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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PROPOSITIONS
ONE SPECIAL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE,
ONE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT,
ONE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE,
TOGETHER WITH ARGUMENTS.**

**PROPOSICIONES DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN DIEGO
UNA EMISION DE BONOS ESPECIAL,
UNA ENMIENDA PROPUESTA A LA
CARTA ESTATUTARIA,
UNA EMISION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL,
JUNTO CON LOS ARGUMENTOS.**

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

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1978**

Para ser sometidas a los votantes capacitados
de la Ciudad de San Diego en la

**ELECCION MUNICIPAL ESPECIAL
MARTES, 6 DE JUNIO DE 1978**

The arguments in support or opposition of the propositions are the
opinions of the authors.

Los argumentos a favor o en contra de las proposiciones representan
las opiniones de sus autores.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR
City Clerk
Secretario Municipal

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PROPOSITION C

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

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Shall the San Diego Open Space Park Facilities District No. 1 incur an indebtedness, to be represented by general obligation bonds of the District, in the maximum principal amount of Sixty Five Million Dollars (\$65,000,000), to provide funds for the acquisition of open space and other park facilities, as more particularly described in the San Diego Park Facilities District Procedural Ordinance?	YES	
	NO	

This proposition requires a majority vote.

TAX RATE STATEMENT

The City Charter requires that two-thirds of the Environmental Growth Fund revenues be used for the payment of principal and interest of these bonds. Two-thirds of the estimated revenues of this fund will be sufficient to pay all the principal and interest of the bonds issued in accordance with a proposed schedule which would result in issuance of the bonds over a maximum of eleven years commencing with fiscal year 1978-79. Therefore, I estimate that no property tax would be collected to pay for these bonds.

Hugh McKinley
City Manager

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

The canyons and park lands of San Diego are a legacy to be left to our children. This proposition is perhaps the last opportunity for San Diegans to preserve our remaining areas of open space for future generations.

A **YES** vote is akin to the setting aside over a century ago of what has become our cherished Balboa Park.

The canyons have provided the unique setting for San Diego's outstanding quality of life. We don't want repetition of the indiscriminate development pattern of Los Angeles. In fact, a good environment assures sound economic growth.

All this is possible without any effect on your taxes. The measure will be financed from the Environmental Growth Fund, established by you the people in 1972, as a fee against utility companies. This act of vision, we repeat, assures you that there will be **absolutely no impact on your taxes, property or otherwise!**

Your **YES** vote will make certain that our canyons are purchased at a time when it is still affordable to do so. The land will never be cheaper. If the land is not acquired soon, it may well be lost forever.

These greenbelts will be set aside for future generations and will not be expensively maintained as parks. Instead, they will continue to afford a natural respite throughout the urban scene.

In short, the preservation of these lands can be accomplished at **NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU**. Such diverse organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, Building Contractors Association, Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters support this measure.

Before inflation and pressures for development take this opportunity away, vote **YES** for

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open space preservation today. Vote YES for our children. Vote YES for the good future of San Diego.

PETE WILSON
Mayor

JAMES F. WILLIAMS
Director of Legislation
Building Contractors Association

BILL LOWERY
Councilmember, District 3

ELIZABETH MEYER
Sierra Club,
San Diego Chapter Chairman

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

Don't commit yourself to a \$65 million debt, with your cost of living on the rise and taxes at the breaking point.

Don't be fooled by a game to get around the normal 2/3 voter approval of tax bonds.

Vote NO on C.

These bonds will be paid for out of your gas and electric bill. The money goes to San Diego Gas and Electric, and they give it to the city government. Over \$1 million in 1978, \$2 million by 1981, almost \$3 million a year by 1984.

Not exactly free.

Do support current pay-as-you-go park purchases.

We must preserve our canyons and open space, and more park land is already being bought.

Some 2375 acres of open space have been acquired in our city since 1973. It was done on a pay-as-you-go basis, **without** putting you \$65 million further into debt. This is the San Diego way, NOT the bankrupt New York way.

Instead of higher debts, the City Council should seek property tax relief. The Environmental Growth Fund could pay for maintenance of Balboa Park and other greenbelts, as well as buying more canyons and open space on a pay-as-you-go basis.

This proposition is something like a game. The State Constitution requires 2/3 voter approval of tax bonds. So the City Council majority declared the whole city a park district, which eliminates the 2/3 vote requirement. Then the Council majority rushed the bonds onto the June ballot to beat the Jarvis Initiative.

Let's get the job done right, open space at a price we can all live with and afford.

Vote NO on C.

FRED SCHNAUBELT
Councilmember, District 5

SCOTT McBRIDE
Vice Chairman, San Diego County
Young Americans for Freedom

TOM GADE
Councilmember, District 6

CHARLES E. GREEN
Chairman, Greater North Park
Community Planning Committee

DONALD H. ERWIN
Executive Director,
United Business Commission

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PROPOSITION D

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

D CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT. AMENDS SECTION 143 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO. Requires actuarial tables for retirement allowances to be approved by the City Council rather than the Board of Administration of the Retirement System.	YES	
	NO	

This proposition amends the Charter of The City of San Diego by amending Section 143. 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 143. CONTRIBUTIONS.

The retirement system herein provided for shall be conducted on the contributory plan, the City contributing jointly with the employees affected thereunder. Employees shall contribute according to the actuarial tables ~~adopted by the Board of Administration~~ adopted by the City Council upon reviewing the recommendation of the Board of Administration for normal retirement allowances, except that employees shall, with the approval of the Board, have the option to contribute more than required for normal allowances, and thereby be entitled to receive the proportionate amount of increased allowances paid for by such additional contributions. The City shall contribute annually an amount substantially equal to that required of the employees for normal retirement allowances, as certified by the actuary, but shall not be required to contribute in excess of that amount, except in the case of financial liabilities accruing under any new retirement plan or revised retirement plan because of past service of the employees. The mortality, service, experience or other table calculated by the actuary and the valuation determined by him and ~~approved by the board~~ adopted by the City Council upon the recommendation of the Board of Administration shall be conclusive and final, and any retirement system established under this article shall be based thereon.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION D

This ballot proposition was recommended by the City Auditor and Comptroller and would change Charter Section 143, by transferring the final authority for funding the retirement system from the Retirement Board of Administration to the City Council. The Charter presently gives the Retirement Board of Administration the final authority to determine the City's annual contribution to the employees' retirement fund. Based on the Board's determination, the City Council must levy a tax sufficient to make the contribution. Thus the Board of Administration, not the City Council, has the final authority for the expenditure of over \$15 million a year. The Board of Administration is made up of City employees, City officials, and appointed citizens. No other such City board or committee has the authority to authorize expenditure of City funds. Inasmuch as the City Council is responsible to the electorate for the expenditure of taxpayers' monies, the Charter *should* be changed to provide for the City Council's approval of such actions taken by this Board. We urge a yes vote on this proposition.

MAUREEN O'CONNOR
Councilmember, District 2
LARRY STIRLING
Councilmember, District 7

PETE WILSON
Mayor
BILL LOWERY
Councilmember, District 3

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ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION D

A retirement program is nothing more than a deferred compensation plan, a promise to pay an employee something in the future for the work he is doing today. Therefore, the total cost to an employer for the work an employee does today is the sum of wages paid and funds contributed for pension payments.

The present City Charter recognizes this fact, and Charter Section 143 requires the City of San Diego to pay into its Retirement System each year the amounts determined by the Retirement Board and its actuary to be necessary to meet pension obligations. The proposed Charter amendment would permit the Mayor and City Council to determine the amount of funding for the Retirement System each year, whether or not it was actuarially consistent with requirements. Therefore, the effect of this Charter amendment is to grant power to the Mayor and City Council to underfund the Retirement System and to jeopardize the pensions promised its employees.

The U. S. Congress passed the Pension Reform Act in 1974 to prevent private employers from doing this very thing, and the federal law now requires that private employers pay the full amount of their pension obligations each year. It is expected that Congress will soon pass legislation that will require public employers to do the same.

There are already too many examples of "fly now-pay later" budgeting in government. The City of New York is one, and in Illinois there are five major public agency retirement systems which together had underfunded liabilities of \$7 billion at the end of 1977 because the Governor and the State Legislature refused to appropriate funds, determined necessary by the actuary. Surely, we don't need anymore examples, especially here in San Diego. We urge you to **vote NO** on this proposed Charter amendment.

Alwin B. Holman, President
City of San Diego Retirement
Board of Administration

Gerald F. Willmont, Vice-President
City of San Diego Retirement
Board of Administration

William G. Maas,
Member, City of San Diego
Retirement Board of Administration

Jerald P. Lewis,
Member, City of San Diego
Retirement Board of Administration

James D. McDaniel,
Member, City of San Diego
Retirement Board of Administration

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PROPOSITION E

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

E CITY OF SAN DIEGO POLICE FACILITIES BOND PROPOSAL. For the purposes of implementing a modernization and decentralization program to better service the law enforcement and public safety needs of the citizens of San Diego, shall the City of San Diego incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of twenty-two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$22,200,000.00) to permit the acquisition, construction or completion of public improvements and facilities for the use by the Police Department?	YES	
	NO	

This Proposition requires a two-thirds vote.

TAX RATE STATEMENT

This bond proposal is for the purpose of constructing police facilities in the City of San Diego and, if approved, should be issued in Fiscal Year 1978-79. The estimated property tax rate per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of the real and personal property within the City of San Diego necessary to finance the principal and interest of the proposed bond issue will be:

- (a) Two and Ninety-Five One Hundreths Cents (\$.0295) for the first fiscal year 1979-80.
- (b) Three and Ninety One Hundreths Cents (\$.0390) for the highest tax rate which will occur in fiscal year 1980-81.

Hugh McKinley
City Manager

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E

You expressed as a major concern, during the last election, the need for additional police protection. In response to your concerns we offer this plan.

This Proposition calls for the decentralization of most police services. Decentralization would actually bring to your community its own "chief of police," a police captain who would have 24-hour responsibility and authority for managing police services in your community. This captain would be held strictly accountable for the quality of policing in your community. The patrol, traffic and detective officers assigned to your neighborhood police station would become a fully integrated team whose job would be to work with the community to prevent crime.

At the heart of the program is the idea that patrol officers should get to know and understand the people and problems on their "beats." The officers are encouraged to contact citizens and listen to their concerns about crime, traffic and other neighborhood problems, then expected to work with the community to solve these problems.

Decentralization also has important dollar advantages. Approximately 6 million dollars will be saved by decentralizing now. One half million dollars will be saved in operating costs; close to \$4 million will be saved in construction costs; and almost \$2 million will be saved in office rental. This means more officers in the field at less cost to taxpayers.

Your vote for Proposition E is a vote for a more responsive, effective, cost conscious

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police department. We urge you to join us in voting YES on Proposition E.

WILLIAM B. KOLENDER

JESS D. HARO
Deputy Mayor

FREDRICK SCHNAUBELT
Councilmember, District 5

BILL MITCHELL
Councilmember, District 1

TOM GADE
Councilmember, District 6

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION E

No argument against this proposition was filed in the Office of the City Clerk.