

# **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT 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 19, 1967**

The following proposed amendment to the Charter of The City of San Diego will be submitted to the qualified voters of The City of San Diego on Tuesday, September 19, 1967.

**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 12 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.	YES	
Shall the fifth paragraph of Section 12 be amended to read as follows: "The rate of pay of each councilman shall be \$8,600 a year."?	NO	

This proposition amends the fifth paragraph of Section 12 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 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, 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 as redistricted shall be elected at the general election next following any such redistricting, 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 appointment by the remaining Councilmen; but in the event that said remaining Councilmen fail to fill such vacancy by appointment within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, they must immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy; provided, however, that 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.

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 C councilman shall be ~~Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ \$8,600 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.

### ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION A

Let's face the facts. The salaries of the City Council must be raised. Here are some reasons:

1. The Council has not had a pay increase for 11 years. Yet the work load has gone up three times since then.
2. City Councilmen are no longer "part-time legislators." They now work more than 40 hours a week for you and your City.
3. The projects and problems of the near future will demand even more of their time.
4. Your Councilmen are responsible for efficient City government. Their pay is no longer adequate for the time they spend on the job.

Let's be fair. Vote "YES" to bring Council salaries up to date.

IVOR deKIRBY  
Retiring City Councilman

MELVIN E. CURRY  
President  
San Diego Chamber  
of Commerce

ROBERT O. CURRAN  
Judge (Retired)

ORIEN W. TODD, JR.

DON CORYELL  
Coach

EARL B. GILLIAM  
Judge

HARRY STANDEFER  
Chairman

Mid-City Development Council

## ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

A pay raise for the City Council with its present limited responsibilities as well as paying the high cost of City Manager's department, would be paying for a dual form of government. It is not the number of hours put in, but being willing to accept responsibility and make the right decisions, that would justify a higher salary.

If a pay increase for the City Council is to be given, there should first be a change in the City Charter to give the Mayor more authority, and decrease power and cost of City Manager's department.

The policy of using tax money indirectly to subsidize businesses that cater to tourism, but make a minimum contribution in city taxes, compared to what could be obtained from new industry; that policy has cost the taxpayers dearly and is a major reason for opposition to higher salaries.

GERARD A. DOUGHERTY