

Uses of The Great Highway and JFK Drive *

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Anderson, Merrill, Patterson

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The Way It Is Now: The City has closed certain public streets to private motor vehicles, reserving the streets as open space for recreational purposes. These closures were enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In April 2022, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program that closed portions of John F. Kennedy Drive (JFK Drive) and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park seven days a week. These closures do not apply to emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, intra-park transit shuttle buses and similar vehicles authorized to transport people, and vehicles making deliveries to the de Young Museum.

The Great Highway is closed to motor vehicles, with limited exceptions, from noon Fridays to 6 a.m. Mondays and on holidays. The City intends to remove the Great Highway between Sloat Boulevard and Skyline Boulevard to protect City infrastructure from damage caused by sea level rise. The City would redirect vehicle traffic along Skyline, Sunset and Sloat boulevards.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would restrict the City's ability to limit private vehicle use of JFK Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway.

Proposition __ would repeal the Board's April 2022 ordinance and require the City to allow private motor vehicles to use JFK Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park at all times except from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays, as well as on Saturdays in April through September.

Proposition __ would require the City to allow motor vehicle use in both directions at all times on the Great Highway and would not allow the City to remove the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards as planned.

For both the Great Highway and JFK Drive along with the other affected streets in Golden Gate Park, the City could temporarily limit access to these roads to respond to emergencies, for street repairs and for community events.

If Proposition ___ passes, the Board may later amend this ordinance by a two-thirds vote, only if the amendments are either consistent with the measure's purposes or required by a court.

If Proposition ___ passes with more votes than Proposition [four-supes measure], then Proposition [four-supes measure] would have no legal effect.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to require the City to allow private motor vehicles on JFK Drive and connector streets in Golden Gate Park at all times except from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays, as well as on Saturdays in April through September. You also want to require the City to allow motor vehicle use in both directions at all times on the Great Highway and not allow the City to remove the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards as planned.

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

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