

<b>Ethics Commission Draft Ballot Argument</b> For Ethics Proposition on March 2024 Ballot	Words Per Line:
Proposition TBD was placed on the ballot by a unanimous vote of the San Francisco Ethics Commission in response to recent incidents involving corruption on the part of City officials and those doing business with the City. Proposition TBD addresses issues identified through anti-corruption investigations, provides more consistent rules across City departments, and promotes government decisions that are, and appear to be, made on a fair and impartial basis.	12 6 11 8 8 9 11 T = 65
<b>Gifts and Bribery:</b> Proposition TBD would clarify and expand an existing rule that prohibits City officials from accepting gifts from people who have attempted to influence them and those doing business with their departments. This is accomplished, in part, by removing certain exceptions and applying the rule in additional situations. Proposition TBD would also clarify and expand the City’s anti-bribery rule and require department heads to disclose gifts given to City departments.	10 11 11 9 9 11 10 T = 71
<b>Ethics Training:</b> Proposition TBD would require annual ethics training for all City officials who are required to disclose their financial interests because they participate in making governmental decisions.	9 11 7 T = 26
<b>Incompatible Activities:</b> Proposition TBD would provide standardized rules for all City officials prohibiting outside activities that conflict with their City duties, including activities that are subject to their department’s control and the misuse of City resources or positions for private gain.	6 11 10 11 2 T = 40
<b>Disclosure of Relationships:</b> Proposition TBD would allow a City official to be penalized for failing to disclose, as required by law, any personal, professional, or business relationships they have with anyone who is the subject of a government decision being made by the official.	9 13 11 10 T = 43
<b>Safeguarding Ethics Laws:</b> Proposition TBD would amend chapters of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code to require future legislative amendments be approved by supermajorities of both the Ethics Commission and Board of Supervisors. The power of voters to amend these chapters would not be affected.	8 5 9 8 7 T = 37
Information on all aspects of Proposition TBD is available at: <a href="http://sfethics.org">sfethics.org</a>	T = 10
<i>San Francisco Ethics Commission</i>	1
<b>Total: 65+71+26+40+43+37+10+1 =</b>	<b>293</b>

## Word Limit and Word Count Rules

CAEC §9(a); SFMEC §§550, 575

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Title of document, signature	n/a
Punctuation	n/a
Abbreviations or acronyms (SFSU, PTA, SFPD, U.S.M.C.)	1
Proper nouns, including geographical names (San Francisco, San Franciscans, Haight Ashbury)	1
Dates, whether numbers or a combination of words and numbers (3/5/2024 or March 5, 2024)	1
Numbers consisting of one or more digits (1,000,000), percentages (12%), fractions ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )	1
Numbers that are spelled out (one hundred)	Varies; count each word
Characters used in place of a word or number (&, #)	1
Phone numbers or internet addresses	1
True Source of Funds	n/a