

8-5-20 David Pilpel BSC Words you need to know 8-5-20 Suggestions

Here are my suggestions for the "Words you need to know" document. I have included the working text in regular font with my alternate language as tracked changes. I recommend these changes to increase accuracy and clarity.

**Words You Need to Know (This working list is subject to change)**

<b>Word</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Proposition	All			Any ballot measure that is submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval.
Behavioral health facilities	Bond			Public health facilities for people who need mental health or substance abuse services.
Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee	Bond			A City Body that monitors how money from general obligation bonds is used. Members are appointed by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the Controller and the Civil Grand Jury.
General Obligation Bond	Bond			A promise issued by a government agency to pay back money borrowed, plus interest, by a certain date. The government agency repays the money borrowed, plus interest, with property taxes. General obligation bonds must be approved by a two-thirds vote of San Francisco voters.
Open spaces	Bond			Undeveloped land that is available to the public for parks or recreation.
Advisory body	Citizenship			A group of people appointed to make recommendations to a City board, commission or department.
Board or Commission	Citizenship			A policy body created by the Charter or an ordinance to perform certain government functions and whose members are elected or appointed.
City Body	Citizenship			A City board, commission or advisory body.
Ordinance	Citizenship			A local law approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor or by the voters.

Registered voter	Citizenship			A person who has registered with the Department of Elections, is a United States citizen, is a San Francisco resident, is at least 18 years old on election day, is not in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and is not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.
Administrative Office Tax	Exec	Overhaul		A tax on a business based on its payroll expense that applies to businesses with more than \$1 billion in gross receipts, more than 1,000 employees nationwide and an administrative office in San Francisco.
Compensation	Exec			Generally wages, salaries, commissions, bonuses, and property (including stock options) given, issued or transferred in exchange for performing work or services.
Gross receipts	Exec	Overhaul		The total amount of money a business receives, in whatever form, for its products and services.
Gross receipts tax	Exec	Overhaul		A tax generally based on the total gross receipts a business receives in San Francisco.
Highest paid managerial employee	Exec			The person in a business with managerial responsibility who received the most compensation in a tax year.
Payroll expense tax	Exec	Overhaul		A tax generally based on the amount a business spends on compensation.
Top Executive Pay	Exec			The compensation that the highest paid managerial employee was paid in a tax year.
Provisional ballot	FAQ			A voted ballot that will not be counted until the Department of Elections verifies the voter's eligibility to vote.

Qualified write-in candidate	FAQ			A person who has completed the required paperwork and signatures to be included as a write-in candidate. Although this person's name will not appear on the ballot, voters can vote for this person by writing the person's name in the space on the ballot provided for write-in votes [and following specific instructions]. The Department of Elections counts write-in votes only for qualified write-in candidates.
Vote-by-mail ballot	FAQ			Also known as absentee ballots, these are ballots mailed to voters or given to voters in person at the Department of Elections. Vote-by-mail ballots can be mailed to the Department of Elections, turned in on or before Election Day at the Department of Elections office in City Hall or at the City Hall Voting Center (for the November 3, 2020 election, located outdoors in front of the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium at 99 Grove Street), or turned in on Election Day at any polling place in California.
Low income	Housing			Eighty percent (80%) of area median income [does AMI then need a definition?].
Nonprofit	Housing			An entity that is generally organized for a charitable or public purpose and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
Rental housing project	Housing			A property development including houses, apartments or other living spaces that is available for rent.
Permitted use	Neighborhood Commercial Districts			A property use consistent with the applicable zoning requirements that does not require special review or approval by the City.
Planning Commission	Neighborhood Commercial Districts			The City Body that adopts and maintains a comprehensive, long-term general plan for future improvement and development and approves conditional uses.

Workspace	Neighborhood Commercial Districts			Space in a retail or other commercial building that is made available to the general public for work on an hourly or daily basis.
Baseline Funding	Overhaul			A minimum amount of money that the City spends each year for certain City services approved by the voters, including libraries, parks and recreation, public education, street trees, supportive services for older adults, transportation and youth programs.
Business Registration Fee	Overhaul			An annual fee paid by a business that generally varies based on the business's activities and its gross receipts in San Francisco.
Early Care and Education Commercial Rents tax	Overhaul			A tax paid by a business that has gross receipts from leasing commercial space. Money from this tax is spent on early [child?] care and education.
Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax	Overhaul			A tax paid by a business that has more than \$50 million of gross receipts in San Francisco. Money from this tax is spent on services for people experiencing homelessness.
<b>Revenue</b> (specifically as used in the section of the Business Tax Overhaul measure which states, "A 'YES' Vote Means")	Overhaul			Money collected if the City loses the lawsuit regarding the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax and starts collecting a new tax on gross receipts from the lease of certain commercial space and/or if the City loses the lawsuit regarding the Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax, resulting in an increase in the gross receipts tax and administrative office tax rates on certain businesses.
Full-duty	Police			Police officers who are fully able to perform police duties.
Neighborhood policing	Police			An approach to policing that emphasizes relationships with the community.
Community schools	SFUSD			Public schools that develop partnerships with the community to bring programs and services into schools, including after-school, summer enrichment, physical and mental health, food, tutoring and mentoring, and parent education and engagement.

Parcel tax	SFUSD			A tax on land and structures [private property?] in the City.
Professional development	SFUSD			Programs for teachers to obtain additional education, training, mentorship or certification.
Public charter school	SFUSD			A school funded by the public but operated by an independent private organization.
Tax year	SFUSD			Starts on July 1 of a calendar year and ends on June 30 of the following year.
Taxable property	SFUSD			A land or structure [parcel?] subject to a parcel tax.
Teacher	SFUSD			A person who teaches students, assists in teaching students, supervises students or provides administrative support for people who teach students.
Sworn employee or sworn police officer	Sheriff	Police		An employee of a law enforcement agency, including a Police or Sheriff's Department, who is authorized under state law as a law enforcement officer, is authorized to carry a firearm, has the power to make arrests and carries a law enforcement badge.
Affordable housing	Transfer			Housing available to households within certain income limits.
General Fund	Transfer			The part of the City's budget that can be used for any City purpose. Money for the General Fund comes from taxes and fees on property, businesses, sales and other activities.
Qualified affordable housing nonprofit	Transfer			A nonprofit that participates in the City's Community Opportunity to Purchase Act and shows a commitment to affordable housing, community engagement and the capacity to acquire and manage housing properties.
Revenue	Transfer	Exec	Overhaul	Money from most taxes and fees paid to the City, along with money paid to the City by the State of California when it requires the City to establish a new program or increase the service level of an existing program.
Transfer tax	Transfer			A tax that generally applies when [private?] property is passed from one person or entity to another.

Charter	Youth	Public Works	Police Staffing; Citizenship; Sheriff.	The Charter is the City's constitution, adopted by San Francisco voters, that describes how the City is governed. The Charter can only be changed by a majority vote of San Francisco voters.
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That's what I have on this one. I'm sorry that it is so complicated, but I hope that it helps. Thanks. DP