

Appointment of Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors



PROPOSITION D

Shall the President of the Board of Supervisors nominate three members and the Mayor nominate four members to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, and shall the members be prevented from serving as "hold-overs"?

YES ←
NO ←

Digest

by the Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The City's Municipal Transportation Agency (or "MTA") runs the Municipal Railway and the Department of Parking and Traffic. A seven-member board of directors oversees the MTA. Each member must have certain professional or practical experience related to the work of the MTA.

The Mayor appoints all seven members, who are confirmed by the Board of Supervisors after a public hearing. The members are appointed to four-year terms. After a member serves a term, he or she may continue to serve as a "hold-over" until reappointed or replaced.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition D is a Charter amendment that would allow the President of the Board of Supervisors to nominate three of the seven members of the MTA Board of Directors. The Mayor would nominate the other four members. Each nomination would be confirmed by the full Board of Supervisors. In addition to the qualifications that apply to all members of the MTA Board, at least one member nominated by the President of the Board of Supervisors must have a physical disability.

After a member of the MTA Board of Directors has served a term, the position would be vacant until the member is either reappointed or replaced. Members could not continue to serve as "hold-overs."

The current MTA Board of Directors would leave office April 30, 2006. Seven new members would take office on the same date. Three of the new members would serve for two years to stagger the terms of the new MTA Board members.

A "YES" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "yes," you want the President of the Board of Supervisors to nominate three members and the Mayor to nominate four members to the MTA Board of Directors.

A "NO" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

Controller's Statement on "D"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition D:

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would not increase the cost of government.

How "D" Got on the Ballot

On July 19, 2005 the Board of Supervisors voted 7 to 4 to place Proposition D on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:
Yes: Supervisors Ammiano, Daly, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin and Sandoval.
No: Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Dufty, Elsbernd and Ma.

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES 50%+1 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS.

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