

20,000 Housing Units



PROPOSITION K

DECLARATION OF POLICY: Shall the Board of Supervisors enact legislation to establish as the policy of the City and County of San Francisco that there be an addition of 20,000 new units of Residential Housing in San Francisco by January 1, 1985?

Analysis

By Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution this year calling for 20,000 new and rehabilitated units of residential housing in San Francisco by June 30, 1986. The resolution asks for as many units as possible to be for persons of low and moderate income, for the neighborhoods to be preserved, and for the permit process to be improved and simplified.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition K would direct the Board of Supervisors to pass legislation to establish that it is the

policy of San Francisco to add 20,000 new units of residential housing by January 1, 1985.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want city policy established for 20,000 units of new residential housing to be added by January 1, 1985.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you want to keep the present city housing policy.

How "K" Got On Ballot

Proposition K was placed on the November 4 ballot through a provision in the present City Charter which allows four or more members of the Board of Supervisors, acting individually rather than as a legislative body, to place an ordinance or a policy measure on the ballot. It is believed that San Francisco is the only city or county with a legal provision of this type.

On August 18 City Registrar of Voters Jay Patterson received a request signed by several supervisors asking that the issue of 20,000 new units of housing be placed before the voters. The request was signed by Supervisors Quentin Kopp, Ella Hill Hutch, Don Horanzy, Ed Lawson, Carol Ruth Silver and Doris Ward.

Controller's Statement on "K"

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

"Should the proposed Declaration of Policy be approved, in my opinion, it would neither increase nor decrease the cost of government."