

Golden Gate Park Music Concourse Parking Garage *

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Status: Draft for Consideration
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Members: Packard, Anderson, Merrill, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: TBD

The Way It Is Now: The Recreation and Park Commission (Commission) oversees and sets policies for the Recreation and Park Department. The Recreation and Park Department manages City parks, playgrounds and recreation centers, including most of Golden Gate Park.

The Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park is located between the de Young Museum and the California Academy of Sciences. In June 1998, the voters approved a measure creating a nonprofit organization called the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority (Authority). Under this measure:

- the City set aside land in and near the Music Concourse for the Authority to construct and operate an underground parking garage;
- the City could not use public funds to construct the garage; and
- if the Authority later dissolved, the Commission would manage the garage.

The Authority and the Commission leased the space for the garage to a nonprofit organization called the Music Concourse Community Partnership (MCCP). The MCCP used private donations and a construction loan to build the garage. The MCCP manages the garage and uses parking revenues to pay off the construction loan and operate the garage. The Board of Supervisors sets the parking rates.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would clarify that the City may use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the underground parking garage below the Music Concourse.

Proposition ___ would also direct the Authority's board of directors to dissolve the Authority and transfer management of the underground parking garage to the Commission.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to clarify that the City may use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the underground parking garage below the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park, and you want the City to dissolve the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority and transfer management of the garage to the City's Recreation and Park Commission.

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