

Special Municipal Election

City of San Diego

November 6, 1956

(consolidated with statewide general election held on this date)

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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The following proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of San Diego, California, will be submitted to the voters of the City of San Diego on Tuesday, November 6, 1956.

FRED W. SICK, City Clerk.

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PROPOSITION C

Amend Section 24 of Article IV of the Charter of The City of San Diego to read as follows:

"Section 24. MAYOR. The Mayor shall preside at the meetings of the Council and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be imposed by the Council, consistent with the duties of his office. He shall have no power of veto, but shall have a vote as a member of the Council. He shall be recognized as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purpose of serving civil process, for the signing of all legal instruments and documents, and by the Governor for military purposes. In time of public danger or emergency, he may, with the consent of the Council, take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law.

The rate of pay of the Mayor shall be \$12,000.00 per year.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Mayor, existing by reason of any cause, the Council shall have authority to fill such vacancy, provided, however, that if the Council shall fail to fill such vacancy by appointment within thirty (30) days after the vacancy, the Council must immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy. Any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office only until the next regular municipal election, at which date a person shall be elected to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term."

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

Carried

PROPOSITION C. Amend Section 24 of Article IV of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment fixes the rate of pay of the Mayor at \$12,000.00 a year; and removes from the present Charter the provision for entertainment expense allowance for the Mayor and does not provide for any entertainment expense allowance for the Mayor.	YES	
	NO	

PROPOSITION D

Amend Section 115 of Article VIII of the Charter of The City of San Diego to read as follows:

"Section 115. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. There shall be a Civil Service Commission consisting of five members who shall be electors of the City. Not more than three members of the Commission shall be of the same sex. The Mayor, with the approval of the Council, shall appoint the members of the Commission. The Commissioners so appointed shall draw lots for

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terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively. Thereafter members of the Commission shall be appointed to serve for five years and until their successors have been appointed, and qualified. The Mayor, with the approval of the Council, shall fill any vacancy. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the office being filled.

Members of the Civil Service Commission shall not hold any other office in City government.

The City Council may remove a member of the Civil Service Commission for cause by vote of at least five members of said Council, provided, however, that written charges shall first be made against such member and an opportunity afforded for a public hearing before the Council upon such charges."

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

PROPOSITION D. Amend Section 115 of Article VII of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment increases the Civil Service Commission from three to five members.	YES	
	NO	

PROPOSITION E

Amend Section 117 of Article VIII of the Charter of The City of San Diego to read as follows:

"Section 117. CLASSIFICATION. The administrative service of the City is hereby divided into the Unclassified and Classified Service, as follows:

The Unclassified Service shall include all elective positions and the following administrative offices:

Assistant to the Mayor; a confidential secretary to the Mayor; City Manager, a confidential secretary, one Assistant Manager and two Assistants to the Manager; City Clerk; City Auditor and Comptroller; Park and Recreation Director; Director of Mission Bay Park; City Librarian; Chief of Police; Director of Building Inspection; Director of Operations of Police Department; Director of Service of Police Department; confidential secretary to the Chief of Police; Chief of Fire Department; Budget Officer; Purchasing Agent; Personnel Director; City Engineer; an Assistant to and all Deputies of the City Attorney; City Treasurer; Director of Public Works; Director of the Water Department; Hydraulic Engineer; Superintendent of Maintenance and Operation of the Water Department; Director of Public Health; a confidential secretary to the Director of Public Health; Director of Social Service; Industrial Coordinator; officers and employees of the San Diego

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Unified School District; members of all Commissions and Advisory Boards who serve the City without compensation.

"The Classified Service shall comprise all positions not specifically included by this Charter in the Unclassified Service."

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PROPOSITION E. Amend Section 117 of Article VIII of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment places the position of Industrial Coordinator in the Unclassified Service of The City of San Diego.	YES	
	NO	

PROPOSITION F

Amend Section 57 of Article V of the Charter of The City of San Diego to read-as follows:

"Section 57. POLICE DEPARTMENT. The Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police and such other officers, members and employees as the Council may from time to time prescribe by ordinance. All members of the Police Department at the time this Charter takes effect shall be retained and shall only be removed for cause, as provided in Section 129 of Article VIII of this Charter, or as otherwise provided herein.

The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the City Manager and the appointment shall be confirmed by a majority of the Council, provided, however, that the Chief of Police may be removed by the City Manager at any time in the manner provided for in Section 30 of Article V of this Charter.

The Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, shall appoint, direct and supervise the personnel, subject to Civil Service regulations, have charge of the property and equipment of the department and exercise all powers and duties provided by general laws or by ordinance of the Council. The Chief of Police shall have all power and authority necessary for the operation and control of the Police Department.

The Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, may establish a training school and Merit System for training and disciplining members of the department. The rules and regulations of such system and all changes must be approved by the Council. After the establishment of the merit system all appointments to the Police Department shall be made in accordance with the Civil Service provisions of this Charter. But, after appointment members of the Police Department shall not be subject to Civil Service provisions

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of this Charter and promotions, demotions, suspensions and dismissals from the Police Department shall be made in accordance with fixed rules and regulations of a Merit System established by the Chief of Police, and approved by ordinance of the Council; provided, however, that any member who has been dismissed, demoted or suspended, other than the Chief of Police, may, within five days from the effective date of the order of such dismissal, demotion or suspension, appeal to the Civil Service Commission of the City, who, after proper notice, shall conduct a public hearing at which the Commission shall have power to determine the justice of such order of dismissal, demotion or suspension, and may affirm, modify or refuse such order. The action of said Commission on such hearing shall be final and conclusive.

The City Manager, with the approval of the Council, shall have the power to contract with a physician and surgeon, licensed to practice in the State of California, to perform the duties of Police Surgeon and to provide all medical services necessary for the operation of the Police Department."

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

PROPOSITION F. Amend Section 57 of Article V of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment removes obsolete language from the present Charter relating to the assignment of personnel in the Police Department, and provides that the City Manager, with the approval of the City Council, may contract for medical services necessary for the operation of the department.	YES	
	NO	

PROPOSITION G

Amend Section 58 of Article V of the Charter of The City of San Diego to read as follows:

"Section 58. FIRE DEPARTMENT. The Fire Department shall consist of a Chief of the Fire Department and such other officers, members and employees as the Council may from time to time prescribe by ordinance. All members of the Fire Department at the time this Charter takes effect shall be retained and shall only be removed for cause as otherwise provided herein.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall be appointed by the City Manager and the appointment shall be confirmed by a majority of the Council, provided, however, that the Chief of the Fire Department may be removed by the City Manager at any time in the manner provided for in Section 30

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of Article V of this Charter. In appointing the Chief of the Fire Department, the City Manager shall make his selection preferably from the ranks of the active members of the Fire Department with a rank of not less than that of battalion chief.

The Chief of the Fire Department, with the approval of the City Manager, shall direct and supervise the personnel, have charge of the property and equipment of the Department, and exercise all powers and duties provided by general laws or by ordinance of the Council. All appointments to the Fire Department shall be made in accordance with the Civil Service provisions of this Charter from applicants not less than twenty-one nor more than thirty years of age. After appointment members of the Fire Department shall not be subject to the Civil Service provisions of this Charter and promotions, demotions, suspensions and dismissals from the Fire Department shall be made in accordance with fixed rules and regulations of a Merit System established by the Chief of the Fire Department and approved by ordinance of the Council; provided, however, that any member who has been dismissed, demoted or suspended, other than the Chief of the Fire Department, may within five days from the effective date of the order of such dismissal, demotion or suspension, appeal to the Civil Service Commission of the City, who after proper notice, shall conduct a public hearing at which the Commission shall have power to determine the justice of such order of dismissal, demotion or suspension, and may affirm, modify or refuse such order. The action of said Commission on such hearing shall be final and conclusive.

It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department to superintend the prevention and extinguishment of fires, establish rules and regulations for the operation and control of the Fire Department and provide penalties for the violation thereof, exercise full power and authority over all appropriations made for the use of the Fire Department, subject to the approval of the City Manager.

The uniformed force of the San Diego Fire Department shall be divided into two divisions—one to perform duty days and one to perform duty nights. The day shift shall perform duty for a consecutive period of ten (10) hours, and the night shift for a consecutive period of fourteen (14) hours, except on change of shifts, when each shift shall alternately stand duty for a period of twenty-four (24) hours while the opposite shift is off duty, and such change of shift shall be made every third day, except in cases of emergency. The Chief of the Fire Department, however, with the approval of the City Manager, may change the hours of work, and the time of shifts above described, for the purpose of improving the working conditions of the members and the efficiency of said department, but no change shall be made which will impose additional burdens upon the members of said department or materially affect the double platoon system. The Chief of the Fire Department shall have all power and authority necessary for the operation and control of the Fire Department and the protection of the lives and property of the people of the City from fire.

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PROPOSITION G. Amend Section 58 of Article V of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment removes obsolete language from the present Charter relating to the assignment of personnel in the Fire Department, and provides that the City Manager, with the approval of the City Council, may contract for medical services necessary for the operation of the department.	YES	
	NO	

SAMPLE BALLOT

and its presidential and vice presidential candidate, is a vote for all of the electors of that party, but for no other candidate to vote for a candidate for President and for Vice President of any party not qualified to participate in the election write candidates in the blank space provided for that purpose. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write his name under To vote on any measure, stamp a cross (✚) in the voting square after the word "Yes" or after the word "No." All marks, or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you wrongly stamp, tear or deface this ballot, return it to the ballots mark a cross (✚) with pen or pencil.

DATE OF VOTERS

0-7144-C-G 11-6-1956 0-7143-H

COUNTY PROPOSITIONS			
YES		AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO. SHALL sections 78, 80, 84 and 89 of the Charter be amended to exclude from the classified civil service certain classes of positions; to permit the Civil Service Commission to increase from six months to one year the probationary period civil service employees must serve; and to permit the employment of alien students engaged in an established training program?	YES 73,557 NO 108,035
NO			YES 26,459 NO 38,855
YES		AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO. Shall Section 12 of Article III be amended and a new Section 12.1 be added to Article III of the Charter of the County of San Diego to provide for the fixing of the compensation of all other elective officers of the County of San Diego, annually, during their term of office, in the manner in which the compensation of the Classified Civil Service of the County of San Diego is standardized, classified and determined and shall Section 10 of Article II of the Charter of the County of San Diego be amended to permit adjustment of the compensation of members of the Board of Supervisors during their terms of office?	YES 49,857 NO 81,583
NO			YES 50,157 NO 83,070
CITY PROPOSITIONS			
YES		PROPOSITION C. Amend Section 24 of Article IV of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment fixes the rate of pay of the Mayor at \$12,000.00 a year; and removes from the present Charter the provision for entertainment expense allowance for the Mayor and does not provide for any entertainment expense allowance for the Mayor.	YES 55,557 NO 87,524
NO			YES 44,459 NO 70,049
YES		PROPOSITION D. Amend Section 115 of Article VIII of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment increases the Civil Service Commission from three to five members.	YES 65,657 NO 94,951
NO			YES 34,352 NO 49,674
YES		PROPOSITION E. Amend Section 117 of Article VIII of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment places the position of Industrial Coordinator in the Unclassified Service of The City of San Diego.	YES 58,359 NO 76,484
NO			YES 47,659 NO 54,592
YES		PROPOSITION F. Amend Section 57 of Article V of the Charter of The City of San Diego. This amendment removes obsolete language from the present Charter relating to the assignment of personnel in the Police Department, and provides that the City Manager, with the approval of the City Council, may contract for medical services necessary for the operation of the department.	YES 72,887 NO 105,080
NO			YES 27,129 NO 39,094
CITY SCHOOL PROPOSITIONS			
YES		SHALL THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, incur a bonded indebtedness in the aggregate principal sum of Twenty-seven Million and no/100 Dollars (\$27,000,000.00) for the purpose of raising money for the following purposes (which are hereby united and shall be voted upon as one single proposition) to wit: For the purchasing of school lots; the building or purchasing of school buildings; the making of alterations or additions to the school building or buildings other than such as may be necessary for current maintenance, operation, or repairs; the repairing, restoring, or rebuilding of any school building damaged, injured, or destroyed by fire or other public calamity; the supplying of school buildings with furniture or necessary apparatus of a permanent nature; the permanent improvement of the school grounds; and the carrying out of the projects or purposes authorized in Section 18010 of the Education Code, to-wit, providing sewers and drains adequate to treat and/or dispose of sewage and drainage on or away from each school property?	YES 73,557 NO 108,035
NO			YES 26,459 NO 38,855
YES		SHALL THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE FROM \$2.00 TO \$2.80, SUCH RATE TO BE IN EFFECT IN THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE YEARS 1957-58 TO 1964-65, INCLUSIVE, BE AUTHORIZED?	YES 49,857 NO 81,583
NO			YES 50,157 NO 83,070

COMPILATION OF VOTES CAST ON PROPOSITIONS AT THE
SPECIAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATE
GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 6, 1956.

		PROPOSITION C Amend Sec. 24 Mayor's Salary		PROPOSITION D Amend Sec. 115 Civil Service Commission		PROPOSITION E Amend Sec. 117 Classification- Industrial Coordinator		PROPOSITION F Amend Sec. 57 Police Department		PROPOSITION G Amend Sec. 58 Fire Department		PROPOSITION H Public Assembly Building Bonds	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Council													
Districts	1	17292	10937	18292	8013	15343	8812	20438	5871	20797	5998	14806	14112
	2	13791	10043	14976	7821	12539	7660	16557	5399	16940	5339	13351	11283
	3	11041	11627	12425	7923	9641	8701	13738	6604	14236	6622	10154	13554
	4	16148	13826	17766	9957	14427	10735	19843	7686	20374	7670	14354	16774
	5	13012	11511	13895	8317	10861	9389	15276	7015	15901	6879	11978	13580
	6	12123	9676	13062	6569	10355	7369	14174	5478	14657	5358	12708	10245
Absentees		4117	2429	4175	1874	3318	1926	5054	1041	5130	997	4230	2522
TOTALS		87524	70049	94591	49674	76484	54592	105080	39094	108035	38855	81583	82070
		TOTAL VOTE	% VOTE	TOTAL VOTE	% VOTE	TOTAL VOTE	% VOTE	TOTAL VOTE	% VOTE	TOTAL VOTE	% VOTE	TOTAL VOTE	% VOTE
Council													
Districts	1	28229	75.58	26305	70.43	24155	64.67	26309	70.44	26787	71.72	26920	77.43
	2	23834	72.31	21997	67.30	20199	61.80	21956	67.18	22279	68.16	24634	75.37
	3	22668	73.57	20348	66.04	18342	59.54	20342	66.02	20358	67.66	23703	76.95
	4	29974	77.84	27723	71.99	25162	65.34	27529	71.49	28044	72.83	31128	80.84
	5	21523	70.06	22212	63.46	20250	57.85	22291	63.68	22780	65.08	25558	73.01
	6	21799	66.04	19631	59.17	17724	53.69	19652	59.23	20015	60.63	22953	69.23
Absentees		6546		6049		5244		6095		6127		6752	

Council Districts		<u>REGISTRATION</u>	<u>VOTE CAST</u>	<u>PERCENT VOTE CAST</u>
	1	37350	31279	83.75%
	2	32684	26582	81.34
	3	30811	25998	84.34
	4	38508	33384	86.69
	5	35004	29039	82.96
	6	33009	25687	77.82
Outside		8		
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		207374	171969	82.93%