

# MARIJUANA



## PROPOSITION W

**Declaration of Policy: We, the people of San Francisco, demand that the District Attorney, along with the Chief of Police, cease the arrest and prosecution of individuals involved in the cultivation, transfer, or possession of marijuana.**

## Analysis

By Ballot Simplification Committee

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:** Law enforcement officials may arrest and prosecute any individuals they find who are involved in the cultivation, transfer or possession of marijuana.

**THE PROPOSAL:** Proposition W would declare that it is the policy of the people of San Francisco to demand that law enforcement officials stop arresting and prosecuting people who cultivate, transfer or possess marijuana.

**A YES VOTE MEANS:** If you vote yes, you want law enforcement officials in San Francisco to stop arresting and prosecuting people who cultivate, transfer or possess marijuana.

**A NO VOTE MEANS:** If you vote no, you want law enforcement officials to continue their present policy of arresting and prosecuting people for marijuana cultivation, transfer or possession.

## Controller's Statement on "W"

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

If the proposed proposition is adopted, in my opinion, it would not, of itself, affect the cost of government.

## How Proposition W Got On The Ballot

On August 17th, City Registrar of Voters Thomas Kearney certified that the initiative petition containing Proposition W had qualified for the November ballot. Proposition W is a declaration of policy that declares it to be City and County policy that persons not be arrested for Marijuana offenses.

Dennis Peron and Rick Ames, the proponents of the initiative, filed 20,800 signatures with Kearney on August 9th. After checking the signatures, Kearney determined that there were 11,840 valid signatures, which is more than the 10,562 names needed to put an initiative ordinance on the ballot.

10,562 represents 5% of the number of people who voted for Mayor in 1975.