

Ballot Positions
November 2008 Ballot - Local Measures

Ballot Measures	Description	SBN	Election Results	Comments
Bonds				
A	San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center Earthquake Safety Bonds, 2008	Support	Yes: 83.77 % No: 16.23 %	Significant construction project which will be under construction in FY 2009-2010.
Charter Amendments				
B	Establishing Affordable Housing Fund Using Set-Asides from Property Taxes	Oppose	Yes: 47.60 % No: 52.40 %	Budget buster that would have lead to new tax proposals in 2010.
C	Prohibiting City Employees from Serving on Charter Boards and Commissions	Oppose	Yes: 38.13 % No: 61.87 %	
D	Financing Pier 70 Waterfront District Development Plan upon Board of Supervisors' Approval	Support	Yes: 68.20 % No: 31.80 %	Part of a local, state, private partnership to restore , clean-up and redevelop this historic part of the central waterfront.
E	Changing the Number of Signatures Required to Recall City Officials	Oppose	Yes: 60.10 % No: 39.90 %	
F	Holding All Scheduled City Elections Only in Even Numbered Years	Oppose	Yes: 44.99 % No: 55.01 %	
G	Allowing Retirement System Credit for Unpaid Parental Leave	Support	Yes: 62.39 % No: 37.61 %	
H	Setting Clean Energy Deadlines; Studying options for providing energy; changing revenue bond authority to pay for Public Utility facilities.	Oppose	Yes: 38.41 % No: 61.59 %	Unwelcomed effort to begin process of taking over PG&E electric distribution in SF.
I	Creating the Office of an Independent Rate Payer Advocate	Support	Yes: 36.65 % No: 63.35 %	
J	Creating a Historic Preservation Commission	Oppose	Yes: 55.56 % No: 44.44 %	
Ordinances & Policy Declarations				
K	Changing the Enforcement of Laws Related to Prostitution and Sex Workers	Oppose	Yes: 40.78 % No: 59.22 %	Would have prevented SFPD from enforcing state laws against prostitution and sexual slavery.

L	Funding the Community Justice Center	Support	Yes: 42.56 % No: 57.44 %	Funding for Community Court program defeated, though the Board of Supervisors had already appropriated 2008-2009 funds.
M	Changing the Residential Rent Ordinance to Prohibit Specific Acts of Harrassment of Tenants by Landlords	Oppose	Yes: 58.67 % No: 41.33 %	
N	Changing Real Property Transfer Tax Rates	Neutral	Yes: 68.55 % No: 31.45 %	Chamber negotiated \$5 million threshold for higher rate, up from original \$2 million level.
O	Replacing the Emergency Response Fee with an Access Line Tax and Revising the Telephone Users Tax	Support	Yes: 66.85 % No: 33.15 %	Continues funding for city's 911 system.
P	Changing the Composition of the Transportation Authority Board	No Position	Yes: 32.86 % No: 67.14 %	
Q	Modifying the Payroll Expense Tax	Neutral	Yes: 74.22 % No: 25.78 %	Clarifies applicability of payroll tax to partner firms, but provides a tax formula negotiated by Cahmber that is favorable to business; increases small business exemption to \$250,000 payroll level.
R	Renaming the Oceanside Water Treatment Plant	No Position	Yes: 30.14 % No: 69.86 %	
S	Policy Regarding Budget Set Asides and Identification of Replacment Funds	Support	Yes: 55.75 % No: 44.25 %	
T	Free and Low-Cost Substance Abuse Treatment Programs	Oppose	Yes: 61.06 % No: 38.94 %	
U	Policy Against Funding the Deployment of Armed Forces in Iraq	No Position	Yes: 59.17 % No: 40.83 %	
V	Policy Against Terminating Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Programs in Public High Schools	Support	Yes: 54.67 % No: 45.33 %	
State Measures				
Prop 1A	High Speed Rail	Support	Yes: 52.3% No: 47.7%	State match for federal-private partnership to high speed train system from downtown SF to downtown LA and Anaheim.
Prop 8	Marriage Act	Oppose	Yes: 52.2% No: 47.8%	

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Bonds							
A	San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center Earthquake Safety Bonds, 2008	GO Bond	Mayor & Board of Supervisors	Support	Support	Support	No Position
Charter Amendments							
B	Establishing Affordable Housing Fund Using Set-Asides from Property Taxes	Charter Amendment	Daly	Oppose	No Position	Oppose	Oppose
C	Prohibiting City Employees from Serving on Charter Boards and Commissions	Charter Amendment	McGoldrick	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
D	Financing Pier 70 Waterfront District Development Plan upon Board of Supervisors' Approval	Charter Amendment	Maxwell	Support	Support	Support	Support
E	Changing the Number of Signatures Required to Recall City Officials	Charter Amendment	McGoldrick	No Position	Support	Oppose	Oppose
F	Holding All Scheduled City Elections Only in Even Numbered Years	Charter Amendment	McGoldrick	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
G	Allowing Retirement System Credit for Unpaid Parental Leave	Charter Amendment	Alioto-Pier	No Position	Oppose	Support	No Position
H	San Francisco Clean Energy Act	Charter Amendment	Mirkarimi	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
I	Creating the Office of an Independent Rate Payer Advocate	Charter Amendment	Alioto-Pier	Support	Oppose	Support	Support
J	Creating a Historic Preservation Commission	Charter Amendment	Peskin	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose

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L	Funding the Community Justice Center	Ordinance	Mayor	Support	Support	Support	Support
M	Changing the Residential Rent Ordinance to Prohibit Specific Acts of Harrassment of Tenants by Landlords	Ordinance	Supervisor Daly	No Position	Oppose	Oppose	TBD
N	Changing Real Property Transfer Tax Rates	Ordinance	Supervisor Peskin	Oppose	Support	Neutral	Oppose
O	Replacing the Emergency Response Fee with an Access Line Tax and Revising the Telephone Users Tax	Ordinance	Mayor & Board of Supervisors	Support	Support	Support	Support
P	Changing the Composition of the Transportation Authority Board	Ordinance	Mayor	Support	Oppose	No Position	TBD
Q	Modifying the Payroll Expense Tax	Ordinance	Supervisor Peskin	No Position	Support	Neutral	No Position
R	Renaming the Oceanside Water Treatment Plant	Ordinance	Citizen Initiative	No Position	Oppose	No Position	No Position
S	Policy Regarding Budget Set Asides and Identification of Replacment Funds	Ordinance	Mayor	Support	Support	Support	Support
T	Free and Low-Cost Substance Abuse Treatment Programs	Ordinance	Daly, Peskin, Mirkarimi & McGoldrick	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	No Position
U	Policy Against Funding the Deployment of Armed Forces in Iraq	Policy Declaration	Daly, McGoldrick, Ammiano, Mirkarimi & Peskin	No Position	Neutral	No Position	No Position
V	Policy Against Terminating Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Programs in Public High Schools	Policy Declaration	Michael Bernick	No Position	Support	Support	Support