

Relocation of Professional Sports Teams*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Deadline to Request Reconsideration: TBD

The Way It Is Now: The City's professional sports teams include the San Francisco Giants baseball team. The San Francisco 49ers football team plays its home games in Santa Clara.

The Golden State Warriors basketball team currently plays its home games in Oakland, but will start playing its home games in San Francisco when the Chase Center, a multi-purpose arena under construction in San Francisco's Mission Bay neighborhood, is completed. This arena is expected to be open for the Warriors' 2019-20 season.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would adopt a policy providing that the City will not invite, entice, encourage, cajole, or condone the relocation of any professional sports team that has previously established itself in another city and has demonstrated clear and convincing support from community and fans for at least 20 years and is profitable.

This measure would also adopt a policy that the City take a stand against any sports team ownership group that attempts to avoid payment of an outstanding public debt.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to make it City policy not to encourage professional sports teams from other cities to move to San Francisco and to take a stand against any sports team ownership group that attempts to avoid payment of an outstanding public debt.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to adopt these City policies.

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