

# 1¢ GAS TAX



## PROPOSITION L

Shall the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco enact an ordinance, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 99500 through 99509, imposing a tax of one cent (\$0.01) on each gallon motor fuel (and on every 100 cubic feet of compressed natural gas when purchased for motor fuel use) sold within the City and County of San Francisco?

## Analysis

By Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** Motor fuel is taxed by the federal and state governments. The state Public Utilities Commission allows counties in California to add a tax of one cent per gallon on motor fuel, subject to the voters' approval. The money from this tax must be used only for public transit purposes.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition L is a policy statement. It asks the voters if the city and county should add a tax of one cent per gallon on motor

fuel and one cent for every 100 feet of compressed natural gas used as motor fuel (propane) that is sold in San Francisco.

**A YES VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want the city and county to add a tax on motor fuel sold in San Francisco.

**A NO VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want San Francisco to add a tax on motor fuel.

### 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, it would neither increase nor decrease the cost of government. However, this proposed amendment would prepare the way for approximately \$2,550,000 in additional revenues to the City and County of San Francisco."

### How Supervisors Voted on "L"

On March 19 the Board of Supervisors voted 11-0 on the question of placing proposition L on the ballot. The Supervisors voted as follows:

**YES:** Supervisors Ed Lawson (Dist. 1), Louise Renne (Dist. 2), John Molinari (Dist. 3), Ella Hill Hutch (Dist. 4), Harry Britt (Dist. 5), Carol Ruth Silver (Dist. 6), Doris Ward (Dist. 7), Don Horanzy (Dist. 8), Nancy Walker (Dist. 9), Quentin Kopp (Dist. 10) and John Bardis (Dist. 11).

None of the Supervisors present voted No.

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