

## D5 Action: Endorsements for November 2016

Proposition	Vote
B – \$20 increase to the parcel tax for City College	YES
C – Affordable housing with no new taxes	YES
D – Let’s elect our elected officials!	YES
E – Give responsibility for street trees back to the city	YES
F – Vote 16! (Allow 16-year-olds to vote in local elections)	YES
H – Create a Public Advocate to investigate complaints about city services and programs	YES
I – Create a Dignity Fund	YES
J – Set aside funding to address homelessness and transportation problems	YES
K – Create a sales tax to fund Proposition J	YES
L – Allow Supervisors to appoint 3 of 7 MTA board members (currently, the Mayor appoints all)	YES
M – Create an oversight commission to make recommendations about proposed developments and affordable housing	YES
N – Let non-citizen parents with children in public schools vote in School Board elections	YES
P – Make it more difficult to build affordable housing by increasing red tape	NO
Q – Another law to criminalize being homeless. We have enough laws, let’s fund some services!	NO
R – Mandatory reassignment of police officers	NO
T – Limit gifts and campaign contributions from lobbyists	YES
U – Make it harder for low-income households to find affordable housing	NO
V – Tax soda distributors and improve public health	YES
W – Increase real estate transfer tax on properties sold for more than \$5 million	YES

### Prop B – Renew the parcel tax for City College: Vote Yes!

We need to keep this marvelous, affordable college open! This proposition would increase the parcel tax for City College from \$79 per year to \$99. A 2/3 Yes vote is needed to pass Prop B. Vote Yes!

### Prop C – Affordable housing with no new taxes: Vote Yes!

Allows the \$261 million left over from the 1992 seismic safety bond to be spent rehabilitating multiunit buildings, including making safety upgrades, such as soft-story seismic retrofits and improving fire safety. Also allows non-profits to acquire and convert at-risk buildings to permanently affordable housing. It includes new oversight and transparency **but no new costs to taxpayers.**

### Prop D – Let’s elect our elected officials! Vote Yes!

Prop D limits the time an appointee can serve on the Board of Supervisors before an election is held. If the Mayor fills a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors, the appointee could serve for a maximum of 180 days. The appointee could not run for the same seat in that initial election. Prop D balances power between the executive and legislative branches of government and gives district voters a stronger voice about who represents them at City Hall.

### Prop F – Vote 16: Vote Yes.

Prop F allows 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in SF elections. The United States has low voter turnout, but if youth begin voting before age 18, while they are still embedded in their communities, they are more likely to continue voting as adults.

### Prop H – Public Advocate: Vote Yes.

Prop H establishes a new, elected Public Advocate. The Public Advocate would have the responsibility to investigate, analyze, address, and try to resolve systemic problems in city departments and services. We need true oversight and public advocacy. This legislation is a step in that direction.

### Prop I – Dignity Fund: Vote Yes.

This creates a Dignity Fund, a stable funding source for vital city programs serving 25% of SF’s residents: seniors, adults with disabilities, veterans and those with chronic illnesses, including HIV infection and AIDS. This creates **no new taxes**, just security.

**Prop L – MTA appointments and budget: Vote Yes!**

Prop L aims to make the SFMTA's Board of Directors more accountable and representative. It splits the authority for making appointments, with Supervisors choosing three directors and the Mayor choosing four, and it requires the board to reflect the diverse population and communities served by the MTA. Two appointees must have significant knowledge of public transportation. Four must be regular riders of Muni or paratransit services and they must continue to use these services during their terms.

**Prop M – Oversight commission for affordable housing: Vote Yes!**

Prop M would bring in citizen oversight for the powerful Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD). On the new Housing and Development Commission, three members would be appointed by the Mayor, three by the Supervisors and one by the Controller. Prop M will ensure the public gets more say over programs such as affordable housing, job training and big city real-estate deals. Prop M also invalidates stinky Props P and U.

**Prop N – Electing the School Board: Vote Yes.**

Vote YES on Prop N to let non-citizen parents and guardians of children in San Francisco schools vote in School Board elections. One of every three students in SF schools has an immigrant parent. Engaging non-citizen parents is important to ensure our schools represent the whole community. Non-citizen parents pay taxes to fund our schools; they should have a say in who runs them.

**Prop P – Bidding for affordable housing projects: Vote No, No, No!**

Prop P was put on the ballot by the Realtors Association. It requires SF to get a minimum of three bids for any affordable housing proposal; if there aren't three bids, the proposal has to be reissued until there are three. Now, the city usually receives only one or two bids, so this proposition would require the city to reject those bids until an arbitrary minimum of three bids was received, delaying or stopping many affordable housing projects. This proposition will increase red tape and make it harder to build affordable housing.

**Prop Q – Another law to criminalize being homeless: Vote No!**

Prop Q would make it illegal to pitch a tent on the sidewalk (even though it already is illegal). Prop Q states that with 24 hours' notice and an offer of shelter or "homeless services" (such as transportation out of town) the city can remove someone's tent and store their personal property for up to 90 days. D5 Action opposes this proposition because it does not add any housing or shelter beds. The only requirement is to offer one night of shelter, after which homeless people removed from their tents will be back on the street without protection from the rain, wind and cold. There are already 800 people on the shelter waitlist.

**Prop R – Mandatory reassignment of police officers: Vote No!**

Prop R would create a centralized Neighborhood Crime Unit within the Police Department. The 60 officers (3% of full staffing of the Police Department) will be assigned to focus on neighborhood crimes, "unlawful street behavior" and to promote "civil sidewalks." D5 Action opposes Prop R because it moves 60 officers from district stations to a centralized unit, was placed on the ballot without input from the Police Commission, sets no standards for community policing, and targets the homeless for political gain.

**Prop T – Limit gifts and campaign contributions from lobbyists: Vote Yes.**

Prop T requires lobbyists to identify which City agencies they intend to influence. It prohibits lobbyists from giving gifts to city officials and prohibits city officials from accepting gifts. A lobbyist also won't be able to donate to an elected official or candidate for office if the lobbyist had been registered to lobby the official's agency within 90 days of the date a contribution is made.

**Prop U - Increase income eligibility for affordable housing: Vote No, No, No!**

Like Prop P, this was put on the ballot by the Realtors Association. Currently, people can apply for affordable housing units if they make up to 55% of the area median income (AMI). Prop U would double that to 110% of the AMI. Proponents claim this will increase housing for middle-income people, but it will just make the wait list longer for low-income people. Worse yet, it's retroactive, reclassifying existing affordable units to the higher income level. Landlords would have a strong incentive to evict low-income tenants.

**Prop V – Soda tax: Vote Yes.**

Prop V is the soda tax. This 1¢-per-ounce levy on distributors of sugar-sweetened drinks should bring in about \$15 million a year. A committee including experts in obesity, diabetes and oral health will advise the Mayor on the tax's effectiveness and on programs to cut consumption of sugary drinks. Diabetes and obesity are major health crises in America. Coke, Pepsi and their friends have spent \$10 million in SF to persuade you the tax will hurt poor communities and corner stores. It won't. Vote Yes on Prop V for health.

**Prop W – Increase transfer tax on luxury properties: Vote Yes.**

Prop W affects only people selling property worth \$5 million or more, and increases the transfer tax by one-half of 1 percent or less. Wealthy people are moving to San Francisco and so are speculators, making it difficult for many local people to stay housed and in the city. Prop W is expected to add a badly needed \$27 million to the city's general funds. Vote YES!