PAID ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION K

Voting NO preserves your right to vote on individual projects. The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods has always supported affordable housing when neighborhood concerns are adequately addressed. But this measure gives blanket approval to developers anywhere, anytime, and at any density. It is an end run around hard won state constitutional protections passed by voter initiative.

Giving developers the green light to steam roll over neighborhood concerns does not build more and better affordable housing. It leads to lawsuits and ballot battles that could have been avoided by compromise.

Since 1976, when 3000 units were given blanket approval, a number of neighborhoods have been forced to collect signatures to put proposals on the ballot. In the cases of the Balboa Reservoir and the Farmer’s Market, neighbors were willing to compromise but the developers were not. With the 1976 declaration of policy behind them, the developers stood firm resulting in unnecessary confrontation and ultimately lost or altered significantly their projects.

The City spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on each of these projects when that money could have been saved had the City followed the procedure outlined in the State Constitution.

Proposition K is a BLANK CHECK! We don’t know when, we don’t know where, and we don’t know how dense the housing will be.

Proposition K is an attempt to set aside a process designed to hold developers accountable to neighborhood concerns.

The City should let the public participate and the electorate decide.

Vote NO on K!

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TEXT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION OF POLICY
PROPOSITION K

DECLARATION OF POLICY: Shall public or private sponsors, with financial assistance from a state public body, be authorized to develop, construct and/or acquire low-rent housing developments within the City and County of San Francisco to provide not more than 3,000 affordable rental units for living accommodations for persons and families of low income, including the elderly or disabled.