

# Police Horse Patrol



## PROPOSITION V

Shall it be the policy of the People of San Francisco to keep the City's Police Mounted Horse Patrol?

YES 298 →  
NO 299 →

## Analysis

by Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** The Police Department has a mounted horse patrol which is used primarily in the City parks and for crowd control at special events. The patrol currently has 15 officers and 21 horses.

**A "YES" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want it to be City policy to keep the police mounted horse patrol.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition V would make it City policy to keep the police mounted horse patrol.

**A "NO" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you do not want it to be City policy to keep the police mounted horse patrol.

### Controller's Statement on "V"

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

"Should the proposed declaration of public policy be approved, in my opinion, it would not in and of itself, affect the cost of government. However, as a product of its possible future application, there could be an increase, the amount of which, being dependent upon future budget policy, cannot be determined."

### How "V" Got on the Ballot

On August 8, the Registrar of Voters certified that the initiative petition calling for Proposition V to be placed on the ballot had qualified for the ballot.

On July 27, the proponents of the initiative declaration of policy filed petitions containing 17,024 signatures. A random check of these signatures showed that 14,406 of the signatures were valid. This is more than the 9,399 signatures required to place an initiative declaration of policy on the ballot. (9,399 represents 5% of the people who voted for Mayor in 1987.)

### TEXT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION OF POLICY PROPOSITION V

"Should San Francisco keep its historic Police Mounted Horse Patrol?"