

The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club Ballot Measure Questionnaire for November 2019

Dear Ballot Initiative Representative (or Opponent),

The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club invites you to get to know us a little better as we plan our endorsements for the November 2019 election cycle. Your participation in our Club's questionnaire will allow our Membership to better understand what your ballot position is, what it stands for, and what you plan to accomplish if you pass or defeat the initiative.

Email your answers to Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair Gabriela Alemán at pac@milkclub.org and to our Correspondent Lee Hepner at correspondent@milkclub.org.

Good Luck,

The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

1. Please briefly describe the intent of the ballot initiative you are supporting or opposing.

Prop E creates a comprehensive rezoning of public lands and large lots to make it easier and faster to build 100% affordable housing citywide. Prop E also creates a new program for Educator Housing Projects to allow SFUSD and CCSF to use their underused land to house their employees

2. Explain why you support or oppose this initiative.

The biggest barriers that affordable housing developers face when it comes to building affordable housing are limited land and city funding. There are many large, underused lots across the City where affordable housing could be built, but is currently not permitted. We need a massive investment in affordable housing, which will be accomplished through the \$600 million housing bond, and a comprehensive rezoning of public lands and large lots to make it easier and faster to build affordable housing and educator housing citywide (Prop E).

3. Which public officials and/or organizations support your position on this initiative?

All members of the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Breed have signed on to the proponent argument in favor of Prop E. Organizations that support Prop E include UESF, AFT 2121, CCHO, the SF Democratic Party, TNDC, and TODCO.

4. Who is/are the main political consultant(s) working on your position on this initiative?

Jackie Thornhill

5. What is the main source of funding for your position on the initiative?

Affordable housing nonprofits and labor unions.

6. Explain why the Harvey Milk Club should endorse your position on this initiative?

San Francisco is in a housing affordability crisis. While the City is exceeding its production goals for market-rate housing, it is falling drastically short of its production goals for low to moderate income housing (everyone else in SF earning less than \$100,000 a year).

In the midst of this severe housing affordability crisis, San Francisco must prioritize resources for the expedited construction of housing for low to middle-income residents and working families, including for our educators. Prop E creates a comprehensive rezoning of public lands and large lots to make it easier and faster to build affordable housing citywide, and also creates a new program for Educator Housing Projects to allow SFUSD and CCSF to use their underused land to house their employees

Prop E works together with the Affordable Housing Bond (Prop A), creating a unique opportunity to address the two biggest barriers to affordable housing: limited land and city funding.