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VOTER GUIDE

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Vote to Fix San Francisco

THIS YEAR ALONE, San Franciscans have voted in three elections. Understanding all those ballots is a lot of homework. That's why our team of policy experts, community organizers, and former City Hall-ers designed this roadmap. Our city faces multiple overlapping challenges, making this a pivotal moment in its history. We believe that our local government, together with the city's voters, has the power to turn this city around. Let's vote together.

Brooke Jenkins is a DA Focused on Accountability

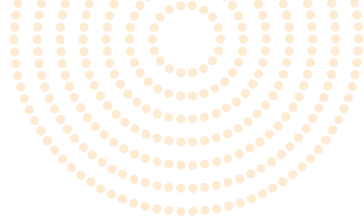
VOTE FOR JENKINS SF is at a crossroads when it comes to public safety. District Attorney Brooke Jenkins presents a **clear contrast to her predecessor**. She's an experienced prosecutor who understands that the role of her office is to **evaluate and potentially prosecute criminal actions**. She's taken bold steps to **tackle the open-air drug markets** that plague downtown, and to **address anti-Asian hate**. She's just getting started: she needs this first term to rebuild the office and **repair community relationships**, all in the service of making San Francisco safer.

Matt Dorsey's Personal is Political

VOTE FOR DORSEY With 14 years of experience working for former **City Attorney Dennis Herrera** under his belt, Supervisor Matt Dorsey has the professional and political experience necessary to succeed. In his five months serving as **District 6 Supervisor**, he has demonstrated his willingness to **address San Francisco's drug crisis head on**. With his personal connection to the issue, Dorsey is a politician that meets the moment. His relationships across the political and recovery communities make him **well-positioned to continue to deliver results**—far more so than his opponent.

Joel Engardio Gives District 4 Residents a Voice

VOTE FOR ENGARDIO A journalist for over 20 years, Joel Engardio knows how to **investigate government inefficiencies** and give residents a voice. Founder of a **public safety nonprofit**, he has demonstrated a passion for public service and good government. You can see exactly where he stands on every issue on his award-winning blog. The Board of Supervisors needs leaders like Engardio who are **willing to demonstrate courageous leadership**. Incumbent Gordon Mar has not demonstrated progress on addressing homelessness and housing.



Ann, Lainie, Lisa: ALL in for SF's Kids

Go all in for SF's kids and vote for Ann Hsu, Lainie Motamedi and Lisa Weissman-Ward for the Board of Education. All three are hard-working mothers of children in the SFUSD system, and have worked harmoniously to keep things running smoothly in their

short time in office. They've demonstrated a commanding knowledge of and pragmatic approach to issues pertinent to SFUSD, including budgeting and academics. Furthermore, they stood firm together and **preserved Lowell's merit-based admissions system and denied**

a whimsical \$4 million virtual school that the previous board would have allowed without pause. Each of their individual backgrounds makes them distinctly qualified: Weissman-Ward is an attorney, and works at **Stanford University**; Hsu started and ran a **successful food business**; and Motamedi has been deeply involved in SFUSD budget matters for years as a member of the **Public Education Enrichment Fund Community Advisory Committee**. Together, they **forgo the type of ineffective performative politics** that dominated the previous school board. Instead, they are laser-focused on the thing that matters most: school-aged children and bettering their education.

Taxing Empty Homes Won't Increase Housing

NO ON M This measure would place a creeping tax on landlords who don't rent out one of the (alleged) 40,000 empty units in San Francisco. This measure is based on fuzzy math, and **doesn't do anything to actually solve our city's housing problem**, despite their supporters' claims that it would.

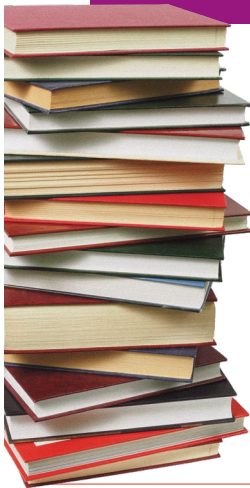
Two Near-Identical Affordable Housing Measures Duel

YES ON D **NO ON E** Propositions D and E sound alike on the surface, but **only one will actually make building affordable housing easier**. Proposition D seeks to shorten the permitting and approvals timeline by implementing a "Yes/No" process if a housing project qualifies under Prop D's guidelines. **Qualified projects can get approved in just four to six months**, which means more housing for more people, faster. On the other hand, Prop E has so many restrictions for projects to qualify that it would not actually speed up any projects. **Prop E's sole purpose is to be a counterfeit version of Prop D to confuse voters.**



Prop L is Essential for Transit

YES ON L Prop L is **not a new tax**, but a continuation of an existing half-cent sales tax that is a **critical funding source for our City's transportation infrastructure**. This nominal tax has helped create projects like the Presidio Parkway, the electrification of Caltrain, and the Van Ness improvement project. This funding source also supports ongoing smaller projects like pedestrian improvements and general maintenance. It is vital for our City's transportation infrastructure and **it is imperative that it passes**.



The SF Public Library Remains as Vital as Ever

YES ON F Proposition F would **renew funding of the Library Preservation Fund** for another 25 years —**it does not raise taxes**. The San Francisco Public Library is **customer service-focused, well-run, and community-centered**. SFPL has been responsive to the evolving needs of residents and **played an integral role in providing education** during the pandemic. It deserves to be consistently well-funded.

CCSF Needs Oversight, Not Funds

NO ON O Prop O is a brand-new parcel **tax on residential and commercial properties** in San Francisco that will fund City College of San Francisco (CCSF). Voters passed a parcel tax in 2012 and a transfer tax in 2016 to fund CCSF, but **enrollment continues to decline and the college is still plagued by fiscal issues**. CCSF has deep structural problems, and these funds will not address them. Plus, San Francisco **homeowners already pay \$700 annually** in direct charges and special assessments for SFUSD and Community College District. We cannot support increasing taxes to pay for an institution that is unable to exercise sound fiscal oversight and governance.

The Battle Over JFK Drive Continues

YES ON J & N **NO ON I**

Three props relate to Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway. Unfortunately, the massive citywide fight over **closing a 1.5-mile stretch of JFK Drive** is distracting from the real issues. **We support Prop J, which maintains the status quo**: there's car access to the museums, improved shuttle access, increased ADA parking, and bike and pedestrian safety has improved. Prop N will allow the City to make the parking garage beneath the de Young cheaper to use for everyone. However, the de Young Museum is capitalizing on anti-closure sentiments and is trying to reopen both JFK Drive and the Great Highway with Prop I. Voting yes on J and N and no on I **most fairly balances the needs of all parties**—let's cast our votes and move on.



Where'd Prop K Go?

Intended as a tax on Amazon to fund universal basic income programs for select people, Prop K's poor wording meant it would have taxed small businesses, not Amazon. Its own authors petitioned to remove it from the ballot—a perfect example of why special interests shouldn't write tax code.

Prop G Isn't What It Seems

NO ENDORSEMENT This prop makes it possible for **SFUSD schools to apply for \$1 million grants** over 15 years. We know students are in dire need of services, but **we'd rather see money be directed toward addressing the district's critical issues**. Instead, Prop G would **increase reliance on nonprofits to get money for services for kids** and **expand bureaucratic barriers**. We're not telling you to vote no on G because it is, ultimately, money for kids—but we don't support it in practice.

Hitting “Undo” on Splitting DPW

YES ON B Prop B walks back a decision by voters in 2020 to split the Department of Public Works (DPW) into two departments as a response to its highly-publicized corruption scandal. The 2020 decision created two departments, each with their own commission to oversee them. 2022's Prop B will eliminate one department but keep the commission. While we aren't a fan of commissions (see below), we're **even less interested in spending millions to create duplicate departments**.

No. More. Commissions.

NO ON C Prop C would create a commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (DHS). We will reiterate that **commissions do not lead to sufficient oversight**. If they did, every City department would be incredibly well-run, as there are 100+ commissions and other governing bodies in SF. We are horrified by the state of homelessness, but **we cannot support the addition of a new government body** to do what the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors are responsible for.

Get Out the Vote

YES ON H Prop H would **increase voter turnout in some of our city's most important elections** by moving those elections from **odd-numbered years to even-numbered years**, when most conventional elections are. It also slightly alters how many signatures it takes for citizens to put initiatives on the ballot, though **the main focus is on increasing voter participation**.

Yes to Money For Seniors

YES ON A Prop A would help **4,500 retired City workers keep up with rising inflation by correcting a past error that blocked adjustments to their retirement funds**. The increased payment is expected to cost the City a reasonable \$5.9 million every year for the next 10 years, and ensures **the lowest-income retirees will benefit the most**.



THE CHEAT SHEET

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor

✔ GAVIN NEWSOM

Lieutenant Governor

✔ ELENI KOUNALAKIS

Secretary of State

✔ SHIRLEY WEBER

Controller

✔ MALIA COHEN

Treasurer

✔ FIONA MA

Attorney General

✔ ROB BONTA

Insurance Commissioner

⊘ NO ENDORSEMENT

US Senator

✔ ALEX PADILLA

Board of Equalization Member

⊘ NO ENDORSEMENT | D2

US Representative*

✔ NANCY PELOSI | CA-12

✔ KEVIN MULLIN | CA-14

Assembly*

✔ MATT HANEY | D17

⊘ NO ENDORSEMENT | D19

Superintendent of Education

⊘ NO ENDORSEMENT

Board of Education

✔ ANN HSU

✔ LAINIE MOTAMEDI

✔ LISA WEISSMAN-WARD

City College Board of Trustees (Regular Election)

✔ JILL YEE

⊘ NO ENDORSEMENT

⊘ NO ENDORSEMENT

City College Board of Trustees (Special Election)

✔ DR. MURRELL GREEN

BART Board of Directors

✔ JANICE LI | D8

Assessor-Recorder

✔ JOAQUÍN TORRES

Public Defender

✔ MANOHAR RAJU

District Attorney

✔ BROOKE JENKINS

Board of Supervisors*

✔ CATHERINE STEFANI | D2

✔ JOEL ENGARDIO | D4

✔ MATT DORSEY | D6

✔ RAFAEL MANDELMAN | D8

⊘ NO ENDORSEMENT | D10

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

Yes on Prop A

INCREASED ACCESS TO RETIREE BENEFITS

Yes on Prop B

CHANGES TO STREET SANITATION OVERSIGHT

*Since these elected officials will represent specific districts, you will only see the official running to represent you, based on where you live, on your ballot. We've listed all the possible candidates, so your ballot may look different than what's listed here.

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No on Prop C

HOMELESSNESS
OVERSIGHT
COMMISSION

Yes on Prop D

AFFORDABLE HOMES NOW

No on Prop E

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PRODUCTION ACT

Yes on Prop F

LIBRARY PRESERVATION
FUND

No Endorsement on Prop G

STUDENT SUCCESS FUND

Yes on Prop H

VOTER PARTICIPATION ACT

No on Prop I

ACCESS FOR ALL

Yes on Prop J

GOLDEN GATE PARK
ACCESS AND SAFETY
PROGRAM

Prop K: Removed

PROP K WAS REMOVED
FROM THE BALLOT BY COURT
ORDER—SEE PREV. PAGE

A Note About Our Candidate Choices

San Francisco uses ranked-choice voting, which allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. This election, we've only endorsed one candidate per office, since we believe in them so wholeheartedly that we do not recommend ranking any additional candidates.

Yes on Prop L

SALES TAX CONTINUATION
FOR TRANSPORTATION

No on Prop M

VACANT HOMES TAX

Yes on Prop N

GOLDEN GATE
CONCOURSE AUTHORITY

No on Prop O

ADDITIONAL PARCEL
TAX FOR CITY COLLEGE

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

Yes on Prop 1

ABORTION RIGHTS

No Endorsement on Prop 26

LEGALIZING SPORTS BETTING
ON TRIBAL LAND

No Endorsement on Prop 27

LEGALIZING ELECTRONIC
SPORTS BETTING

No Endorsement on Prop 28

ARTS FUNDING IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

No on Prop 29

DIALYSIS CLINIC
REGULATIONS

No on Prop 30

MILLIONAIRE'S TAX FOR
ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Yes on Prop 31

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CERTAIN FLAVORED
TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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