

Police Staffing*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

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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 it 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 requirements that the San Francisco Police Department maintain a minimum of 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers and a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol.

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