

# November Local Election Ballot

*Vote for a better economic future on November 8, 2011.*

**SF Business**

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The November Local 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 November 8, 2011. Join the Chamber and SF Forward in voting for jobs and a better economic future!

## VOTE YES

### **Proposition A School Facilities Bond**

San Francisco students deserve safe and up-to-date classrooms. This \$531 million General Obligation Bond will enable the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to complete its upgrade and rehabilitation plan and enable the district to offer better facilities for San Francisco students.

### **Proposition B Street Repair Bond**

The city has underfunded street resurfacing for decades. Prop. B will allow the city to catch-up on needed street repaving, pedestrian and bike improvements and sidewalk repairs without raising property tax rates. Prop. B is the first step in developing a long-term capital program for street and sidewalk maintenance.

### **Proposition C Pension and Health Benefit Reform (City Plan)**

Prop. C is a consensus plan that will save the city \$1 billion over the next 10 years. Prop. C will cap benefits, raise the retirement age and increase employee contributions based on a sliding wage schedule. Unlike Prop. D, it will stand up to legal challenge. Vote YES on C and NO on D.

### **Proposition E Amending Initiative Ordinances**

Our initiative system is broken and often abused. Prop. E starts us on the road to fixing this problem by allowing limited amendment to legislation placed on the ballot by the mayor or supervisors, not measures placed on the ballot by voter signature.

### **Proposition F Campaign Consultant Disclosures**

Prop. F will update disclosure and reporting requirements for campaign consultants to make them consistent with the city's current requirements for lobbyists.

### **Proposition G Sales Tax**

The state budget crisis is having a drastic impact on city services. Prop. G will allow the city to re-impose one-half of the former one percent sales tax rate to pay for vital public safety, health and human services. This temporary half cent sales tax will expire in 10 years, or earlier if the state re-imposes a higher sales tax.

### **Proposition H (Initiative) Quality Neighborhood Schools for All**

A clear school assignment system is a necessary step to keeping families in the San Francisco. Prop. H will make it city policy to provide every family with the choice to send their children to a quality neighborhood school, while still providing the opportunity for parents to send their children to schools with language immersion and other specialized programs

## VOTE NO

### **Proposition D S.F. Pension Reform (Initiative)**

While well intentioned, Prop. D may violate state law and void the pension reforms and cost savings in Prop C. The City cannot afford to risk real reform. Vote YES on C and NO on D.



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