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SAN DIEGO CITY PAMPHLET

**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 4, 1974**

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

EDWARD NIELSEN
City Clerk

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PROPOSITION B

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

PROPOSITION B. CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT. AMEND SECTION 144 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.	YES	
Shall Section 144 of the Charter of The City of San Diego be amended to expand the City Employees Retirement Board of Administration from eleven (11) to thirteen (13) members and provide that one of the two additional members be a retired City employee?	NO	

This proposition amends the Charter of The City of San Diego by amending Section 144. 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 144. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.

The system shall be managed by a Board of Administration which is hereby created, consisting of the City Manager, City Auditor and Comptroller, the City Treasurer, three members of the Retirement System ~~to be elected from~~ by the active membership, one retired member of the retirement system to be elected by the retired membership, an officer of a local bank, and ~~two~~ (2) three other citizens of the City, the latter ~~three~~ four to be appointed by the Council. Such appointees shall serve without compensation. Members of the Board, other than ex-officio, shall serve six years or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall so classify themselves by lot that one term shall expire each year. The members of the existing Board shall serve out their unexpired terms.

The Board of Administration may establish such rules and regulations as it may deem proper; shall elect one of its members president and appoint a secretary and may appoint such other employees as may be necessary. Such appointments, except the actuary, shall be made under the provisions of Article VIII of this Charter.

The Board of Administration shall be the sole authority and judge under such general ordinances as may be adopted by the Council as to the conditions under which persons may be admitted to benefits of any sort under the retirement system; and shall have exclusive control of the administration and investment of such fund or funds as may be established; and shall be permitted to invest in any bonds or securities which are authorized by General Law for savings banks; and, further, shall be permitted to invest in such additional classes or types of investments as are approved by resolution of the Council of The City of San Diego; provided.

however, that individual investments within the classes or types approved by the Council must be approved by independent investment counsel; and, provided, further, the board may place such funds in the hands of the Funds Commission for investment. Provided, however, that the Auditor and Comptroller shall refuse to allow any warrant drawn for payment of a retirement allowance if, in the opinion of the Auditor and Comptroller, such retirement allowance has been granted in contravention of this Article or any ordinances passed under the authority granted herein.

ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION B

The membership of the Retirement Board of Administration includes three appointments made by the City Council. These individuals, currently representing the banking, investment, and insurance activities of the community are extremely important. They provide representation on behalf of the voters of the City as well as injection of unbiased views based on their professional expertise. Since they serve without compensation and are not subject to any benefits of the retirement system, their unbiased and objective views allows them to make decisions based solely on merit. At the present, the retirement system is paying benefits to 1,566 retired members or survivors. The retired membership is increasing, and this large segment of the membership lacks input reflecting their views. The retired members deserve representation on the Board through an individual elected by the retired membership. The City Council reflecting the views of the Board of Administration is in favor of fair and equitable representation for all concerned. It would therefore seem proper to amend the charter to authorize a retired member to be added to the Retirement Board of Administration.

This proposition was approved by the City Council.

BOB MARTINET
City Councilman

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION B

Vote NO on this expansion from 11 to 13 members of the city's retirement board. This added expansion will likely raise your taxes as more could be added.

At this time for "economy" vote no on the 11 increase to 13.

MARK D. HAFEEY, JR.
[REDACTED]

PROPOSITION C

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

<p>PROPOSITION C. CITY OF SAN DIEGO CHARTER AMENDMENT. AMEND SECTIONS 39, 88 AND 89 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.</p>	<p>YES</p>	
<p>Shall Sections 39, 88 and 89 of the Charter of The City of San Diego be amended to enable the City Auditor to use a standard length reporting period in his reports to the City Manager and City Council regarding the financial transactions of the City?</p>	<p>NO</p>	

This proposition amends the Charter of The City of San Diego by amending Sections 39, 88 and 89. 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 39. CITY AUDITOR AND COMPTROLLER.

The City Auditor and Comptroller shall be elected by the Council for an indefinite term and shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified. The City Auditor and Comptroller shall be the chief fiscal officer of the City. He shall exercise supervision over all accounts, and accounts shall be kept showing the financial transactions of all Departments of the City upon forms prescribed by him and approved by the City Manager and the Council. He shall submit to the City Manager and to the Council ~~not later than the tenth day of each month~~ at least monthly a summary statement of revenues and expenses for the preceding ~~month~~ accounting period, detailed as to appropriations and funds in such manner as to show the exact financial condition of the City and of each Department, Division and office thereof. No contract, agreement, or other obligation for the expenditure of public funds shall be entered into by any officer of the City and no such contract shall be valid unless the Auditor and Comptroller shall certify in writing that there has been made an appropriation to cover the expenditure and that there remains a sufficient balance to meet the demand thereof. He shall perform the duties imposed upon City Auditors and Comptrollers by the laws of the State of California, and such other duties as may be imposed upon him by ordinances of the Council, but nothing shall prevent the Council from transferring to other officers matters in charge of the City Auditor and Comptroller which do not relate directly to the finances of the City. He shall prepare and submit to the City Manager such information as shall be required by the City Manager for the preparation of an annual budget. He shall appoint his subordinates subject to the Civil Service provisions of this Charter.

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Section 88. MONTHLY REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

~~On the first day of each month~~ At least monthly every officer authorized by law to charge any fee, commission, percentage, allowance or compensation, must make a written report to the Auditor and Comptroller of all moneys received by him during the preceding ~~month~~ accounting period.

Section 89. MONTHLY STATEMENTS BY THE AUDITOR AND COMPTROLLER.

The Auditor and Comptroller shall prepare for submission to the Council ~~not later than the tenth day of each month~~ at least monthly, or when requested, a summary statement of revenues and expenses for the preceding ~~month~~ accounting period, detailed as to appropriations and funds in such manner as to show the exact financial condition of the City and of each Department and Division thereof as of the last day of the previous ~~month~~ accounting period.

ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION C

This amendment to the Charter is designed to increase the efficiency of City operations by allowing the City Auditor and Comptroller to produce more timely, informative, and uniform financial reports to City management and policymakers.

Current Charter requirements for the preparation of financial reports were adopted when manual records were the principal means of accounting for City finances. Modern financial reporting requires the flexibility of changing accounting periods to satisfy the need for progressive management information from which all decisions affecting the financial operations of the City must be made. This change to Sections 39, 88, and 89 will provide the legal authority to efficiently utilize the capability of computer systems to produce more timely and informative management reports at reduced cost.

This change will in no way reduce the number of financial reports or relax the financial control of City funds presently required by the Charter.

I urge a YES vote on Proposition C.

W. G. SAGE
City Auditor & Comptroller

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

Vote No on the change to give City Auditor more flexible power. This may not save money. It could be of a few advantage to publish reports at an advantage time.

Vote NO on this city auditor change.

MARK D. HAFFEY, JR.
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