

Vote for a Better Economic Future on June 8



The June Primary Election Ballot contains critical initiatives that will impact San Francisco businesses and residents for years to come. This voting guide provides the business position on the issues facing voters on June 8, 2010. Join SF Forward in voting for jobs and government efficiency. Together we can create a better economic future!

VOTE YES

Prop 14 **California Top Two Candidates** **Open Primary**

This proposition allows voters to vote in a primary election for any statewide or Congressional candidate regardless of party affiliations. The two candidates with the most votes will then appear on the November ballot. This common sense election reform measure will lead to higher voter turnout and moderate legislators from both parties to tackle California's complex problems.

Prop 16 **Taxpayers Right to Vote**

This proposition requires local governments to win the approval of voters before spending public money or incurring public debt to get into the power business. Following California's energy deregulation, Prop 16 will ensure that voters have a say in our future energy choices.

Prop 17 **Continuous Coverage Auto** **Insurance Discount**

This proposition allows auto insurance companies to offer a discount to customers who maintain continuous automobile insurance. This proposition will save 80% of California drivers an average of up to \$250 a year and encourage more people to maintain auto insurance making our roads safer for everyone.

Measure A **Renew San Francisco School Facilities Improvement** **Parcel Tax**

This measure renews a voter approved parcel tax for repairs and improvements to San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) properties. This modest tax will fund seismic upgrades, safety improvements and needed repairs to city schools while benefiting adjacent property owners.

Measure B **Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond**

This measure allows the city to sell \$413.4 million of bonds to improve earthquake safety and emergency response infrastructure. On the heels of the Haiti and Chile earthquakes, this bond will fund vital repairs to the city's auxiliary water supply system, retrofit existing fire stations and build a new public safety building in Mission Bay.

Measure D **Pension Cost Reform**

This measure amends the city Charter to reduce skyrocketing pension benefit costs for new city employees. Measure D is good governance reform that will help address growing pension liability that threatens the fiscal solvency of San Francisco.

Measure G **High Speed Rail to Transbay** **Transit Center**

This measure reaffirms voter support for the northern terminus of the California High Speed Rail system at the TransBay Transit Center, ensuring enhanced mobility and creating 125,000 jobs

VOTE NO

Measure E **Require Police Department to Publicize** **Budget for Dignitary Security**

This measure requires the Police Department to specify in its annual budget the amount it plans to spend providing security for city officials and visiting dignitaries. This ill-conceived measure does nothing to help improve budget efficiency and will only compromise the Police Department's ability to protect city officials as it is required to do by law.

Measure F **Tenant Financial Hardship Applications**

This measure would prevent allowable rent increases for tenants who claim financial hardship due to job loss and meet other stated criteria. Protecting only a specific group of renters, this misguided measure is wrought with operational and legal challenges and places new fiscal burdens on landlords at the same time the city is requiring building owners to institute environmental and other improvements.



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