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**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS
AND
ARGUMENTS**

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

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 6, 1972**

The arguments in support or opposition of the proposed amendments
to the City Charter are the opinions of the authors.

EDWARD NIELSEN
City Clerk

PROPOSITION A

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

<p>PROPOSITION A. CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT. ADDS SECTION 103.1a TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.</p> <p>Shall an Environmental Growth Fund be created which sets aside twenty-five (25) percent of revenues collected from franchises for the transmission and distribution of gas; electricity and steam to be used two-thirds for debt service on bonds of any nature which are subsequently authorized to acquire open space for park or recreational purposes and the remaining for the preservation and enhancement of the environment of the City of San Diego? If no such bonds are subsequently issued, the entire Environmental Growth Fund must be used exclusively for the preservation and enhancement of the environment of the City of San Diego.</p>	YES	
	NO	

This proposition adds Section 103.1a to the Charter of The City of San Diego. The portions to be added are underlined.

This proposition requires a majority vote.

Section 103.1a ENVIRONMENTAL GROWTH FUND.

There is hereby created a fund in the City Treasury, to be known as the Environmental Growth Fund. Into this fund each year there shall be placed 25 percent of all moneys derived from the revenues accruing to the City from any franchises for the transmission and distribution of gas, electricity and steam within the City of San Diego.

The Environmental Growth Fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of preserving and enhancing the environment of the City of San Diego in whatever manner is deemed appropriate by the City Council of The City of San Diego; provided, however, that two-thirds of the moneys paid into the Environmental Growth Fund shall be used exclusively as debt service for bonds of any nature issued for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of open space to be used for park or recreational purposes. In connection with the issuance of any general obligation bonds for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of open space to be used for park or recreational purposes, the Council may pledge up to two-thirds of the Environmental Growth Fund to the payment or security of such general obligation bonds and the interest thereon and may so state in any ordinance calling an election authorizing the issuance of said general obligation bonds. If there are no such bonds outstanding or if two-thirds of the moneys paid into the Environmental Growth Fund exceed the amount necessary to service any outstanding bonds issued for the above purposes in any fiscal year, then in those events, and those events only, the moneys set aside for debt service of said bonds or that portion of

said moneys which is not needed for debt service of said bonds, shall be used, if at all, exclusively for the purpose of preserving and enhancing the environment of the City of San Diego in whatever manner is deemed appropriate by the City Council of The City of San Diego.

ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION A

The Special Environmental Growth Fund was established by action of the City Council of San Diego when it passed Ordinance 10575 on May 6, 1971. The fund now receives 25% from the revenues accruing to the City from franchises for transmission of gas, electricity and steam within the City of San Diego each year. The fund, which exists to improve environmental quality in San Diego, may be used by the Council for the purpose of purchasing, improving, and maintaining open space for parks and recreational purposes.

This proposition will eliminate the possibility of a future Council voting the fund out of existence or amending the Ordinance to use the monies from the fund for any other purpose. With the passage of this Charter amendment, the people will insure that this fund is perpetuated and cannot be used for any other purpose unless the matter is again submitted to the people for approval. This proposition does not of itself authorize the issuance of any open space park bonds. It does provide that this fund rather than the tax rate must support any such bonds subsequently voted by the electorate.

Land dedicated to park or open spaces makes a happy contribution to environmental quality in two ways. It is enjoyable both in itself and also in the relief it provides from other land use.

Perhaps, the greatest contribution the City could make to improving the quality of life in San Diego is the acquisition of as many desirable parcels as possible, as early as possible, before land prices soar out of reach.

We urge you to vote YES on Proposition A to insure the continued beautification of San Diego, additional open space and continuing improvement and maintenance of our present parks and recreational facilities for all the people to enjoy forever.

PETE WILSON,
Mayor

FLOYD L. MORROW,
Deputy Mayor

JOHN A. HOBBS,
Chairman of the Executive
Committee—Citizens
Coordinate—Century 3

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

Proposition A would permanently establish in the City Charter an Environmental Growth Fund, denying the use of more than \$600,000 in annual City revenues for any other purpose than purchase of open space. If approved, San Diego taxpayers will soon be faced with a general obligation bond issue for open space purchase which would supposedly "not cost the taxpayer." However, these utility revenues could otherwise be used to offset approximately 4½¢ per \$100 on the City tax rate.

In 1971 the City Council established, by ordinance, such an environmental growth fund,

fed by one-half of the recently negotiated increase in San Diego utility franchise fees. A surcharge is presently applied to the San Diego gas and electric bills to fund the fee increase. This Council action was opposed by many community leaders since specific earmarking of revenues utterly destroys the Council's ability to apply all revenues of the City to expenditure needs on a priority basis. Taxpayer money can be "loafing" in an earmarked fund, unable to be used, while additional property taxes are levied for other high priority needs.

Such earmarking of revenues for specific purposes contradicts good budgeting techniques and costs the taxpayer. The present environmental growth fund should be eliminated and utility franchise revenues applied against priority needs of the City, whatever they may be. Certainly such a fund should not be locked inflexibly into the City Charter!

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION A

RICHARD D. HIBBARD, President
San Diego Taxpayers Association

PROPOSITION B

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

<p>PROPOSITION B. CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT. AMEND SECTION 12 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.</p>	<p>YES</p>	
<p>Amend Section 12 to provide that the rate of pay for each Councilman shall be Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per month.</p>	<p>NO</p>	

This proposition amends 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 and, except as hereinafter provided, shall hold office for the term of four years from and after 10 a.m. 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 may 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.

The one-year district residency requirement of Section 7 of this Charter shall not apply to a person, herein called "prospective candidate," who seeks to be a candidate for election or appointment to the office of councilman and is otherwise eligible for the office, if all of the following conditions apply: a redistricting has occurred less than one year before prospective candidate, if elected or appointed, would take office; as a result of the redistricting, the district of prospective candidate's residence has changed to a district in which no councilmanic election will be held at the next succeeding municipal election; prior to filing his candidacy for election or appointment, prospective candidate moves his residence into a district bordering upon the district into which prospective candidate's residence has been placed by the redistricting.

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 Council shall vacate the seat of any councilman who is absent from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

The rate of pay of each Councilman shall be ~~Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) a year~~ Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per month.

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 B

It has been 16 years since the last salary adjustment for the City Council in 1956. We ask that you consider these facts in making your determination as to whether such a raise should be granted.

- A. The job must be made available to all citizens, rather than just the wealthy, the retired, or the professional people who can easily adjust their work schedules. The present salary of \$417 per month precludes most of our citizens from serving.
- B. The responsibilities of the job have increased along with our population increases and the increased complexities of modern, urban life, thereby warranting a salary change to bring compensation more in line with the time and responsibility required to cope with the problems of a city of 746,000 and an annual budget of \$135 million.

C. The cost of living has increased greatly in the last 16 years. Other segments of the population, including Social Security recipients, public and private employees, have received cost-of-living increases. Your public officials should be treated with the same common equity and with the same regard.

D. Extremely low compensation for public service can lead to a weakening of the democratic system by making some officials vulnerable to the undue influence of those with money and power. As in other fields, the quality of government is tied to the compensation paid for such service. If independence and integrity in thought and deed is to be encouraged in public officials, they must be paid in a manner which will encourage such qualities.

E. The cost of the proposed increase would be less than 5¢ per citizen per year.

We ask that you support a modest increase in compensation for the City Council. Please vote YES on Proposition B.

TAXPAYERS CONCERNED
by LOU CONDE, Pres.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN DIEGO
by LUCIA SMALHEER, Pres.

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION B

I consider it an affront to the voters of San Diego—the placing of Council Members pay increases on every ballot—after being continuously voted down by the people.

Councilmen know the salary before they submit for election.

In their campaign pledge they avowed economy in government.

Most voters know Councilmen have other income and businesses and are only part time involved in City work, and they know the City Manager, who earns over \$40,000 per year is responsible for the day to day operation of the City's affairs.

Until the Charter of San Diego is changed to make Council positions full time with direct responsibility for the operation of City functions, the salary is sufficient.

Since the new Council took office they have increased their car allowances to \$189 per month and now they are attempting by this proposition to increase their remuneration from \$5000 per year to \$9000 per year.

This much increase violates the President's guidelines for restraining inflation and should be voted down by every voter concerned by the cost of government.

In spite of the verbiage of this proposition it is the same request for salary increase as has appeared on past city election ballots. Vote No.

LOU RIDGEWAY

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