



San Francisco

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

This nonpartisan pamphlet was prepared as a community service by the San Francisco Chapter of Links ("SF Links"). SF Links is a unit of the Links, Incorporated, an international nonprofit corporation comprised of more than 17,000 professional women and is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. SF Links was chartered in 1950 and has been providing services to the San Francisco community for 76 years.

ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE IN SAN FRANCISCO

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.

October 19, 2026 is the last day to register to vote for the November 2026 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 20, 2026 through 8:00pm on November 3, 2026, you must register in person at the City Hall Voting Center or at a polling place on November 3rd.

IMPORTANCE OF VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION

If you are eligible to vote, it is critical that you vote not only in the November 3, 2026 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. If you are registered to vote, you will receive from the San Francisco Department of Elections a Voter Information Pamphlet 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 since it is the official document issued by the City. You will also receive a Voter Information Guide from the Secretary of State listing state candidates and state measures on the November 2026 ballot.

All voters who register no later than October 19, 2026, 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 the United States Postal Service if your ballot is postmarked before 8:00pm on November 3rd and received by November 10th; (2) beginning October 5th, by dropping off your ballot at the City Hall Voting Center between 8:00am and 5:00pm (City Hall closed on October 12th); (3) beginning October 5th, by dropping off your ballot at any of the City's official drop boxes until 8:00pm on November 3rd; or (4) by dropping off your ballot from 7:00am to 8:00pm on November 3rd at the City Hall Voting Center or any polling place in California.

If you do not wish to vote by mail, on November 3rd, you may still vote in person at your assigned polling place from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Beginning October 5th, you may also vote in person at the City Hall Voting Center during the following time periods: (a) weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm (except October 12th); (b) Saturday – Sunday, October 24 – 25 and October 31 – November 1 from 10:00am to 4:00pm; and (c) on November 3rd 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 2026 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.

SAN FRANCISCO CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

Assessor-Recorder

- Joaquin Torres – incumbent

Public Defender

- Manohar Raju – incumbent

Board of Supervisors: District 2

- Nicholas Berg
- Guy McCoy
- Monthanus Ratanapakdee
- Stephen Sherrill – incumbent

Board of Supervisors: District 4

- Albert Chow
- Jeremy Julian Greco
- Alan Wong – incumbent

Board of Supervisors: District 6

- Alex Behrend
- Matt Dorsey – incumbent

Board of Supervisors: District 8

- Gary McCoy
- Michael T. Nguyen
- Darshini Patel
- Emanuel “Manny” Yekutieli

Board of Supervisors: District 10

- Pearci “PJ” Bastiany III
- Dionjay (DJ) Brookter
- Deandra Bryant
- Theo Ellington
- J.R. Eppler
- Ellsworth “Ell” M. Jennison, Jr.
- Mike Trouble Lin
- Jamo Muhammad
- Jessica Pessecow
- Shawn M. Richard

BART Board: District 8

- Sara Barz

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 three candidates for the Board of Education (ranked choice voting does not apply).

- Autumn Brown Garibay
- Virginia Cheung
- Alida Fisher – incumbent
- Ryan Hazelton
- Phil Kim – incumbent
- Laurence Lee
- Reina Tello
- Tim Tung

Community College Board Partial Term

- Ruth Ferguson – incumbent

SAN FRANCISCO CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

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 three candidates for the Community College Board (ranked choice voting does not apply).

- Elijah Ball
- Rome Moses Jones
- Monroe Lace
- Leah LaCroix
- Jeremy Lee
- Bunny McFadden
- Erwin Tam
- Lisa Wynn

SAN FRANCISCO MEASURES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

MEASURE A:

Charter Changes Affecting Various City Departments and Commissions: This measure would (1) align the Charter with how some City departments operate in order to clarify responsibilities and update rules, procedures, and reporting requirements, (2) change some processes, such as allowing legal settlements to be approved by resolution instead of by ordinance, (3) require a task force to meet every ten years to recommend changes to commissions, and (4) eliminate or reorganize certain commissions and advisory bodies. Measure A would also require the Board of Supervisors to amend voter approved laws to enact some of these changes.

MEASURE B:

Establishing a Municipal Finance Corporation and a Public Bank: Measure B would amend the City Charter to authorize the City to establish a Municipal Finance Corporation ("MFC"), if the City has sufficient funding and resources. After three years of operation, the MFC may become a public bank. The MFC would make loans but not accept deposits. If the MFC becomes a public bank, the bank would make loans and also accept deposits. The MFC and public bank would provide services to support affordable housing development, affordable home ownership, small business development, environmental sustainability, and environmental justice. Both the MFC and the public bank would each be governed by a board of directors appointed and overseen by its own oversight commission, whose members would be appointed by City elected officers.

SAN FRANCISCO MEASURES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

MEASURE C:

Contributions to the Housing Trust Fund: Measure C would change how the City's annual contributions to the Housing Trust Fund ("HTF") are set, increase funding and expand programs for affordable housing, and extend the HTF's expiration date. The City would increase its contributions to the HTF until the annual contribution meets or exceeds \$125 million. Thereafter, annual increases are capped at 3% based on increases in the General Fund. City contributions to the HTF could be paused when a projected City deficit exceeds \$250 million, and contributions could be reduced up to 10% during years when the City may use its Rainy Day Reserve.

MEASURE D:

Changes to Ballot Measure Process: Measure D would amend the Charter to increase the requirements to place measures on the ballot by: (1) increasing the number of signatures required to place a signature initiative on the ballot from 2% to 8% (currently from about 10,600 signatures to about 42,500 signatures) of the registered voters in San Francisco; (2) increasing the number of signatures required to call a special election on an ordinance from 10% of the votes cast for Mayor in the last election to 10% of the registered voters in San Francisco (currently about 53,100 signatures); (3) removing the ability of four or more members of the Board of Supervisors to place a measure on the ballot without a Board vote; and (4) removing the ability of the Mayor to independently place a measure on the ballot. This measure would allow signature initiatives to be withdrawn up to 102 days before the election.

MEASURE E:

City Administrator's Authority and Changes to City Contracting: Measure E would: (1) give the City Administrator exclusive authority to propose ordinances that change how the City selects contractors and enters into contracts for goods, services, construction, and grants; (2) increase the dollar amount of contracts requiring Board approval to (a) contracts and leases worth \$4.5 million or more in revenue to the city, and (b) contracts that cost the City \$25 million or more; (3) increase the City Administrator's term from five to ten years; and (4) give the City Administrator the authority to establish purchasing rules and processes for all goods, services, construction, and grants for all City departments, except as limited by other laws.

SAN FRANCISCO MEASURES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

MEASURE F:

Changes to Executive Branch Management: Measure F would amend the Charter to allow the Mayor to do the following: (1) transfer responsibilities between most departments or combine departments under a single department head, regardless of whether the department was established by ordinance or the Charter and as long as the Board of Supervisors does not object; (2) hire deputy mayors to supervise most departments established by the Charter; and (3) hire some and fire most department heads without Board or commission involvement. The Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and other officials who appoint board and commission members could remove them at any time without cause, excluding the Board of Appeals, the Civil Service Commission, and the Ethics Commission.

MEASURE G:

Allowing Private Vehicles on the Upper Great Highway in Sunset Dunes Park: Measure G would close Sunset Dunes Park from Monday at 4:00am through Friday at 6:00pm, unless a holiday falls on a weekday, in order to reopen the roadway known as the Upper Great Highway to private vehicles during that time. The Upper Great Highway will remain open to emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, intra-park transit shuttle buses, and similar authorized vehicles. This measure would require the City to obtain all necessary approvals, including any permits required by the California Coastal Act or from other government agencies, to reopen the roadway known as the Upper Great Highway to private vehicles.

MEASURE H:

Parcel Tax to Fund Public Muni Operations: Starting July 1, 2027, and continuing until June 30, 2042, Measure H would fund Muni service through a new annual parcel tax on real estate in San Francisco. The tax would be adjusted annually for inflation. The proposed 2027 tax rates would impose a base tax amount and add additional taxes based on the square footage of the property. Most homeowners aged 65 or older living in their primary home would get a discount or pay no tax. Revenues from the tax would only be used for Muni service and administering the tax. This measure requires annual independent audits, reports, and efficiency reviews and would increase the City's spending limit for four years.

SAN FRANCISCO MEASURES APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

MEASURE I:

Changes to Real Property Transfer Tax: Measure I would dedicate half of the transfer tax revenues, when certain real estate with a value or sales price of more than \$10 million changes hands, to be spent only on affordable housing, including social housing developments and housing assistance. The measure would reduce certain transfer tax rates and impose new transfer tax rates. The City could spend revenue from the new transfer taxes only on the following: (1) at least 60% for affordable housing production, with at least half to social housing developments; (2) at least 25% towards the acquisition or rehabilitation of affordable housing, with at least 60% to acquisition of existing housing units; and (3) at least 10% to tenant stabilization/ homeless prevention programs, with at least half to eviction defense and prevention.

MEASURE J:

Removal of Foreclosure Exemption for Real Property Transfer Tax: Measure J would apply a transfer tax for properties such as commercial, industrial, and large residential real estate that a lender takes through foreclosure or is handed over to the lender to avoid foreclosure. Starting March 1, 2027, these properties would be taxed on their full market value. The current tax breaks would still apply to the transfer of: (1) single family residences; (2) multi-family residential buildings with fewer than five units; and (3) mixed use properties with fewer than five residential units and only one floor of non-residential space.

REGIONAL TRANSIT MEASURE:

Public Transit Revenue Measure: This measure would impose a tax of 0.5% in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara and 1.0% in the City and County of San Francisco. The tax would be imposed and collected in the same manner as a state imposed sales tax. The tax would be in effect for 14 years and would not count toward the statutory limit on combined local sales tax rates. The estimated annual revenues of \$980 million, after payment of costs and administrative expenses, would be transferred to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and county transportation agencies for distribution and to BART, Muni, Caltrain, AC Transit, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, San Francisco Bay Ferry, Golden Gate Transit, and other agencies. Revenues would also support free and reduced-cost transit transfers, expansion of reduced fare programs, accessibility programs, mapping and wayfinding and transit priority projects and programs, and repavement projects for roads served by fixed-route transit. The tax would become effective if approved by a majority of those voting on the measure throughout the entire Public Transit Revenue Measure District.