

2012 Presidential Primary Election

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The 2012 Presidential Primary Election contains critical initiatives that will impact San Francisco businesses and residents. This voting guide provides the business position on the issues facing voters on June 5, 2012. Join the Chamber and SF Forward in voting for a better economic future!

VOTE NO

Proposition A

Garbage Collection and Disposal

This measure stands to undermine the city's successful efforts to reduce waste and has the potential to increase costs to ratepayers and the city's budget. By requiring the city to break its garbage collection and disposal contract into five distinct categories and purchase its own processing and transfer facilities, this measure could replace today's fairly priced, environmentally sound garbage collection system with a hodge-podge of programs operated by up to five separate companies, with a new city bureaucracy, all under the control of the Board of Supervisors. Don't mess with success. Vote No on Prop A.

Proposition B

Coit Tower Initiative

This measure attempts to limit commercial activities at Coit Tower and restrict the use of revenue generated at the popular landmark. This NIMBY-driven initiative will take an estimated \$700,000 out of the Recreation and Park Department's citywide budget – which is used to pay for recreation facilities across the city – and earmark it for the exclusive use at a single landmark in one of the most elite neighborhoods of the city. Vote No on Prop B.

VOTE YES



Proposition 28

Term Limits Reform Initiative

This initiative constitutional amendment reduces the total time a person may serve in the state Legislature from 14 years to 12 years and allows a person to serve a total of 12 years in the Assembly or the Senate, or a combination of both. Sponsored by a business-labor coalition, this much needed improvement to California's term limit law will reduce turnover and provide elected leaders with time to establish expertise so that they can better address California's long-term problems.

Proposition 29

California Cancer Research Act

This measure will increase California's current excise tax on cigarettes by \$1 and place revenues into a protected fund to finance lifesaving medical research on smoking-related illnesses, strengthen California's smoking prevention and cessation programs and enforce existing tobacco laws. Tobacco tax revenues are an appropriate source of funds to research treatments for cancer and tobacco-related illnesses. If passed, this measure will also provide an economic boost to San Francisco, making new funds available to the city's biotechnology and medical research institutions.



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