflation reduces the effective cost of borrowing because the future payments are made with cheaper dollars. Assuming a 4% annual inflation rate, the cost of paying off debt in today's dollars would be about \$1.18 for every \$1 borrowed.

## THE CITY'S CURRENT DEBT SITUATION

**Debt Payments.** During fiscal year 2007-2008 the City will pay approximately \$209.5 million of principal and interest on all outstanding general obligation bonds. The property tax rate for the year will be 15.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation or \$625 on a home assessed at \$400,000.

**Legal Debt Limit.** The City Charter imposes a limit on the amount of general obligation bonds the City can have outstanding at any given time. That limit is 3% of the assessed value of taxable property in the City – or currently about \$3.9 billion. Voters give the City *authorization* to issue bonds. Those bonds that have been issued and not yet repaid are considered to be *outstanding*. As of November 15, 2007, there were \$1.16 billion in general obligation bonds issued by the City outstanding, which is equal to 0.89% of the assessed value of taxable property. There were an additional \$340 million in bonds that are *authorized but unissued*. If all of these bonds were issued and outstanding, the total debt burden would be 1.15% of the assessed value of taxable property. Bonds issued by the School District and Community College District and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) do not increase the City's debt burden for the



purposes of the Charter limit, however they are repaid by property taxes (see Prudent Debt Management below). Part of the City’s current debt management policy is to issue new general obligation bonds as old ones are retired, keeping the property tax rate from City general obligation bonds approximately the same over time.

**Prudent Debt Management.** Even though the City is well within its legal debt limit in issuing general obligation bonds, there are other “prudent” debt calculations used by bond rating agencies when they view the City’s financial health. These agencies look at most types of local and regional debt that are dependent on the City’s tax base – our general obligation bonds, lease revenue bonds, certificates of participation, special assessment bonds, school and community college district bonds and BART bonds. They then take that debt as a percentage of taxable assessed property value for the City and the result is called the overall debt ratio. Municipalities comparable to San Francisco have an average overall debt ratio of 4%. The City currently has an overall debt ratio of 2.3%. **While this is under the national average debt ratio, the City needs to continue to set priorities for future debt to continue to maintain good credit ratings that, in turn, are a sign of good financial health.**

## CITIZEN OVERSIGHT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Voters must approve the purpose and amount of the money to be borrowed through bonds. Bond money may be spent only for the purposes approved by the voters.

For general obligation bonds issued by the City of San Francisco, the Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee reviews and reports on how bond money is spent. The nine members of the Committee are appointed by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Controller, and Civil Grand Jury. If the Committee finds that bond money has been spent for purposes not approved by the voters, the Committee can require corrective action and prohibit the sale of any authorized but unissued bonds until such action is taken. The Board of Supervisors can reverse the decisions of the committee by a two-thirds vote. The Controller may audit any of the City’s bond expenditures.

Prepared by *Ed Harrington*, Controller



# Ballot Worksheet

**Fill in your choices – Cut out and take with you to the polls**

Not all voters will be eligible to vote on all party contests.  
 Your sample ballot contains the contests for which you are eligible to vote.  
 For more information, see page 6.

## OFFICES

President	<i>Vote for one</i>	
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## PROPOSITIONS

TITLE	YES	NO
<b>91</b> : Transportation Funds. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.		
<b>92</b> : Community Colleges. Funding. Governance. Fees. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.		
<b>93</b> : Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.		
<b>94</b> : Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.		
<b>95</b> : Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.		
<b>96</b> : Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.		
<b>97</b> : Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.		
<b>A</b> : Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds, 2008		
<b>B</b> : Creating a New Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the San Francisco Police Department		
<b>C</b> : Adopting a Policy that the City Acquire Alcatraz Island to Make It a Global Peace Center		

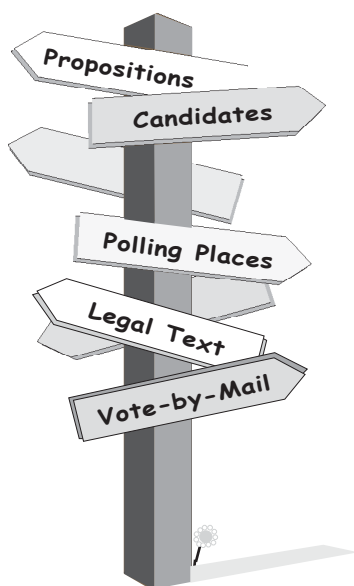
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If necessary, a correction notice will appear in the Public Notices section of the *San Francisco Examiner* and in *Sing Tao Daily* on January 22, 23 and 24, in *El Reportero* on January 23 and in *El Mensajero* on January 27.



# Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds, 2008

# A

## PROPOSITION A

Shall the City incur \$185,000,000 of bonded indebtedness to fund certain costs associated with the construction, reconstruction, purchase and/or improvement of park and recreation facilities located within the City, under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Park Commission or under the jurisdiction of the Port Commission as further described in Section 3 of the ordinance placing this measure onto the ballot, and paying other costs necessary and convenient for effectuating those purposes, including costs connected with or incidental to the authorization, issuance and sale of the bonds; and authorizing landlords to pass-through to residential tenants in units subject to Chapter 37 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (the "Residential Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance") 50% of the increase in the real property taxes attributable to the cost of the repayment of the bonds?

YES ←    
NO ←  

## Digest

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** The City operates and maintains hundreds of parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities, open spaces, and other properties throughout San Francisco. In 2000, the voters approved a \$110 million general obligation bond to address the deterioration of some of these parks and recreation facilities due to age and overuse. The City has spent these funds repairing and improving safety at numerous neighborhood parks, but an independent review has shown that many parks and facilities remain outdated and still pose seismic and safety risks.

Most of the City's parks and open spaces are operated and maintained by the Recreation and Park Commission or the Port Commission.

In March 2007, the City adopted a 10-year Capital Plan that addresses the safety and seismic needs of City-owned buildings and property in San Francisco. The Capital Plan recommends the use and timing of general obligation bonds, the first of which is a parks and recreation facilities bond.

The City uses property tax revenues to pay principal and interest on general obligation bonds.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition A is a Bond Measure that would authorize the City to borrow \$185 million by issuing general obligation bonds for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of park and recreation facilities located in San Francisco. Bond funds would be allocated as follows:

- \$117.4 million for the following neighborhood parks: Chinese Recreation Center, Mission Playground, Palega Recreation Center, Cayuga Playground, McCoppin Square, Sunset Playground, Fulton Playground, Mission Dolores Park, Cabrillo Playground, Glen Canyon Park, Lafayette Park, and Raymond Kimbell Playground;
- \$33.5 million for potential projects at some or all of the following waterfront parks: Pier 43 Bay Trail Link, Brannan Street Wharf Park, Bayfront Park at Mission Bay, Pier 70 Crane Cove Park, Warm Water Cove Park, Islais Creek Shoreline

Parks, Heron's Head Park entrance, the Blue-Greenway Trail, and all Blue-Greenway projects;

- \$11.4 million for park restrooms;
- \$8.5 million for park athletic fields;
- \$5 million for park nature trails;
- \$5 million for a Community Opportunity Fund to finance the completion of community-nominated recreation and park projects; and
- \$4 million for park forestry.

The Recreation and Park Commission or the Port Commission, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor must approve expenditures of bond proceeds to finance these projects.

Proposition A follows the requirement under the City's Administrative Code that one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the proceeds of a bond measure be provided to the Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to oversee this bond's expenditures. This committee would be required to review annually and report on the management of this bond program. In addition, the measure would require the City to maintain a website describing the bond program, progress achieved to date, and projections of future program activities.

Proposition A would require an increase in the property tax to pay for the bonds and would permit landlords to pass-through 50 percent of the resulting property tax increase to tenants.

A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of Proposition A.

**A "YES" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote "yes," you want the City to issue \$185 million in general obligation bonds to construct, reconstruct or improve certain park and recreation facilities.

**A "NO" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote "no," you do not want the City to issue these bonds.

### Notice to Voters:

The "Controller's Statement" and "How 'A' Got on the Ballot" information on this measure appear on the opposite (facing) page.

**THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.**

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS PAGE. THE FULL TEXT BEGINS ON PAGE 87.

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## Controller's Statement on "A"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition A:

Should the proposed \$185 million in bonds be authorized and sold under current assumptions, the approximate costs will be as follows:

- In fiscal year 2007-2008, following issuance of the first series of bonds, and the year with the lowest tax rate, the estimated annual costs of debt service would be \$900,000 and result in a property tax rate of \$.0007 per \$100 (\$0.69 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- In fiscal year 2011-2012, following issuance of the last series of bonds, and the year with the highest tax rate, the estimated annual costs of debt service would be \$16.4 million and result in a property tax rate of \$0.0112 per \$100 (\$11.15 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- The best estimate of the average tax rate for these bonds from fiscal year 2007-2008 through 2029-2030 is \$0.0077 per \$100 (\$7.71 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual property tax cost for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$400,000 would be approximately \$43.83.
- Landlords would be allowed to pass through 50% of the annual property tax cost of the proposed bond to tenants as permitted in the City Administrative Code. Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual cost for a tenant in a unit with an assessed value of \$140,000 would be approximately \$7.80.

These estimates are based on projections only, which are not binding upon the City. Projections and estimates may vary due to the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual assessed valuation over the term of repayment of the bonds. Hence, the actual tax rate and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those estimated above. The City's current debt management policy is to issue new general obligation bonds only as old ones are retired, keeping the property tax impact from general obligation bonds approximately the same over time.

## How "A" Got on the Ballot

On October 23, 2007 the Board of Supervisors voted 10 to 0 to place Proposition A on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

**Yes:** Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin and Sandoval.

**Excused:** Supervisor McGoldrick.

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## Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds, 2008

This disclaimer applies to the proponent's argument on this page. *The Board of Supervisors authorized the submission of the following argument. As of the date of the publication of this Voter Information Pamphlet, the following Supervisors endorse the measure:* Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin and Sandoval.

### PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

#### URGENT NEED IN OUR PARKS

Proposition A is the first step in San Francisco's ten year capital plan to repair and rebuild the City's aging and broken physical structures, starting with heavily-used neighborhood parks. An independent analysis identified more than \$1.7 billion in structural work needed in our parks.

This bond will fix our neighborhood parks where basic safety, cleanliness and accessibility are threatened. From Dolores Park to Sunset Playground, from Chinese Recreation Center to Palega Playground, we can protect the quality of parks across the City.

The bond will:

- Replace dangerous and broken playground equipment
- Repair or replace park restrooms
- Retrofit recreation centers and waterfront open space to make them earthquake safe
- Plant trees in parks throughout San Francisco
- Replace deteriorating athletic fields
- Restore nature trails in parks
- Create a blue-greenway of parks along the waterfront
- Provide matching grants for community-initiated, small-scale repairs

#### NO INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX RATE

Under current City policy, these parks bonds will only be issued after old bonds are repaid. As a result, there will be no increase in the property tax rate used to repay these bonds.

#### STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRESS AND SPENDING

To ensure that funds are properly spent, a citizen's bond oversight committee will track spending through independent audits; they are authorized to stop the sale of bonds if necessary. Major projects have already been identified and assigned budgets. Progress will be monitored through monthly reports at the Recreation and Parks and Port Commissions.

Unanimously passed at the Board of Supervisors.

Vote YES on Proposition A.

*Mayor Gavin Newsom  
Board President Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier  
Supervisor Tom Ammiano  
Supervisor Carmen Chu  
Supervisor Chris Daly  
Supervisor Bevan Dufty  
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd  
Supervisor Sophie Maxwell  
Supervisor Jake McGoldrick  
Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi  
Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval*

### REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

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**OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A**

**NO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A WAS SUBMITTED**

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# Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds, 2008

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

Yes on Prop A For the Health of Our City

Parks play an important role in maintaining our physical and mental health. Active recreation on our City's athletic fields helps keep our bodies in shape and fights obesity in our children. Hiking in our City's parks provides physical activity and relief from the pressures of urban living. A walk through our parks' woodlands, wildflowers, grasslands and wetlands lets us experience the tranquil and calming beauty of nature without leaving San Francisco.

Unfortunately, our parks are older and worse for the wear. They need help to get back in shape. Prop. A restores San Francisco parks so we can get the exercise we need to stay healthy and the time in nature we need to stay sharp and at peace.

Yes on Prop. A.

*Sierra Club  
San Francisco Tomorrow  
Nature In The City*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is San Francisco Tomorrow.

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Business, labor, tenants and homeowners agree – VOTE YES on A.

Your YES vote on A will extend critically important park and recreation center repairs and improvements to every city neighborhood

Twelve projects from Cabrillo Playground in District One to Cayuga Playground in District Eleven, dozens of new park restrooms, renovated athletic fields, a unique neighborhood grants program, trail and forest maintenance and new parks along the waterfront – all with NO INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX RATE!

The city's ten year capital plan provides for new bonds to be issued as old bonds are paid-off, which, along with normal growth in values, means no increase in tax rates.

Restore our parks and open up the waterfront to the public - vote YES on A.

*San Francisco Chamber of Commerce*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

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PAR supports Proposition A because it combines sound planning and sound financing to achieve safe and clean neighborhood parks across San Francisco. Recreation Centers receive seismic upgrades to make them earthquake safe; broken and dangerous playground equipment will be repaired and replaced; restrooms will be renovated and rebuild; trees and trails will be planted and restored.

On February 5th, please join PAR in voting YES on Proposition A.

*Planning Association for the Richmond – PAR*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the Planning Association for the Richmond.

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Prop. A Protects Open Space in the City

San Francisco is home to an amazing diversity of plants, animals and geological features that have evolved and thrived in our open space parks. Prop. A will protect open space and restore the hiking trails that allow us access to these beautiful open spaces. It will help keep these parks healthy and enjoyable for years to come.

*Jake Sigg, Chair  
Conservation Committee  
California Native Plant Society  
Yerba Buena Chapter*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is Jake Sigg.

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YES ON PROP. A – Keep Improving our Parks

The Neighborhood Parks Council supports Prop. A because it provides an Opportunity Fund for all neighborhoods to access for small park projects, it provides new funds for trees and trails, and it fixes many playgrounds, toilets, recreation centers, and parks that are falling apart. Every neighborhood in San Francisco deserves high quality parks and park programs. Prop. A will get us one step closer to this goal.

Please join us in Voting YES on Prop. A.

*Neighborhood Parks Council*

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## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

**The San Francisco Democratic Party endorses and strongly supports Proposition A on the February 5<sup>th</sup> ballot and urges a YES vote.**

This bond is necessary to ensure the safety and cleanliness of neighborhood parks for families and children: to make recreation centers earthquake safe, repair and replace broken playground equipment and lighting, fix park bathrooms, stabilize waterfront sea walls, expand disabled access to public facilities, protect and preserve trails and open space, and plant new trees.

The bond is subject to an annual independent audit with strict oversight by a citizens committee. Under the City's policy of selling new bonds only when old ones are repaid, we can fix our parks, but keep our taxes the same.

This bond is necessary and fair. YES ON A.

*San Francisco Democratic Party*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Parks Trust.

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YES on A – Support Our Neighborhood Parks

Proposition A will preserve and restore San Francisco's neighborhood parks. These are the parks we use every day for soccer and softball, for casual strolls and long distance runs, for pushing children in swings and watching birds in their nests. Our neighborhood parks serve as our collective backyards and provide needed respite from city living.

And they need our help.

Prop. A will fix up the parks and recreation centers with the most need, improve earthquake safety at high-risk recreation centers, repair broken playground equipment, fix broken lights, plant trees and rebuild walkways. Prop. A will fix these facilities and grounds while maintaining current tax rates.

Love Your Parks – Vote Yes on Prop. A

*San Francisco Parks Trust*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco Parks Trust.

San Francisco public schools depend on the resources and support of City parks and recreation facilities. This bond will rebuild recreation centers to make them earthquake safe and structurally sound; it reconditions pitted and overused athletic fields on which public school teams practice and compete. With limited funds available for public schools, this bond stretches the dollars by rebuilding neighborhood parks and facilities badly needed by the city's school children.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, vote Yes on A

*San Francisco School Alliance*

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument is the San Francisco School Alliance.

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YES on Proposition A – Renovate our Parks and Playgrounds

Neighborhood parks improve our health, strengthen our community, provide places for our kids to play, and make our city a better places to live and work.. Proposition A will restore and repair our parks and create clean safe places for our children.

YES on Proposition A—Green our city by Planting Trees within our Parks

Trees help the environment by reducing air and water pollution, and they also cool the city. Many of the trees now in our parks are old, or diseased, and will likely die in the next few years. Prop. A will let the city identify those parks where the need is greatest, and plant new trees for our families to enjoy..

YES on Proposition A—Improve Access to our natural areas by Fixing Hiking Trails

Many of the hiking trails in our parks are falling apart - victims of heavy use and erosion. Prop. A will provide a way to repair these trails so we can all enjoy them..

Please join us in repairing and preserving San Francisco's parks and natural areas.

Vote YES on Proposition A

*Trust for Public Land*

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# Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds, 2008

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

Yes on Proposition A

Proposition A is “family friendly” and important to school children. For many City kids, neighborhood parks are their backyards. This bond repairs broken playground equipment, replaces damaged restrooms, installs safety lighting and rebuilds recreation centers to be earth-quake safe.

San Francisco desperately needs more athletic fields. Sports make all the difference in keeping kids engaged, in school, away from gangs and out of trouble. We need the sports fields this bond will provide.

The bond will plant trees and restore paths in natural areas, giving those kids who rarely leave the City a non-urban experience.

Schools and parks are natural partners where kids are concerned.

Please vote YES.

*Mark Sanchez*, President – Board of Education\*

*Hydra Mendoza*, Board of Education\*

*Eric Mar*, Board of Education\*

\*For identification purposes only

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Prop. A – Restore Our Parks!

Prop. A means more trees, more plants and better park landscapes. Valuable staff time wasted patching together broken equipment will instead be devoted to maintaining the plants and landscapes that make our parks beautiful. Improved irrigation means athletic fields will be properly watered and ready for play. The department's forestry program will plant a new generation of trees in our parks to replace our many aging trees and restore trails so more people can access and enjoy the City's open space.

Give your neighborhood park gardener a hand.  
Vote YES on Prop. A.

*Laborer's, Local 261*

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San Francisco urgently needs the greening effect of planting more trees in parks. Many of the nearly 100,000 trees currently in our parks were planted shortly after World War II and have a life expectancy of 30 or 40 years. Some are diseased and infested. Proposition A commits \$4 million dollars to a long term effort to replace dying trees and add new ones. Not a moment too soon.

YES ON MORE TREES IN THE CITY.  
YES ON A.

*Friends of the Urban Forest*

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Over the past decade, green space in neighborhood parks have not received the attention it needs. Proposition A will restore trails in parks with natural areas and open space. It will increase the number of trees planted in city parks and it will upgrade and install irrigation systems so that the work that is done will be maintained.

Join us in supporting great neighborhood parks.  
YES ON A

*Local 261's City Committee*

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Yes on A – Repair Parks Throughout the Community

Prop. A will rebuild neglected parks and recreation centers that are falling into disrepair. Chinese Recreation Center, Sunset Playground and Recreation Center, Palega Playground and Recreation Center, and Fulton Playground and Recreation Center will all receive seismic work to improve earthquake safety and renovate them into modern facilities that can better serve the thousands of residents who use them regularly.

Many communities have waited a long time for these repairs.  
Let's make sure they happen.

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# Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds, 2008

# A

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

YES on A

*Chinese American Citizens' Alliance*

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Preserve Open Space Along the Bay  
YES ON A

San Francisco's waterfront must be cherished and protected. Prop. A achieves these goals by turning difficult-to-access open space along the bayshore into a string of parks stretching to the City's southern edge. These green spaces are critical pieces of San Francisco's remarkable ecology and one of them, Heron's Head Park, is a vibrant wetland serving as an important haven for migratory birds.

San Francisco's unique environment provides habitats for wild-life like quail, coyotes and numerous species of birds, as well as wetlands that foster healthy bay and marine life.

*San Francisco League of Conservation Voters*

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Yes on A – Smart Planning for Our Parks

Successful parks and open space are essential for a vibrant city.

Prop. A will rebuild and replace aging and unsafe structures in our neighborhood parks without increasing our tax rate.

As the first bond from our City's 10-year capital plan, Prop. A is a sound investment. Its tough accountability measures ensure that the bond program stays on budget and allows the public to track individual park projects through a city website. The measure also funds independent audits for a citizen's bond oversight committee that can stop the sale of bonds if necessary.

Funding park repairs on both Rec Park and Port property addresses the pressing needs for open space citywide in our neighborhoods and in new public spaces along the San Francisco Bay.

Prop. A couples good public policy with responsible financing.

Vote Yes on Prop. A

*SPUR*

*San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association*  
[www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org)

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# A

# Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds, 2008

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## PAID ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION A

Prop A is a jobs program disguised as a parks bond.

San Francisco already has more public employees per capita than any other American city. For 50 years, the Parks Dept. managed to maintain and improve our parks using operating funds. In 2000 we gave them \$110 million in new property taxes for improvements – did they spend it wisely? No. Remember the news stories, caught on tape, about park employees stealing plants and materials for their homes? They all still work for the City, and now they want \$185 million more.

The Parks Dept. needs new management, not new tax money. Don't believe the promises of the bond campaign – they won't deliver because there is no accountability.

**Vote NO on Prop A.**

*San Francisco Taxpayers Union*

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# Looking for the legal text?

*The full legal text of all ballot measures has been moved to the back of the book.*

The text starts on page 87.



# Creating a New Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the San Francisco Police Department



## PROPOSITION B

Shall the City allow certain retirement-eligible police officers to continue working for up to three additional years while accumulating their regular retirement benefits in tax deferred retirement accounts?

YES ←   
NO ←

## Digest

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** Under the City Charter, police officers are eligible for retirement benefits based on their compensation, age and length of service. The Charter does not allow City employees, including police officers, to continue working fulltime for the City after retirement. However, retired City employees may be reemployed for a limited number of hours while collecting retirement benefits.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition B is a Charter Amendment that would establish a “Deferred Retirement Option Program” (DROP) for eligible police officers. Any eligible police officer who participates in DROP would continue working as a police officer for a specified period of time, not longer than three years. Police officers participating in DROP would continue to receive their regular pay and benefits but would not accrue any retirement benefits. DROP participants would begin accumulating their regular retirement payments, frozen at the level that the officer had earned upon entry into DROP. These payments would be placed in a tax deferred DROP account maintained by the City’s retirement system. At the end of the DROP period, officers would begin receiving their regular monthly retirement payment, as well as their retirement benefits that had accumulated in their DROP account.

To be eligible to participate in DROP, a police officer must have at least 25 years of service as a sworn member of the Police Department, be at least 50 years of age, be a full-duty officer and agree to retire at the conclusion of his or her service in DROP.

Proposition B provides that the City should not incur any overall cost increase due to the creation and operation of DROP. The Charter amendment requires periodic evaluation by the City of the costs of the program:

- The City’s Controller and the Retirement System must prepare a joint report for the Board of Supervisors (Board) in the third year of the program documenting any overall cost to the City of DROP;
- The Board must review whether the program is cost-neutral at the end of every extension of the DROP program; and

- The Board must consider this report and vote whether DROP should be renewed for any period of time, not to exceed three years.

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to establish a “Deferred Retirement Option Program” (DROP) for eligible police officers.

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote “no,” you do not want to adopt this program.

### Notice to Voters:

The “Controller’s Statement” and “How ‘B’ Got on the Ballot” information on this measure appear on the opposite (facing) page.

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# B

## Creating a New Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the San Francisco Police Department

### Controller's Statement on "B"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition B:

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it is probable that the program will meet its goal of being cost-neutral to the City and may even provide some positive benefits, however, since it is a voluntary program, it is not possible to know the actual savings or cost until police officers actually enroll in the program.

The charter amendment authorizes the Board of Supervisors to create a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for San Francisco police officers. A DROP allows officers to formally retire, put their retirement earnings into a tax-deferred account and continue to work for normal wages and benefits for a period of up to three years. As a result, the City retains a qualified officer for that period of time and delays the cost of recruitment and training incurred in replacing a retiring officer. DROP programs can be useful during times of staff shortages to encourage experienced officers to work for the City past normal retirement age. The San Francisco Employees' Retirement System would have new and complex responsibilities for administering the DROP program which could cost in the range of \$500,000 or more annually.

The Charter amendment states that the program is intended to be cost neutral and provides that costs will be evaluated in fiscal year 2010-2011 when the City has three years of actual experience. At that time, the Board of Supervisors could end or extend the program, however, individuals who had entered it would continue to earn DROP benefits for up to three years.

Approximately 600 police personnel in ranks from Police Officer to Police Captain would be eligible for the DROP program over the next three years. Current actuarial projections are that the City is likely to achieve the cost-neutral intent of the amendment. However, because the eligible individuals have varying ages, years of service and pay rates, participation in the program is voluntary, and because new recruits would have been paid at lower rates than experienced officers, the program may or may not be cost neutral.

### How "B" Got on the Ballot

On September 18, 2007 the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition, calling for Proposition B to be placed on the ballot, had qualified for the ballot.

41,672 signatures were required to place an initiative Charter Amendment on the ballot. This number is equal to 10% of the registered voters at the time the petition was first filed with the Department of Elections.

A random check of the signatures submitted by the proponents of the initiative petition prior to the October 8, 2007 submission deadline showed that more than the required number of signatures was valid.

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# B

## Creating a New Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the San Francisco Police Department

### PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

#### Deferred Retirement Option Program

All Across the United States the candidate pool is shrinking for police officers that our cities need. There are currently 11,000 openings for police officers in California alone. Here in San Francisco, the situation is even more alarming. We are currently short between 250-300 officers, and 580 more officers will become eligible to retire in the next four years. We simply do not have the resources or the candidates needed to hire almost 900 officers over that short a time.

The Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) will allow San Francisco to retain experienced police officers for up to three years rather than have them retire. In addition, the proposed amendment mandates that DROP be "cost neutral" to the City of San Francisco and that DROP be reviewed every three years to ensure that it is, in fact, cost neutral.

In addition, the DROP is specifically targeted for officers in active neighborhood patrol and in the Investigation Bureau where our staff shortages are the more critical. DROP has been an overwhelming success in many other American cities that also lack a sufficient number of police officers.

The DROP will prevent further police staffing shortages, will increase the experience and effectiveness of our Police Department and, most importantly, it will do so without any cost to the taxpayers.

*San Francisco Police Officers Association*

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### REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

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# Creating a New Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the San Francisco Police Department

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# B

# Creating a New Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the San Francisco Police Department

## PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

### YES ON B

The first responsibility of government is to protect the lives and property of citizens. San Francisco needs experienced officers to fight the increase in crime, especially gang violence and a record murder rate. All residents and businesses, and especially children and the growing senior population deserve maximum police protection.

Many of San Francisco's most experienced officers are at, or near retirement age. The City expects a shortfall of as many as 900 officers over the next four years. Proposition B will help keep these officers on the job for an additional 3 years while the SFPD recruits and trains replacements. There will be no additional cost to taxpayers.

### SAN FRANCISCO REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY

*Tony Ribera*  
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Prop B keeps experienced cops patrolling our neighborhoods and relieves the City's current and anticipated shortfall of officers.

### Vote "Yes" on Prop B!

For more information, visit [www.cbsf.net](http://www.cbsf.net)

- Citizens for a Better San Francisco

*Edward Poole*  
*Michael Antonini*  
*Roberta Boomer*  
*Christopher L. Bowman*  
*Bill Campbell*  
*Harmeet Dhillon*  
*Chris Wright*

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San Francisco is short up to 300 police officers. The City has increased the number of academy classes, but nearly 600 officers are set to retire in the next four years. Recruitment alone will not make up the current deficit.

Proposition B will encourage our experienced police officers to postpone retirement so that increased recruitment efforts can reduce our officer shortfall, all at no additional cost.

Vote Yes on Proposition B

*San Francisco Chamber of Commerce*

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We believe that the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) will play a significant role in ensuring that the citizens of San Francisco have sufficient numbers of police officers both on the street and investigating crimes, despite the difficulties all public agencies face nationwide in recruiting new officers. The DROP will enable San Francisco to keep its experienced officers in the service of the City with no cost to taxpayers. The DROP makes absolute sense for San Francisco. It is good public policy, and we strongly urge its passage by the citizens of San Francisco.

*Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Michela Alioto-Pier, Bevan Dufty, Jake McGoldrick, Ross Mirkarimi, Carmen Chu, and Gerardo Sandoval say "Yes on B!"*

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# Creating a New Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the San Francisco Police Department

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# Adopting a Policy that the City Acquire Alcatraz Island to Make It a Global Peace Center



## PROPOSITION C

Shall it be City policy that the City should explore and facilitate the acquisition of Alcatraz Island from the United States government to transform it into a Global Peace Center?



## Digest

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** Alcatraz Island is owned by the United States and is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior is responsible for maintaining and operating the island. The Park Service operates guided historical tours of Alcatraz Island, including the federal penitentiary that operated on the island from 1934 to 1963.

The City of San Francisco does not manage or control Alcatraz Island.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition C is a declaration of policy that City officials should explore and facilitate the acquisition of Alcatraz Island from the United States government for the purpose of transforming it into a Global Peace Center.

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote "yes," you want it to be City policy that the City should explore and facilitate the acquisition of Alcatraz Island from the United States government for the purpose of transforming it into a Global Peace Center.

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS:** If you vote “no,” you do not want to adopt this policy.

## Controller’s Statement on “C”

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition C:

Should the proposed policy statement be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would not increase the cost of government.

The statement is not binding on the City, however, should San Francisco actually work to acquire Alcatraz Island from the federal government, there would be significant costs. Such costs would be subject to approval by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors under the normal budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

## How “C” Got on the Ballot

On August 23, 2007 the Department of Elections certified that the initiative petition, calling for Proposition C to be placed on the ballot, had qualified for the ballot.

10,396 signatures were required to place an initiative declaration of policy on the ballot. This number is equal to 5% of the total number of people who voted for Mayor in 2003.

A random check of the signatures submitted prior to the October 8, 2007 submission deadline showed that more than the required number of signatures was valid.

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# Adopting a Policy that the City Acquire Alcatraz Island to Make It a Global Peace Center

## PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

San Francisco, the “Geneva of the West” and a major center for the rapidly emerging Pacific Rim community of nations, is ideally suited for the construction of the Global Peace Center. This majestic and noble project is a perfect fit for the City of St. Francis. From the signing of The United Nations charter to the present day peace movement, San Francisco has a storied history as a progressive center for spiritual enlightenment, as well as an engaged, socially conscious populace and business community.

**The Alcatraz Conversion Project** will involve removing the main prison block and in its place, we envision constructing an array of Artainment multimedia centers, including an architecturally advanced sacred, healing environment, plus, **An International Conference Center For Non-Violent Conflict Resolution.**

In addition, we are proposing the creation of a dramatic statue of St. Francis, welcoming all to the San Francisco Bay Area. **The New Alcatraz Island** will employ sustainable clean energy technologies, and be magnificently landscaped.

We believe **The Alcatraz Conversion Project** will activate the creative spiritual intelligence of the Bay Area - and beyond - thus serve as a powerful, catalytic statement which will *“Inspire, Delight, Heal and Enlighten.”*

By converting Alcatraz Island, a place of pain and suffering, into a Global Peace Center, we will activate powerful forces for cooperation, reconciliation and healing. Through this process we will re-consecrate Alcatraz as a sacred site and thus pay due respect to the Native American people, while simultaneously giving birth to a new and peaceful paradigm for all humanity.

To learn more about this visionary and inspired project please visit our web site. Your feedback and support is deeply appreciated!

*“Where there is vision, we, the people, shall prosper”...*

*The Global Peace Foundation*  
www.globalpeacefoundation.org  
415-381-2644

**Endorsed By:**  
**The Light Party**  
www.lightparty.com

**The Worldwide Forgiveness Alliance**  
www.forgivenessday.org

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## REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT’S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

The fact that we will be voting on Proposition C this February is a good reason for amending the Charter to eliminate Declarations of Policy.

The proponents of this initiative are all the same. The Global Peace Foundation and the Light Party are projects of the San Francisco Medical Research Foundation whose Mill Valley mailing address and phone number are the same.

The SF Medical Research Foundation board of directors includes Leonard Horowitz, Ph.D., author of “Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola – Nature, Accident, or Intentional?” and Mohammed Ali Al-Bayati, Ph.d., author of “HIV Does Not Cause AIDS.”

They envision building a “sacred” environment. The American Heritage Dictionary defines “sacred” as “(1) Dedicated to or set apart for the worship of a deity, (2) Worthy of religious veneration: *the sacred teachings of the Buddha*, (3) Made or declared holy: *sacred bread and wine*, (4) Of or relating to religious

objects, rites or practices.” This would clearly violate the separation of church and state and be declared unconstitutional.

Do you expect this “coalition,” which includes AIDS deniers, to be able to raise \$1,000,000,000, spend it wisely, and operate a Global Peace Center on Alcatraz? We think not.

And, who is going to negotiate and pay for the purchase of Alcatraz from the federal government?

If you doubt our word, go to their Web sites and explore for yourself. If you do, you will join us in opposing this Proposition C.

*The San Francisco Republican Party*  
Visit our Web site at sfgop.org

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# Adopting a Policy that the City Acquire Alcatraz Island to Make It a Global Peace Center



## OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

### VOTE NO ON C

For the past thirty years, Alcatraz has been an international tourist attraction which the federal government pays to maintain and operate under the National Park Service.

This proposal, were it to be implemented, means that the burden of maintaining and operating Alcatraz would shift from the federal government to San Francisco taxpayers. According to the Controller, "should San Francisco actually work to acquire Alcatraz Island from the federal government, there would be significant costs."

The sponsors of this proposal, an unaccountable and loosely organized non-profit called the "Global Peace Foundation," state on their Web site that they envision creating this peace center on Alcatraz -- a "billion dollar project" administered by "a local/international trust" (whatever that means).

### VOTE NO ON THIS RIDICULOUS PROPOSAL

*San Francisco Republican Party*

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## REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

### NO NEW TAXES WILL BE NEEDED!

#### **The City Will Generate A Significant Revenues By Acquiring Alcatraz Island.**

Once acquired by the city, a portion of the considerable revenue from the ferryboats will be shared with the city. This income will be more than sufficient to cover the minimal administrative costs for maintaining Alcatraz.

The projected \$ 1Billion cost for the reconstruction/transformation of Alcatraz Island will generate new jobs and thereby stimulate the economy. This is a long -term project which will be administered by a public trust or foundation, which will include representatives from the environmental, Native American, and business communities , etc.

By inspiring the hearts and minds of all globally minded people to the enormous benefits of creating a Global Peace Center on

Alcatraz, we are confident that we can generate the necessary investments for this project.

The bottom line is, do we want an old decaying prison to continue to be a prominent landmark for the San Francisco Bay Area or do we want to create a **New Alcatraz** which will define a new emerging paradigm committed to progressive, enlightened values ?!

To summarize, this ballot initiative is both a challenge and a golden opportunity to initiate a tremendous community project which has the potential to catalyze a global renaissance.

**The opportunity is here, the choice is ours!**

**VOTE YES ON C !**

*"Where There Is Vision , We, The People Prosper"*

*The Global Peace Foundation*

[www.globalpeacefoundation.org](http://www.globalpeacefoundation.org)

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# Adopting a Policy that the City Acquire Alcatraz Island to Make It a Global Peace Center

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**PROPOSITION A**

**Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, February 5th 2008, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco a proposition to incur the following bonded debt of the City and County: One Hundred and Eighty-Five Million Dollars (\$185,000,000) for the construction, reconstruction, purchase, and/or improvement of park and recreation facilities within the City and County of San Francisco and all other structures, improvements, and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes and paying all other costs necessary and convenient for effectuating those purposes; authorizing landlords to pass-through fifty percent (50%) of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants in accordance with Chapter 37 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; finding that the estimated cost of such proposed project is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefore by the annual tax levy; reciting the estimated cost of such proposed project; fixing the date of election and the manner of holding such election and the procedure for voting for or against the proposition; fixing the maximum rate of interest on such bonds and providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest thereof; prescribing notice to be given of such election; finding that a portion of the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and the remainder of the proposed project is excluded from the California Environmental Quality Act; finding that the proposed project is in conformity with the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1(b) and with the General Plan consistency requirement of Administrative Code Section 2A.53; consolidating the special election with the general election; establishing the election precincts, voting places and officers for the election; waiving the word limitation on ballot propositions imposed by San Francisco Municipal Elections Code Section 510; complying with Section 53410 of the California Government Code; incorporating the provisions of the San Francisco Administrative Code, Sections 5.30 – 5.36; and waiving the time requirements specified in Section 2.34 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.**

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings.

A. City and County of San Francisco ("City") staff has identified several park and recreation improvement projects within the City to address public safety hazards, the condition of neighborhood park facilities and lands, and other issues facing the City's recreation system.

B. This Board of Supervisors (this "Board") now wishes to describe the terms of a ballot measure seeking approval for the issuance of general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") to finance all or a portion of the projects described above.

Section 2. A special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 2008, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of the City for the project hereinafter described in the amount and for the purposes stated:

"CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BONDS, 2008. \$185,000,000 of bonded indebtedness to fund certain costs associated with the construction, reconstruction, purchase, and/or improvement of park and recreation facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission or under the jurisdiction of the Port Commission located within the City and County of San Francisco and all other structures, improvements and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purpose, as further described in Section 3 of the ordinance placing this measure onto the ballot, and paying other costs necessary and convenient for effectuating those purposes, including costs connect-

ed with or incidental to the authorization, issuance and sale of the bonds; and authorizing landlords to pass-through to residential tenants in units subject to Chapter 37 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (the "Residential Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance") 50% of the increase in the real property taxes attributable to the cost of the repayment of the bonds.

The special election hereby called and ordered shall be referred to herein as the "Bond Special Election."

Section 3. PROPOSED PROJECTS.

The specific capital projects and related activities eligible for financing under this Bond (the "Project") include the construction, reconstruction, purchase, and/or improvement of park and recreation facilities and properties, and all works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes, as summarized and further described in the subsections below.

All expenditures of bond funds shall be made in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and Local laws governing the management and expenditure of bond proceeds, including those governing the expenditure of bond proceeds on capital projects and related limitations on payment of staff salaries. Except for those Projects specifically identified as categorically exempt, the remainder of the Projects are excluded from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The use of Bond proceeds to finance any such project will be subject to approval of the City's Board of Supervisors upon completion of planning and any further required environmental review under CEQA.

The eligible expenditures of bond funds can be summarized as follows:

- A. Neighborhood Park Repairs and Renovations = \$117,415,000
- B. Waterfront Park Repairs, Renovations, and Development = \$33,500,000
- C. Park Restroom Repairs and Reconstruction = \$11,400,000
- D. Park Playfields Repairs and Reconstruction = \$8,500,000
- E. Park Trail Reconstruction = \$5,000,000
- F. Community Opportunity Fund = \$5,000,000
- G. Park Forestry = \$4,000,000
- H. Citizens' Oversight Committee Audits = \$185,000
- Total Bond Funding = \$185,000,000

A. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS (\$117.415 million). The City plans to pursue neighborhood park projects to be financed by the Bonds with the goal of improving the access of residents of the City to safe and high quality parks and recreation facilities. The City has identified the following projects (the "Identified Projects") for funding from the proceeds of the proposed Bonds: These Identified Projects have been determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA.

1. Chinese Recreation Center
2. Mission Playground
3. Palega Recreation Center
4. Cayuga Playground
5. McCoppin Square
6. Sunset Playground
7. Fulton Playground
8. Mission Dolores Park
9. Cabrillo Playground
10. Glen Canyon Park
11. Lafayette Park
12. Raymond Kimbell Playground

B. WATERFRONT PARK REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS, and DEVELOPMENT (\$33.5 million). The City plans to repair and seismically upgrade areas along City's waterfront to create new waterfront parks in various neighborhoods on property under the jurisdiction of the Port Commission, with the goal of providing safe and high quality parks, recreation facilities, and nature restoration. The use of Bond proceeds to finance any such project will be subject to approval of the City's Board of Supervisors upon completion of planning and required environmental review under the CEQA. Examples of waterfront park projects which may be financed under this section include:



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1. Pier 43 Bay Trail Link
2. Brannan Street Wharf Park
3. Bayfront Park at Mission Bay
4. Pier 70 Crane Cove Park
5. Warm Water Cove Park
6. Islais Creek Shoreline Parks
7. Herron's Head Park Entrance
8. The Blue Greenway Trail
9. Design Standards and Enhancements to all Blue-Greenway Projects

C. **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK RESTROOM REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION** (\$11.4 million). A portion of the proceeds of the proposed bond shall be used to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate freestanding restroom facilities in the City's neighborhood parks on property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. The expenditure of bond proceeds for this purpose is subject to the review process identified in the 2008 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Report ("Bond Report") and approval of the Recreation and Park Commission.

D. **PARK PLAYFIELDS REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION** (\$8.5 million). A portion of the proceeds of the proposed bond shall be used to construct and/or reconstruct playing fields throughout the City on property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. The proposed expenditures for this purpose are intended to leverage additional state, federal, or private contributions. The expenditure of bond proceeds for this purpose is subject to the review process identified in the Bond Report and approval of the Recreation and Park Commission.

E. **PARK TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION** (\$5.0 million). A portion of the proceeds of the proposed bond shall be used to repair and reconstruct park nature trails on property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission, and their nearby natural surroundings. The expenditure of bond proceeds for this purpose is subject to the review process identified in the Bond Report and approval of the Recreation and Park Commission.

F. **COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND** (\$5.0 million). A portion of the proceeds of the proposed bond shall be used to create a program for the purpose of completing community-nominated projects. Community resources, including, but not limited to, in-kind contributions, sweat equity, and non-City funds, applied to a park, recreation or open space improvement project on property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission from non-City sources, can be matched by Bond proceeds. No expenditures of bond proceeds from this fund shall be authorized until policies, procedures, and criteria governing the program have been adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission.

G. **PARK FORESTRY** (\$4.0 million). A portion of the proceeds of the proposed bond shall be used to plan for, and perform, park reforestation, including tree removal, tree planting and other measures to sustain the health of the forest on property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. The expenditure of bond proceeds for this purpose is subject to the review process identified in the Bond Report and approval of the Recreation and Park Commission.

H. **CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AUDITS** (\$0.185 million). A portion of the proceeds of the proposed bond shall be used to perform audits of the bond program, as further described below in Section 14.

### SECTION 4. BOND PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY.

The proposed bond program shall operate under the following administrative rules and shall be governed according to the following principles:

A. **OVERSIGHT.** No expenditure of bond funds shall be permitted without the prior review and approval of the Recreation and Park Commission or the Port Commission (as applicable), the Capital Planning Committee, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor, subject to the approval processes and rules described in the San Francisco Charter and Administrative Code. Pursuant to S.F. Administrative Code §5.31, the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee shall con-

duct an annual review of bond spending, and shall provide an annual report on the management of the program to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, the Recreation and Park Commission and the Port Commission. To the extent permitted by law, one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the gross proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited in a fund established by the Controller's Office and appropriated by the Board of Supervisors at the direction of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to cover the costs of this committee and this review process.

B. **COMMITMENT TO PROJECTS.** The proposed Bond proceeds shall be used towards completion of the projects described in Section 3 above. Twenty percent (20%) of the funds specified in Section 3, Subsections F and G, above, shall be set aside as a reserve (the "Reserve") and shall not be spent until all of the Identified Projects in Section 3, Subsection A, are complete. In the event that any of the Identified Projects cannot be completed due to lack of funds, funds from the Reserve shall be used to complete any such Identified Project. Should all projects described in a given project category be completed under budget, unused bond proceeds shall be applied to other priority projects within that project category, as described in the Bond Report, and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

C. **PROGRAM TRANSPARENCY.** The City shall maintain a website describing the bond program, progress achieved to date, and projections of future program activities, which shall be updated not less than once per month. The annual report of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee shall be made available on this website. Additionally, the Recreation and Park Commission shall hold regular public hearings, not less than once a month, to review the implementation of the bond program. Annually, the Recreation and Park Commission shall hold a meeting to review the Recreation and Park Department capital plan. The Port Commission shall hold public hearings, not less than once a quarter, to review the implementation of the Port's portion of the bond program. Additionally, the Capital Planning Committee shall hold a public review of the program not less than once a year.

Section 5. The estimated cost of the bond financed portion of the project described in Section 2 hereof was fixed by the Board of Supervisors of the City (the "Board of Supervisors") by the following resolution and in the amount specified below:

Resolution No. 502-07, \$185,000,000.

Such resolution was passed by two-thirds or more of the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Mayor of the City (the "Mayor"). In such resolution it was recited and found that the sum of money specified is too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City in addition to the other annual expenses thereof or other funds derived from taxes levied for those purposes and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy.

The method and manner of payment of the estimated costs described herein are by the issuance of bonds of the City not exceeding the principal amount specified.

Such estimate of costs as set forth in such resolution is hereby adopted and determined to be the estimated cost of such bond financed improvements and financing, as designed to date.

Section 6. The Bond Special Election shall be held and conducted and the votes thereafter received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made and the results thereof ascertained, determined and declared as herein provided and in all particulars not herein recited such election shall be held according to the laws of the State of California and the Charter of the City (the "Charter") and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, providing for and governing elections in the City, and the polls for such election shall be and remain open during the time required by such laws and regulations.

Section 7. The Bond Special Election is hereby consolidated with the Presidential Primary Election scheduled to be held in the City on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. The voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election are hereby adopted, established, designated and named, respectively, as





the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the Bond Special Election hereby called, and reference is hereby made to the notice of election setting forth the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election by the Director of Elections to be published in the official newspaper of the City on the date required under the laws of the State of California.

Section 8. The ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election shall be the ballots to be used at the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election. The word limit for ballot propositions imposed by San Francisco Municipal Elections Code Section 510 is hereby waived. On the ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election, in addition to any other matter required by law to be printed thereon, shall appear the following as a separate proposition:

"CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BONDS, 2008. Shall the City incur \$185,000,000 of bonded indebtedness to fund certain costs associated with the construction, reconstruction, purchase and/or improvement of park and recreation facilities located within the City, under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Park Commission or under the jurisdiction of the Port Commission as further described in Section 3 of the ordinance placing this measure onto the ballot, and paying other costs necessary and convenient for effectuating those purposes, including costs connected with or incidental to the authorization, issuance and sale of the bonds; and authorizing landlords to pass-through to residential tenants in units subject to Chapter 37 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (the "Residential Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance") 50% of the increase in the real property taxes attributable to the cost of the repayment of the bonds?"

Each voter to vote in favor of the issuance of the foregoing bond proposition shall mark the ballot in the location corresponding to a "YES" vote for the proposition, and to vote against the proposition shall mark the ballot in the location corresponding to a "NO" vote for the proposition.

Section 9. If at the Bond Special Election it shall appear that two-thirds of all the voters voting on the proposition voted in favor of and authorized the incurring of bonded indebtedness for the purposes set forth in such proposition, then such proposition shall have been accepted by the electors, and bonds authorized thereby shall be issued upon the order of the Board of Supervisors. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding applicable legal limits.

The votes cast for and against the proposition shall be counted separately and when two-thirds of the qualified electors, voting on the proposition, vote in favor thereof, the proposition shall be deemed adopted.

Section 10. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds, the Board of Supervisors shall, at the time of fixing the general tax levy and in the manner for such general tax levy provided, levy and collect annually each year until such bonds are paid, or until there is a sum in the Treasury of said City, or other account held on behalf of the Treasurer of said City, set apart for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for the principal and interest on the bonds, a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on such bonds as the same becomes due and also such part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of such principal.

Section 11. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with any state law requirements, and such publication shall constitute notice of the Bond Special Election and no other notice of the Bond Special Election hereby called need be given.

Section 12. The Board of Supervisors having reviewed the proposed legislation, finds and declares (i) that the Identified Projects are categorically exempt from CEQA as described in the letter dated September 6, 2007 from the Planning Department, (ii) that the remainder of the proposed Project is excluded from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) as the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project, (iii) that the proposed Project is in conformity with the priority policies of Section

101.1(b) of the City Planning Code and, (iv) in accordance with Section 2A.53(f) of the City Administrative Code, that the proposed Project is consistent with the City's General Plan, and hereby adopts the findings of the City Planning Department, as set forth in the General Plan Referral Report, dated September 6, 2007, and incorporates said findings by reference.

Section 13. Pursuant to Section 53410 of the California Government Code, the bonds shall be for the specific purpose authorized herein and the proceeds of such bonds will be applied only to the Project described herein. The City will comply with the requirements of Sections 53410(c) and 53410(d) of the California Government Code.

Section 14. The Bonds are subject to, and incorporate by reference, the applicable provisions of San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 5.30 – 5.36 (the "Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee"). Pursuant to Section 5.31 of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee, to the extent permitted by law, one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the gross proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited in a fund established by the Controller's Office and appropriated by the Board of Supervisors at the direction of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to cover the costs of said committee.

Section 15. The time requirements specified in Section 2.34 of the San Francisco Administrative Code are hereby waived.

Section 16. The appropriate officers, employees, representatives and agents of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary or desirable to accomplish the calling and holding of the Bond Special Election, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 17. Documents referenced herein are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 071228, which is hereby declared to be a part of this ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

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## **PROPOSITION B**

### **The Deferred Retirement Option Program for Members of the Police Department.**

#### **Preamble – Section A8.900.**

(a) It is critical to the health, the safety, and economic vitality of the City and County of San Francisco, that the City be able to recruit new Police Officers, and retain veteran Police Officers. Recent experience has demonstrated that the City's Police Department has had difficulty recruiting qualified Police Officers, and, more significantly, has had difficulty retaining the services of veteran Police Officers.

(b) There is a highly competitive labor market for the services of Police Officers. Additionally, due to the historical hiring patterns in this Department, hundreds of Police Officers will become eligible for normal service retirement in the next three to five years. The City Police Department is already three hundred officers below the Charter mandated staffing level.

(c) In order to address this recruitment and this retention problem, through this measure the voters establish a voluntary Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) which would be offered to members of the Police Department in order to create an incentive for the retention of experienced Police Officers, and as well, to attract new Officers.

(d) Specifically, as well, the voters intend that this Charter provision, if adopted, shall be "cost neutral" to the City; that is, it shall not impose new costs upon the City as a consequence of the participation by Police Officers in the DROP.

(e) Finally, in order that the cost impact of the DROP may be assessed, this measure additionally provides that at the end of the third year after the implementation of the Program, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to data provided by the Police Department along with an analysis by the Controller of the City and County and the consulting actuary





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of the Retirement Board, shall determine whether the Program has been cost-neutral, and whether in light of its achievement of the goals of the measure, it should be continued for an additional three year term, and thereafter, subject to similar evaluations.

### **Section A8.901.**

#### **Eligibility to Participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.**

(a) Sworn members of the Police Department occupying the rank of Police Officer (currently Q2-Q4) at their date of entry into the Program, shall be eligible to participate in the DROP for up to a maximum of 36 months from their date of entry into the Program, provided they otherwise meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section A8.901(c). Sworn members of the Police Department occupying the ranks of Sergeant (currently Q50-Q52) and Inspector (currently 0380-0382) at their date of entry into the Program, shall be eligible to participate in the DROP of up to a maximum of 24 months from their date of entry into the Program, provided they otherwise meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section A8.901(c).

(b) Sworn members of the Police Department occupying the ranks of Lieutenant (currently Q60-Q62) and Captain (currently Q80-Q82) at their date of entry into the Program shall be eligible to participate in the Program for a maximum of 12 months from their date of entry into the Program, provided that they otherwise meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section A8.901(c). No sworn member of the Police Department occupying a rank above that of Captain shall be eligible to participate in the Program.

(c) To be eligible to participate in the DROP, a sworn member occupying one of the eligible ranks must additionally be an active employee of the San Francisco Police Department, have at least 25 years of service as a sworn member of the Department, including any service as a member of the San Francisco Airport Police, and be at least 50 years of age at the time of entry into the Program. Additionally, a member must be a "full duty sworn officer" as that term is used in Charter Section 4.127. As a condition of participation the sworn member must agree that they shall terminate their employment through retirement at the conclusion of their participation in the Program.

### **Section A8.902.**

#### **Effect of Disability on Continued Participation.**

(a) If, after a member becomes a participant in the DROP, the member shall become incapacitated for the performance of duty by reason of any bodily injury received in or illness caused by the performance of duty, said member will be eligible to apply for a retirement for incapacity and be subject to the same eligibility requirements provided elsewhere in this Charter as though the participant was not enrolled in the DROP. If a member receives a retirement for this duty related incapacity, said retirement shall be in lieu of the benefits provided in accordance with these DROP provisions, and the participant shall be paid an industrial disability retirement benefit as if the participant had never entered the DROP.

(b) If, after a member becomes a participant in the DROP, the member shall become incapacitated for the performance of duty by reason of any bodily injury received or illness not related to the performance of duty, said member will be eligible to apply to terminate participation in DROP in accordance with Section A8.906. The participant will be paid the balance credited in their DROP Account, and will begin to receive a monthly payment as determined under Section A8.903, including any cost of living adjustments to which the member would otherwise be entitled.

(c) In the event a member shall become temporarily incapacitated for the performance of duty while participating in the DROP, the member is entitled to disability benefits only as provided for in this Charter. The member is thus no longer a "full duty sworn officer," as defined in Section A8.901(c), and therefore the member's service retirement payments will be suspended for the period during which disability benefits are received. The member's DROP enrollment shall be extended for the period during which disability benefits were received, provided that this extension may not exceed one-half of the permitted maximum

participation period for the rank occupied by the member at the time of enrollment in the DROP.

(d) In the event a member who is participating in the DROP applies for a retirement for incapacity, and the application remains unresolved at the conclusion of their DROP participation period, that member must leave the DROP when their participation period concludes, but they shall be permitted to continue on disability status with the Department until such time as their application is finally determined. In no event, however, shall any such member receive the distribution of their DROP Account until their disability retirement status is finally determined.

### **Section A8.903.**

#### **The Effect of Participation in the DROP Upon Pension Benefit Calculations.**

Upon the voluntary entry of a qualified member into the DROP, that member's retirement system benefits, including survivor benefits, shall be frozen, and shall not be increased as a result of any additional service time, increase in age or compensation earned by the member while they are participating in the DROP. During the period of a member's participation in the DROP, the monthly service pension payment described herein shall be increased by any cost of living adjustment to which the member would otherwise be entitled, if retired, during the period of their participation in the DROP, pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan which applies to the member.

### **Section A8.904.**

#### **Establishment of the DROP Account.**

(a) The DROP Account is an account established for book-keeping purposes within the retirement system for each member who elects to enter DROP.

(b) Commencing with the first pay period after the entry of a member into the DROP, and for each pay period thereafter so long as the member participates in the DROP, the service pension (including any Cost of Living Adjustments) to which the member would otherwise be entitled based on their compensation, age, and length of service as of their date of their entry into the Program, shall be credited monthly into a DROP Account established within the retirement system for each individual participant.

(b) A participating member, to the extent permitted by law and regulations established by the Retirement Board and the Board of Supervisors, may direct the crediting into that member's DROP Account the dollar value of any compensatory time off, accrued unused vacation, or accrued Sick Pay, if any, to which the member may be entitled, in lieu of receiving a payout of those amounts upon the date of entry into the DROP.

(c) The DROP Account into which the member's monthly service pension is credited shall also be credited on a monthly basis with interest at an annual effective rate of four percent throughout the period of the member's participation in the DROP.

### **Section A8.905.**

#### **Rights of Surviving Spouse, Domestic Partner, or Dependents.**

(a) If a member shall die by reason of an injury received in, or illness caused by the performance of duty during the period of their participation in the DROP, the member's qualified surviving spouse, qualified registered/certified domestic partner or other qualified dependents provided for in this Charter shall receive a death allowance pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Charter as if the member had never elected to enter DROP. Whichever of the member's qualified surviving spouse, qualified registered/certified domestic partner or other qualified dependents provided for in this Charter is entitled to receive this allowance may, instead of receiving the benefit under this paragraph, elect to receive a non-work related death benefit as specified in paragraph (b) below.

(b) If a member shall die during the period of their participation in the DROP for non-work related causes, the surviving qualified spouse, qualified registered/certified domestic partner, or other qualified dependents provided for in this Charter, shall be entitled to a post-retirement continuation allowance, along with any amounts credited to the deceased member's DROP Account, determined as if the participant had



ected to voluntarily withdraw from DROP under Section A8.906 on the participant's date of death. Such payments shall be made on the basis of beneficiary elections made by the member at the time of his or her entry into DROP, and updated from time to time, as set forth in section A8.905(d).

(c) In order for a surviving spouse or registered/certified domestic partner to be qualified for the monthly allowance described in this section, the member must have been married, or have established a domestic partnership within the time limits specified by this Charter. In order for surviving dependents to be qualified for the monthly allowance described in this section, such dependents must satisfy the requirements of the retirement provisions of this Charter. In any circumstance where the eligibility requirements specify the member's date of retirement, those requirements must be met at the date of entry into DROP.

(d) A member who elects to participate in the DROP may designate a beneficiary for the proceeds of the member's DROP Account in writing, not later than the time of entry into the DROP. The member may change the designation at any time prior to the distribution of the DROP Account. If the designated beneficiary predeceases the participating member, and the member becomes deceased before designating a new beneficiary, any distribution of the proceeds of the DROP Account shall be made to the estate of the member, pursuant to law.

(e) Notwithstanding the above provisions, a member's designation of a DROP Account beneficiary shall be subject to community property obligations, if any, under applicable California law.

**Section A8.906.**

**Termination of Participation in the DROP.**

(a) A member's participation in the DROP shall be terminated, other than by death or disability, by the first occurrence of any of the following: (1) the member's completion of the applicable DROP participation period set forth in Section A8.901(a) or (b); (2) the member's voluntary termination of employment while a DROP participant; (3) involuntary termination of the member's employment; provided, however, that distribution of the member's DROP Account shall be deferred during the pendency of any hearing or appeal of the member's termination of employment. Should the member be reinstated to employment, the member may continue to participate in the DROP for the full duration of the member's original participation period. Any time during which the member was excluded from DROP participation shall not be deducted from the member's maximum participation period set forth in section A8.901(a) or (b).

**Section A8.907.**

**Employment Status of the Member During Participation in the DROP.**

(a) During the period of a member's participation in the DROP, the member shall continue to receive the regular compensation attached to the rank occupied by the member at the time of enrollment in the Program, and the member shall have all of the rights, privileges, benefits and obligations of employment, including health benefits, attached to said rank, and shall be subject to all of the other terms and conditions of active employment in their respective rank and assignment. No member shall be eligible for a promotion during the time of their participation in the DROP.

(b) Notwithstanding the continued receipt by a participating member of the regular compensation and benefits attached to the rank and assignment which they occupy during their time in the DROP, no participating member shall receive service credit or compensation credit for retirement purposes pursuant to this Charter on account of their participation in the DROP. The member shall be subject to the employee contribution, as required by this Charter for all other active members of the Police Department, into the retirement system. The city and county need not continue to make its required contributions for any DROP participant. Member contributions made during a participation in the DROP shall be deemed a contribution to the general assets of the Retirement System, and shall not be a part of the member's DROP Account.

**Section A8.908.**

**Compliance with Tax Laws.**

(a) It is the intent of the voters that the DROP shall not jeopardize in any way the tax qualified status of the retirement system under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, Section 415 of the Code, as amended.

(b) The Board of Supervisors shall adopt ordinances and the Retirement Board shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to implement the DROP, regulate investment and distribution of the DROP contributions, establish forms and procedures for designating beneficiaries of the DROP Account, and all such other matters as may be necessary, in its discretion, to implement the Program no later than July 1, 2008 and to assure its tax-qualified character.

**Section A8.909.**

**Determination of Cost Neutrality.**

(a) The implementation of the DROP shall not result in any net increase in cost to the City. This determination shall take into account the costs associated with payroll, the expenditures associated with the recruitment and training of Police Officers, the costs of conducting academies for such recruits and trainees, the Field Training Officer costs, the retirement contributions made by members participating in the DROP, and the City, and the City's share of the return on the investment of the DROP funds, along with any other cost or savings elements related to the implementation of the Program. Notwithstanding this objective, the DROP shall be given a sufficient trial period to determine whether, as implemented, it is cost-neutral to the City as so defined.

(b) Not later than April 15, in the third year after the effective date of the DROP, a joint report prepared by the Controller of the City and the consulting actuary of the Retirement System documenting the net cost effect of the Program shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board shall determine by majority vote whether, on the basis of said report, the Program shall be renewed for an additional period of time as specified by the Board, but in no event beyond an additional three years.

(c) The net cost effect of the Program shall be similarly evaluated periodically thereafter, pursuant to a schedule established by ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors by majority vote; provided, however, that in no event may such an evaluation be conducted less often than every three years after the initial evaluation.

(d) If the Board of Supervisors determines not to renew the Program, those members then enrolled shall be permitted to complete their Program participation pursuant to the terms in effect when they entered into the Program.

**Section A8.910.**

**Withdrawal or Rollover of DROP Accounts.**

(a) Upon the termination or conclusion of a member's participation in the DROP, the member shall be paid a lump sum equal to the balance in the member's DROP Account, or, pursuant to the member's instructions, that balance shall be paid as a direct rollover into a qualified retirement plan. The Retirement Board shall establish rules, and may develop such forms as may be appropriate, regarding distribution of the DROP Account proceeds, the rollover of such proceeds into a qualified retirement plan, and the time periods within such which distributions may be made.

(b) Upon the voluntary withdrawal of a member from the DROP, or the expiration of their participation period, the member shall be deemed to be retired on a service pension and shall then commence receiving directly the monthly service pension amount calculated pursuant to Section A8.903, including any cost of living adjustments to which the member would have been otherwise entitled during the time of their participation in the DROP, and shall, for all other purposes under this Charter and state law be deemed to be a retired member of the Police Department.



## ***LEGAL TEXT OF PROPOSITION C***

### **PROPOSITION C**

Currently, Alcatraz Island is administered by the Parks Dept. and is under the jurisdiction of The Federal (US Govt.) Dept. Of the Interior.

We are proposing that Alcatraz Island in the SF bay be returned to The City and County of SF for the express purpose of transforming Alcatraz Island into A (The) Global Peace Center. Shall the Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office ,City Attorney and all other pertinent city officials actively explore and facilitate the acquisition of Alcatraz Island for this purpose?

