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is required for relocation of a Fire Station or Fire Company.

c. Except as provided by this section, other units may be relocated with the approval of a majority of the five Fire Commission upon recommendation by the Chief of Department.

G. Closure of Fire Stations, deactivation of Fire Companies or of Units required by this section:

1. Fire Stations, Fire Companies or other Units required by this section may be closed or deactivated only when each of the following procedures is completed:

a. It is recommended by the Chief of Department and approved for consideration by the Fire Commission.

b. The Fire Commission shall hold at least two public hearings on the matter so that affected citizens may appear to express their views.

c. At least one of the public hearings shall be held in the neighborhood of the Station, Company, or Unit to be closed or deactivated. Such meeting to be held at a time and place most suitable for maximum public attendance.

d. Except as provided by this section, other facilities or units may be closed or deactivated by majority of the five members of the Fire Commission upon recommendation by the Chief of Department.

e. Upon conclusion of public hearings and approval by a majority of the five members of the Fire Commission for the closure or deactivation of a Company or Unit, the Fire Commission shall forward its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors within 30 calendar days.

f. Upon receipt of the Fire Commission recommendation, the Board of Supervisors may hold public hearings on the matter and they may approve or disapprove of the recommendation of the Fire Commission for closure or deactivation of a Station, Company or Unit. Such approval or disapproval shall be by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. If the Board of Supervisors approves of the Fire Commission recommendation, then they shall direct the Clerk of the Board to have the matter put on the ballot of the next regular election for final determination by the voters of the City and County.

H. Maintenance of Fire Stations and Equipment

1. Fire Stations, facilities and equipment of the Fire Department, including the High Pressure Water System, shall be properly maintained in good repair and operating condition by the City and County.

a. The Fire Department shall submit in its annual budget sufficient requests for funds to maintain all Stations, pumping stations, facilities and all parts of the High Pressure System, communications and dispatching systems in good and proper repair and sanitary condition.

1. Funding for Fire Protection

1. The Fire Commission, Port Commission, Board of Supervisors and the Mayor shall approve all requests for equipment, maintenance and repair required by this Section. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Department to submit the requests in the proper amounts to insure that all provisions of this section can be adequately carried out.

3. Definitions—Equipment

1. Engine Company: A vehicle carrying hose and a pump to pump water of at least 1,500 gallons per minute.

2. Truck Company: A tractor-trailer vehicle carrying ladders and rescue equipment with a 100-foot aerial ladder or equivalent device to reach upper floors of buildings.

3. Rescue Company: A vehicle carrying rescue equipment capable of heavy rescue and diving equipment for underwater rescue.

4. Fireboat: A boat equipped with pumps, hose, monitor nozzles and able to navigate San Francisco Bay for firefighting and rescue duty along the shorelines of the City and County.

5. High Pressure-Battery-Hose Tender, Portable Water System: A vehicle capable of carrying at least 4,000 feet of 5-inch or larger diameter hose, equipment for a portable water system, high pressure reducing valves and a battery monitor mounted upon the vehicle for high volume water discharge.

6. Service Unit: A vehicle carrying spare supply of air and equipment for self-contained breathing apparatus and resuscitators.

7. High Pressure System Pump Station: A facility capable of pumping at least 10,000 gallons per minute from San Francisco Bay or other water source into the mains of the high pressure water system.

8. Bureau of Equipment: A vehicle capable of carrying equipment for emergency repairs or towing of fire apparatus under emergency conditions.

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SUMMARY: THIS PROPOSITION WOULD DECLARE IT THE POLICY OF THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO:

(A) To disapprove and call for the reversal of the gift of millions of dollars worth of development rights for a block of Commercial Street to the Embarcadero West Development Co;

(B) To prevent similar abuses in the future by increasing the public's right to vote on transfers of publicly-owned property to private interests, particularly where the public good is most likely to be displaced by undue influence of special interests seeking profit or privilege. This policy calls for public votes where any of the following conditions apply:

1. Where the transfer is exceptionally large or would have an exceptionally large impact;

2. Where the price is substantially below market value, and there has been no open competitive bidding procedure;

3. Where the transfer serves to finance subsidies primarily or preferentially benefiting persons of above-average income;

4. Where there are substantial financial ties between the public officials deciding on the transfer, and the private parties benefiting from it;

5. Where substantial controversy exists, and opponents qualify an initiative on the transaction within 60 days of its adoption.

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SUMMARY: THIS CITY POLICY DECLARES SAN FRANCISCO A NUCLEAR-FREE-ZONE IN WHICH NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND HAZARDS ARE UNWELCOME. IT DECLARES THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PROPOSED USE OF CITY FUNDS TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IT INSTRUCTS THE SUPERVISORS TO PASS ORDINANCES TO SUPPORT OR ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC CONVERSION TO JOBS WITH PEACE, INTERNATIONAL ARMS RACE TREATIES, AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT IRRADIATED FOODS; AND TO PREVENT, DISCOURAGE OR PROTEST NUCLEAR AND RADIOACTIVE THREATS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY.

We the people of San Francisco declare the following policy as provided for under Section 9.108 of the City...
Charter:
(A) FOR A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. San Francisco is no place for nuclear weapons or hazards. The Supervisors shall pass ordinances for San Francisco to join New York, Chicago and hundreds of other communities that have declared themselves "Nuclear Free Zones".
(B) RIGHT TO VOTE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS FUNDING. No city funds shall be spent to lobby for, encourage, attract or subsidize nuclear or possibly-nuclear military installations without the consent of the voters.
(C) ECONOMIC CONVERSION TO JOBS WITH PEACE. The Supervisors shall pass ordinances to support or encourage transition to an economy which is not dependent on unnecessary military spending.
(D) INTERNATIONAL ARMS RACE TREATIES. The Supervisors shall send Open Letters to officials and media to express our support for negotiations toward a moratorium on nuclear weapons tests, nuclear weapons in space, and "first-strike" weapons and planning.
(E) SAFE RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL. Until such time as a safe means of disposal of radioactive wastes has been established, the Supervisors shall pass ordinances protesting, discouraging, and, if possible, preventing, any commercial activity that creates such waste or supports their creation.
(F) NUCLEAR HAZARDS LIABILITY INSURANCE. Recognizing the responsibility of businesses engaged in hazardous activities to assure fair compensation for foreseeable damages, the Supervisors shall pass ordinances to protest, discourage, and, if possible, prevent, any commercial activity that includes an uninsured or under-insured nuclear hazard.
(G) IRRADIATED FOODS: RIGHT TO KNOW. Recognizing the reasonable basis for consumer concerns regarding the use of radioactive substances in food processing, and the right of customers to know what they are buying, the Supervisors shall pass ordinances to ensure or support the right to labeling or notice, in plain language, regarding irradiation of food.
(H) IMPROVEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT shall be the responsibility of the Supervisors. This initiative is not intended to interfere with responsible medical use or academic research involving radioactive substances. We call on the Supervisors to hold public hearings to study the Nuclear Free Zone Initiative which has been adopted or proposed elsewhere; to adopt whichever they determine to be appropriate for San Francisco; and to put any unresolved issues to a vote of the people.
Where state or federal law makes appropriate ordinances unenforceable, the Supervisors shall pass ordinances of protest.
We call on the Supervisors to act promptly to issue findings, apply moral pressure, educate and mobilize public opinion, and otherwise act as our elected voice for a Nuclear Free World.

THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WAS PRINTED ON THE PETITION WHICH INITIATED PROPOSITION V

We the people of San Francisco hereby adopt the following declaration of policy, as provided for under City Charter Section 9.108:
(A) WE CALL ON EVERYONE TO AVOID DOING BUSINESS WITH COMPANIES WHICH PROFIT FROM THE EXPLOITATIVE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS UNDER SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIST SYSTEM KNOWN AS "APARTHEID"; AND,
(B) WE CALL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE TARGETS FOR THIS BOYCOTT, INCLUDING THE WORST OFFENDERS IN EACH BASIC INDUSTRY, SO THE PUBLIC WILL KNOW WHO TO FOCUS ON.

This policy is based on the following findings:
(1) WHY THIS VOTE: Apartheid denies voting and other basic rights to most South Africans, solely because of the color of their skin; if all races could vote, South Africans would long ago have voted to end Apartheid; since they can't vote, they need us to vote on their behalf;
(2) WHY BOYCOTT: A Gallup poll found that 77% of South Africa's black majority favors international economic boycotts as a peaceful but powerful means of pressuring for abolition of Apartheid; such boycotts have been called for by Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the African National Congress, martyred Black Consciousness advocate Steve Biko, and many other victims of Apartheid;
(3) EXISTING POLICY: The Board of Supervisors has unanimously passed, and the Mayor signed into law, Supervisor Willie Kennedy's ordinance requiring city purchasing officials to avoid doing business with companies tied to South Africa whenever satisfactory alternatives exist; this policy has public support, and sets an example for all supporters of human rights;
(4) PEOPLE POWER: Consumer boycotts and voter initiatives are grassroots "people power" and allow the greatest number of participants to add their weight to the effort; boycotts have impact because they affect profits, which corporations consider to be the "bottom line";
(5) TARGET IDENTIFICATION: For most consumers, an effective boycott requires identifying of Worst Offenders or other appropriate targets, since so many companies have South African ties; this would focus on businesses motivated by commercial profits, and would not oppose humanitarian activities or contacts with the victims of Apartheid;
(6) CRITERIA: Worst Offenders can be determined by comparing the amounts of profit gained, existing investments, outstanding loans, current contracts and sales, and other direct or indirect commercial ties to South Africa, though the Supervisors may also consider other factors; when one company terminates its ties to South Africa, a new Worst Offender can be named and targeted;
(7) INFORMATION SOURCES: The necessary information is available from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, public interest research groups, and other sources, and is objective and verifiable; the effort required for such research would be justified by the urgency of ending Apartheid without further exacerbations of the bloodyshed;
(8) PUBLIC RESPONSE: A successful boycott would not require any significant spending of city funds or infringement of individual liberties, since people and organizations would voluntarily respond to news reports each time the Supervisors announce the identification of another target;
(9) NO CONFLICT: This initiative is not intended to conflict with or alter the city's present purchasing policy, but would extend the same principle to the general public by calling a consumer boycott of Apartheid profiteers;
(10) IMPLEMENTATION: City Charter Section 9.108 requires the Board of Supervisors to pass ordinances to implement voter declarations of policy, while allowing the needed flexibility regarding practical considerations.

CORRECTION: Please disregard the endorsement of San Francisco Tomorrow which appears on page 78. SFT has taken no position on Proposition Q.