

## TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE DECLARATION OF POLICY PROPOSITION O

We the people of the City and County of San Francisco reaffirm our unqualified support for the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States which reads:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

We hold that these provisions, particularly as they relate to freedom of expression, are absolute and without exception. We oppose any and all efforts of government, at any level, to regulate or restrict the content of the print, broadcast, and electronic media; the visual and performing arts; music; or any other form of speech. We call upon the State of California and the Government of the United States to cease and desist all acts of censorship. We also call upon the City and County

of San Francisco to cease and desist all efforts to restrict freedom of expression and ask that no city funds be used in a manner contrary to the spirit of this initiative.

We ordain that the community standards of the City and County of San Francisco are diversity, tolerance, and the rejection of every form of censorship.