

Calling and Providing for a
SPECIAL ELECTION

In the Amount of \$6,500,000 for Relief of
Indigent Sick and Dependent Poor

CODE No. 19.071

BILL No. 125

ORDINANCE No. 19.0711

CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ON TUESDAY, THE 30th DAY OF AUGUST, 1932, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO A PROPOSITION TO INCUR A BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO THE AMOUNT OF SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,500,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARING FOR AND MAINTAINING THE INDIGENT SICK AND DEPENDENT POOR OF SAID CITY AND COUNTY, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DENOMINATION, RATE OF INTEREST, FIXING PAYMENT OF INTEREST, AND RETIREMENT OF SAID BONDS, AND FIXING THE DATE OF SAID SPECIAL ELECTION FOR TUESDAY, THE 30th DAY OF AUGUST, 1932, AND PRESCRIBING NOTICE TO BE GIVEN OF SUCH ELECTION.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco, as follows:

Section 1. A special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, the 30th day of August, 1932, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of said city and county the following proposition, to-wit: The proposition of incurring a bonded debt of the City and County of San Francisco to the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) for the purpose of providing for the care and maintenance of the indigent sick and dependent poor of the City and County of San Francisco.

Section 2. The estimated cost of the care and maintenance of the indigent sick and dependent poor of the city and county for the fiscal year 1932-1933 was fixed by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 338, passed by more than two-thirds vote of said Board and ap-

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proved by the Mayor, in the sum of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000), and that such sum is too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the city and county in addition to the other necessary expense thereof or other funds derived from taxes levied for that purpose.

The method and manner of payment of the estimated cost of taking care of and maintaining the indigent sick and dependent poor of said city and county are by issuance of bonds of the City and County of San Francisco to the amount required therefor and the application of the proceeds arising from the sale thereof to defray the cost of the care and maintenance of the indigent sick and dependent poor of said city and county.

Section 3. The special election hereby called and ordered to be held shall be held and conducted and the voters thereat received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made and the result thereof ascertained, determined and declared as herein provided and according to the applicable laws of the State of California providing for and governing elections in the City and County of San Francisco, and the polls for such election shall be and remain open during the time required by said laws.

Section 4. That the election precincts as fixed for the Primary Election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on the 30th day of August, 1932, are hereby fixed and adopted as the election precincts for said special election hereby called, and the voting places and officers of election for said special election shall be those designated and adopted by the Registrar of Voters of said City and County of San Francisco, in accordance with law.

Section 5. On the ballots to be used at such special election, in addition to any other matter required by law to be printed thereof, shall appear thereon the following:

“Relief Bonds, 1932.—To incur a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$6,500,000 for the care and maintenance of the indigent sick and dependent poor of the City and County of San Francisco.” Following said statement shall appear the words, “Bonds—Yes” and “Bonds—No,” and a blank space shall be provided where the voters may stamp a cross (X) in said blank space to the right of the word “Yes” or to the right of the word “No.”

To vote for the proposition and thereby incur a bonded indebtedness to the amount of and for the purpose stated herein, the voters shall stamp a cross (X) in the blank space to the right of the word “Yes,” and to vote against the proposition and thereby refuse to authorize the incurring of a bonded indebtedness to the amount of and for the purpose stated herein, the voters shall stamp a cross (X) in the blank space to the right of the word “No.”

Section 6. If at such special election two-thirds of all the votes cast thereat shall be in favor of and authorize the incurring of a bonded debt for the purpose set forth in said proposition, then such proposition shall have been accepted by the electors, and bonds shall be issued to defray the cost of the care and maintenance of the indigent sick and dependent poor.

Such bonds shall be of the form and character known as "serials," shall be signed by the President of the Board of Supervisors, the Treasurer and Controller of the City and County of San Francisco, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Said bonds shall be dated September 1, 1932, shall bear interest at the rate not to exceed 6 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, shall be of the denomination of \$1000 each, and the principal and interest thereof shall be payable in gold coin of the United States. Said bonds shall be designated "Relief Bonds, 1932," and shall be numbered from 1 to 6500, both inclusive, and shall be payable \$542,000 thereof four years from the date of said bonds, beginning with the lowest number, and \$542,000 thereof of the next higher numbers on the same day in each succeeding year for the period of eleven years, and in the twelfth year the sum of \$538,000, until the entire amount of said bonds has been paid.

Section 7. The bonds and interest coupons attached to said bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of California, City and County of San Francisco

"Relief Bond, 1932"

No..... \$1,000.00

For value received, the City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, hereby acknowledges itself indebted and promises to pay to the bearer on the first day of....., 19....., one thousand dollars, with interest thereon at the rate not to exceed 6 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, March 1 and September 1, on presentation and surrender of the coupons hereto attached as they respectively become due, both principal and interest being payable in gold coin of the United States at the office of the Treasurer of said City and County, or, at the option of the holder, at the fiscal agency of said City and County of San Francisco in the City and State of New York.

This bond is issued under and pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of California and the Charter of said City and County of San Francisco, and amendments thereto, and under and pursuant to ordinances and proceedings of said City and County duly adopted and taken, and a vote and assent of more than two-thirds of all the qualified electors of said City and County voting at a special election duly and legally called and held for that purpose.

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It is hereby certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required by law to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have existed, happened and been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the amount of this bond, together with all other indebtedness of said City and County, does not exceed any limit prescribed by the Constitution or Statutes of said State or Charter of said City and County, and that provision has been made, as required by the Constitution and Statutes of said State and the Charter of said City and County for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on this bond as it falls due, and also provision to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of this bond on or before maturity. The full faith and credit of said City and County are hereby pledged for the punctual payment of the principal and interest of this bond.

This bond may be converted into a registered bond upon presentation to the Treasurer of the City and County of San Francisco, in which event such Treasurer shall cut off and cancel the coupons of this bond and shall sign a statement stamped, printed or written upon the back or face of the bond to the effect that this bond is registered in the name of the owner, and that thereafter the interest and principal of this bond are payable to the registered owner. Thereafter, and from time to time, this bond may be transferred by such registered owner in person or by attorney duly authorized on presentation of this bond to the Treasurer, and the bond be again registered as before, a similar statement being stamped, printed or written thereon.

This bond is exempt from all taxation within the State of California. In witness whereof, said City and County of San Francisco has caused this bond to be executed under its corporate seal, signed by the President of the Board of Supervisors, Treasurer and Controller, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and has caused the interest coupons hereto attached to be signed with the engraved or lithographed signature of its Treasurer and Controller, and this bond to be dated the first day of September, 1932.

.....
President of the Board of Supervisors.

.....
Treasurer.

.....
Controller.

Countersigned:

.....
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

On..... 1, 19....., the City and County of San Francisco, California, will pay to bearer at the office of the Treasurer

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of said City and County, or, at the option of the holder, at the fiscal agency of the City and County of San Francisco in the City and State of New York,dollars (\$.....) in gold coin of the United States, being six months' interest then due on its bond dated September 1, 1932, number.....

.....,
Treasurer.

.....,
Controller.

FORM OF REGISTRATION

San Francisco,, 19.....

This bond is registered pursuant to Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, in the name of..... and the interest and principal thereof are hereafter payable to such owner.

.....,
Treasurer.

Section 8. Bonds issued pursuant to the authority of this ordinance and the vote of the people may be converted into registered bonds upon presentation to the Treasurer of the City and County of San Francisco, in which event such Treasurer shall cut off and cancel the coupons of these bonds and shall sign a statement stamped, printed or written on the back or face of the bonds to the effect that these bonds are registered in the name of the owner, and that thereafter the interest and principal of these bonds are payable to the registered owner. Thereafter, and from time to time, these bonds may be transferred by such registered owner in person or by attorney duly authorized on presentation of the bonds to the Treasurer, and the bonds be again registered as before, a similar statement being stamped, printed or written thereon.

Section 9. In addition to any language appearing on the bonds issued shall appear a statement to the effect on each bond that the same is exempt from all taxation within the State of California.

Section 10. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds, the Board of Supervisors shall, at the time of fixing the general tax levy, and in the manner for such general tax levy, provide, levy and collect annually each year until such bonds are paid or until there is a sum in the Treasury of said City and County, set apart for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for the principal and interest of said bonds, a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and on such part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the time for fixing the next general tax levy.

Section 11. Notice of said election shall be given by publication in The San Francisco News, a newspaper published in said City and

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County of San Francisco, being the official newspaper of the City and County of San Francisco, once a week for at least four (4) weeks.

This ordinance shall be published once a day for at least seven (7) days in said official newspaper.

Read Second Time and Finally Passed—Board of Supervisors San Francisco, July 22, 1932.

Ayes: Supervisors Breyer, Canepa, Colman, Gallagher, Havenner, Hayden, McSheehy, Miles, Peyser, Power, Roncovieri, Stanton.

Absent: Supervisors Brown, Shannon, Spaulding.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

J. S. DUNNIGAN,
Clerk.

Approved San Francisco, July 22, 1932.

ANGELO J. ROSSI,
Mayor.



A. Carlisle & Co., Upham & Rutledge, Inc.

The Law of Humanity, The Law of California Make Hunger an Outlaw

Unemployment has grown so rapidly in San Francisco recently that emergency relief must be given to many thousands of our people at once.

The highest law of Humanity decrees that Hunger shall not exist in this community.

The State law of California makes it the mandatory duty of every county to provide for its helpless citizens.

San Francisco will do its duty. Under the state law there are only two ways open in the present emergency.

One way is to issue bonds for the amount of money required.

The other way is to levy a direct tax. This would mean an increase of about 90 cents in San Francisco's tax rate this year.

If the Relief Bonds fail, the law requires the emergency tax to be levied next month.

If the Relief Bonds carry, the tax rate will not be raised for relief purposes.

Vote YES for Relief Bonds **August 30, 1932**

Recorder Printing and Publishing Company, San Francisco, Cal.



42,000 Heads of San Francisco Families Out of Employment at the Present Time

According to the official records of the Federal and Municipal governments, the supporting heads of more than 42,000 families who are permanent residents of San Francisco are without employment. More than 12,000 of these families are now compelled to depend upon public relief. Statistics show that the average family consists of about four persons. **This means that approximately 48,000 people, representing the unemployed family groups alone, are on the present public relief roll. In addition, there are 5,000 unemployed single men and women receiving relief.** What the total number will be this winter no one can foretell accurately, but the most careful estimates indicate a very large increase.

Relief Bonds Will Protect Distressed Citizens from Hunger and Suffering

The Relief Bond issue of \$6,500,000, to be voted on at the election of August 30, will provide the necessities of life for these unemployed and temporarily distressed neighbors and citizens. **Failure to make such provision would be unthinkable, and would not be tolerated by the law of our State or by the higher law of Humanity.**

The Only Alternative Is Heavy Taxation, Which Would Have to Be Levied This Year

Should the Relief Bonds fail to receive the two-thirds majority vote necessary for their passage, the Board of Supervisors would be required under the California State law to provide relief through emergency taxation. **The City and County tax rate for the present fiscal year, 1932-33, would have to be raised about 90 cents in order to produce the needed relief funds.**

Passage of Bond Issue Will Relieve Taxpayers During Period of Depression

Approval of the Relief Bonds will mean that San Francisco's tax rate need not be increased for relief purposes this year. It is hoped that the funds derived from the sale of the bonds will carry our city over the period of the present depression, and that the return of normal conditions of business and employment will protect our citizens from additional tax obligations which many, at present, would find it difficult to meet.

Careful Analysis Shows \$6,500,000 Is Minimum Amount Required for Safety

A most careful analysis of the unemployment records and the requirements for relief has proven that the sum of money set up in the bond issue, \$6,500,000, is the minimum amount which will insure safety for San Francisco.

Strict economy and efficiency will be exercised in spending the funds. Relief will be given only to bona fide residents, who have lived in San Francisco for at least one year. Monthly audits of the Relief Bond Fund will be published by the Controller of the City and County.

San Francisco's Relief Burden Not Heavy as Compared with Other American Cities

During the early part of the present world-wide depression, San Francisco was relatively fortunate when compared with other large cities in this country. **Official statistics, compiled last December, show that among eight typical American cities San Francisco's unemployment figures were the lowest.** Only 3.8% of our population was receiving public relief at that time, as compared with 10% in Buffalo, 8.4% in Chicago, 7.9% in Newark, 7% in Cleveland, 6.1% in Minneapolis, 5.6% in St. Louis, and 5.6% in Detroit.

The unit cost of relief in San Francisco is also comparatively light. **The average dependent family here is maintained for \$22.00 per month, or 20 cents per person per day. The monthly charge per family in Detroit is \$36.60, in Buffalo \$32.00 and in Cleveland \$25.40.**

Growth of Unemployment Problem Recently Shows Need for Emergency Relief Funds

In December, 1931, the number of families in San Francisco receiving relief from public agencies was 3,481. Usually there is an increase in employment during the Spring and Summer months, with a corresponding decrease in the demand for relief aid. This year the rule was reversed. **By July, 1932, the number of families on public relief here had risen to 12,658.**

New applications for relief from San Francisco families are now being received at the rate of 300 weekly. Practically all of these applications are from worthy, self-respecting people, who have exhausted all of their savings and credit before asking for aid.

A Vote "Yes" for the Bonds Is a Vote to Keep San Francisco Safe

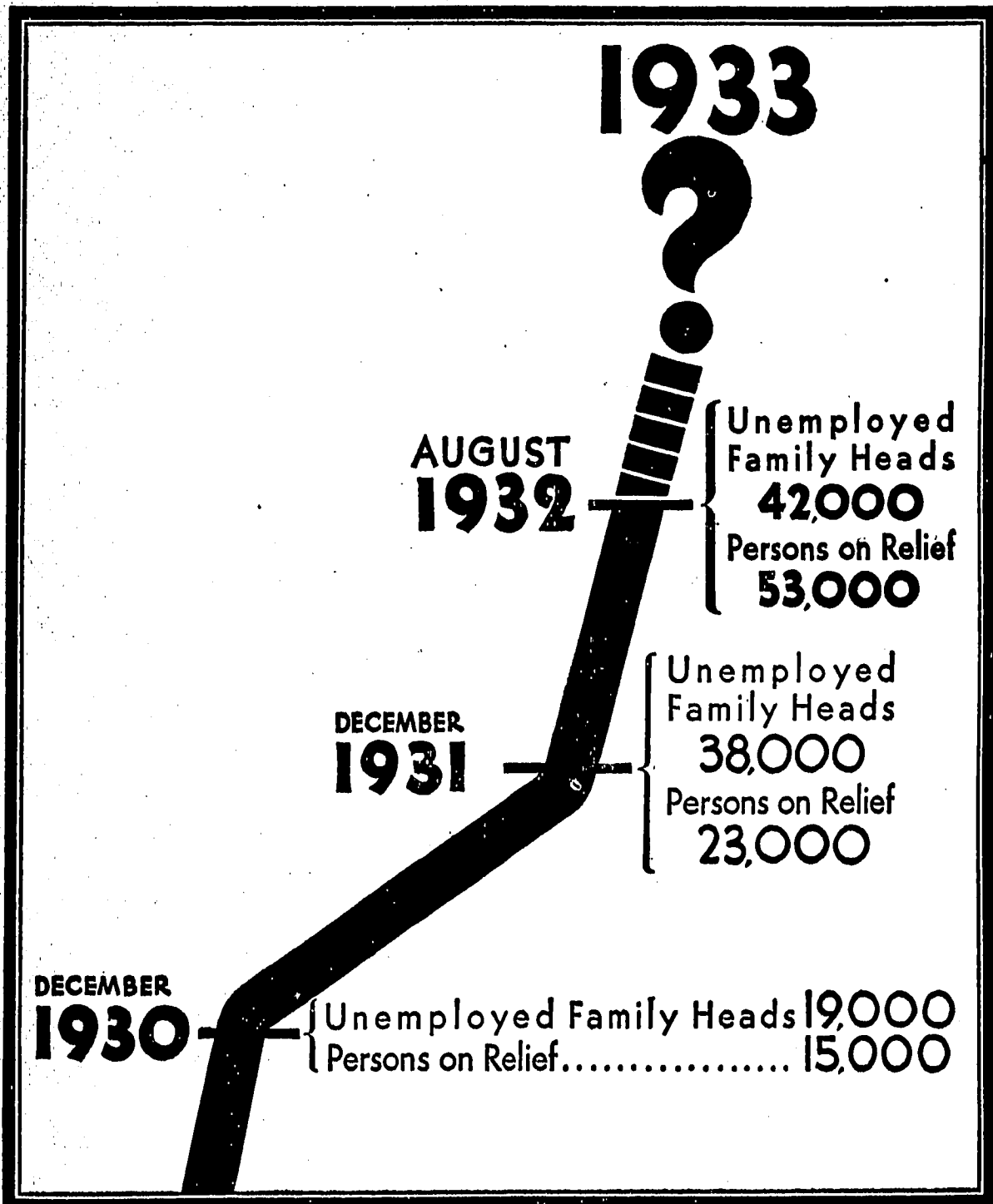
Aside from the common laws of humanity, which cannot allow a neighbor or fellow citizen to suffer or die of hunger, common sense suggests that, should the hungry and desperate thousands of unemployed go uncared for this winter, the resulting costs in crime and sickness would be beyond calculation.

San Francisco has always met her humanitarian and financial obligations with promptness and courage. The Relief Bonds will add another consistent chapter to this record.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY NEEDED TO CARRY THE BONDS

The Relief Bonds, like all others, require a two-thirds majority vote to pass. This means that every favorable vote is important. Vote "YES," and urge all of your friends and neighbors to do so. The RELIEF BONDS on the Ballot of August 30 MUST pass.

Bonds or Hunger ... Which?



The Black Line of Unemployment Growth in San Francisco

This chart graphically illustrates the rapid increase in the number of persons requiring relief.

VOTE **YES** FOR RELIEF BONDS

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SAMPLE BALLOT

STAMP CROSSES (X) ON BALLOT ONLY WITH RUBBER
STAMP; NEVER WITH PEN OR PENCIL.

(Fold Ballot to this Line, leaving Top Margin exposed)

MUNICIPAL TICKET

To vote for the proposition and thereby incur a bonded indebtedness to the amount of and for the purpose stated in such proposition, stamp a cross (X) in the blank space to the right of the word "Yes."

To vote against the proposition and thereby refuse to authorize the incurring of a bonded indebtedness to the amount of and for the purpose stated in such proposition, stamp a cross (X) in the blank space to the right of the word "No."

ALL MARKS EXCEPT THE CROSS (X) ARE FORBIDDEN.

ALL DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR ERASURES ARE FORBIDDEN AND MAKE THE BALLOT VOID.

If you **WRONGLY STAMP, TEAR, or DEFACE THIS BALLOT**, return it to the Inspector of Election and obtain another.

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YES

NO