El Salvador

PROPOSITION N.
Shall it be the policy of the people of San Francisco to call on the Federal Government to end all military aid to El Salvador and withdraw all U.S. military personnel from El Salvador?

Analysis
By Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The people of San Francisco have no policy on military aid to El Salvador or the presence of U.S. military personnel in El Salvador.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition N is a declaration of policy stating that the people of San Francisco call upon the Federal Government to immediately end all military aid to the government of El Salvador and to withdraw all United States military personnel from that country. The declaration directs the Board of Supervisors to communicate the policy to the President, Vice-President, Secretary of State, Senators and members of Congress and to publicize the vote by other appropriate means.

A YES VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want it to be the policy of the people of San Francisco to call on the Federal Government to immediately end all aid to the government of El Salvador and to withdraw all U.S. military personnel from that country.

A NO VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you want the people of San Francisco to have no policy on El Salvador.

Controller’s Statement on “N”

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

“Should the proposed initiative measure be adopted, in my opinion, it would not affect the cost of government.”

How “N” Got on Ballot

On August 15, Registrar of Voters Jay Patterson certified that the El Salvador Initiative had a sufficient number of signatures to be placed on the November ballot.

The proponents of the initiative had gathered 24,500 signatures which they turned in to the Registrar on August 1st.

A random check of the signatures showed that 16,066 of the signatures were valid. This is more than the 9,679 signatures needed to qualify an initiative declaration of policy for the ballot.