

# SF Ballot Propositions – November 8, 2016 Election

BOMA SF PAC Recommendations – Green = Support; Red = Oppose; Black = No Position

**Prop RR - BART \$3.5 billion bond** – Average cost will be \$9/\$100k of assessed value for all properties. Could range from a minimum of .80 cents/\$100k to a maximum of \$17.49/\$100k over the life of the 30 year bond. Needs 2/3 approval to pass, collectively from SF, Contra Costa, and Alameda counties. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop A - SF Unified School District \$744,250,000 Improvement Bond** – Estimated cost to be “less than \$60/\$100k of assessed value”. Needs 55% to pass. **No Position.**

**Prop B - SF Community College parcel tax** – Will raise current \$79 per parcel tax to \$99 per parcel and extend the tax to 2032 (current CC parcel tax would expire in 2021). **OPPOSE.**

**Prop C - Amending Earthquake Loan Bond Program to Finance Affordable Housing** – Would amend the 1992 voter-passed Loan Program for UMBs to allow remaining approximately \$250M of original \$350M bond to go to financing the acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable housing. (i.e., purchase of existing private SROs, etc.) Submitted by Supervisors Peskin and Breed. Needs 2/3 voter approval. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop D - Filling Vacancies in Local Elective Offices** – Would limit the Mayor’s appointment powers when vacancies occur, and for Board of Supervisor seats, any Mayoral appointee would not be eligible to run for the office to which he/she was appointed as interim supervisor. Measure placed on ballot by Supervisors Peskin, Mar, Avalos, Kim, Campos and Yee. **OPPOSE.**

**Prop E - City Responsibility for Maintaining Street Trees** – This ordinance would transfer the responsibility for maintenance of street trees to the City, establish a street tree maintenance fund to pay for such maintenance by requiring the city to set-aside \$19 million into said fund, adjusted annually based on city revenues. Measure submitted by Supervisors Avalos, Wiener, and Mar. No parcel tax associated with this measure, but it is the intent of the Board to pay for this new responsibility from the increased revenues expected from passage of the real estate transfer tax increase measure. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop F - 16 and 17 Year Olds Voting for Municipal Elections** – This charter measure would allow youths at least 16 years of age to vote in local elections for School Board and Community College Board only. This measure was placed on the ballot by Supervisors Avalos, Campos, Kim, Mar, Wiener, and Yee. **No Position.**

**Prop G - Department of Police Accountability** – This measure would change the name of the Office of Citizen Complaint to the Department of Police Accountability. It would also have a budget allocated by the Mayor’s office rather than the Police Department, but would continue to operate under the supervision of the Police Commission. Measure submitted by Supervisors Cohen and Breed. **No Position.**

**Prop H - Office of the Public Advocate** – Would create a new Office of the Public Advocate who would review the administration of City programs, their effectiveness, and responsiveness to individual and group requests. The Public Advocate would review the management and employment practices of city officers and departments. The Public Advocate would investigate and attempt to resolve complaints from the public. Measure placed on ballot by Supervisors Campos, Avalos, Kim, Peskin, Yee and Mar. **OPPOSE.**

**Prop I - Dignity Fund** – This 20-year measure would require a set-aside to support services for seniors and adults with disabilities. It would begin with an allocation of \$38 million and increase to \$44 million in the 2017-18 budget year and \$3 million per year after that reaching \$72 million in fiscal year 2026-27. The City could freeze this contribution whenever the City faced a deficit of more than \$200 million. **No Position.**

**Prop J - Homeless Housing and Services Fund and Budget Set-Aside; Transportation Improvement Fund Budget Set-Aside** – This ballot measure would establish two new special funds/budget set-asides for homeless services (approximately \$50 million/year), and transportation projects (approximately \$100 million/year). This measure is predicated on the passage of the ¾ cents sales tax increase. This measure specifies in detail how the funds will be spent on homeless services and transportation projects/services. Placed on ballot by Mayor, Supervisors Wiener and Farrell. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop K - ¾% Sales Tax Increase** – Estimated to raise \$150 million annually of which \$100 will be dedicated to transportation needs, and \$50 million to homeless services. Needs only simple majority. Will effectively be a half-cent increase starting January 1, 2017. Placed on ballot by Mayor + 9 supervisors. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop L - SFMTA Board Appointments and Budget** – Would change current policy of all 7 members of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency being appointed by the Mayor, changing it to four appointees by the Mayor, subject to approval by the BOS, and three appointees by the Board of Supervisors. Would allow Board of Supervisors to reject the SFMTA budget by a 6 vote majority rather than the current 7 vote requirement. Placed on ballot by Supervisors Peskin, Kim, Yee, Campos, Mar, and Avalos. **OPPOSE.**

**Prop M - Housing and Development Commission** – Would establish a new commission to oversee current Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development and Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, both of which would turn into city departments. This new commission would have three appointees by the Mayor (approved by BOS), three by the Board of Supervisors and one by the Controller. Has embedded in it Supervisor Peskin’s so-called “poison pill” that would allow this new commission to set aside the Realtor’s proposed ordinance requiring competitive bidding on affordable housing projects, if that measure also passes. Proposed by Supervisors Peskin, Kim, Avalos, Campos, Yee and Mar. **OPPOSE.**

**Prop N - Non-Citizens Voting in School Board Elections** – This charter amendment would authorize San Francisco residents who are legal voting age and who are the parents or legal guardians of children in the SFUSD to vote in elections for the Board of Education, regardless of whether they are a citizen or not. Measure placed on the ballot by Supervisors Mar, Campos, Avalos, Kim, Wiener and Cohen. **No Position.**

**Prop O - Office Development in Candlestick Park/Hunters Point** – Would exclude any commercial office space development in this project from the Prop M caps of 950,000 sq. ft. per year. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop P - Competitive Bidding for Affordable Housing Projects on City-Owned Property** – This measure would require the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development to receive at least three proposals for a project after publishing the proposed project and inviting submissions and to accept the proposal with the “best value”. Also defines “best value” criteria. Placed on the ballot by SF Assn. of Realtors. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop Q - Promotion of Open and Safe Sidewalks** – “Housing Not Tents” - This measure would prohibit the placement of tent encampments on public sidewalks and give violators 24-hour written notice to vacate before being removed by DPW. Confiscated personal belongings will be stored for up to 3 months for free. Measure submitted by Supervisors Farrell, Tang, Wiener, and Cohen. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop R - Safe Neighborhoods Initiative** – Would require the Police Department, when fully staffed, to establish a neighborhood crime unit. The purpose of this unit will be to investigate neighborhood crime and to assist with 911 and 311 calls for service related to neighborhood crime. Can be amended by a 2/3 vote of the BOS. Placed on ballot by Supervisors Cohen, Tang, Wiener, and Farrell. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop S - Allocation of Hotel Tax Transient Tax** – The city currently collects a 14% occupancy tax from all hotels and spends half of the collected amount on the Moscone Center with the remaining funds either going to promote the city or going into the General Fund for any other purpose. This proposition would specifically require the City to allocate certain percentages of the remaining 50% of the funds collected from this tax to various arts organizations. It would also fund a newly established Ending Family Homelessness Fund with 6.3% of the monies collected. This initiative was placed on the ballot via a signature gathering campaign led by various local arts organizations that did not think they were being treated fairly under the current funding formula by the City for arts funding. **No Position.**

**Prop T - Prohibiting Gifts and Contributions from Lobbyists** – This measure would require lobbyists to identify which city agencies they intend to influence, prohibit them from giving any gifts to city officials (current law allows gifts up to \$25 in value), and would prohibit lobbyists from making contributions to or bundling contributions to any city elected official or candidate for city elective office. Proposed by the SF Ethics Commission. Infringes on freedom of speech; presupposes nefarious intent of lobbyists. **OPPOSE.**

**Prop U - Affordable Housing Requirements for Market-Rate Development Projects** – This measure would change the way developers can meet the affordable housing requirements by increasing the income eligibility limit for on-site rental units thus allowing for more middle-income families to qualify for such units. Placed on the ballot by the SF Association of Realtors via signature collection. **SUPPORT.**

**Prop V - Soda Tax** – Would add a 1 cent charge per ounce on sugar-sweetened beverages sold in San Francisco. This tax is a general tax measure and would go into the General Fund. Needs only a simple majority to pass. This measure proposed by Supervisor Cohen. **No Position.**

**Prop W - Transfer Tax Increase** – Affecting sales of properties \$5 million or more on an increasing scale. Sales of \$5M to \$10M would increase from \$10/\$500 to \$11.25/\$500; sales from \$10M to \$25M would be increased from \$12.50/\$500 to \$13.75/\$500; sales of \$25M or more would go from \$12.50/\$500 to \$15/\$500, a one half percent increase (2.5% - 3%). Measure proposed by Supervisor Kim to pay for City College tuitions for all residents and persons who work full time in San Francisco as well as pay for the maintenance of street trees, currently the responsibility of property owners, although neither program is guaranteed funding should this tax increase pass. SF transfer tax rate is already the highest in California. **OPPOSE.**

**Prop X - Requirement to Preserve PDR Space in San Francisco** – This measure would require conditional use authorization for replacement of any existing PDR (production, distribution and repair), Institutional Community and Arts Uses-zoned spaces in SOMA, Northeast Mission, Bayview, Potrero and Hunters Point neighborhoods converted into office, housing or retail uses. Measure proposed for ballot by Supervisor Kim. **OPPOSE.**