

# The Official Ballot Label Reveals the Truth Behind Prop. H

Everything you need to know about Prop. H is right there on the official ballot label. Prop. H gives this Board of Supervisors, and all future Boards, the power to issue revenue bonds in any amount, to take over any utility, without voter approval. It's all right there on the label.

## Official Ballot Label on Proposition H

Shall the City: evaluate making the City the primary provider of electric power in San Francisco; consider options to provide energy to San Francisco residents, businesses and City departments; mandate deadlines for the City to meet its energy needs through clean and renewable energy sources; establish a new Office of the Independent Ratepayer Advocate to make recommendations about utility rates to the City's Public Utilities Commission; and **allow the Board of Supervisors to approve the issuance of revenue bonds to pay for any public utility facilities without voter approval?**

### San Francisco SPEAKS



"Prop. H is an issue of fiscal responsibility—it takes away your ability to hold local elected officials accountable for how they spend billions of dollars."  
— Senator Dianne Feinstein

**Prop. H takes away our right to vote on revenue bonds issued to take over utilities and gives the Board new power to issue revenue bonds in any amount, to take over any utility, without voter approval.**

STOP THE BLANK CHECK COALITION - NO ON H

## SUPPORTERS IN ACTION



Our grassroots movement against the Blank Check for the Board of Supervisors now has nearly 20,000 members. San Franciscans from every corner of the city are signing up and saying NO to the Blank Check and NO to Proposition H.

### San Francisco SPEAKS



"Prop. H means that politicians and unelected commissioners will have the power to borrow billions to take over utilities without voter approval."  
— Mayor Gavin Newsom

### San Francisco SPEAKS



Q&A WITH SF FIRE FIGHTERS PRESIDENT JOHN HANLEY

## THE WRONG PRIORITY

Why San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 Opposes Prop. H

### Why do SF firefighters oppose Proposition H?

It's the wrong priority for our city. In tough economic times like these, we can't afford a \$4 billion takeover of the PG&E electric system. The city should be focusing on schools, roads and public safety.

by the San Francisco utility customer through dramatic increases in our monthly bills. Just to take over PG&E's electric system, our bills would go up by \$400 a year on average.

billions and billions of dollars in new government spending is the wrong idea.

### Is the city capable of managing a \$4 billion power system?

The power system in San Francisco is extremely complicated. It really comes down to a matter of public safety and reliability. Instead of focusing our resources on the things this city really needs, we'll be spending billions so politicians can take over PG&E and other utilities. Prop. H is the wrong priority.

### Will Prop. H really take away our right to vote?

### Who will have to pay for these billions of dollars in new revenue bonds?

The people of San Francisco will have to pay. The revenue bonds that politicians could issue would be paid off

Yes. Today, voters of San Francisco have the right to vote on most revenue bonds. But Prop. H would take away our right to vote on revenue bonds to take over utilities. Removing voter oversight from

# FOCUS ON THE BALLOT

Proposition H isn't the only urgent issue on the November ballot – let's take a look at a few more.



## YES on PROPOSITION L Community Justice Court

The Community Justice Court is an innovative solution for San Francisco neighborhoods plagued by drugs, theft, auto break-ins and aggressive panhandling. In the spirit of Care Not Cash, Prop. L would ensure the continued existence of the CJC, a proven solution that has made cities safer and more livable and has also helped offenders break the cycle of crime. Vote Yes on L in November to ensure the continued existence of the CJC. Learn more at [www.communityjusticecourt.com](http://www.communityjusticecourt.com).



## YES on PROPOSITION A Save SF General Hospital

Proposition A would help pay for the retrofit of SF General Hospital to meet seismic standards, accommodate more patients and make room for new medical equipment. SF General is one of San Francisco's most important medical centers and

is a regional trauma center, but is liable to collapse under a major earthquake. Prop. A will ensure that SF General Hospital will remain a leading medical treatment center. Learn more at [www.savesfgeneral.com](http://www.savesfgeneral.com).



JROTC Students

## YES on PROPOSITION V Save JROTC

Proposition V calls for the reinstatement of JROTC in San Francisco. The Board of Education voted to eliminate the program in 2006. In 2008, tens of thousands of San Franciscans are fighting to keep the program alive for students and their families. Voting Yes on Prop. V would give students and their families the choice to participate in an extremely popular high school leadership program that works. Learn more at [www.choicesf.org](http://www.choicesf.org).

## San Francisco SPEAKS



"As a city, our priorities need to be solving the budget crisis and keeping our parks clean and our streets safe. Spending \$4 billion on a power system takeover is the wrong priority."

– Supervisor Carmen Chu

Jim Lazarus,  
a leading public policy expert, weighs in on Prop. H



## Ask the Expert

Jim Lazarus is a former San Francisco Deputy City Attorney and was Deputy Mayor to former Mayor Dianne Feinstein. One of the authors of San Francisco's modern City Charter, Jim is a leading public policy analyst and an expert on San Francisco laws.

### Is Proposition H sound policy for the city of San Francisco?

Proponents of Proposition H say that it is just a study. In fact, Prop. H would change city law and amend the City Charter to allow the Board of Supervisors to issue an unspecified amount in revenue bonds to take over utilities in San Francisco.

Currently, the citizens of San Francisco have the right to vote on most revenue bonds. The ballot language in Prop. H states clearly that it would remove the right of voters to vote on revenue bonds for utility takeovers. In other words, this measure would allow the Board of Supervisors, without a vote of the people, to put the city billions of dollars in debt to facilitate utility takeovers.

Prop. H is unsound policy. It would remove voter oversight from the issuance of billions of dollars in revenue bonds and transfer remarkable new authority to the Board.

Learn more at [www.StopTheBlankCheck.com](http://www.StopTheBlankCheck.com)

## STOP THE BLANK CHECK



## JOIN US! MOBILIZATION TO STOP PROPOSITION H

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1621 Market St.  
(between Franklin and Gough)  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Saturday, October 4  
9:30am

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AGAINST PROP. H!

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## PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

GET THE FACTS ON **PROP. H** ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

There are 22 local propositions on this November's ballot. But none could have as much impact as Proposition H. Prop. H would give the Board of Supervisors the power to take over any San Francisco utility, at any cost, **without a vote of the people.**

It's basic common sense: giving politicians the power to spend billions of taxpayer dollars without any accountability is a bad idea.



Prop. H takes away your right to vote on billions in bonds.

With the economy in trouble, we can't afford to give this Board of Supervisors – and all future Boards – a blank check to borrow and spend to take over utilities. That's why nearly 20,000 San Franciscans have joined our common sense coalition to stop Prop. H – and return some accountability and fiscal sense to San Francisco politics.

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San Francisco Fire Fighters

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**Jim Lazarus**,  
SF Public Policy Expert



The **Grassroots  
Movement** Against Prop. H



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