

RECOMMENDATIONS

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

MEASURE A AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS YES

This measure addresses San Diego's housing crisis, especially with regard to meeting the needs of vulnerable San Diegans for affordable housing and homeless facilities. Currently, we are meeting a very small percent of our Extremely Low, Very Low and Low Income Housing needs. LWVSD's position on housing calls for, "a more active role by cities in the application for and utilization of available state and federal subsidy programs and innovative financing to increase the supply of low and moderate income housing." Measure A does just that.

In addition, passage of Measure A is supported by LWV's [Position on Housing and Homelessness](#). That position promotes state programs to increase the supply of safe, decent, and adequate housing. The position also encourages financial assistance in the form of grants, loans, tax incentives and other means to facilitate housing construction and rehabilitation. However, it is vitally important that San Diego have a local funding source for affordable housing and homeless facilities so that federal and state funding sources that require matching funds can be accessed. Measure A will provide those required funds and bring our city much needed affordable housing.

MEASURE B INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES YES

The City Council has the responsibility for police-community relations policies and programs. A community review board should have an independent attorney and subpoena power; it should have the power to investigate all in-custody deaths and officer involved shootings. It should be free and independent from city politics.

LWVSD supports this measure on the basis of the LWV [Position on Criminal Justice](#). That position calls for a just, effective, equitable, transparent criminal justice system that fosters public trust at all stages including policing practices. The position further supports collaboration between government and the community throughout every stage of the criminal justice system. A truly independent commission on police practices, as instituted by this measure, would further these goals in the City of San Diego.

MEASURE C DISTRICT-ONLY ELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD**YES**

The [LWVC believes](#) in representative government and supports electoral systems that elect policy-making bodies—legislatures, councils, commissions, and boards—that proportionally reflect the people they represent. LWVC promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive. We encourage electoral methods that provide the broadest voter representation possible. Whether for single or multiple winner contests, the League supports electoral methods that:

- Encourage voter participation and voter engagement
- Encourage those with minority opinions to participate, including under-represented communities

Measure C aligns with these positions. Furthermore, it can reduce money in politics by limiting the geographical area candidates must compete in, enabling less well-financed candidates to more effectively compete.

MEASURE D REMOVING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS/FILLING VACANCIES YES

The LWVC supports “Improvements in orderliness and clarity, including elimination of conflicting, repetitive, and obsolete provisions.” Having the Board of Education’s process to replace vacancies mirror that of the City Council and the other elected offices seems orderly and eliminates any conflict between them. LWVSD’s [Position on City Government](#) supports city government with structures and procedures that promote responsive, responsible and efficient government with adequate checks and balances of power, with equal opportunities for citizens and with provisions for citizen participation. LWVC’s [Position on the Electoral Process](#) promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.

This measure brings removal procedures for school board trustees in line with removal procedures for other City elected officials and the requirements in the California Constitution.

MEASURE E MIDWAY DISTRICT HEIGHT LIMIT EXEMPTION**YES**

As described in the Midway-Pacific Highway Community Plan the current dilapidated state of the Midway District will benefit greatly from a community that is more transit- and pedestrian-friendly. The height limit exemption would encourage greater density and mixed uses, thereby promoting the goals of transit- and pedestrian-friendliness. The 1972 Proposition D height limit would not be changed in other coastal communities. The LWVC [Position on Housing and Homelessness](#) encourages density along transportation corridors; the Midway District includes bus routes, nearby freeways and proximity to the Old Town trolley station, and the Community Plan supports efficient transit service and transit use as a transportation mode of choice.