

## **Police Staffing\***

**Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**Members:** Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

**Deadline to Request Reconsideration:** 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29

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**The Way It Is Now:** In 1994, San Francisco voters approved a change to the City Charter (Charter) that requires the San Francisco Police Department (Police Department):

- To have at least 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers; and
- To maintain a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol.

Among its duties, the San Francisco Police Commission (Police Commission) oversees the budget and staffing of the Police Department.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_\_\_ is a Charter amendment that would remove the requirements that the Police Department maintain a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers and a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol and replace them with regular evaluations of police staffing levels.

Under Proposition \_\_\_\_, the Chief of Police would provide a report to the Police Commission that evaluates the current number of full-duty sworn police officers and the number of officers recommended in the future. The Police Commission would hold a public hearing on the report.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to remove the City Charter requirement that the San Francisco Police Department maintain a minimum of 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers and replace the requirement with regular evaluations of police staffing levels.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.