

**Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on Tuesday, March 2, 2010**  
Earthquake Bond (*working title only, subject to change*)

**The Way It Is Now:**

The City's fire and police departments rely on a variety of facilities and infrastructure. These include:

- Neighborhood fire stations and other facilities to support the fire department.
- Neighborhood police stations and a police command headquarters. The southern district police station and the police command headquarters are currently located in the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street. The Hall of Justice does not meet current earthquake code and the southern district police station and police command center might not be able to operate after a major earthquake.
- An Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS) that provides a separate water supply system for fighting fires. This system includes a reservoir, pipes, cisterns, pump stations and high-pressure fire hydrants.

With the approval of the voters, the City may issue general obligation bonds to pay for capital projects such as building or renovating fire and police stations and the AWSS. Property tax revenues pay for the principal and interest on general obligation bonds.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_ is a bond measure that would authorize the City to borrow up to \$412,300,000 by issuing general obligation bonds to fund capital projects to improve fire, earthquake and emergency response in the City.

Projects funded by the bond proceeds could include:

- Construction, renovation and retrofitting of fire stations, facilities and infrastructure to improve earthquake safety and emergency response.
- Construction of a new Public Safety Building in Mission Bay. The Public Safety Building would house the police command headquarters, the southern district police station, and a new neighborhood fire station.
- Upgrades to the City's Auxiliary Water Supply System, including renovations and seismic retrofitting.

These projects are only proposals. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors would review the proposals and approve the final list of projects.

Proposition \_\_ would require the Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to provide independent oversight of the spending of bond funds. One-tenth

of one percent (0.1%) of the bond funds would pay for the Committee's audit and oversight functions.

Proposition \_\_\_ would allow an increase in the property tax to pay for the bonds. It would permit landlords to pass 50% of the resulting property tax increase to tenants.

Two-thirds of the voters would have to approve this measure for it to pass.

**A “YES” Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want the City to issue \$412,300,000 in general obligation bonds, subject to independent oversight and regular audits, for construction, renovation, and seismic retrofitting of firefighting and law enforcement buildings and infrastructure. Landlords would be allowed to pass 50% of any increase in property taxes to tenants.

**A “NO” Vote Means:** If you vote “no,” you do not want the City to issue these general obligation bonds for construction, renovation, and seismic retrofitting of firefighting and law enforcement buildings and infrastructure.

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