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**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT  
AND  
PROPOSITION TO RATIFY AN  
ORDINANCE  
TOGETHER WITH ARGUMENTS**

To Be Submitted to the Qualified Voters  
of The City of San Diego at the

**MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1969**

The following propositions will be submitted to the qualified  
voters of The City of San Diego on Tuesday, September 16, 1969.

JOHN LOCKWOOD  
City Clerk

**PROPOSITION A**

(THIS PROPOSITION WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING FORM)

PROPOSITION A. CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT: AMENDS SECTION 18 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.	YES	
Shall Section 18 of the Charter be amended to provide that only the title, number and a brief description of the subject matter of each ordinance or resolution of a general nature be published rather than publishing the text in full?	NO	

This proposition amends Section 18 of the Charter of The City of San Diego by deleting certain provisions and by adding new provisions. The portions to be deleted are printed in STRIKE-OUT TYPE and the portions to be added are underlined.

This proposition requires a majority vote.

Section 18. ~~AUTHENTICATION AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.~~

~~Upon its final passage each ordinance or resolution shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. Within ten days after final passage, the title of each ordinance or resolution of a general nature and a brief description of the subject matter of the ordinance or resolution as prepared by the City Attorney shall be published at least once by the City Clerk in such the manner as may be provided prescribed by this Charter or by ordinance by law.~~

**ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION A**

Many legislative bodies, including the State Assembly and Senate, are permitted to publish summaries of ordinances, statutes or laws in the newspaper or for other governmental informative purposes. The City Council is required by charter provision to publish the full text of any ordinance. We feel that such full and complete printing in the newspaper is a waste of public funds. Very few, if any, citizens read such lengthy printings and any person really interested in the full text of a summarized law may obtain a copy without charge from the City Clerk.

This past year the Council adopted a plumbing and mechanical code ordinance. It cost \$2,027.00 to publish this in a local newspaper as required by law. A summary could have been published for approximately \$25.00.

Please support your City Council's effort to avoid waste in government and to save taxpayer dollars whenever and wherever appropriate.

Vote YES on Proposition A.

MIKE SCHAEFER  
City Councilman

FLOYD L. MORROW



**ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A**

A brief description of an ordinance or resolution could very well leave out information that is of great importance to the citizens of San Diego. The City Council, through Resolution, now has the power to authorize millions of dollars in expenditures from the various tax funds for such purposes as the purchase of land from private individuals and the pledging of our tax dollars for projects which may benefit only a few. An ordinance voted upon by the Council could suddenly convert land now designated for single-family dwellings to high-rise apartment or commercial property zoning.

An unpopular Council decision could be hidden from the general public simply by the withholding of information considered unimportant by the City Attorney.

Our City Charter gives us a safeguard by requiring the complete publication of resolutions and ordinances. We should retain this safeguard by voting NO on Proposition A.

ROBERT L. HANNON

San Diego, California 92110

**PROPOSITION B**

(THIS PROPOSITION WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING FORM)

PROPOSITION B. Shall Ordinance No. 10086 (New Series) of The City of San Diego, entitled "An ordinance authorizing the sale, lease, use or other disposition of that portion of Mount Hope Cemetery which is situated north of Market Street, for any purpose found by the City Council to be in the best interests of the people of the City of San Diego, and repealing Ordinance No. 9072 (New Series) ratified by the voters on November 3, 1964," adopted by the Council on July 15, 1969 be ratified?	YES	
	NO	

This proposition requires a two-thirds vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10086  
(New Series)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, LEASE, USE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THAT PORTION OF MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY WHICH IS SITUATED NORTH OF MARKET STREET, FOR ANY PURPOSE FOUND BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9072 (NEW SERIES) RATIFIED BY THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 3, 1964.

WHEREAS, pursuant to ordinances enacted by the City Council by virtue of Charter provisions of The City of San Diego including various enactments by the Legislature of the State of California, certain real property within the City limits has been dedicated and is presently held for cemetery purposes known as "Mount Hope Cemetery"; and

WHEREAS, it may be in the best interests of the people of the City of San Diego to sell, lease, use or otherwise dispose of that portion of the property known as "Mount Hope Cemetery" which is situated north of Market Street; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of San Diego as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager of The City of San Diego is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, lease, use or otherwise dispose of that portion of the property dedicated and held for cemetery purposes known as "Mount Hope Cemetery" which is situated north of Market Street and more particularly described as follows:

All that portion of Pueblo Lot 1347 of the Pueblo Lands of San Diego, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, according to Map thereof made by James Pascoe in 1870, a copy of which Map was filed in the Office of the Recorder of said San Diego County, November 14, 1921, and is known as Miscellaneous Map No. 36, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Westerly line of said Pueblo Lot 1347 with the Northerly line of Market Street, 100 feet wide, as said street is located and established as of the date of this instrument; thence Northerly along said Westerly line of Pueblo Lot 1347 to the South line of the North 38.35 acres of said Pueblo Lot 1347; thence East along said South line of the North 38.35 acres to the Easterly line of said Pueblo Lot 1347; thence Southerly along said Easterly line of said Pueblo Lot 1347 to the Northerly line of said Market Street; thence Westerly along said Northerly line of Market Street to the Point of Beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM, all that portion, if any, lying within Wabash Boulevard and Federal Boulevard as said boulevards are located and established as of the date of this instrument.

Section 2. Any sale, lease, use or other disposition of any of that portion of Mount Hope Cemetery which is situated north of Market Street shall be upon such terms and conditions for such use or purpose or uses or purposes as shall be approved and found by the City Council to be in the best interests of the people of the City of San Diego.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 9072 (New Series) adopted September 1, 1964 and ratified by the voters on November 3, 1964, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING FOR FIFTY (50) YEARS OF FIFTY-SEVEN (57) ACRES OF THAT PART OF MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY WHICH IS UNDEVELOPED AND NOT PRESENTLY NEEDED FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES, AND IS NORTH OF MARKET STREET, FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS MAY BE DEEMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO," is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective only after it is affirmatively ratified by two-thirds of the qualified electors of the City of San Diego voting at the primary election to be held on the 16th day of September 1969, at which a proposition seeking ratification of this ordinance is to be submitted.

Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on July 15, 1969, by the following vote:

YEAS—Councilmen: Cobb, Loftin, Landt, Martinet, Hitch, Mayor Curran.

NAYS—Councilmen: Williams, Morrow, Schaefer.

ABSENT—Councilmen: None.



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## ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION B

In 1964 the people of the City of San Diego authorized the lease for a period not to exceed 50 years of undeveloped Mt. Hope Cemetery reserve land north of Market Street. Development of leaseholds limited to 50 years is very difficult to finance.

There is a great need in this section of the City to increase the supply of adequate housing, particularly for families of lower income, including enlisted military personnel. The land is too valuable and too centrally located to be held in reserve for future cemetery use. Also, this section of the City has more than its share of cemeteries already.

Proposition B will provide the City Council with the flexibility needed to insure optimum utilization of the land for housing, either through leaseholds ranging up to 55 years, or through sale of individual family dwellings to families of low income under FHA programs, or some combination of the two. Portions of the site may also be needed for school and park purposes.

Any housing developed on this property as well as the underlying land will be subject to all local taxes. Proceeds from the lease and/or sale of the land also will directly add to City revenues.

Your **Yes** vote is urged to facilitate the most effective use of this property to meet urgent community needs, and to augment the tax base.

FRANK CURRAN  
Mayor

HENRY L. LANDT  
Councilman, District 3

ALLEN HITCH  
Councilman, District 7

SAM T. LOFTIN  
Deputy Mayor

BOB MARTINET  
Councilman, District 6

## ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION B

You are being asked by the backers of Proposition B to consent to the eventual termination of low-cost burial services presently being provided through the City's ownership and operation of Mt. Hope Cemetery.

In most cities these services are being provided by privately owned cemeteries. It is well known that these operations turn handsome profits for their owners, often at the expense of many families who are in no position to bargain in their time of grief.

The people of San Diego had the foresight to protect the non-profit Mt. Hope Cemetery operation from piecemeal erosion by land speculators and other special interest groups by prohibiting the sale of the property and limiting non-cemetery uses on presently unused portions to 50-year leases.

The backers of Proposition B argue that development of leaseholds limited to 50 years is difficult to finance and say authorization for 55-year leases is necessary to provide needed housing.

Assuming the need for 55-year leases, why does their proposal seek the additional authorization to sell? The answer to this question demonstrates that housing is not the issue involved. The true meaning of Proposition B becomes crystal clear when it is realized that the sale of the land would certainly bring the non-profit burial services to a premature end.

While it is true that there is great need for additional housing, the City's vast Pueblo land holdings are sufficient to make it unnecessary to sell this cemetery property at the expense of losing a unique public service for all the people of San Diego.

FLOYD L. MORROW