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## **SAN FRANCISCO VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET**

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## **ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN SF**

To register to vote in San Francisco, you must: (1) be a San Francisco resident and, for most contests, a United States citizen (certain non-citizens may vote in Board of Education elections); (2) be at least 18 years old by the date of the next election; (3) not be in state or federal prison for the conviction of a felony; and (4) not have been currently found to be mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATES**

October 21, 2024 is the last day to register to vote for the November 2024 election and to receive a ballot by mail. You can register online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov> or on a paper application which can be obtained from the San Francisco Department of Elections, a US Post Office, or a City library. From October 22, 2024 through 8:00pm on November 5, 2024, you must register in person at the City Hall Voting Center or a polling place on November 5th.

## **IMPORTANCE OF VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION**

If you are eligible to vote, it is critical that you vote not only in the November 5, 2024 election but in all future elections. Elections matter and every vote counts. Our federal, state and local elected officials make decisions which impact our daily lives, and it is imperative that we vote for those candidates whom we believe will make decisions in the best interests of the citizens of our city, state and country.

Ballot measures can also impact our daily lives, and it is thus important that you understand the scope of each ballot measure so that you can make an informed decision when you vote either "Yes" or "No" on each ballot measure.

## **HOW TO VOTE**

If you are a San Francisco voter, please review the information in this pamphlet. We have listed all San Francisco candidates and a brief summary of the San Francisco measures which will appear on the November ballot. If you are registered to vote, you will receive from the San Francisco Department of Elections a Voter Information Pamphlet & Sample Ballot which includes detailed information on each candidate, ballot measure, and the location where you may vote in person. We recommend that you carefully review the Voter Information Pamphlet & Sample Ballot since it is the official document issued by the City.

All voters who register no later than October 21, 2024, will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot to their home address about one month before the election date. You have four options to return your ballot: (1) by USPS mail postmarked before 8:00pm on November 5th; (2) beginning October 7th, by dropping off your ballot at the City Hall Voting Center between 8:00am and 5:00pm (City Hall closed on October 14th); (3) by dropping off your ballot from 7:00am to 8:00pm on November 5th at the City Hall Voting Center or any polling place in California; or (4) beginning October 7th, by dropping off your ballot at any of the City's official drop boxes until 8:00pm on November 5th.

**If you do not wish to vote by mail, on November 5th, you may still vote in person at your assigned polling place from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Beginning October 7th, you may also vote in person, or drop off your vote-by-mail ballot, at the City Hall Voting Center during the following time periods: (a) weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm (except October 14th); (b) Saturday – Sunday, October 26 – 27 and November 2 – 3 from 10:00am to 4:00pm; and (c) on November 5th from 7:00am to 8:00pm.**

## **TAKE ACTION NOW**

- Review the list of candidates and measures;
- Complete your vote-by-mail ballot upon receipt;
- Determine how you plan to return your ballot: by mail, in person, or by drop box;
- Return your ballot by the deadline date and time;
- Bring your family and friends to the polls or ensure they complete and return their vote-by-mail ballots by the deadline date and time;
- **VOTE EARLY OR MAIL/DROP OFF YOUR BALLOTS EARLY!**



## **RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

**IN THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION, RANKED CHOICE VOTING WILL BE USED TO VOTE FOR ALL CITY CANDIDATES EXCEPT CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, AND THE BART BOARD.**

**When voting by ranked choice voting, you may rank up to TEN candidates in order of preference (MARK YOUR FIRST CHOICE AS CANDIDATE 1, YOUR SECOND CHOICE AS CANDIDATE 2, YOUR THIRD CHOICE AS CANDIDATE 3, etc.). You have the option to vote for fewer than ten candidates if you wish, or vote for only one candidate, but you may **ONLY VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONCE**; additional votes for the same candidate will not be counted.**

# SF CANDIDATES APPEARING ON NOVEMBER 5TH BALLOT

## Mayor

London Breed - Incumbent	Aaron Peskin
Mark Farrell	Paul Robertson
Henry Flynn	Ahsha Safai
Keith Freedman	Shahram Shariati
Dylan Hirsch-Shell	Jon Soderstrom
Daniel Lurie	Ellan Zhou
Nelson Mei	

## City Attorney

David Chiu - Incumbent	Richard Woon
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## District Attorney

Brooke Jenkins - Incumbent	Ryan Khojasteh
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## Sheriff

Michael Juan	Paul Miyamoto - Incumbent
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## Treasurer

Jose Cisneros - Incumbent	
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## Board of Supervisors: District 1

Jeremiah Boehner	Jen Nossokoff
Connie Chan - Incumbent	Marjan Philhour
Sherman D'Silva	

## Board of Supervisors: District 3

Wendy Chau	Eduard Navarro
Moe Jamil	Danny Sauter
Sharon Lai	Matthew Susk

## Board of Supervisors: District 5

Allen Jones	Dean Preston - Incumbent
Autumn Looijen	Scotty Jacobs
Bilal Mahmood	

# SF CANDIDATES APPEARING ON NOVEMBER 5TH BALLOT

## Board of Supervisors: District 7

Matthew Boschetto  
 Stephen Martin-Pinto  
 Myrna Melgar - Incumbent  
 Edward Yee

## Board of Supervisors: District 9

Julian Bermudez  
 H. Brown  
 Trevor Chandler  
 Jackie Fielder  
 Jaime Guitierrez  
 Roberto Hernandez  
 Stephen Torres

## Board of Supervisors: District 11

Chyanne Chen  
 Adlah Chisti  
 Oscar Flores  
 Ernest Jones  
 Michael Lai  
 Roger Marengo  
 Jose Morales

## Bart Board - District 7

Victor Flores, Jr.  
 Dana Lang

## Bart Board - District 9

Joe Sangirardi  
 Edward Wright

# SF CANDIDATES APPEARING ON NOVEMBER 5TH BALLOT

**Board of Education:** The San Francisco Board of Education is comprised of seven Commissioners elected at large by voters across the City to serve four year terms, and they determine policy for all the public schools in the San Francisco Unified School District. You may vote for a maximum of four candidates for the Board of Education (ranked choice voting does not apply).

- Matt Alexander - incumbent
- Min Chang
- Virginia Cheung
- Lefteris Eleftheriou
- Parag Gupta
- Ann Hsu
- Jaime Huling
- John Jersin
- Maddy Krantz
- Laurence Lee
- Supryia Ray

**Community College Board:** The San Francisco Community College Board is comprised of seven Trustees elected at large by voters in the City to serve four year terms, and they determine the policy for the San Francisco Community College District. You may vote for a maximum of four candidates for the Community College Board (ranked choice voting does not apply).

- Paige Bailey
- Aliya Chisti - Incumbent
- Ruth Ferguson
- Ben Kaplan
- Leanna Louie
- Heather McCarty
- Julio Ramos
- Luis Zamora - Incumbent



# SAN FRANCISCO MEASURES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT

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## **MEASURE A:**

**Schools Improvement and Safety Bond:** Funds raised by the bond (\$790M) would be used to: (1) improve earthquake safety and accessibility at SF public schools; (2) provide reliable Internet in classrooms; (3) replace worn-out plumbing, electrical, and ventilation systems; (4) improve student nutrition services; and (5) update security features.

## **MEASURE B:**

**Community Health and Medical Facilities, Street Safety, Public Spaces, and Shelter to Reduce Homelessness Bond:** Funds raised by the bond (\$390M) would be used to acquire or improve temporary shelters, facilities that deliver healthcare services, City hospitals and trauma centers, pedestrian areas and street safety, and other public spaces.

## **MEASURE C:**

**Inspector General:** A charter amendment which would create the new position of Inspector General in the Controller's Office to review and investigate complaints of fraud, waste, and abuse and give the Controller's Office additional powers to issue subpoenas and execute search warrants when permitted by state law.

## **MEASURE D:**

**City Commissions and Mayoral Authority:** A charter amendment which would (1) limit the total number of commissions the City may have to 65 (down from 130), retaining certain decision-making commissions and dissolving the others, unless the Board of Supervisors continues the latter as advisory bodies, (2) give the Mayor sole authority to appoint and remove City department heads, and (3) give the Police Chief sole authority to adopt rules governing police officers' conduct.

## **MEASURE E:**

### **Creating a Task Force to Recommend Changing, Eliminating, or Combining City Commissions:**

A charter amendment which would create a task force with authority to (1) make recommendations by February 1, 2026, to change, eliminate, or consolidate commissions to improve the administration of City government, and (2) introduce ordinances to implement its recommendations. The amendment also requires a financial report on the City's commissions.

## **MEASURE F:**

**Police Staffing and Deferred Retirement:** A charter amendment which would (1) define "full-duty sworn officer", (2) require the Police Chief to report and recommend future staffing of full-duty sworn officers to the Police Commission every three years; (3) require the Police Commission to report on staffing on an annual basis to the Board of Supervisors, and (4) create a five year program (with possible renewals) allowing police officers to continue working for the Police Department after retiring with pension payments deferred while they continue to work.

## **MEASURE G:**

### **Funding Rental Subsidies for Affordable Housing Developments Serving Low Income Seniors, Families, and Persons with Disabilities:**

A charter amendment which would require the City to create a fund and contribute at least \$8.25M a year to the fund to pay for rental subsidies for affordable housing developments serving extremely low-income households of seniors, families, and persons with disabilities.

## **MEASURE H:**

**Retirement Benefits for Firefighters:** A charter amendment which would change how pension benefits are calculated for Fire Department employees hired on or after January 7, 2012, by lowering the age these employees can receive the highest pension from 58 to 55, and make those benefits the same as employees hired before January 7, 2012.

## **MEASURE I:**

### **Retirement Benefits for Nurses and 911 Operators:**

This charter amendment would allow registered nurses who are members of the City's retirement system and meet certain requirements to purchase credits toward their total pension years of service for time previously worked as per diem nurses. The amendment would also allow 911 dispatchers, supervisors, and coordinators to increase their pension benefits by joining the retirement system's Miscellaneous Safety Plan for time worked beginning in January 2025.



**REGISTER  
TO VOTE**

## SAN FRANCISCO MEASURES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT

### **MEASURE J:**

#### **Funding Programs Serving Children, Youth, and Families:**

This charter amendment would create an initiative led by the Mayor and the School District Superintendent with the mission of ensuring that City funding for children, youth, and families is used effectively.

### **MEASURE K:**

#### **Permanently Closing the Upper Great Highway to Private Vehicles to Establish a Public Open Recreation Space:**

This measure would permanently close the Upper Great Highway to private motor vehicles seven days a week with limited exceptions and use the highway as a public open recreation space.



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### **MEASURE L:**

#### **Business Tax on Transportation Network Companies and Autonomous Vehicle Businesses to Fund Public Transportation:**

This measure would assess an additional permanent tax on transportation network companies and autonomous vehicle businesses that provide passenger service for compensation with rates between 1% and 4.5% of gross receipts in San Francisco above \$500,000. The tax would raise an estimated annual revenue of \$25M which would be used to support Muni transportation services and fare discount programs.

### **MEASURE M:**

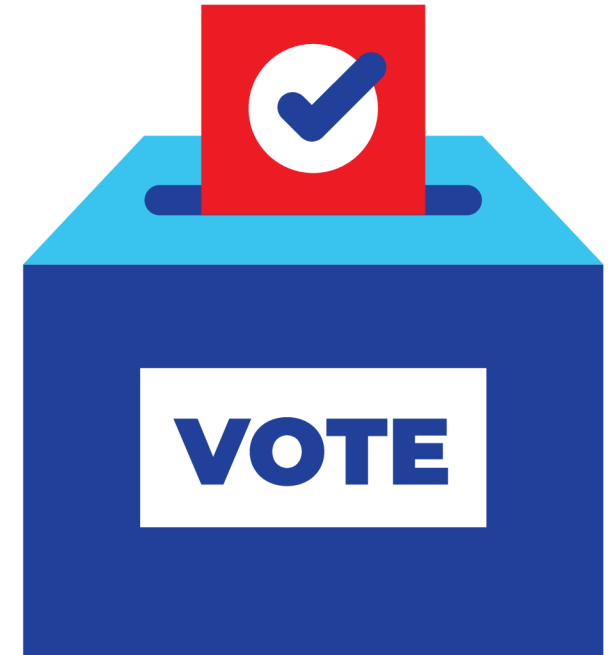
**Changes to Business Taxes:** This measure would increase annual revenue by \$50M by permanently changing business taxes, including annual gross receipts tax rates, homelessness gross receipts tax rates, business registration fees, overpaid executive gross receipts tax rates, and administrative office tax rates. This measure would increase the gross receipts tax exemption for small businesses.

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### **MEASURE N:**

#### **First Responder Student Loan and Training Reimbursement Fund:**

This ordinance would create a fund that the City could use in the future to help reimburse eligible City employees, including police officers, firefighters, sheriffs, paramedics, registered nurses, and 911 dispatchers, for student loans and education and training programs.



### **MEASURE O:**

**Supporting Reproductive Rights:** This measure would be a declaration of City policy and law to support, protect, and expand reproductive rights and services.