



**DECLARATION
OF POLICY**

CHARTER COMMISSIONERS

PROPOSITION L

DECLARATION OF POLICY: Shall the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco act to call an election to choose charter commissioners, who would thereafter prepare and propose a revised City and County Charter for subsequent approval by the voters of San Francisco?

Analysis

By Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: San Francisco's Charter is the basic set of laws for city government. In 1930, 15 people were elected to prepare the present Charter. The Charter they prepared was approved by the voters in 1931 and became effective in 1932. In elections since then, there have been many changes made in the Charter by the voters.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition L is a policy statement which asks if the Board of Supervisors should call an

election to choose a group of people to prepare a new charter. When the new charter is prepared, the voters would be asked to approve it.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want the Board of Supervisors to call an election to choose people to prepare a new charter.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want the Board of Supervisors to call an election to choose people to prepare a new charter.

Controller's Statement on "L"

City Controller John C. Farrell has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition L:

Should the proposed Declaration of Policy be approved, in my opinion, in and of itself, there would be no increase or decrease in the cost of city government. However future obligations will be incurred, the exact amount of which cannot be determined at this time.

How Proposition L Got On The Ballot

Proposition L was placed on the ballot by a City Charter provision which allows four or more individual members of the Board of Supervisors to place an Ordinance or Declaration of Policy on the ballot.

On February 21st the Registrar received a request from 4 supervisors asking that the question of preparing a new City Charter be placed on the ballot. The request was signed by Supervisors John Molinari, Lee Dolson, Harvey Milk and Gordon Lau.