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2003 BALLOT ENDORSEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At its meeting of 13 September 2003, the Libertarian Central Committee of San Francisco made the following endorsements and recommendations for the 4 November ballot.

Mayor: Michael F. Denny

(endorsement) Mike is a long-time Libertarian activist, whose tireless campaign for mayor has brought the message of freedom and responsibility to thousands of San Francisco voters. His commitment to reducing San Francisco government and decentralizing its services will give us a freer, more prosperous city. *Unanimous endorsement.*

District Attorney Bill Fazio

(recommendation) While Bill Fazio is not a libertarian, he claims to have a focus on prosecuting violent crime, rather than victimless crimes, though we disagree somewhat on what constitutes "victimless." He actively sought Libertarian support and wants to receive feedback if elected. Some members had reservations about Fazio. Hallinan has made a number of recent missteps, though some members support his candidacy. Harris is a big-government establishment candidate. *Fazio 9 votes; no recommendation 3 votes; 1 abstention.*

Proposition A: NO The San Francisco Unified School District continues to waste the taxpayer money it is given. Competition is the answer to improving educational opportunities for San Francisco children, not more tax levies. *NO: unanimous.*

Proposition B: No recommendation
YES: 1 vote; NO: 7 votes; no recommendation: 4 votes.

Proposition C: No recommendation
YES: 3 votes; NO: 6 votes; no recommendation: 2 votes; 1 abstention.

Proposition D: NO Proposition D would change the way members of the Small Business Commission are ap-

pointed and write them into the city charter. The best thing that government can do for small business is to get out of its way; commissions spend tax dollars writing reports suggesting new regulations. If the SBC gets written into the charter, it will be harder to abolish. *YES: 1 vote; NO: 9 votes; no recommendation: 2 votes.*

Proposition E: NO Proposition E puts control over the ethics laws into the hands of the Board of Supervisors and the Ethics Commission, another case of the foxes guarding the henhouse. *NO: 10 votes; no recommendation: 1 vote; 1 abstention.*

Proposition F: NO Proposition F would allow the city to offer early retirement to some employees. These employees would continue to draw a significant portion of their current salary, as if they had worked an additional three years and were three years older. Experience with other cities and here in San Francisco shows that positions eliminated by retirement are often filled again quickly, leaving the taxpayer paying twice for the job. *NO: 9 votes; no recommendation: 2 votes; 1 abstention.*

Proposition G: NO Proposition G, the so-called "Rainy Day Fund," would divert city surpluses into a special account for tough times. If there is a surplus, taxes should be reduced. *NO: unanimous.*

Proposition H: YES Proposition H will introduce much-needed oversight over the San Francisco Police Department. Right now, the mayor appoints both the Chief of Police and the Police Commission; meanwhile, the Office of Citizen Complaints does not have enough power to investigate and prosecute cases brought before it. Proposition H will give the Board of Supervisors appointments on the Police Commission, a proper division of powers. In addition, the OCC would have the power to file charges against police officers. *YES: unanimous.*

Proposition I: NO This is another plan whose goals sound good: taking care of children. However, private charity is much more effective than the people who brought us the IRS and DMV. Say NO to tax-funded child care. *NO: unanimous.*

Proposition J: NO Proposition J makes housing special classes of homeless people a city job, rather than a task for the private charities who currently struggle to fill the role. The private charities actually care about their clients, unlike most government bureaucracies, and are much less likely to waste the funds they receive since they have to work for them. *NO: unanimous.*

Proposition K: NO A half-cent sales tax doesn't sound like very much until you realize that that's on top of the other sales taxes and on nearly every dollar you spend. If there is a market need for new transportation projects, let the potential customers pay for it, rather than taxing the entire city. *NO: unanimous.*

Proposition L: NO A so-called "living wage" — a minimum wage two dollars over the state minimum wage — will drive jobs out of San Francisco and knock the bottom rungs off the ladder for people trying to enter the job market. Say yes to full employment and NO to Proposition L. *NO: unanimous.*

Proposition M: NO The authors of the "Aggressive Solicitation Ban" do not believe it will pass Constitutional muster, and intend it as a distraction for leftists. Don't encourage this kind of game-playing with the ballot process. Police should focus on crimes with victims, rather than beggars. *NO: unanimous.*

Proposition N: NO This measure tinkers with the taxi medallion system. The medallions are an artificial, government-created monopoly that should simply be abolished. *NO: unanimous.*

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2003 Libertarian Endorsements!

- Mayor: Michael F. Denny (endorsement)
- District Attorney: Bill Fazio (recommendation)
- Yes on Proposition H
- No on Propositions A, D, E, G, I, J, K, L, M, N

Vote Libertarian on Tuesday, November 4!

