

POLICE & CRIMINALIZATION

Police violence targets communities of color in the Bay Area everyday, violating our rights and threatening our lives. On the path towards safe communities for all and restorative justice systems, we need to prevent police violence, ensure accountability and have strong oversight of police departments. Bay Rising groups have decided to remain **neutral on San Francisco's Proposition G, and to hesitantly support Oakland's Proposition LL** - measures claiming to improve oversight of each city's police department. San Francisco's Proposition G does little more than rename the agency currently charged with receiving complaints about the police department. Oakland's Measure LL establishes a police commission, but it is subject to extensive political influence from the Mayor and is not enough to provide real accountability and solve the crisis within Oakland's police department.

EDUCATION

Affluent school districts benefit from higher school funding through property taxes and uneven distribution of resources, but schools in all neighborhoods deserve to have equitable access to quality education. We support increasing teachers' salaries, maintaining a diverse curriculum, and quality classroom conditions alongside infrastructure improvement in low income communities and communities of color. In order to retain good teachers and diversify class offerings, Bay Rising members **support Oakland Measure G1** to raise Oakland Unified School District teachers' salaries and enhance Middle Schools' arts, music and language offerings by increasing the parcel (property) tax. We also **support San Francisco Proposition A** to raise bonds for SF Unified School District upgrades, and support **San Francisco Proposition N** to give non-citizens (who are the parents or legal guardians of a child who is a city resident) the right to vote in local School Board elections.

BONDS

While we are supporting some bonds, we do not support all bonds. Bonds are each created differently and we support bonds that have been developed by our community partners and that ensure equity in distribution and development. Please check our member sites for more details on local bond measures.



BAY RISING

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VOTER GUIDE



For more details on November 8 election measures including Bay Rising's analysis on state initiatives and Bay Area regional measures, please see our website at:

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SUPPORT THRIVING COMMUNITIES: VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016!

Bay Rising is a regional alliance of community-led organizations representing tens of thousands of grassroots leaders of color in neighborhoods most impacted by structural racism, economic inequality, and health inequities.

We envision a healthier, safer, more equitable society with quality housing, jobs, education, and transportation for all. To build power to make this vision a reality, we strengthen the voice and impact of working class communities and communities of color in the civic and public policy arenas throughout the Bay Area and statewide.

BAY AREA: A CRISIS OF INEQUALITY

Nationally, wealth inequality is higher now than at any other point in our nation's history and the racial wealth gap has continued to worsen, even during the recent economic recovery. Despite a booming economy, poverty rates remain at near record levels. Two of the three largest Bay Area cities, San Francisco and Oakland, rank among the top ten cities in the nation with the greatest income inequality.

Silicon Valley is among the most prosperous regions in the United States, ranking third highest per capita personal income. Yet, one-third of working people in San Jose earn less in a year than the average annual rent for a one-bedroom home in the city, and many working families around the Bay Area are caught in an ever-intensifying struggle to make ends meet.

THIS ELECTION: PROTECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GOOD JOBS & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Soaring housing costs are creating a crisis of gentrification and displacement of low-income families of color from the Bay Area's largest cities. Ensuring strong housing rights for tenants through rent control and just cause eviction laws is critical to stop the tide of displacement and protect affordable housing. Some cities have competing housing measures as realtors and landlord associations fight against tenants' rights and spend millions of dollars to fight community initiatives across the Bay Area.

CITIES		
Oakland	Measure JJ—Expand tenants' rights	YES
City of Alameda	Measure L1—Landlords' attempt to weaken tenants' rights	NO
City of Alameda	Measure M1—Protect tenants' rights! Rent control & just cause eviction	YES
Mountain View	Measure V—Protect tenants' rights! Rent control & just cause eviction	YES
Mountain View	Measure W—Weak tenant protections & no limits in rent increases	NO
Richmond	Measure L—Protect tenants' rights! Rent control & just cause eviction	YES
Burlingame	Measure R—Protect tenants' rights! Rent control & just cause eviction	YES
City of San Mateo	Measure Q—Protect tenants' rights! Rent control & just cause eviction	YES
East Palo Alto	Measure J—Amendments to earlier Renter Protection Initiative	YES
Berkeley	Measure U1—Raise taxes on Big Landlords to fund affordable housing	YES
Berkeley	Measure DD—Landlords' attempt to undermine Measure U1	NO
San Francisco	Proposition C—Loans to Buy and Fix Affordable Housing	YES
San Francisco	Proposition M—Create Commission to Oversee City Affordable Housing	YES
San Francisco	Proposition O—Allow Corporations to Speed Up Office Development in Hunters Point	NO
San Francisco	Proposition P—Shift Affordable Housing Projects from Nonprofit to Private Developers	NO
San Francisco	Proposition U—Make Affordable Housing Unaffordable	NO

COUNTIES	AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTINUED	
Alameda County	Measure A1—\$580 million bond to provide affordable housing	YES
Santa Clara County	Measure A—\$950 million bond to provide affordable housing	YES

GOOD JOBS

The problem of high housing costs is compounded by trends in the job market towards part-time, low-wage jobs with few benefits. Our communities need good, local jobs with stable hours and living wages.

Oakland	Measure G1—Increase parcel tax to raise teachers' salaries	YES
City of San Jose	Measure E—Increase access to hours for part-time workers	YES

TRANSPORTATION

With longer commutes, food deserts and climate chaos, public transportation that is safe, affordable and reliable is critical to help low-wage workers and communities thrive at the same time as supporting climate justice.

Alameda, Contra Costa & San Francisco	Measure RR—Support Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) improvements	YES
Alameda and Contra Costa County	Measure C1—Preserve AC Transit services by increasing parcel tax	YES
Contra Costa County	Measure X—Increase sales tax by 0.5% to improve transportation	YES
San Francisco	Proposition J—Funding to prevent homelessness and improve transportation	YES
San Francisco	Proposition K—Increase General Sales Tax to Cover Prop J	YES
San Francisco	Proposition L—Give Board of Supervisors More Power to Appoint MTA Directors	YES
Santa Clara	Measure B—Finish the BART extension to San Jose and improve transportation	YES