# PROPOSITIONS TO RATIFY THREE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUES, A SEWER DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND ISSUE, AND TWO CHARTER AMENDMENTS, TOGETHER WITH ARGUMENTS

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

# SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1966

The following propositions for the ratification and approval of four bond issues and two charter amendments will be submitted to the qualified voters of The City of San Diego on Tuesday, November 8, 1966.

JOHN LOCKWOOD, City Clerk

# D-9497 PROPOSITION D

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

PROPOSITION D. CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BOND PROPOSAL: To improve, develop and expand the parks and recreational services of the City, shall the City incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of Twenty-Three Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars to permit the acquisition, construction and completion of parks and recreational facilities, thirty-seven percent of the total bonds authorized to be allocated for neighborhood and community parks, thirty-two percent to be allocated for Balboa Park, and thirty-one percent for Mission Bay Park?



# **ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION D**

Proposition D is one of 4 bond proposals which in fact are essentially the City's only future capital improvement program.

Passage of this proposition will assure development of 25 new park and recreation areas, improvements to 16 existing neighborhood parks, public improvements at 7 beach parks. It contains funds for construction of 3 additional municipal swimming pools in areas where they are most needed; the southeast, east and north sections of the City.

Proposition D will greatly improve the central Balboa Park area, with additional parking, picnic facilities, rest rooms, and landscaping.

It will provide public improvements throughout Mission Bay Park, including lifeguard stations, parking, landscaping, walkways and improved beach facilities.

The proposal is entirely for public improvements, to make all our parks more attractive, more useable by San Diegans. The bonds will allow our parks to serve a greater number of people, and will allow us to acquire land now for future parks at much less cost than if we wait to buy the land later.

Every voter should know that San Diego's bonded indebtedness is the lowest of any city in the U. S. with more than 500,000 population. San Diego is using only 14% of its borrowing capacity, and as older bonds are paid for, these new bonds will be sold in such a manner that our taxes for bond redemption will not be affected in any way.

The bond method of financing needed improvements throughout our city was decided upon after months of study by a Citizen's Committee on Municipal Finance. The Community Parks and Recreational Facilities proposal followed a 1½ year study by seven citizen's committees, composed of more than 100 people from all parts of the city, whose recommendations were reviewed by the Park and Recreation Board and the Citizen's Bond Evaluation Committee.

BYRON F. WHITE, Attorney at Law General Chairman, Mayor's Committee on Municipal Finance

MRS. GILBERT A. ROHLF

REV. GEORGE WALKER SMITH, Board of Education

DR. FRANK M. LOWE

RAY T. BLAIR, Assistant to General Manager Convair Division of General Dynamics

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LAURENCE KLAUBER, Chairman Board of Library Commissioners

JAMES GILLEAN, Vice-President, Bank of America

R. R. RICHARDSON, Secretary-Treasurer San Diego County Labor Council

# **ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION D**

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

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

PROPOSITION E. CITY OF SAN DIEGO BONDS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE CITY PLAN: For improving fire and police safety services, library, public works and airport facilities in the City Plan for community buildings and improvements as approved by the City Planning Commission and City Council, shall the City incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of Four Million Dollars for the acquisition, construction and completion of such facilities according to the Plan as follows:

(a) Modernization of the central fire alarm system and the building, construction and equipping of new fire stations, enlarging existing fire stations and acquiring land for new fire stations:

(b) Modernization of the police headquarters building and constructing a branch police station:

(c) Completion of the central library, construction of branch libraries, initial provision of books and furnishings and the acquisition of lands for branch library sites:

(d) Construction of facilities at public works yards;

(e) Enlarging capacity of Montgomery Field to serve the increasing volume of small aircraft traffic with improved facilities and a new administration building?

# **ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION E**

Updated fire and police facilities are vitally necessary to every San Diegan. These facilities have not kept pace with the rapid expansion of our city, which now encompasses more than 300 square miles.

The Citizen's Committee on Municipal Finance, after months of concentrated study, recommended that fire, police, library and public works projects be placed before our citizens in a bond proposal, to get these projects under way now, paying for them over twenty years, with future users sharing the cost.

The City Fire Alarm office, built in 1928, contains antiquated equipment originally purchased then. This nerve center for our fire protection system must be up-dated. Three new fire stations are needed, others need to be expanded and one must be replaced.

The adequacy of our fire protection directly affects our individual fire insurance rates.

For the safety of all our citizens, our police facilities need modernization. We have never modernized the 30-year old central Police Headquarters, even though the divisions which it houses have expanded to meet the needs of a growing community. The entire northern part of San Diego has been served from a small, crowded, inconvenient sub-station and a new facility is needed to allow quicker emergency response and greater safety for our citizens.

Equally important are the educational and cultural needs of all San Diegans. Nearly 50% of our families checked out books from a branch of the city library in the past three months. Five new branch libraries are necessary to provide uniform library service throughout the community.

The central library has never been completed. Its third floor must be finished to permit full use by the growing number of citizens who use the facility.

The passage of these bonds is vital to the protection of property, safety and health of the citizens of San Diego.

BYRON F. WHITE, Attorney at Law General Chairman Mayor's Committee on Municipal Finance

RAY T. BLAIR. Assistant to General Manager **Convair Division of General Dynamics** 

LAURENCE KLAUBER, Chairman, Board of Library Commissioners MRS. GILBERT A. ROHLF DR. FRANK M. LOWE

YES

NO

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REV. GEORGE WALKER SMITH, Board of Education

R. R. RICHARDSON. Secretary-Treasurer. San Diego County Labor Council HOMER DELAWIE, AIA. Architect

> JAMES GILLEAN. Vice-President. Bank of America

#### **PROPOSITION F**

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

PROPOSITION F. CITY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL BOND PROPOSAL: To take preventive measures for the protection of the health, safety and property of the citizens by providing works and facilities for flood control, including flood control channels, storm drains and shore protection works, shall the City incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars for the acquisition, construction and completion of such facilities?



# **ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION F**

The items in this bond proposal can be compared to buying insurance to cover our house or automobile.

For some years, the average rainfall in San Diego has been below normal, although last year's rainfall raised havoc in many areas. Open lands, which used to provide some drainage control, are now filled with homes, schools, and streets, which tremendously increase runoff problems. Experience in other Southern California cities has proved that widespread destruction can result when major storms occur in unprotected areas. San Diego is certainly one of these areas.

The system of neighborhood storm drains throughout our city demands immediate attention. In this proposal, which includes construction or improvement to 36 storm drains, protection will be provided in every section where extensive water damage has been experienced, or where expert opinion indicates we can expect damage to homes, yards, or other property.

Two major flood control projects (\$2.5 million) are included in this proposal. Passage of these bonds will allow the City to make its contribution towards construction of these two vital projects, assuring their early completion and making us eligible for nearly \$40 million in other funds which depend upon the City's financial participation.

With historically rising costs of construction, it is obvious that significant savings can be made now if we begin construction of these items in the immediate future and save the payments for these necessities over a 20-year period.

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# PROPOSITION G

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

PROPOSITION G. CITY OF SAN DIEGO SEWER DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND PROPOSAL: For the purpose of the replacement, construction, reconstruction or enlargement of outgrown, deteriorated or inadequate sewers of the City's sewer system and extensions and other improvements to such system, shall the City incur sewer revenue bonded indebtedness under Section 90.2 of the Charter of the City in the principal amount of Fifteen Million Dollars to provide for the acquisition, construction and completion of such sewer system facilities?

YFS NO

# ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION G

We only notice sewers when something goes wrong. Most of our sewers are working right now, but throughout the 1600 miles of sewer lines there are critical needs for repairs, replacement and enlargement of the system's carrying capacity.

It is time to turn our attention to the basic needs of the lines which serve our neighborhoods, feeding into the central disposal system.

Some of the lines have been in use since 1885. In some areas, sewer pipes themselves have completely disintegrated and sewage is carried through dirt tunnels.

Population increases bring new demands. Where one house stood, ten now stand, and pipes must be enlarged to take care of the increased requirements.

The desperate need for improvements have been dramatically presented in numerous news reports during the last few years. Because of age and deterioration, some lines have broken and caused sewage to flow to the surface. Other areas are on the verge of this same situation, particularly in older parts of the city. Broken lines have let sewage flow into our streets, and recreational areas, creating dangerous health hazards, until costly emergency repairs could be made.

Two major sewer extensions are included in this bond proposal. Both are to provide enough capacity for expansion of San Diego industry.

Individual companies will pay for their own connecting lines into this system. Without these extensions, companies involved will not be able to expand their operations, and attracting new industry to help San Diego's economic future will be hampered. As in the case of Proposition D, E, and F, this bond proposal is the result of extensive study and re-

As in the case of Proposition D, E, and F, this bond proposal is the result of extensive study and research by both the Citizen's Committee on Municipal Finance and Bond Evaluation Committee. They both recommend all four bond proposals as the best means of meeting San Diego's critical needs without increasing our bond redemption tax.

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## **ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION G**

You, the San Diego water users pay more now than you should for sewer service. Only part of this \$15,000,000. bond issue will be used for replacement costs. The other part is for "extensions and other improvements" to the sewer system.

The ordinance does not provide that the vacant lots and land which constitutes nearly one half of San Diego's area pay a "stand-by" charge for the desirable benefit of having water and sewer disposal systems immediately available any time they wish to use them in the future.

You, the present water user, are asked to pay for this "free ride" by paying a 15% increase in water rates and 43% in sewer service charges which amounts to \$15.00 yearly for the smallest user.

Until the City Council presents a just payment system, why help pay for extending service free to areas which pay nothing?

Vote No on Prop. G.

HENRY B. CRAMER,

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| PROPOSITION H. CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT: SALARY OF THE MAYOR LAST FIXED IN 1956.                            | YES     | 77,456                |
| Shall the salary of the Mayor be increased to Fifteen Hundred Dollars per month by amending Section 24 of the Charter? | NO      | 117,378               |

PROPOSITION H

This proposition amends Section 24 of the Charter of The City of San Diego by deleting certain provisions and by the addition of new provisions. The portions to be deleted are printed in STRIKE-OUT TYPE and the portions to be added are underlined.

Section 24. MAYOR. The Mayor shall preside at the meetings of the Council and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be imposed by the Council, consistent with the duties of his office. He shall have no power of veto, but shall have a vote as a member of the Council. He shall be recognized as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purpose of serving civil process, for the signing of all legal instruments and documents, and by the Governor for military purposes. On or before the 15th day of January of each year, he shall communicate by message to the City Council a statement of the conditions and affairs of the City, and make recommendations on such matters as he may deem expedient and proper. In time of public danger or emergency, he may, with the consent of the Council, take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law.

The rate of pay of the Mayor shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month. \$12,000.00 per year.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Mayor, existing by reason of any cause, the Council shall have authority to fill such vacancy, provided, however, that if the Council shall fail to fill such vacancy by appointment within thirty (30) days after the vacancy, the Council must immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy. Any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office only until the next regular municipal election, at which date a person shall be elected to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

# ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION H

The annual budget of the City of San Diego exceeds \$80 million. Therefore, City business is big busi-The directors of this business are the Mayor and City Council, who function in much the same ness. manner as the board of directors of a large corporation. Their policy decisions have a direct bearing on the growth of this community. The citizens of San Diego recognized the importance of these decisions and the need for adequate compensation when they increased the salaries of the Mayor and Council ten years ago. Since that time no adjustments in salary have been made despite the prosperous atmosphere created by progressive Mayors and Councilmen. This is symbolized by the great strides taken in providing a new stadium, an effective solution to our transit problems by creation of the San Diego Transit Corporation, a fishing pier at Ocean Beach, the further development of Mission Bay, the construction of a con-vention facility, civic theater and industrial park, and the addition of the Salk Institute, General Atomic complex, and the new campus of the University of California.

During the last ten years the City's population has increased by almost 50% while, at the same time, the property tax rate has increased at less than one-half percent per year. This is evidence of sound, economical local government. The Mayor and Council have done a good job.

The real question is whether San Diego can continue to attract outstanding citizens to serve as public officials without recognizing the increased cost of living. Failure to recognize the need for adequate compensation may well deprive the citizens of San Diego of the excellent visionary leadership that they have experienced during the last decade.

Ten years without an increase in pay is too long.

# J. STACEY SULLIVAN, JR.

### ROBERT W. ARNHYM

# **ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION H**

Remember we pay the City Manager \$34,000 per year to manage the city. The only people who have benefitted from the present mayor and council are their campaign contributors and the special interests group whom they are serving. Let these people do the salary raising!

A million or more of our tax dollars are wasted each year to attract more people to San Diego. All they add are problems, like higher taxes, smog, strikes and invitations to riot.

A symbol of the waste and extravagance present in the current city administration is the limousine and liveried chauffeur that wait in a special space in front of city hall. Such a royal coach and coachman for ribbon cutting and handshaking by the mayor is ridiculous. At a thousand dollars a month our mayor is generously paid for attending weekly meetings and, of course, cutting ribbons. Let's not build his office up to compete with our city manager form of government.

Monuments to the special interests have risen and are rising in various parts of town, all of which, like the convention center, parking garage, transit system, and the soon to be completed stadium, operate at a loss.

But what of the average taxpayer who has nothing to sell or promote? All he has received from the mayor and council are ever-increasing tax bills, license and permit fees, and water and sewer charges.

Indicative of the deceit practised upon the taxpayer, is the wording of this very measure upon which we are voting. Someone thinks it will be easier to get a "yes" vote on \$1500 a month, rather than on \$18,000 a year. Don't be fooled. Vote "no" until such time as economy, efficiency, and common sense have reared their lovely heads

at city hall.

R. I. MINSON,

**PROPOSITION J** 

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

| PROPOSITION J. CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT: SALARY OF CITY COUNCILMEN LAST FIXED IN 1956.                                     | YES | 87,357 |
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| Shall the salary of each City Councilman be increased to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars per month by amending Section 12 of the Charter? | NO  | .2.45  |

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This proposition amends Section 12 of the Charter of The City of San Diego by deleting certain provisions and by the addition of new provisions. The portions to be deleted are printed in STRIKE-OUT TYPE and the portions to be added are underlined.

Section 12. THE COUNCIL. The Council shall be composed of nine (9) Councilmen, including the Mayor, and shall be the legislative body of the City, each of the members of which, including the Mayor, shall have the right to vote upon all questions before it.

Councilmen, including the Mayor, shall be elected at a general municipal election held in the odd numbered years and, except as hereinafter provided, shall hold office for the term of four years from and after the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified. Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, incumbent councilmen will continue to represent the district in which they reside, unless as a result of such redistricting more than one incumbent councilman resides within any one district, in which case the City Council shall determine by lot which councilman shall represent each district. At the next municipal primary and general elections following a redistricting, councilmen shall be elected from those districts not represented and from those districts represented by incumbent councilmen whose terms expire as of the general election in said year. If as a result of any redistricting more than a simple majority of the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial councilmanic term shall be two (2) years in order to retain staggered terms for councilmen. Any vacancy occurring in the Council shall be filled from the District in which the vacancy occurs by

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It is the duty of councilmen to attend all Council meetings. The absence of any councilman from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty per cent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month shall operate to vacate the seat of such councilman, unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

The rate of pay of each Councilman shall be Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per month. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) a year.

No Councilman shall be eligible during the term for which he was appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor and a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which he is constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

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**ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION J** 

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