



## San Francisco

### Prop A - General Hospital Bond

#### Yes

If General Hospital doesn't get earthquake-safe by 2013, it has to close down. We need a bond so SF General can stay open, especially with the possibility of St. Luke's Hospital closing down.

### Prop C - Prohibit City Employees from Commissions

#### Yes

City employees serving on Board and Commissions might represent a conflict of interest. City Boards and Commissions should remain open to other folks so that they represent our diverse community.

### Prop D - Pier 70

#### Yes

Forty historic buildings at Pier 70 are in danger of deteriorating to a point of no return! Authorize the maritime district financing plan to salvage the US' oldest non-governmental dry dock, add park space and clean the area. D is a natural next step in restoring SF's historic waterfront heritage.

### Prop E - Increase Recall Requirements

#### No

This would make it too hard to have a recall. This prop would increase the number of registered voters in the City necessary to recall a citywide official to 10%, and the double the number of voters required to recall a Supervisor to 20%.

### Prop F - City Elections in Even Numbered Years

#### No

This would change the election cycle for the offices of Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer so general municipal elections only occur in even-numbered years. We don't buy the argument that this would increase voter turnout. Instead, it would turn attention away from the real issues at hand and towards the candidates.

### Prop G - Unpaid Parental Leave Credit

#### Yes

Allows city workers who took parental leave to take care of their kiddies before July 1, 2003 (when paid parental leave was granted) to be reimbursed for 2-4 months of that unpaid leave at their time of retirement. We think this is quite alright because a) workers deserve paid leave to care for their families, especially ones who struggled before worker policies were amended, b) it doesn't cost the city any extra monies. Yay workers!

### Prop I - Rate Payer Advocate

#### No

We're down with someone advocating for the average utility payer at the Public Utilities Commission but this position would be appointed by the City Administrator and would have to have at least ten years experience in utilities operations and analysis. That doesn't sound like a representative of working people in San Francisco!

### Prop J - Historic Preservation Commission

#### No

We should reuse old buildings and maintain San Francisco's beauty and charm. However, we don't need a new Historic Preservation Commission. The Planning Commission already oversees historic building preservation and future mayors and future presidents of the Board of Supervisors will have too much freedom in selecting members to the new board.

### Prop L - Community Justice Center

#### No

We like the idea of encouraging non-violent offenders to get social services at a new Community Justice Center, but not at the cost of \$1.77 million per year. How about using this money to fund the several key social services that were shut down earlier this year by budget cuts in the same communities the CJC is supposed to serve?

### Prop M - Tenant Harassment

#### Yes

M is a lengthy novel redefining what "tenant harassment" is and is a move towards giving us renters more protection from scary property management thugs and landowners on a let's-gentrify-high. We say thank the renter's gods! The more rights we have to live in our city, the merrier!

### Prop N - Real Property Transfer Tax

#### Yes

N would increase the Transfer Tax (which is a tax on property when it changes owners) from 0.75% to 1.5% if a property is worth more than \$5 million. This is a great opportunity to generate revenue for our City.

### Prop O - Phone tax for 911

#### Yes

This would replace the current 911 fee with a general phone tax to continue funding emergency services. Right now, we get charged a small fee every time we call 911. A tax on our phone lines would make sure that San Francisco emergency services are steadily funded from the City's budget.

### Prop P - Transportation Authority Board

#### No

P would kick the 11 Board of Supervisors off the Transportation Authority Board and consolidate the power in the Mayor's favor. We are not down to give more power to the mayor- these seats should be given to the workers that use public transportation!

### Prop Q - Payroll Expense Tax

#### Yes

Yes to expanding our city's sources of revenue! This law would allow the City to collect taxes from business partnerships' payrolls and decrease taxes for small businesses.

### Prop R - Renaming Sewage Plant

#### No

Why defecate on the workers of the Oceanside Water Treatment Facility by renaming it "The George W. Bush Sewage Plant?" Let's not make these workers' lives more difficult by changing the name of their workplace to something ridiculous.

### Prop S - Set-Aside Regulations

#### No

This policy would restrict our ability to set money aside in the general budget to provide key public services.

### Prop T - Substance Abuse Treatment Program

#### Yes

T for Treatment!!! This is a no-brainer that this city has been in dire need of for a HOT minute. T requires that the SF Dept. of Public Health provide free or low-cost substance abuse treatment to every person who asks for it! Duh, right? Every year the SFDPH would have to report to our Supervisors with numbers and a plan of action, and a bit of our city budget would be well spent to help out our fellow San Franciscans! Yay for Demand=Treatment!!!

### Prop U - No Funding for Iraq

#### Yes

Hey proud San Franciscans! We all know this so-called war on terror is a nightmare of death and lies, and we've known better than to support it before it began! U would make it San Francisco policy that we, our Senators, our Representatives, our Nancy Pelosi, vote NO on further funding for the war except to bring our troops home!

### Prop V - Against Terminating JROTC

#### No

The military does not belong in public high schools. We've heard high school military recruiters say that JROTC is their top recruitment tool. We support SFUSD's alternative programs for kids that don't require military involvement.

## California

### Prop 1A - High-Speed Rail

#### Yes

SF to LA in 2 1/2 hours! And extensions to Sacramento & San Diego. Gas Prices aren't going to go down and Amtrak & Greyhound take forever and are expensive options. This costs the state a lot of money, but less pollution and driving alternatives are a priority.

### Prop 2 - Treatment of Farm Animals

#### Yes

Hey there, animal-loving Californians of both the omnivore and herbivore appetite, let's have a quick chat. Whether or not we agree on eating animals for food, can we at least agree that animals who are born, raised and butchered to be tasty dinnertime should at the very least be able to stand up from their feces puddles, lie down on their slatted beds, turn around in their cages and stretch out their wings and legs during their short little sacrificial lives??? Right??? Prop 2 is one small step in the right direction against animal cruelty, which demands that all farms [particularly FACTORY FARMS] comply with these living standards by 2015 for mama pigs, li'l baby calves, and hens of the chicken/turkey/fowl variety. Yay for small family farms and one step further from disease and animal cruelty for California!

### Prop 3 - Children's Hospital Bond

#### Yes

Who can say no to healthy kids? Vote yes on 3 so our golden state can sell bonds to build, renovate and equip children's hospitals all across California.

### Prop 5 - Non-Violent Offenders

#### Yes

We love Prop 5 for two main reasons: 1) it provides for drug treatment for youth offenders where none exists and 2) it safely reduces prison overcrowding. CA State prisons are overcrowded and Prop 5 will slow the tide of non-violent drug users entering the cells and send them to clinics and medical/social professionals instead. Investing in recovery is better than investing in prisons.

### Prop 7 - Renewable Energy

#### Stand Aside

Requiring all CA utilities to generate 50% of their power from renewable energy by 2025 is a beautiful idea. Unfortunately, this measure was poorly written and has provoked a diverse group of opponents. We'll wait til a better energy initiative gets on the ballot.

### Prop 9 - "Nicholas' Law" - or - Criminal Justice System

#### No

Prop 9 would enforce ideas that are already practiced, and grants victims extended rights in phases of the criminal justice process, with the goal of making parole near impossible (even for non-violent offenders). This law would further overwhelm our already crowded prison system and could instead take millions of dollars away from other important issues facing California, with little or no benefit to the population.

### Prop 10 - Alternative Fuel Bond

#### No

Parading as a progressive step away from fossil fuels, the California Alternative Fuels Initiative would authorize \$5 billion in bonds for alternative fuels and renewable energy. Sounds good, until you find out that the initiative was written by Texas oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens, and that as owner of the largest supplier of vehicular natural gas in the US, Pickens stands to make an incredible amount of money, paid for by the California public. On top of obviously questionable motives, the initiative lacks any talk about environmental protections or regulations.

### Prop 11 - Redistricting

#### No

Although this would create a commission to draw new lines for State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization Districts, we fear this process will further disempower minority communities.

### Prop 12 - Veteran's Bond Act

#### Stand Aside

Veterans lose life and limb to serve our country, and a majority of them get the short end of the stick upon their return home. The government should definitely do more to assist veterans with becoming homeowners and leading healthy lives once they become civilians. On the other hand, we are not down with incentives to lure young people into joining the military.

Thanks for reading our November 2008 voter guide! Young Workers United researched and broke down the 34 initiatives on the ballot this November 4 so you don't have to! We're a multiracial crew of students and young and immigrant workers who are fighting for better jobs and building political power in San Francisco. That's where you come in. We need you to vote, voice your opinion, and organize with us to build a better world.

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California

**Prop B - Affordable Housing**

Yes

Affordable Housing? Sounds great to us! Instead of creating a new tax, B would set-aside 2 1/2 cents of each \$100 of assessed property value to construct and rehabilitate affordable housing for the next 15 years. Vote yes to keep SF affordable for the people who make it so sweet!

**Prop H - Options for SF Green Energy**

Yes

Yes to moving our city from fossil fuels to running on 100% clean, sustainable energy by 2040. No more corporate control of our energy!

**Prop K - Decriminalize Sex Work**

Yes!!!

Finally! Brings sex workers into the safe umbrella of equal human rights for all! This proposition demands change from the SF Task Force on Prostitution, which has spent more than \$7.6 million of our city's budget a year since 1996 on targeting and criminalizing massage parlor workers rather than their profiting bosses. K calls for the decriminalization of prostitution, ending police discrimination against sex workers on the basis of their occupation and demands that the city stop using our tax dollars to oppress, criminalize and deprive another group of workers from fair wages, safety and equal human rights on the job!!!

**Prop 4 - Parental Notification**

No

Back off! Prop 4 backers want to make access to safe abortions for teens nearly impossible. Physicians would be required to notify a minor's parents or legal guardian of her intent to have an abortion and impose a 48-hour waiting period before she can have the procedure. Young women must continue to decide what's best for them and not have to resort to dangerous, back-alley, illegal abortions.

**Prop 6 - Criminal Penalties and Laws**

No, No, No!

This should be called "New Funding to Further Criminalize Working People of Color." It would try youth as young as 14 as adults for gang-related crimes, force folks in public housing to undergo annual criminal background checks, substitute hearsay as evidence in court when a witness is unavailable, AND eliminate bail for undocumented folks on top of costing more than \$1/2 billion per year!

**Prop 8 - Limit on Marriage**

NO!

Everyone should have the equal right to get married. Stop hating. Plain and simple.

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Take this practical guide with you to the polls on November 4, 2008.

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- Prop A- Vote Yes
- Prop B- Vote Yes
- Prop C- Vote Yes
- Prop D- Vote Yes
- Prop E- Vote No
- Prop F- Vote No
- Prop G- Vote Yes
- Prop H- Vote Yes
- Prop I- Vote No
- Prop J- Vote No
- Prop K- Vote Yes!!!

- Prop L- Vote No
- Prop M- Vote Yes
- Prop N- Vote Yes
- Prop O- Vote Yes
- Prop P- Vote No
- Prop Q- Vote Yes
- Prop R- Vote No
- Prop S- Vote No
- Prop T- Vote Yes
- Prop U- Vote Yes
- Prop V- Vote No

California

- Prop 1A- Vote Yes
- Prop 2- Vote Yes
- Prop 3- Vote Yes
- Prop 4- Vote No
- Prop 5- Yes
- Prop 6- No, No, No!

- Prop 7- Stand Aside
- Prop 8- NO!
- Prop 9 - Vote No
- Prop 10 - Vote No
- Prop 11 - Vote No
- Prop 12- Stand Aside

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