Salary Dispute—Laborers

PROPOSITION J
Shall a schedule of compensation based upon the last demand of employees represented by the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local No. 261, be approved?

Analysis
By Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: General laborers employed by the city do not now receive premium pay for working with raw sewage. Their union asked for this premium pay to be added to their contract, but city officials did not agree.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition J would provide that the city pay general laborers who work in constant, prolonged contact with raw sewage a $3 per day premium in their wages.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want the city to pay a $3 per day sewage premium to general laborers.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want the city to pay a $3 per day sewage premium to general laborers.

Controller's Statement on "J"

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

"If the proposed proposition is approved, in my opinion, the cost of government would be increased by approximately $25,000."

How Prop. J Got on the Ballot

Propositions I and J are a result of a provision in the City Charter which was adopted by the voters in November 1976. This provision requires that unsettled contract disputes between city officials and city employees be put before the voters to decide.

In this proposition the voters will grant or reject the last demands of city workers represented by the Laborers' International Union, Local 261.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION J

Vote Yes on Proposition J

The total estimated cost is $25,000 per year. This differential is habitually paid to workers in private industry who must work in such odious circumstances. I think I have a reputation for not wasting taxpayer's money. This request of 34 members of the Laborers' Union is meritorious.

Submitted by:
Supervisor Quentin L. Kopp

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION J WAS SUBMITTED

Arguments printed on this page are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.