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Bond Propositions

To Be Voted on at

Special Municipal Election

To Be Held

Tuesday, June 9, 1942

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CAMERON H. KING,
Registrar of Voters.

Calling Special Election June 9, 1942, for Issuance of Bonds for
Public Improvements:

(Series of 1939)

Bill No. 1652, Ordinance No. 1596, as follows:

An ordinance calling a special election in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1942, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City and County of San Francisco the following propositions of incurring bonded indebtedness of said City for the acquisition, construction and completion of each of the following improvements, to-wit: (1) waterworks system, and (2) fire protection; declaring the estimated cost of each of said improvements and the amount of the principal of the indebtedness to be incurred for each thereof and the maximum rate of interest to be paid thereon; fixing the date of said election, the manner of holding the same, establishing election precincts and polling places for said election and appointing boards of election therefor, and providing for notice thereof.

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 9th day of June, 1942, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said City and County the questions of incurring bonded indebtedness of said City and County for the objects and purposes set forth in each of the following propositions, to wit:

Proposition No. 1: Shall the City and County of San Francisco incur a bonded indebtedness (Waterworks System) in the principal amount of \$1,250,000 for the acquisition, construction and completion of the following municipal improvement, to wit: Improvement of the present waterworks system by the construction of an auxiliary pumping plant at Lake Merced, together with machinery, pumps, pipe lines, mains, hydrants, storage facilities, reservoirs, lands, rights of way, equipment, and other works, property or structures necessary or convenient for improving and augmenting the existing water supply of the City and County of San Francisco?

Proposition No. 2: Shall the City and County of San Francisco incur a bonded indebtedness (Fire Protection) in the principal amount of \$3,000,000 for the acquisition, construction and completion of the following municipal improvement, to wit: Additional fire protection equipment and fire fighting apparatus, including pumping units, trucks and mechanized equipment, fire hose and fire fighting facilities and equipment, additions and extensions to the fire alarm system, and all other works, property or structures necessary or convenient for additional fire protection for the City and County of San Francisco?

That the estimated cost of said proposed municipal improvement above described as Proposition No. 1 (Waterworks System) is the sum of \$1,250,000, and the amount of the principal of said indebtedness proposed to be incurred for said municipal improvement is the sum of \$1,250,000. That the estimated cost of said proposed municipal improvement above described as Proposition No. 2 (Fire Protection) is the sum of \$3,000,000, and the amount of the principal of said indebtedness proposed to be incurred for said municipal improvement is the sum of \$3,000,000.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby submit to the qualified electors of said City and County at said special election said propositions set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance and designated respectively Proposition No. 1 (Waterworks System) and Proposition No. 2 (Fire Protection), and designates and refers to each of said propositions in the form of ballot hereinafter prescribed for use at said election. Bonds of said City and County in the aggregate amount specified in the proposition or propositions which carry by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the qualified electors of said City and County voting upon such proposition or propositions, shall be issued and sold for the purposes specified in such proposition or propositions which receive such affirmative two-thirds vote. The votes cast for and against each proposition hereby submitted shall be counted separately and when two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on any one of such propositions at said election vote in favor thereof, such proposition shall be deemed adopted. The maximum rate of interest to be paid upon said indebtedness created under any of said propositions shall be six (6) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Said bonds shall be dated June 10, 1942, shall be of the denomination of \$1000 each, and the principal and interest thereof shall be payable in lawful money of the United States, either at the office of the treasurer of the City and County of San Francisco or at the office of the fiscal agent of said city and county in the City of New York.

For the improvement of the water distribution system the said bonds shall be designated "Water Works System Bonds 1942" and shall be numbered from 1 to 1250, both inclusive, and shall be payable \$250,000 thereof one year from the date of said bonds, beginning with the lowest number, and \$250,000 thereof of the next higher numbers on the same day in each succeeding year until all of said bonds shall be paid.

The bonds for fire protection shall be designated "Fire Protection Bonds 1942" and shall be numbered from 1 to 3000, both inclusive, and shall be payable \$300,000 thereof one year from the date of said bonds, beginning with the lowest number, and \$300,000 thereof of the next higher numbers on the same day in each succeeding year until all of said bonds shall be paid.

Section 3. The special election hereby called and ordered to be held shall be held and conducted and the votes thereat received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made and the result thereof

Section 6. All persons qualified to vote at City and County elections in said City and County of San Francisco upon the date of the election herein provided for shall be qualified to vote upon any or all of the propositions hereby submitted at said special election.

WHERE BALLOTS ARE USED, each voter to vote for any proposition hereby submitted and for incurring said bonded indebtedness set forth in such proposition shall stamp a cross (X) in the blank space opposite the word "Yes" on the ballot to the right of said proposition, and to vote against any proposition and against incurring said indebtedness set forth on such proposition, shall stamp a cross (X) in the blank space opposite the word "NO" on the ballot to the right of such proposition. A cross (X) stamped in the voting square on the ballot after the word "YES" to the right of any proposition shall be counted as a vote in favor of such proposition and to authorize the incurring of a bonded debt to the amount of and for the purpose specified therein, and a cross (X) stamped in the voting square after the word "NO" to the right of any proposition shall be counted as a vote against such proposition and refusal to authorize the incurring of any bonded debt for the purpose specified therein.

WHERE VOTING MACHINES ARE USED at said special election, said voting machines shall be so arranged that any qualified elector may vote for any proposition by pulling down a lever over the word "YES" under or near a statement of the proposed proposition appearing on cardboard, paper or other material placed on the front of the machine, and said act shall constitute a vote for the proposition, and said voting machines shall also be arranged so that any qualified elector may vote against any proposition by pulling down a lever over the word "NO" under or near a statement of any proposed proposition appearing on cardboard, paper or other material placed on the front of the machine which said act shall constitute a vote against such proposition. Said voting machines and the preparation of the same shall comply in all respects with the provisions of law.

Section 7. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest of any bonds authorized at said election, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco shall at the time of fixing the general tax levy and in the manner for such general tax levy provided, levy and collect annually each year until said bonds are paid, or until there shall be a sum in the treasury of said City and County set apart for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for principal and interest on such bonds, a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on such bonds as the same becomes due, and also such part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of such principal; provided that if the maturity of the indebtedness created by any issue of bonds be made to begin more than one year after the date of issuance of such bonds, such tax shall be levied and collected at the time and in the manner aforesaid annually each year sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due, and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof on or before maturity. The taxes herein required to be levied and collected shall be in addition to all other taxes levied for City and County purposes, and shall be collected at the time and in the same manner as other city and county taxes are collected, and be used for no other purpose than the payment of said bonds and accruing interest.

Section 8. This ordinance shall be published once a day for at least seven (7) days in "The San Francisco News," a newspaper of general circulation published in said City and County of San Francisco at least six (6) days a week (being the official newspaper of said City and County), and such publication shall constitute notice of said election. No other notice of the election hereby called need be given.

READ SECOND TIME AND FINALLY PASSED — Board of Supervisors, San Francisco, April 27, 1942.

Ayes: Supervisors Colman, Gallagher, MacPhee, Meyer, O'Gara, Roncovieri, Shannon, Uhl.

Absent: Supervisors Brown, Green, Mead.

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

Approved San Francisco, April 29, 1942.

DAVID A. BARRY, Clerk.
ANGELO J. ROSSI, Mayor.

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**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
OF BOND ISSUES**

TO BE VOTED ON JUNE 9, 1942

**PROPOSITION No. 1
WATERWORKS SYSTEM**

**PROPOSITION No. 2
FIRE PROTECTION**

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Means of building the defense of this city against possible enemy aggression are contained in the two propositions, which the people will be called upon to consider on June 9th; No. 1, for \$1,250,000.00, for a supplementary water supply in case of disaster, and No. 2, for \$3,000,000.00, for an adequate fire defense in case of incendiary raids or sabotage. Thus, both are for civilian defense and the protection of life and property.

Proposition No. 1 — Waterworks System

A repetition of the disaster of 1906—caused by the breaking of water pipes outside the city—becomes a distinct possibility should enemy action or other disruptive emergency take place without proper preparation against such danger. The normal water supply of San Francisco comes from Crystal Springs and San Andres Lakes in San Mateo County and from the Hetch Hetchy supply in the Sierras. From the lakes and from the distant Sierras the water is conveyed up the peninsula through two large systems, one leading to the high level reservoirs, and the other to low level reservoirs. From these sources the city is supplied for all its purposes—domestic, industrial and the highly important fire protection system of the city. Should anything happen to these pipes, it would present a most serious situation. Water rationing might have to be resorted to for domestic purposes, industries important to employment and the war effort might be forced to cease operations, and there would be no adequate fire protection.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO REMEDY THIS SERIOUS SITUATION. The present bond issue will do so. In Lake Merced, within the very gates of the city, there is enough water to supply the normal needs of the city for approximately forty days,—**BUT, AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS NO WAY OF GETTING THIS WATER INTO THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE, TO OUR INDUSTRIAL PLANTS OR TO THE FIRE HYDRANTS.** The bond money will provide for the building of a steam pumping plant on the shore of Lake Merced and for the necessary mains to bring this vital water supply into the city's distributing system.

The operation of this auxiliary pumping plant, which will have adequate capacity to meet any emergency, will require no additional employees. The new connecting water mains, even aside from their vital emergency value, are necessary to permanently provide for the growing needs of our waterworks system. This need would have to be met by proper financing within the next two or three years, so this bond issue serves two purposes. It will provide adequate protection in the present war emergency against disaster arising from any cause, and it will be a permanent fixture required for future development and growth of the city.

An emergency faces this city. We have the emergency supply of water necessary for forty days within the city limits, but no way of getting it into the city's distributing system. It is much the same situation which might face a householder, should an incendiary bomb fall upon his house, who had a reservoir in his backyard, but no hose or pump to bring the water to his burning home.

Proposition No. 2 — Fire Protection

Fire is an ever present danger to any city. Under war conditions we must face the grim possibility of sabotage through fire, caused by enemies within, and the well-known desire of our enemies to rain fire bombs upon any city important to the war. San Francisco is such a city. The \$3,000,000.00 for fire protection provided for in this bond issue will arm San Francisco with the fire protective equipment necessary to safeguard the lives and property should these emergencies come to us.

To augment our present fire engines and equipment, there is provided the sum of \$1,250,000 for the purchase of between 300 and 400 pumper units with the necessary trucks, hose and equipment for their use. Although comparatively small, these pumpers would be capable of throwing a stream of water at the rate of 500 gallons a minute, and would be instantly available to our regular fire department and the several thousand auxiliary firemen who have been trained and stand ready to serve the city. These pumpers are hauled on trailers or light trucks, hence are easily and quickly moved. They would be widely distributed throughout the city for the protection of all neighborhoods to fight against fires resulting from bombing, and to meet general conflagrations arising from sabotage or incendiary raids.

The bond-issue also includes \$250,000 for purchase of trucks to carry the additional pumping units, hose and equipment which is to be lent or otherwise made available to us by the Federal government; and, without which, this government equipment would be useless.

To insure placement of the pumper units in the neighborhoods requiring protection, the sum of approximately \$225,000 is set up for the housing of the new pumpers and the firemen attending them, since many cannot be housed in the regular fire stations.

It also includes over \$50,000 for the purchase of five battery wagons carrying 2¾ inch fire hose, and includes the cost of the hose. Fire creates special problems in rescue work, and to meet this danger to human life, three rescue trucks—fully equipped—are provided. These trucks would be independent of the splendid rescue truck service of the Red Cross. The bond issue includes sums for the purchase of high pressure valve closing units for the purpose of mechanically closing the water mains at times when speed may mean the difference between a fire quickly controlled and a serious conflagration. Other connections, such as reducing valves for reducing the pressure, are also required.

Safeguards against the breaking of communications and alarm system are covered by the funds for purchase of control cars and radio equipment, thus providing the fire department with a communication system independent of the regular system which might be damaged or destroyed by bombing or other major catastrophe.

Thousands of lives and millions of dollars in property went up in flames in the city of London before the lesson of fighting fire bombs quickly, by neighborhood fire squads, was worked out. Thus, one of the important items in the bond issue is that which calls for 10,200 portable hand pumps for use by Air Raid Wardens, Fire Watchers and neighborhood fire squads for the extinguishment of small fires and incendiary bombs prior to the arrival of the fire department.

