**LOCAL MEASURES**

**LETTER**

**SUMMARY**

Proposition for the City to incur a bond up to $487,500,000 to finance the purchase or improvement of facilities to house and/or deliver services to those experiencing mental health challenges, substance abuse, homelessness; and parks, open spaces, and street structures. The ordinance would allow landlords to pass through 50% of resulting property tax increases to residential tenants. This bond does not raise taxes.

**SHORT STORY**

**CHAMBER POSITION SUPPORT**

A “YES” Vote Means
You support the bond.

A “NO” Vote Means
You do not support the bond.

**CHAMBER POSITION OPPOSE**

A “YES” Vote Means
You support the proposed tax increase.

A “NO” Vote Means
You do not support the proposed tax increase.

**SAN FRANCISCO STATISTICS**

- Unemployment claims since March 2020: **205,000**
- Overall retail sales in San Francisco since the start of the pandemic: **-95%**
- San Francisco Budget: **$13.7 Billion**
- Restaurants Non-Operational: **51.5%**

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<td>Increases the Real Property Transfer Tax rate from 2.75% to 5.5% on transfers of properties with a value of at least $10,000,000 and less than $25,000,000 and from 3% to 6% on transfers of properties with a value of at least $25,000,000. This also applies to commercial leases over 35 years. It is the Chamber’s position that this immediate tax increase will devastate small businesses by increasing their rents; and it will also cost us thousands of new housing units, including hundreds of affordable housing units, and hundreds of union construction jobs.</td>
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| L      | Increases the gross receipts tax (or administrative office tax) on businesses that have a 100:1 or more ratio between the business’s highest-paid managerial employee (globally) and the median compensation paid to the business’s employees (within San Francisco). It is important to note that this measure will disproportionately punish businesses in retail and manufacturing that provide seniors, people with disabilities, and first time job seekers with employment. |

| RR     | A resolution to impose a retail transactions and use tax at the rate of 0.125% within San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara County for up to 30 years to provide approximately $100 million annually for Caltrain to prevent congestion, increase accessibility, reduce air pollution, and increase travel times and capacity. |

### CHAMBER POSITION

**OPPOSE**

A “YES” Vote Means
You support doubling the transfer tax for certain properties and leases.

A “NO” Vote Means
You do not support doubling the transfer tax for certain properties and leases.

**OPPOSE**

A “YES” Vote Means
You support a gross receipts tax increase on businesses that have a 100:1 global pay ratio.

A “NO” Vote Means
You do not support a gross receipts tax increase on businesses that have a 100:1 global pay ratio.

**SUPPORT**

A “YES” Vote Means
You support a 0.125% sales tax increase to support Caltrain operations and infrastructure.

A “NO” Vote Means
You do not support a 0.125% sales tax increase to support Caltrain operations and infrastructure.

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PROPOSAL

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$5.5 billion general obligation bond for the state’s stem cell research institute and makes changes and developments to the institute’s governance structure and programs.

SHORT STORY

CHAMBER POSITION

SUPPORT

A “YES” Vote Means
You support the stem cell research bond.

A “NO” Vote Means
You do not support the stem cell research bond.

PROPOSITION

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Reform Proposition 13 to create a split-roll property tax that would require commercial and industrial properties to be taxed on their market value instead of purchased value plus adjustment for inflation. Funds would go towards administration costs, local governments, K-12 public schools, and community colleges.

ANALYSIS:
It is the Chamber’s position that having the largest property tax increase in California history at the same time as a pandemic recession is not sustainable. A split-roll property tax will increase pressure on many businesses that are already struggling to survive.

CHAMBER POSITION

OPPOSE

A “YES” Vote Means
You support the reform of Prop 13 creating a split-roll property tax.

A “NO” Vote Means
You do not support the reform to Prop 13 creating a split-roll property tax.

PROPOSITION

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Repeal the state ban on affirmative action. The state’s current ban prohibits race-conscious and gender-conscious programs in public employment, public education, and public contracting based on an individual or group’s race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

CHAMBER POSITION

SUPPORT

A “YES” Vote Means
You support the repeal of the state’s ban on affirmative action.

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**ANALYSIS:**
It is important to note that the Governor just signed new, statewide rent controls into law and this proposition would go into effect before we even have a chance to see the benefits of the new law’s statewide renter protections. The Chamber believes that by creating an inconsistent and unpredictable patchwork of local ordinances, this proposition will prevent critical affordable housing development and drive rents and housing costs up even higher.

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<td>Override Assembly Bill 5 (AB 5) by considering app-based drivers to be independent contractors and not employees or agents. Provides app-based drivers new benefits and wage guarantees. This overrides AB 5 in favor of more specific driver guidelines, increasing availability, and affordability of these on-demand services that benefit consumers, small businesses, and our economy.</td>
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