AIDS Research and Services

PAID ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION U

San Franciscans To Improve Candlestick (STIC) supports the AIDS research initiative. We agree that the federal government isn’t doing what’s needed.

But it’s not enough to “send a message to Washington”. We need to do more ourselves — without delay.

That’s one of many reasons we oppose Prop. P (Downtown Stadium).

While money is so badly needed, for AIDS research and many other necessities, the China Basin stadium would cost city taxpayers $70 – $80 million — $30 million in land, $20 million investment, $10 million “loan”, around $10 million for a parking garage and up to $10 million cost overruns.

Taxpayers shouldn’t have to subsidize pro sports — especially during a major epidemic.

Instead, we favor improving Candlestick, because this would be so much more economical that it can be done at private expense, since the land, foundation and structure are already paid for.

We put Prop. V (Candlestick Improvement) on the ballot to tell the Supervisors to further study the various proposals to improve Candlestick at private expense instead of building a new stadium downtown at taxpayer expense.

It’s not just an issue of saving the Giants.

It’s also an issue of saving the taxpayers.

And saving the people with AIDS.

Yes on U (AIDS Research)

Yes on V (Candlestick Improvement)

No on P (Downtown Stadium).

STIC

No Paid Arguments Were Submitted Against Proposition U

TEXT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION OF POLICY FOR PROPOSITION U SUBMITTED BY THE PROPONENTS

DECLARING THE POLICY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED AIDS RESEARCH AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, over 7000 San Franciscans have been diagnosed with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), many others suffer from AIDS-Related Conditions (ARC) and over 30,000 San Franciscans are believed to be infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV); and

WHEREAS, the timely development of new drugs and treatments, and the providing of health and social services, are essential to saving the lives of people with AIDS, ARC, and HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of AIDS prevention programs is necessary, particularly in minority communities, in order to save lives and prevent further spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, community-based organizations in San Francisco and other cities are conducting effective research projects to assist in the development of successful drugs and treatments, but such research is hindered by inadequate support from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s network of community-based organizations is a national model for cost-effective AIDS health and social services, but inadequate state and federal support threatens the financial survival of these organizations.

THEREFORE, it shall be the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to support the continuance and expansion of community-based AIDS research and services; and

FURTHER, we, the citizens of San Francisco, recognize the heroic efforts of the volunteers and health professionals in community-based AIDS research projects and health and social service organizations; and

FURTHER, we, the citizens of San Francisco, urge the state and federal governments to increase funding of and assistance to community-based AIDS research and services.

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