

## **Affordable Housing Authorization\***

**Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**Status:** Draft for Consideration  
**On:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020  
**Members:** Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

**Deadline to Request Reconsideration:** TBD

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**The Way It Is Now:** The City has a number of programs to increase the supply of affordable housing in San Francisco including:

- creating, preserving, and improving affordable housing,
- converting market-rate housing to permanent affordable housing,
- providing loans to assist with down payments, and
- helping eligible homeowners and renters stay in their homes.

The State Constitution requires approval by a majority of San Francisco voters before:

- the City may develop, construct, or acquire low-income rental housing projects, or
- private entities, such as nonprofit organizations and private companies, may develop, construct, or acquire low-income rental housing projects with financial assistance from public agencies.

Through Proposition C on the November 6, 2012 ballot, the voters authorized the development of up to 30,000 low-income rental units in the City by private entities, with financial assistance from public agencies.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_ would authorize the City to own, develop, construct, or acquire 10,000 low-income rental housing units. This authorization is separate from the 30,000 low-income rental units authorized by the voters in 2012.

Under Proposition \_\_, the City may directly develop, construct, or acquire these low-income rental housing units without working with any nonprofit organizations or private companies.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to develop, construct, or acquire up to 10,000 low-income rental housing units in the City.

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

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