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To preface this document, I'd like to state that the opinions within this voter guide are based off my own thoughts and experiences being a renter both in a residential and commercial space as well as a (unprofitable, lol) small business owner, cyclist, roller skater, pedestrian and MUNI enjoyer. I do not make these endorsements lightly, and I most certainly do not want to dismiss people's genuine concerns surrounding these issues.

My biggest concern is always how much money is thrown in political races in this city, the rising gentrification and cost of living crisis and how little regard (and sometimes outright disdain) that the tech billionaires and their ilk have for working families, artists, and homeless people who live in San Francisco.

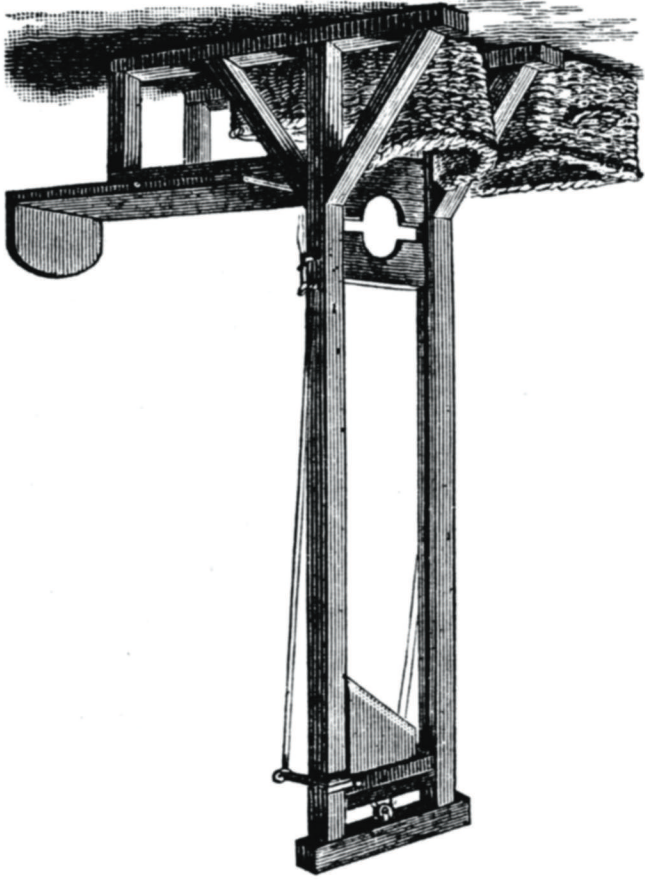
I do not endorse any politicians in any of these races, though on the last page I note which candidates are backed by big tech, "AI" corporations and suggest extra reading into their financial backers and what their agendas might be. As always, I want people to do their own research and come to their own conclusions and opinions.

In this guide, I am to present yet another perspective on some of the propositions and races in the city and state of California. There are many voter guides out there and I recommend cross-referencing a number of them in order to make the most informed decision you can. At points you may want to reference the text of the legislation itself and read the arguments made by the supporters and opponents on the [st.gov](https://www.stleaguest.org/) page.

Here are some voter guides and endorsement lists I used to make my decisions:

<https://www.theleaguest.org/>
<https://www.stgreenparty.org/endorsements/123-november-2026-endorsements>
<https://www.strisingaction.org/election/november-3-2026-general-election/>
<https://sttu.org/endorsements/>
<https://stendorsements.com/>

Yearly reminder that the GrowSF voter guide is best used as toilet paper for you or your dog.



It is my ultimate goal to inform people, not to tell you how to vote, which is why there are a number of places where I explicitly did not offer an endorsement, just my opinion. I know that there is a lot at stake this election, and I only hope that people do their research thoroughly and come to their own conclusions. At the end of the day, incremental reforms and neoliberalism is how we got into the mess that we are in (along with the technofascist hostile takeover of City Hall) and there are much more effective ways to persuade leaders to listen to the People... and in fact, by relying too much on electoralism we are losing recipes... Yet not is all lost. The recipes still exist. We just need to find them.

A few notable SF fascists to be on the lookout for:

- **Chris Larsen:** Surveillance fetishist, gave SFPD \$9M for a "Real Time Investigation Center" so they can arrest people for the crime of... being poor and 'looking' like criminals. Some *Minority Report* ass shit.
- **Michael Mortiz:** Local Billionaire and white supremacist
- **Garry Tan:** Y Combinator CEO. Big fan of Flock (a YC project)
- **Joe Lonsdale:** Co-Founder of Palantir and creator of Lurie's new favorite permitting software, OpenGov.
- **Sam Altman:** Founder of OpenAI, Trump's new bestie and longtime friend of Daniel Lurie
- **DA Brooke Jenkins:** Won't charge rapist cops with rape, will charge queer people for protesting or partying in the street during pride weekend and will charge people protesting genocide with felonies (and will even take gifts from the Israeli gov't for her efforts)
- **Mayor Daniel Lurie:** Nepo-baby billionaire Levi's heir whose mommy bought him the election and has never held a real job in his life, only friends with rich people, "austerity for thee but not for me (or my billionaire friends)", big fan of "AI" and self-driving cat + dog killing 'self-driving' vehicle (operated by underpaid workers in the Philippines), brother is in real estate (making hella money off the highest rent prices we've ever seen), made devastating cuts to MUNI and now wants your rent to increase to "save" it, close ties with Sam Altman, Peter Thiel and Joe Lonsdale (whose faulty software he gave a \$22mil city contract to with zero oversight or accountability guardrails)

Learn more about these guys and the groups they fund (GrowSF, Blueprint SF, Neighbors for a Better San Francisco, Abundance Network) at The Phoenix Project (<https://www.phoenixprojectnow.com/>)

Notes on other candidates:

- **Xavier Becerra:** Top funders include Chevron, Uber, the Real Estate Industry, Meta, McDonald's, AirBnB...
- **Steve Hilton:** Insane British republican guy who hates trans people, immigrants...
- **Matt Dorsey:** If you visit his twitter page, it's filled with Zionist hasbara, islamophobic hate tweets, and calling Pro-Palestine supporters " Hamas Terrorists", Former SFPD spokesperson, loves Flock
- **Manny Yekutieli:** Dropped out due to multiple credible sexual assault allegations, proud Zionist, overall piece of shit
- **Theo Ellington:** Received a \$500k donation from noted surveillance fetishist Chris Larsen, endorsed by GrowSF & Matt Dorsey, former leadership at The Salvation Army (notable transphobic and homophobic institution undergoing wage theft lawsuits)

CALIFORNIA PROPS

PROP 1 \$11B Affordable Housing Bond that needs 1/2 the vote to pass - YES!

PROP 2 Budget Stabilization & Expand Rainy Day Fund: The League of Pissed Off Voters has "No Endorsement" on this one and it's same here. The Dems support it, Republicans oppose it, Gavin Newsom supports it.. Follow your heart.

PROP 3 Expand High Income Tax for Schools & Healthcare: A less covered wealth tax, this makes the high income tax (for singles making \$361k+ or couples earning \$721k+) permanent which will help fund schools and healthcare. Unfortunately some of that money is also earmarked for prisons, gross. But that's California for you baby. It's still a YES, imo.

PROP 4 Legalize Public Campaign Financing: We already have this in San Francisco btw - it would make it legal to create public financing programs for campaigns, which helps people who can't bankroll campaigns with personal wealth. Republicans hate it! I'd say YES.

PROP 5 State Recall Reform: So you know how when Joel Engardio was recalled, Mayor Lurie appointed the pet store fraudster to D4? That was because D4 had to wait for an actual election to vote on a candidate. But in the meantime, the Mayor was able to pluck some 22 year old from out of nowhere. Anyways we all saw what happened there. The idea of recall reform is compelling but I'm not sure if this prop actually addresses the issue in a way that won't lend itself to corruption.

PROP 37 \$25B Bond For New Home Buyers: This is a subsidization program for low-and-middle income earners who can put up a 3% downpayment on a home... but it only applies to new buildings. So I dunno. Maybe this is useful for people who want to live in more rural areas of California but in San Francisco where homes go for about \$5M, how many low and middle income earners have \$150k on hand to drop on a downpayment? But sure. Why not. If you're a first-time homebuyer in the market for a 3BR in Bakersfield, this could be your golden egg. Live your best life. Couldn't be me though, I'll vote NO.

PROP 38 \$8.4B Bond for Local Billionaire's Research Project. Who gives a fuck? NO

PROP 39 Require ID to Vote: Do I have to give you a real answer as to why this is totally insane? This is just more voter disenfranchisement, trying to keep undocumented immigrants and trans people who all live here and pay taxes, from voting. Fuck NO.

YES!!!!!!

PROP 41 Stupid bullshit the billionaires added with a poison pill to kill Prop 40 if it passes because they're shitting and pissing their overpriced swagless khaki dress pants over the billionaire tax. NO

PROP 42 Another bullshit stupid poison pill ballot measure added by the billionaires who can't handle the thought of being even marginally inconvenienced or asked to consider giving back to the communities where they reside. NO

PROP 43 Yes this is YET ANOTHER bullshit poison pill designed to kill Prop 40!!! These billionaires are really quaking in their boots. Vote NO on all their poison pills this November.

PROP 44 Require More Healthcare Money to Go to Services vs. Executive Pay: SEIU UHW put this forward as a way to clamp down on executive bloat. Considering their reputation is a more radical contingent of SEIU, I'm inclined to vote YES.

PROP 45 Limit Environmental CEQA review: New building projects with no environmental review? In a state with earthquakes on a fault line? Next to the ocean? NO

We Have To Talk About Scott Wiener

Here's the thing folks, we need to talk about Scott Wiener. We also need to talk to our friends, our family, and our neighbors about how fucking awful Scott Wiener is. Someone put together a website which outlines his exceedingly genocidal and ethnonationalist record and you can read more about that here: <https://wienerfacts.com>

He is a staunch supporter of Israel and only this year (3 years into the genocide in Gaza) admitted to calling Israel's action in Gaza a genocide, despite many experts (including the UN and the International Criminal Courts) declaring it a genocide. There are many instances of Scott Wiener weaponizing antisemitism to stifle free speech (AB 715, AB1468), supporting war criminals (meeting with Isaac Herzog, attending AIPAC every year), and opposes BDS. Visit <https://wienerfacts.com/> for more comprehensive information.

If Scott Wiener being a fan of apartheid, ethnic cleansing and genocide wasn't enough to convince you that he sucks (that's fucking weird but ok), then you should also be aware that despite having authored the most bills around housing and being the YIMBY Godking, rent is higher than ever and very few of his projects have penciled out financially. Gee I wonder if that's because YIMBY-ism is just trickle down economics applied to housing and Reaganomics has never worked...

Additionally, in all his years as a "steadfast transit advocate", BART has increased fares, spent \$100M on shitty fare gates and jacked up pensions and salaries for BART cops (\$500k+) - pandering to the reactionary, rightwing view of public transit as a business, not a public good. In all his years in office, not once has he advocated for a wealth tax to make BART free (or even improved!) and yet again we are seeing on the ballot right now his tireless efforts of... pandering to billionaires. By putting regular people in the shitty position of voting for a cost of living squeeze to save vital services, he has made it so his wealthy donors don't have to suffer any additional taxes.

Who are his major donors? The real estate lobby, Anthropic, Chris Larsen (local surveillance fetishist), Garry Tan & Sam Altman (Y Combinator/OpenAI)

Talk to your friends and neighbors today about how much he sucks.

There are a few districts which have supervisorial races in November and a number of state races, so while I will not explicitly endorse anyone, I'd like to dedicate a little attention to a few of those candidates and in particular where they get their funding.

The Phoenix Project (<https://www.phoenixprojectnow.com/>) has dedicated significant time and resources into mapping dark money contributions and astroturf networks that have taken over in SF City Hall politics and it's worth doing a deep dive into their maps, resources and charts to determine who these politicians are truly beholden to.

Mission Local (<https://missionlocal.org/>) has been doing reporting on the election that, while it has its faults, has been steadfast in asking candidates where they stand on various issues and who their supporters are. Sometimes, an endorsement can tell you everything you need to know (for example, if their top 3 supporters are DA Brooke Jenkins, Mayor Lurie and Scott Wiener you can guess that they love cops & genocide and hate trans people). If you visit the Mission Local website, you can check out their election coverage which includes their "Meet The Candidates" series, campaign financing, as well as more information on the ballot measures and school board races.

Here are the political offices which have races this season:

Congress D11	BART Board, District 8
Congress D15	Public Defender
State Assembly D19	Assessor-Recorder
State Assembly D17	D2 Supervisor
Governor	D4 Supervisor
Lieutenant Governor	D6 Supervisor
Secretary of State	D8 Supervisor
State Controller	D10 Supervisor
State Treasurer	School Board
Attorney General	College Board
Superintendent of	College Board, Partial
Public Instruction	Term
Insurance	Judges, CA Supreme
Commissioner	Court
Board of Equalization,	Judges, First Court of
District 2	Appeals

I will not go into much detail on the majority of these, so I suggest you look elsewhere for endorsements. Here are some ideas where to look: SF League of Pissed Off Voters, SF Green Party, SF Tenants Union, and of course, your own brain. Figure out which district you are in (<https://www.sf.gov/maps-info>), if you have a supervisor up for election, and check out their website. On their website they'll list their endorsements and financial contributions.

SF PROPS

PROP A Charter Reform AKA Lurie's Power Grab, Pt. 1: Rafael Mandelman supports this which is honestly reason enough for me to hate it at this point. This reform lowers public oversight which is literally the last fucking thing an insanely corrupted city hall needs. **NO!**

PROP B Public Bank - Yes! This gets us another step closer to a public bank. What's so great about a public bank? Well think about how Bank of America charges you a \$30 overdraft fee every time you spend .50c more than what's in your account. Why should we keep giving private banks all our money? It's just that simple. Wall Street and big banks are evil, doing evil shit, and the less funds they control the better.

PROP C Housing Fund: Renews existing housing fund to 2058, YES

PROP D Lurie's DOGE Measure to Limit Ballot Access: Raises the amount of signatures needed to get something on the ballot which would make grassroots organizing near-impossible. NO

PROP E More Lurie Bullshit to Decrease Oversight on Contracts: NO! Fuck Denim Dan

PROP F Yet Another Lurie DOGE Project: Mayoral Power Grab... just say NO

PROP G Great Highway Compromise: I have no official endorsement on this but it should be noted that "Friends of Sunset Dunes" is a Civic Joy Fund project and the Sunset Dunes Park is heavily supported by another prominent Zionist, Scott Wiener. A broad coalition of working class people of color opposed closing the Great Highway and this is a compromise they came up with. However, another park is not necessarily a bad thing. Go with what you feel.

PROP H Help Lurie Save Muni! That He Cut By Helping His Real Estate Buddies

(And Literal Brother) By Raising Your Rent & Incentivizing Evictions: Here's the deal guys, Mayor Lurie made muni cuts earlier this year (I'm old enough to remember - did folks forget?) And now, to save his skin (and his billionaire buddies from scrutiny on their lack of taxation or contribution to helping give back in the communities they're extracting from literally at all) — This parcel tax is being called progressive and progressive orgs are focusing a lot on all of the mansions that are being taxed, which is great, we love to see it... BUT, and there's a huge fucking but here, there is a 50% pass-through on this measure that allows your landlord to pass through their property tax increase to you, the renter. "Landlords of rent-controlled residential units are limited in the amount of the parcel tax they can pass through to tenants to 50% of the parcel tax for a maximum of \$65 per unit annually, unless the unit is exempt from the parcel tax or base rent is set on or after June 1, 2027." And commercial units do not have rent control, so the reality is that small businesses renting their spaces are going to be facing the brunt of the pass-through increases so that landlords don't have to deal with pesky tenants and their rights. Anyways, I do not have an official stance on this one because I recognize the need for Muni (seriously fuck Lurie for making these cuts to begin with) but I don't think anyone should be under the illusion that this is a good, or even progressive measure. Make an informed decision.

PROP I Affordable Housing Guarantee: This is a no-brainer - there are no new taxes, this simply locks in money we already voted to go to affordable housing in the past, making it so that this money actually goes to said affordable housing. Easy YES, imo.

PROP J Close the Foreclosure Tax Loophole: Foreclosures in San Francisco are exempt from a transfer tax and that is a loophole that's been exploited by the real estate overlords which this measure will close. Another easy yes.

RTM Save BART (Cops & Their Pensions) By Increasing Your Sales Tax

(Forever): Here's my opinion... BART Leadership has been pandering to a rightwing anti-homeless, racist crowd that has been loudly complaining about Black & brown youth and homeless people using BART for years. We saw the most egregious example when they implemented those ridiculous fare gates (with their million+ dollar price tag) and if you've waited in line just to try and squeeze through those stupid things you probably have had some similar questions/concerns about BART financial decisions. And now they're asking for YOUR money. The reality is that we are in a recession, everyone I know is broke or unemployed (or both), rent is fucking bonkers and every single item we buy has risen in price thanks to Trump's tariffs and bullshit war on Iran. When prices go up, they don't go down. That's the same with sales taxes. This isn't just a 1% sales tax for San Francisco, this is an additional 1% sales tax, which brings us to a whopping 9.6%. Tourism is already down, less and less people are making the trip to the city and locals can't afford shit. All because the tech companies and billionaires do not want to contribute to funding services. And let's be clear about sales tax - sales tax is on stuff you probably don't even think about buying, because it's on almost everything. A lot of well-to-do transit advocates who don't do much shopping, or make enough to weather the costs, don't really consider the impacts of extra taxation on necessities. But here are just a few things that you probably buy that will be subject: paper towels & toilet paper, cutlery, tampons & pads, other hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, hair ties), blankets & tents, bath towels, bike/skate parts, kitchenware, tin foil, ziplock bags, school supplies & art supplies... A lot of people in the mutual aid and community donating space will be affected by these price hikes (and after these things are already increasing in price) so this isn't just frivolous spending that's being targeted. It's every day stuff that you need.

I'm not making an official stance on this, but I want people to make informed decisions and understand the negative downstream effects. Also, understand who's funding this: Chris Larsen, Salesforce, META are all major funders of Connect Bay Area Transit, who has been spearheading this measure. You kind of have to ask yourself why the billionaires are so keen on this. Also, frankly, if BART is so intent on pandering to reactionary white Karens from Marin with their punitive measures, why don't they shake down some of these rich people for money? If they want us (the People), to pay for services, that shit should be free.