

Ballot Simplification Committee

Approved digest-Friday, August 1, 2014: Packard, Fasick, Fraps, Jorgensen, Unruh

Requests for Reconsideration due Monday, August 4, by 12:00 p.m.

Golden Gate Park Athletic Fields *(working title only, subject to change)*

THE WAY IT IS NOW:

The City's Recreation and Park Department operates and maintains Golden Gate Park (Park). The Park includes athletic fields located west of Crossover Drive which begins on the north side of the Park at 25th Avenue and ends on the south side at 19th Avenue.

The largest of the athletic fields west of Crossover Drive are the Polo Fields and the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields. These fields are all natural grass and do not have lights to allow for nighttime sports activities.

The Recreation and Park Commission, the Planning Commission and the California Coastal Commission have approved a project that includes replacing the grass at Beach Chalet Athletic Fields with artificial turf. That plan would also install field lighting to allow for nighttime use.

This voter initiative opposes the artificial turf and nighttime lighting, stating that they negatively affect health, wildlife and the surrounding environment.

THE PROPOSAL:

Proposition ___ would require the City to maintain all athletic fields in Golden Gate Park west of Crossover Drive as natural grass.

Proposition ___ would also prohibit nighttime sports field lighting in these areas.

A "YES" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "yes," you want to require the City to keep natural grass at all athletic fields in Golden Gate Park west of Crossover Drive and to prohibit nighttime sports field lighting in these areas.

A "NO" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "no," you do not want to require the City to keep natural grass at all athletic fields in Golden Gate Park west of Crossover Drive and you do not want to prohibit nighttime sports field lighting in these areas.

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