

Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Troy, Wang

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: TBD

The Way It Is Now: The City owns and operates facilities for public safety and emergency response. These facilities include:

- An Emergency Firefighting Water System and related facilities, which provide a dedicated water system for fighting fires;
- Fire and police stations and supporting facilities; and
- The Muni bus storage and maintenance facility at Potrero Yard.

The Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee oversees the spending of general obligation bond proceeds.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ is a bond measure that would authorize the City to borrow up to \$535 million by issuing general obligation bonds. The City would spend this money on seismic upgrades and on improvements to facilities used for emergency response and recovery.

Projects funded by the bond proceeds could include construction, acquisition, improvement, and completion of:

- The Emergency Firefighting Water System and related facilities;
- Fire stations and supporting facilities;
- Police stations and supporting facilities;
- The Muni bus storage and maintenance facility at Potrero Yard; and
- Other disaster response facilities.

Proposition ___ would allow an increase in the property tax to pay for the bonds, if needed. The City has a non-binding policy to limit the amount of money it borrows by issuing new bonds only as prior bonds are paid off. In rent-controlled residential units, landlords would be permitted to pass through up to 50 percent of any resulting property tax increase to tenants.

Proposition ___ also would require the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to review how the City spends these bond funds.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to issue up to \$535 million in general obligation bonds for the construction, acquisition, improvement, and completion of the Emergency Firefighting Water System, firefighting and police facilities, the Potrero bus yard, and other disaster response facilities.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want the City to issue these bonds.

**Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings.*