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PROPOSITION A

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL, 1999. Shall the City and County incur bonded debt and/or other evidences of indebtedness and/or undertake lease financing, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$299,000,000, for the acquisition, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction of a new health care, assisted living and/or other type of continuing care facility or facilities to replace Laguna Honda Hospital, and reduce the property tax impact by requiring the application of available tobacco settlement revenues received by the City and County, and any state and/or federal grants or funds received by the City and County that are required to be used to fund these facilities, (a) to finance the acquisition, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction costs of such facilities, and (b) to pay the principal and redemption price of, interest on, reserve fund deposits, if any, and/or financing costs for the obligations authorized thereby?

YES 
NO 

Digest

by Ballot Simplification Committee

THE WAY IT IS NOW: The City owns and operates Laguna Honda Hospital, founded in 1886. Laguna Honda provides more than 1,000 residents with long-term care, regardless of ability to pay, including skilled nursing, AIDS and dementia services, hospice, rehabilitation, and acute care. The hospital also provides the community with adult day health care and senior nutrition programs.

Many of Laguna Honda Hospital's current facilities were built between 1926 and 1940. The hospital was damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Many of its building systems, including fire safety and electrical, are in need of repair or replacement. In addition, the hospital has large open wards that do not meet Federal and State regulations for patient privacy.

Because of legal settlements with tobacco companies to recover money spent on public health costs associated with smoking, the City expects to receive \$347 million over the next 25 years.

The principal and interest on general obligation bonds are paid out of property tax revenues.

THE PROPOSAL: Proposition A would authorize the City to borrow \$299 million by issuing general obligation bonds to acquire, construct or reconstruct a health care, assisted living, and/or other type of continuing care facility or facilities to replace Laguna Honda Hospital. Proposition A would require an increase in the property tax to pay for the bonds.

Proposition A also provides that all tobacco settlement monies received by the City, after \$1 million is set aside each year for smoking education and prevention programs, would be used to pay for some construction and to offset the cost to property owners of repaying the bonds.

A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of Proposition A.

A "YES" VOTE MEANS: If you vote yes, you want the City to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$299 million to acquire, construct or reconstruct a health care, assisted living, and/or other type of continuing care facility or facilities to replace Laguna Honda Hospital.

A "NO" VOTE MEANS: If you vote no, you do not want the City to issue bonds for these purposes.

Controller's Statement on "A"

City Controller Edward Harrington has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition A:

Should the proposed bonds be authorized and issued, in my opinion the costs would be:

Bond Redemption	\$299,000,000
Bond Interest	<u>230,526,000</u>
Debt Service Requirement	\$529,526,000

Based on a single bond sale, the average annual debt requirement for twenty (20) years at the current six (6) percent interest rate would be approximately \$26,476,300 which is equivalent to four and eleven hundredths cents (\$0.0411) per \$100 of assessed valuation in the current tax rate. The increase in annual property taxes for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$300,000 would amount to approximately \$120.36 if all bonds were sold at

the same time. It should be noted, however, that the City does not plan to issue all authorized bonds at one time; if these bonds are issued over several years, the actual effect on the tax rate would be less than the maximum amount shown above. Also, to the extent revenues that are expected to be available from a settlement with certain tobacco companies are used for debt service, the impact on future years' tax rates would be substantially less.

How Supervisors Voted on "A"

On June 21, 1999 the Board of Supervisors voted 9-2 to place Proposition A on the ballot.

The Supervisors voted as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

No: Supervisors Kaufman, Newsom

THIS BOND MEASURE REQUIRES 66 2/3% AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO PASS

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PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

Elderly
Since 1866 San Francisco has cared for our elderly and disabled at Laguna Honda Hospital. Proposition A enables us to continue fulfilling this moral obligation into the next century. From both healthcare and financial standpoints, Proposition A prevents a catastrophe we cannot afford.

Medical
Elderly
Thousands of San Francisco families have depended on Laguna Honda Hospital to provide compassionate medical care for elderly or disabled family members whose needs cannot be met at home. All San Franciscans are welcome at Laguna Honda, regardless of their ability to pay. As San Francisco's elderly population increases, the need for Laguna Honda will be even greater.

Elderly
While the majority of Laguna Honda residents are elderly, many are people of all ages - born with disabilities, survivors of debilitating illnesses or severely injured in accidents. Any of us is just a car crash or accident away from needing the hospital's services. Laguna Honda has provided end-of-life care for more AIDS patients than any other hospital or hospice.

Laguna Honda's buildings were damaged in the 1989 earthquake. Most utility and safety systems need long-overdue repair or replacement. The large open wards do not meet government requirements for patient privacy. For these reasons, the federal

government has threatened to end funding, which would force Laguna Honda to close.

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If Laguna Honda closed, with San Francisco's severe shortage of nursing home beds, many patients would fail at home, requiring them to seek expensive emergency room treatment and acute care in hospitals such as San Francisco General.

Extensive studies by medical experts, architects, financial analysts and patient advocates show conclusively that rebuilding Laguna Honda at its current location is the most cost-effective and humane solution.

Proposition A combines compassion, state of the art healthcare and fiscal responsibility. Vote YES on A.

Board of Supervisors

How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

The Supervisors voted as follows on August 16, 1999:

Yes: Supervisors Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Yaki, Yee

No: Supervisors Kaufman, Newsom

Absent: Supervisors Teng

REBUTTAL TO PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

The Mayor and Board of Supervisors want to rebuild Laguna Honda with the same number of beds and types of services the current facility provides. But there are newer, more appropriate, more humane, cost effective ways to provide these services. Laguna Honda should be just one option in a range of choices in long term care.

San Francisco needs a new, much smaller Laguna Honda for those people with disabilities, including the elderly, who can be treated only in skilled nursing facilities.

Many current and future residents of Laguna Honda can obtain the services and care they need in places other than a large institution. They can receive that care in a friendly, humane environment at home or in home-like settings in their own neighborhoods, with more privacy and a better quality of life.

And their care can cost less than if they are 'warehoused' in a

large institution. San Francisco currently has a variety of options for long term care services. We should expand this network of options and increase the number of people served. The resulting 'continuum of care' would stretch from one's own home to visiting nurses to adult day care centers to assisted living facilities to nursing homes like Laguna Honda.

Vote NO on this proposition. Tell the Mayor and Board of Supervisors not to waste our money on 'old' solutions. Tell them to work on new ways to provide the care San Franciscans deserve.

Abby Kovalsky

Board President

Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco

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OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

Our indigent senior citizens deserve up-to-date skilled nursing care. Health experts agree that Laguna Honda is a wasteful, health care dinosaur, despite its dedicated staff and volunteers. Every other county in California has stopped warehousing senior citizens in boxes like Laguna Honda. The Laguna Honda proposal is outdated, expensive, and wasteful.

The total costs of rebuilding Laguna Honda, construction costs and interest, will be \$609,000,000. This amounts to about Half a Million Dollars per bed.

Over \$200,000,000 of the \$609,000,000 total cost of rebuilding Laguna Honda are slated to come from the Tobacco Settlement Funds. In May, the Mayor's Office stated San Francisco would receive \$585,000,000 in Tobacco settlement monies over the next 25 years.

In July, the Mayor's Office stated that figure had shrunk to \$347,000,000.

So, if there is not enough tobacco money to offset the cost of rebuilding Laguna Honda; the taxpayers will be forced to make up the difference.

There are more compassionate and less costly ways to address long-term care for seniors. First, we can utilize the excellent community-based long-term care providers that are available in San Francisco. Second, the City can partner with private providers to convert existing surplus acute care beds into long-term care beds. Third, we should use part of the tobacco settlement funds for the annual cost of caring for our elderly indigent population. The remainder of the tobacco funds should go to its intended purpose - to care for people with tobacco-related illnesses and educational programs to prevent teenage smoking.

The San Francisco Republican Party urges every San Franciscan to say "No" to City Hall's latest expensive and outdated plan. This will force the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to consider contemporary, diversified, and compassionate care for our aging population.

Vote No on Proposition A.

Donald A. Casper, Chairman, San Francisco Republican Party.

REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

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Painstaking analysis by healthcare, finance and social service experts shows that rebuilding Laguna Honda Hospital is the least expensive way to provide quality healthcare to the greatest number of San Francisco's elderly and disabled.

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Yes, rebuilding Laguna Honda is expensive, but other alternatives serving the same number of people would be far more costly. Talk of utilizing "community-based longterm care providers" is irresponsible, since San Francisco already faces a severe shortage of longterm care beds. The situation will only get worse as San Francisco's Baby Boomer population ages. Laguna Honda provides extensive 24 hour, 7 day a week care unavailable in community settings.

Dispersing Laguna Honda's population to smaller public facilities would require wasteful duplication of costly medical equipment. And where would these facilities be located?

Sadly, most efforts to establish healthcare facilities in residential neighborhoods generate opposition. Commercial areas are inappropriate as the home for frail elderly and disabled San Franciscans.

Rebuilding Laguna Honda can begin almost immediately. Developing alternatives would take years. Further delay would result in higher costs.

Meanwhile, people needing longterm care wouldn't receive it.

Many Laguna Honda residents have smoking-related illnesses and cancer. Thus, Proposition A would use tobacco settlement funds exactly as Laguna Honda opponents say we should. Plus, \$1,000,000 a year of these funds would go toward preventing teenage smoking.

Let's stop playing politics with our most vulnerable citizens.

Vote YES on Proposition A.

Supervisors Tom Ammiano

Alicia Becerril

Sue Bierman

Amos Brown

Leslie Katz

Mark Leno

Mabel Teng

Michael Yaki

Leland Yee

How Supervisors Voted to Submit this Argument

The Supervisors voted as follows on August 23, 1999:

Yes: Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

No: Kaufman, Newsom

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We must rebuild Laguna Honda for earthquake safety and to comply with federal funding requirements.

This long-term care hospital is the last resort for disabled and senior San Franciscans who can't afford other facilities. If it closes, they have nowhere to go.

San Francisco Tomorrow

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The American Institute of Architects, San Francisco Chapter, a 2,000 member organization, supports the Laguna Honda Hospital bond measure.

This proposal to build new facilities on the existing campus is the conclusion of a decade of exhaustive studies including cost analysis, conceptual planning, and community input. *The studies have shown that it is more economical to build a new facility than to remodel the existing structures to provide the required improvements to infrastructure (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, lighting) and upgrades to meet current building, fire, life safety, disabled access and seismic codes. The initial conceptual designs demonstrate that economical and attractive facilities can be developed on the existing campus. San Francisco's rapidly growing elderly population and high cost of land make the option to rebuild on the existing campus the only viable solution.*

The future of Laguna Honda is in peril because the large open patient wards do not comply with Federal nursing facility requirements. These wards cannot be efficiently reconfigured to meet current standards. The waivers that permit Laguna Honda to operate with essential Medicare funds can be revoked at any time. Laguna Honda Hospital provides one third of all the skilled nursing beds in San Francisco. The capacity to care for Laguna Honda's patients does not exist elsewhere in the private or public sectors. The closure of Laguna Honda would create a health care crisis for the patients in need of skilled nursing care.

Laguna Honda has been serving San Francisco from its current location for over a century. It is time to seize this opportunity and replace the outdated Laguna Honda Hospital with a facility that will continue to provide quality care for the next century.

The American Institute of Architects, San Francisco Chapter
Nora R. Klebow, AIA
President
David A. Golden, AIA
Chair, AIA SF Health Facilities Committee

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the American Institute of Architects-San Francisco.

The League of Women Voters of San Francisco supports adequately funded health care systems which provide comprehensive services to all patients.

The League of Women Voters of San Francisco supports measures that promote effective and equitable methods of paying for City services.

Proposition A will provide long-term care and assisted living for even the poorest San Franciscans.

Proposition A is responsible financing that reduces taxpayer costs without jeopardizing services.

We urge you to save taxpayers' money and provide for those in need. Vote YES on Proposition A and save Laguna Honda Hospital!

Holli P. Thier, J.D.
Co-President

Martha Benioff
Co-President

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

Everyone of us may not realize you can be just a car accident, a mugging or a stroke away from needing the care of Laguna Honda Hospital. For-profit institutions won't take everyone. Yes on A to rebuild Laguna Honda - often the last resort for severely disabled and senior San Franciscans.

Democratic Women's Forum

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Visit Laguna Honda and see why it's needed.

It's the only hope for severely disabled people of all ages who are rejected by for-profit institutions.

Rebuild Laguna Honda now while tobacco money can help finance it.

Jane Morrison

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Vote YES on Laguna Honda! St. John's United Church of Christ (across the street from LHH) is a member of the San Francisco Organizing Project. SFOP represents 40 congregations and 40,000 families in San Francisco. Our neighborhood organizing committee is concerned about LHH. We actively participated in city planning discussions, meet with public health officials and Supervisors, held neighborhood meetings, hosted a major citywide meeting (3/24/99) and consulted over 500 citizens.

LHH rebuild is a well-designed project committed to high quality care. Financing with tobacco settlement money and a bond issue means cost to property taxpayers is far lower than anticipated. **Don't lose LHH. All San Franciscans of all ages need LHH, for themselves or a loved one. VOTE YES!**

*St. John's UCC Local Organizing Committee,
San Francisco Organizing Project*

Mary Liz De Jong

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Democratic Leaders Support Laguna Honda

For more than a century, San Franciscans have felt a moral obligation to provide compassionate, quality healthcare to our city's most vulnerable citizens at Laguna Honda Hospital.

For more than a decade, conscientious San Franciscans have analyzed the increasing need to continue providing this care.

Additionally, they have recognized that Laguna Honda Hospital's buildings have deteriorated badly, and especially after the 1989 earthquake, many are unsafe.

Medical experts, caregivers, structural engineers, patient advocates, fiscal analysts, disabled community activists, and Laguna Honda Hospital residents themselves have participated in extensive planning efforts to determine the most effective and least effective way to meet San Francisco's future need for long-term healthcare. *LTC*

Proposition A is the product of these thoughtful and careful deliberations involving hundreds of San Franciscans from all walks of life and all professions. Everyone agrees that using San Francisco's share of money won from these tobacco companies to build Laguna Honda Hospital is the best use of that once-in-a-lifetime financial windfall.

Join us in voting Yes on A.

Mayor Willie L. Brown

State Senator John Burton

Kevin Shelley, Assembly Majority Leader

Doris Ward, Assessor-Recorder of San Francisco

Natalie Berg, Chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party

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Senator Feinstein Supports Laguna Honda Hospital

LTC MEDICAL
 For over a century Laguna Honda Hospital has provided long-term medical care to San Franciscans regardless of their ability to pay. Laguna Honda Hospital is a vital part of our social fabric, enabling generations of San Francisco families to feel secure, knowing that their elderly and disabled loved ones were receiving skilled and compassionate care.

Elderly
Medical
 However, Laguna Honda Hospital's buildings do not meet today's earthquake and fire-safety standards. Additionally, they do not meet government standards for medical care, and, as a result, Laguna Honda Hospital stands to lose the Medicare and MediCal reimbursements that pay most of the hospital's expenses. We must act on these issues now.

A major obstacle for San Francisco has been the high cost of rebuilding. But over the years, medical, architectural, and financial experts have crafted a plan that is efficient, humane, and economically feasible. Applying the money won by San Francisco in our successful lawsuit against the tobacco companies is the final clincher in reducing the reconstruction bond by hundreds of millions of dollars.

We can wait no longer. Further delay will only increase costs and deprive Laguna Honda Hospital residents of the best possible care.

Please vote Yes on A

Dianne Feinstein
 United States Senator

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Elderly
 San Francisco Homeowners Support Laguna Honda Hospital
 For only \$24 per year for each \$100,000 of assessed property value, we can help San Francisco meet its moral obligation to care for the sick and elderly. Proposition A provides for state-of-the-art medical attention, calls for replacing obsolete 30-bed open wards with smaller rooms that are designed to allow for a sense of community, and continues a tradition of care that has served San Francisco for generations. Our city should do no less. Moreover, with tobacco companies contributing millions of dollars to pay for smoking-related health-care costs, Proposition A is an excellent use of bond money.

We cannot turn our backs on this issue. Please join us in voting Yes on A, and saving Laguna Honda Hospital.

Dan Robinson, Mission District Homeowners

Evelyn Wilson, SPEAK Board of Directors

John Barbey

Mark Duffell, President, SPEAK

Ramona Albright, RN, Health Committee Chair, Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods

Linda Barlow, Twin Peaks Council & Open Space Conservancy

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After forty-four years of caring for thousands of our brothers and sisters, who were restored and returned to their homes, and for thousands who were cared for in love and respect until their final hour, I am convinced that Laguna Honda Hospital must forever be part of San Francisco. Please vote YES on Proposition A.

V. Leishman, R.N.

Director of Nursing at Laguna Honda Hospital from July 1953 to November 1997

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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS SUPPORT PROPOSITION A

LTC I support Proposition A to save Laguna Honda Hospital because it's the best option to ensure the 1,200 patients at the hospital get the best, quality long term care possible. Because of the threat of losing federal funding, we need to move now. Laguna Honda's patients cannot wait any longer and there is no other recourse. Under the Republican leadership in Congress, no new federal funding is being made available for projects like this. San Francisco has always been willing to lend a helping hand to its most vulnerable citizens. Please join us to save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

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Medical West of Twin Peaks Neighbors Support Laguna Honda Hospital For generations, residents of the West of Twin Peaks area have been fortunate to have Laguna Honda Hospital as a neighbor. Our children have volunteered at the Hospital helping care for San Franciscans of all neighborhoods, our parents have used the medical facilities, and we have all enjoyed the green space, community facilities, and historic buildings there. Join us in saving it-Yes on Proposition A.

Wendy Nelder, Former President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Lee Ann Prifti, Diamond Heights Community Association

Bud Wilson, Neighborhood Activist

Tim Colen, President, Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association*

* Titles or organizations for identification purposes only.

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Senior Leaders Rally for Laguna Honda Hospital LTC

Proposition A combines a forward-thinking design with a realistic vision for meeting the city's long-term health care needs. San Francisco's senior population will explode in the next 20 years. The acute needs of Laguna Honda Hospital's patients cannot be met by private, for-profit facilities.

Elderly Laguna Honda Hospital will close without Proposition A's rebuild. We have a historic opportunity to maintain and improve a national model for quality health care. Closing Laguna Honda Hospital would set off a major crisis in our whole health care system, and leave seniors vulnerable.

Support the seniors of today and the future and vote yes on Proposition A.

Pat Durham, President, Commission on Aging

Bill Price, President, Senior Action Network

Gerald "Jerry" De Ryan, American Association of Retired Persons, Vote Volunteer

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Saving Laguna Honda Hospital is good health policy Elderly

We strongly support Proposition A. Without these funds, Laguna Honda Hospital's services will likely be cut back or closed. San Francisco's poorest and most vulnerable will have nowhere to go, as other convalescent and skilled nursing facilities often do not accept Medicaid or Medicare payments. Please don't abandon our poor, disabled, and frail senior citizens. Vote Yes on Proposition A!

San Francisco Health Plan Public Policy Committee Chairs

Frederick Hobson

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From the Mom of a Laguna Honda Resident

I'm thankful and grateful in having Laguna Honda Hospital in existence, as I have had a son there for 13 years. I am elderly and unable to care for him at home. Laguna Honda Hospital has been a lifesaver for my family and I. The vote for Laguna Honda Hospital would be an investment for your future—because you don't know if you are going to need it yourself.

Maria Torres

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Laguna Honda Hospital is a haven for those in need

This year I celebrate my Golden Jubilee as a "Mission Helper of the Sacred Heart." I have worked all over the world, the last 19 years at Laguna Honda Hospital. Nowhere has been a more inspiring, fulfilling enriching experience than Laguna Honda Hospital. San Francisco has a history of compassion, caring for its sick, needy, and elderly. Please don't change that now. Save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Sister Miriam Walsh, M.H.S.H

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TENANT LEADERS SUPPORT LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

As tenant activists, we have always fought to protect the neediest among us. Now we ask you to join us in support of saving Laguna Honda Hospital. Rebuilding Laguna Honda Hospital, ensures that it will be there to serve us into the next century—helping elderly, sick, and disabled patients, most of whom are unable to feed, bathe or clothe themselves. San Francisco does not have enough acute care beds to meet their needs, and the problem will only get worse as the baby boomers age. To turn our back on them now would be a disaster.

The patients at Laguna Honda Hospital deserve the state-of-the-art care, in seismically-safe buildings that Proposition A provides. Join us in saving Laguna Honda Hospital—Yes on A.

Affordable Housing Alliance

Ted Gullicksen

Robert Haaland, San Francisco Tenants Union

Steve Collier, Tenants' Attorney

Robert Pender, San Francisco Tenants' Network

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Please Join Us to Save Laguna Honda Hospital

Proposition A is the result of thousands of hours of time donated by the members of the Laguna Honda Hospital Rebuild Committee. We chaired this committee, which was appointed by the health commission, with the goal of identifying the very best plan for rebuilding Laguna Honda Hospital.

Committee members, who included doctors and other health care experts, architects, neighbors, advocates for the elderly and disabled, providers of community-based services, experts in health care financing, business leaders and residents of Laguna Honda, debated a wide variety of proposals at public meetings. We are convinced that Proposition A is the best way of ensuring that San Francisco has a modern hospital equipped to care for our community's needs into the next millennium.

Since its founding in 1866, Laguna Honda Hospital has offered unparalleled community-based health care. For generations, San Franciscans have been able to turn to Laguna Honda for help when they needed it. Proposition A is a sound investment in a continuing San Francisco tradition of quality care and humanitarian assistance.

We urge you to support this measure because we believe it is the smart thing to do and the right thing to do.

Mitch Katz, MD

San Francisco Director of Health

Louise Renne, Esq.

San Francisco City Attorney

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Laguna Honda Hospital must be rebuilt. Our parents and loved ones deserve comprehensive care. Vote yes on Prop. A.

Kevin Shelley

Assembly Majority Leader

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Shelley for Assembly.

Union Leaders for a Renewal of Laguna Honda Hospital

Laguna Honda Hospital is one of the City's great treasures. We can't let it be lost. It is one of the reasons San Francisco is known worldwide for its civilized, progressive and caring traditions. Generations of San Francisco workers have had their last years blessed by the facility's skilled and loving support.

The new state-of-the-art structure will continue to provide the highest-quality, 24-hour care for 1200 residents, while meeting the growing demands of the twenty-first century. Included will be 140 units of assisted living; dental and acute-care clinics and expanded adult day care and senior nutrition programs. We have a responsibility to our growing health care demands of the future to Save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Walter Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, San Francisco Labor Council
Sal Rosselli, President, Healthcare Workers Local 250

Stanley Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, San Francisco Building Trades Council

Kent Mitchell, United Educators of San Francisco

Nancy Wohlforth, Business Manager, Office & Professional Employees, Local 3; Pride at Work

Mike Casey, Union Organizer

Howard Wallace, Organizer, Health Care Workers Local 250 (SEIU)

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AIDS Activists Support Laguna Honda Hospital

Laguna Honda Hospital has cared for more persons with AIDS who are at the end of their life than any other facility in San Francisco. *It is a vital part of San Francisco's capacity to deal with an epidemic which is not over.* Now Laguna Honda Hospital is threatened by the seismic instability of its buildings. We must work together to ensure that it is rebuilt to provide state-of-the-art medical attention and dignified care to the sickest among us.

Please vote Yes on A and save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Tom Nolan

Reverend Jim Mitulski

Tony Leone

Andrea Shorter, Former Community College Board Trustee

Diane Jones, R.N.

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We Cannot Lose Laguna Honda Hospital

For years, Laguna Honda Hospital, has been doing an outstanding job in helping patients who need 24-hour-a-day skilled nursing care in a clean and caring environment. It's a much-needed service that all San Franciscans should be proud of and should support. Patients at Laguna Honda Hospital were once productive citizens who have been dealt a tragedy in their lives. Let us not cancel a service that has no equal in the Bay Area. If Laguna Honda Hospital goes, shame on all of us! Vote to save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Charles Meyers, Sr., California Assemblyman, 1948-1970.

Alene Meyers, Retired Laguna Honda Hospital Registered Nurse

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Physicians Support Proposition A

Laguna Honda Hospital plays a crucial role in San Francisco's health care system. The hospital cares for individuals who need the 24-hour a day/seven day a week medical and nursing care that is provided at the Hospital. If it were not available, many San Franciscans would not receive the care they need. Some would live in unsafe conditions in their homes, unable to feed, clothe, and clean themselves or take their medication on their own. Others would be sent to out-of-county facilities, far away from their families. Also, in the absence of Laguna Honda Hospital, many patients would be unable to be discharged from acute care hospitals, thus tying up needed acute care beds. With the already-present shortage of such beds, especially in wintertime, San Francisco can ill afford the loss of Laguna Honda Hospital.

The physicians at Laguna Honda Hospital provide medical care that is technologically state-of-the-art, compassionate, and desperately needed. Please vote yes on Proposition A.

William H. Goodson III, M.D., President, San Francisco Medical Society
Mervyn F. Silverman, M.D., M.P.H., Former San Francisco Director of Health

Sandra Hernandez, M.D.

Kathryn Borgenicht, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor, UCSF
Mary Anne Johnson, M.D., Vice-Chief, Division of Geriatrics, UCSF
Roger Smith, M.D., Chief of Staff, St. Francis Memorial Hospital
Dr. Randall Low, SCC/TR Chinese Hospital Medical Staff
Russell D. Woo, M.D., Past Chief of Staff, Chinese Hospital
Dr. Gordon L. Fung, Past-President, AHA-San Francisco Division
Dr. Kenneth D. Chan, Immediate Past Chief of Staff, Chinese Hospital
Anthony Gee, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor
Steven G. Deeks, M.D.

Paul Volberding, M.D., Director: Positive Health Program

Richard Fine, M.D., Past Chief of Staff, San Francisco General Hospital

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From a Laguna Honda Resident

Having lived in Laguna Honda Hospital since March, 1995, I understand how important its rebuilding is. The level of care there is second to none and the staff is dedicated. No one wants to be in a nursing home, but this is by far the best place to be.

Because of the high level of assistance that I enjoy at Laguna Honda Hospital, I am able to involve myself in the community, knowing that I can come back to a safe living environment. Some disabled are able to live independently, but there are some things I can't do for myself and I am grateful for Laguna Honda.

Let us, the City of St. Francis, care for the disabled and elderly by rebuilding Laguna Honda Hospital.

Charles Levinson

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Laguna Honda Hospital is Vital

San Francisco is committed to providing as many options as possible for long-term medical and skilled nursing care for our elderly and disabled residents. Laguna Honda Hospital provides the option that no other facility can offer—quality care regardless of a resident's ability to pay.

Rebuilding Laguna Honda Hospital is the least expensive and least disruptive way to assure continued care for current residents, and to assure the availability of medical/skilled nursing care for San Franciscans who will need these services in the future.

Talk of a "smaller Laguna Honda" by Proposition A opponents is irresponsible for many reasons:

- San Francisco already faces a severe shortage of long-term nursing care beds.
- The shortage will worsen as San Francisco's population ages.
- The total cost to taxpayers of building other, smaller facilities throughout the city to meet current and future needs would be much, much greater—if appropriate sites could even be found.
- Time has run out. Federal and state funding sources have declared that Laguna Honda's buildings are unsafe and do not comply with healthcare requirements. San Francisco could lose the Medicare and MediCal reimbursements that pay nearly all of Laguna Honda's operating expenses.

If Laguna Honda Hospital is forced to close, current and potential residents could be forced to move to facilities outside the city. The community of compassionate caregivers, volunteers, families and neighbors that exists at Laguna Honda Hospital would be lost.

We urge you to vote YES on Proposition A.

Lee Ann Monfredini, President, San Francisco Health Commission

Roma Guy, Vice-President, Health Commission
Commissioners:

Edward A. Chow, M.D.

Ronald Gene Hill, Chair, Budget Committee

David J. Sanchez, Ph.D.

John Umekubo, M.D.

Arthur Jackson, Past-President, San Francisco Health Commission

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Green Leaders Support Proposition A

Rebuilding Laguna Honda Hospital is the most environmentally sound decision San Franciscans can make. It preserves acres of green space and keeps a low-impact environmentally-sensitive campus in the middle of San Francisco out of the hands of developers.

If Laguna Honda is not rebuilt, the existing buildings could be demolished and the land cleared for possible residential construction. That means a much denser population that will aggravate problems related to parking, traffic, open space and construction. The local neighborhood is very supportive of Laguna Honda and strongly supports its continued existence.

Make the sound environmental choice and vote Yes on Proposition A to save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Tom Radulovich, BART Director
Adam Werbach
Ross Mirkarimi

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Laguna Honda Hospital Nursing Staff Ask You to Support

Proposition A

Laguna Honda Hospital is in the middle of a crisis. Laguna Honda Hospital must be rebuilt to meet federal and state regulations or face closure.

We add our voices to the majority of San Franciscans who believe that we have a civic and moral obligation to take care of our elderly and disabled. As members of the Laguna Honda Hospital staff, we know first-hand that San Francisco can ill afford to lose this model hospital. Every day we see the difference that the hospital makes in the lives of the frail elderly and disabled who live here and find more than just exceptional medical care here—they find a family to offer them community and comfort in a very difficult period of their lives. Without Laguna Honda Hospital, there is no guarantee that these patients will be cared for. Without Laguna Honda Hospital, the already-overburdened San Francisco Public Health Care System will be overwhelmed.

Save Laguna Honda Hospital—vote Yes on A.

Michael Mikolasek, R.N.

Laura M. Blue, R.N.

Rosalinda R. Concha, L.V.N.

Marrie Brown, Certified Nurse's Assistant

Milagros A. Laperal, Certified Nurse's Assistant

Aquilina F. Garcia, Certified Nurse's Assistant

Julie C. Kung, Certified Nurse's Assistant

Mee-Loi Yee, R.N.

Margaret Gavney, R.N.

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Elderly
Asian-Americans Support Saving Laguna Honda Hospital
Our culture teaches us to respect and care for our elders. Laguna Honda Hospital has provided long-term, quality health care for thousands of San Francisco's elderly and needy citizens. Federal authorities are now poised to cut off crucial funding that helps keep this hospital open, and the buildings are not seismically safe.

SF Elderly Elderly
Laguna Honda Hospital can be saved—but it needs your vote. Proposition A allows us to build a state-of-the-art hospital, complete with medical, dental and skilled nursing care clinics, that is seismically safe and able to serve our city's elderly and sick for another 100 years.

Elderly
We have an obligation to help our city's elders. Vote Yes on Proposition A.

Asian Pacific Democratic Club

Filipino-American Democratic Club

Thomas Hsieh, Sr., Former San Francisco Supervisor

Benny Yee, President, SFRA Commission

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Elderly The Golden Gate Restaurant Association PAC Supports Proposition A

The Golden Gate Restaurant Association supports the use of funds from San Francisco's legal settlements with tobacco companies to defray the cost to taxpayers of rebuilding Laguna Honda hospital. The City expects to receive \$347 million over the next 25 years from these settlements. What better use of that money than to directly care for our frail elderly?

Proposition A allows the voters, not the politicians, to determine how the tobacco settlement money will be spent. Vote Yes on Proposition A to ensure that the tobacco settlements are spent on public health, not politics!

The Golden Gate Restaurant Association PAC

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is the Golden Gate Restaurant Association PAC.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: Member Dues.

"Big Tobacco" Should Pay for San Francisco Healthcare!

Many of the residents of Laguna Honda Hospital smoked all their lives and are now suffering the ill effects. Tobacco companies should donate some of the profits from these smokers to their healthcare. That's exactly what Proposition A calls for, along with a \$299 Million Bond, to rebuild Laguna Honda Hospital. The tobacco settlements will also devote \$1 Million a year to prevent teen smoking. It's the right thing for San Francisco!

Yes on A

Joe O'Donoghue, President

Residential Builders Association

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FORMER MAYORS SUPPORT PROPOSITION A

Laguna Honda Hospital has been an important part of the legacy of our city. It has also been a challenge. Finally, Proposition A provides a safe, caring, fiscally sensible, state of the art solution. and delays will only increase the ultimate costs. Please join us in voting yes on Proposition A.

George Christopher

Former Mayor of San Francisco

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African-American Leaders Support Laguna Honda Hospital

Our community, and all San Franciscans, need Laguna Honda Hospital!

- Laguna Honda Hospital serves hundreds of African-American patients and is there as a resource for the rest of us.
- Without Laguna Honda Hospital, there is no guarantee that San Francisco's sick and elderly will receive the high-quality care they deserve—they may even be shipped outside of the city.
- If Laguna Honda Hospital closes, all of San Francisco's hospitals will suffer as a result.

We cannot turn our backs on the most needy among us. Please save Laguna Honda Hospital and our tradition of caring. Vote Yes on A!

H. Welton Flynn, President, Public Transportation Commission
Sabrina Saunders, Commissioner, Board of Permit Appeals
Naomi T. Gray, Former Health Commissioner
Raye G. Richardson, Co-owner, Marcus Books

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LATINO LEADERS SUPPORT REBUILDING LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

A visit to Laguna Honda Hospital reveals a true multicultural facility, with members of almost every ethnic population found in San Francisco receiving care on-site. Many of these patients have no other options in terms of long term, quality care. The patients at Laguna Honda Hospital are the parents and grandparents of members of our community. They deserve our support and respect by ensuring they continue to receive the care they need. Please vote Yes on Proposition A to Save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Rebecca Delgado-Rottman, Recording Secretary, San Francisco Democratic Party

Dr. Carlota del Portillo

Commissioner Ray del Portillo

Victor Marquez, Civil Rights Attorney

Gabriel Medina, President, San Francisco Young Democrats

Sonia Melara, Director Commission on the Status of Women

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DISABLED
Disabled San Franciscans Need Laguna Honda Hospital. Laguna Honda Hospital fulfills an urgent need for people with disabilities. Many have limited mobility. Others need intense physical therapy following strokes or accidents. And many are frail from age or illnesses.

FRAIL ELDERLY
Everyone at Laguna Honda Hospital receives the highest quality medical care, companionship and community.

DISABLED
For many people with disabilities, living independently or at home with their families just isn't possible. Laguna Honda Hospital provides a secure, supportive home for them, regardless of their ability to pay.

Laguna Honda Hospital also offers assisted living for people who are physically able to go out into the community during the day. Plans for rebuilding the hospital include many new opportunities for assisted living, rehabilitation and physical therapy, and expanded adult day care. These services are vital parts of a comprehensive health plan for the city.

DISABLED
Proposition A is the most cost-effective way to provide the greatest number of options for quality medical care and assisted living to people with disabilities. We urge you to vote Yes on A.

DISABLED
Richard Rothman

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Laguna Honda Hospital Needs Us

IF ONLY DISABLED
As community leaders, we have always fought to ensure that all members of society, especially the most needy, are cared for. That is why we support Laguna Honda Hospital, and call for all San Franciscans to join us. **Laguna Honda Hospital serves the elderly, and the sick and disabled, almost all of whom are supported by Medi-Cal or Medicare.** The average age is 72, and all residents have some functional impairment which prevent them from bathing, dressing, or eating by themselves.

Red dot
Without Laguna Honda Hospital, San Francisco would not be able to guarantee these patients the quality medical attention they deserve. Please vote yes on A, and save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Red dot
Carole S. Cullum

Sharon Johnson, Former Director

San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioner Carolene Marks

Marylouise Lovett, Democratic Womens Forum/Vice President

Tricia Stapleton, San Francisco National Organization for Women PAC

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SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS LEADERS AGREE: SAVE LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

Smart business and smart health care go hand in hand - particularly with respect to long term planning. **The Laguna Honda Hospital bond measure is a vital piece of long term planning and care.** Right now, Laguna Honda Hospital faces the potential loss of both state and federal revenue as well as the significant damage from the Loma Prieta earthquake. Proposition A would bring the facility within state and federal guidelines, ensure funding continues, and fix the earthquake damage which threatens the safety of the buildings and patients. **With Laguna Honda repaired, San Francisco's most vulnerable patient population will continue to receive the quality care they need and deserve.** Please vote Yes on Proposition A.

Earl H. White, President, San Francisco Black Chamber of Commerce

Stan Wipfli, Board Member, Golden Gate Business Association

Salim Dahud, Small Business Owner

Chris Dittenhafer, Small Business Advocate

Barry Hermanson, Owner, Hermanson's Employment Services

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FORMER MAYORS SUPPORT PROPOSITION A

Laguna Honda Hospital has been a proud part of the legacy of our city. It has also been a challenge. Finally, Proposition A provides a safe, caring, fiscally sensible, state of the art solution. It's about time. Please join us in voting yes on Proposition A.

Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator

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Educators Advocate for Laguna Honda Hospital

Any society can be judged by two great standards: how it educates its youth and how it cares for its elderly. Please save Laguna Honda Hospital—Yes on A.

Dr. Juanita Owens, President, San Francisco Board of Education
Lawrence Wong, President, San Francisco Community College Board

Board of Education Members:

Frank Chong

Mary T. Hernandez

Daniel Kelly

Jill Wynns

Community College Board of Trustees:

Robert Burton

Rodel E. Rodis

Robert Varni

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Public Safety Leaders Urge Yes on A

Many elderly retired San Francisco police officers, firefighters and deputy sheriffs call Laguna Honda Hospital their home. Many others who suffered injuries in the line of duty receive physical therapy and skilled nursing care at Laguna Honda Hospital.

These men and women have put their lives on the line for the safety of our homes and neighborhoods. They deserve the security of knowing that San Francisco will continue to provide them with the highest quality care, in a setting close to their friends and family.

The former police officers, firefighters and deputy sheriffs now at Laguna Honda Hospital performed their civic duty with honor.

Please join them and us in voting YES on A to save Laguna Honda Hospital.

Bob Demmons, San Francisco Fire Chief

Alfred J. Nelder, Former Chief of Police, San Francisco

Chris Cunnie, President, San Francisco Police Officers' Association

Tyrone Pruitt, President, San Francisco Black Firefighters Association

Wayne Friday, Police Commissioner

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The Laguna Honda Rebuild Plan is Fiscally Sound

The plan to rebuild Laguna Honda Hospital is cost-effective and reduces the financial burden that would otherwise be incurred by property-tax payers. Through the use of funds received from San Francisco's "cigarette lawsuit" settlements against tobacco companies, the amount of the General Obligation bond has been reduced, as has the cost to City property-tax payers. In collaboration with private-sector financial consultants, the City has taken a very cautious approach in estimating the amount of the tobacco monies. It is possible that an even larger settlement will be received by the city which would reduce the burden even more for taxpayers.

In sum, the proposed financing for the rebuild is a fiscally responsible plan, combining several different revenue streams to decrease the cost of this bond to City taxpayers, while keeping the City safely within its prudent debt limit.

Hadley Roff, Former Deputy Mayor of San Francisco

R. Alexander Burnett, Managing Director, Public Financial Management

Montique Zmuda, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Public Health

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Without Proposition A, Laguna Honda Hospital Could Close

Laguna Honda provides 1/3 of the skilled nursing beds in San Francisco, without which the elderly and impaired of all ages would not be able to receive required care. The population of San Francisco is aging rapidly, with citizens 65 and older increasing from 15% to 23% in the next 20 years—further increasing the need for Laguna Honda Hospital. San Francisco's Healthcare Delivery System will be severely and permanently damaged unless Laguna Honda Hospital is replaced. Please vote yes on Proposition A.

Melissa Welch Barker

Chief Medical Officer, San Francisco Community Health Network

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Laguna Honda Hospital is vital for the LGBT community. Laguna Honda Hospital is the most important AIDS hospice in Northern California and a haven for a great number of elderly and frail lesbian and gay residents. It is a symbol of the compassion that makes San Francisco great. If we let Laguna Honda Hospital close, our healthcare system will suffer along with our tradition of caring. Please vote Yes on A for our community's and our city's benefit.

Harry Britt, Former San Francisco Supervisor

Dean Goodwin, Co-Chair Alice B. Toklas Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club

Esther Lee, Co-chair Alice B. Toklas Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club

Phillip Babcock, Vice President, Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered Democratic Club

Jeff Sheehy, Founder, Equal Benefits Advocates

Jim Rivaldo

Bill Kirkpatrick, Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders

Criss Romero, President, Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered Democratic Club

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NO MORE TAJ MAHALS!

Laguna Honda is in disrepair but the solution is not another Taj Mahal. A report shows that bay area hospitals have thousands of empty beds that could easily house the elderly from San Francisco at a fraction of the cost of a new Taj Mahal.

The cost of this bond measure would balloon to well over a half billion dollars with interest. That means taxpayers, homeowners and tenants would be paying the cash equivalent of over \$500,000 for THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE BED! And this figure doesn't include cost over runs. Remember City Hall?

The city could be housing 16 patients at local bay area facilities for what it would cost them to build a single bed! Homeowners would be paying some \$150 a year extra on their property taxes- FOR 2 DECADES.

TENANTS WOULD EVENTUALLY GET THESE COSTS SHIFTED TO THEM! The politicians are building a monument to themselves. Unfortunately for us, the monument says "WASTE AND STUPIDITY" all over it.

San Franciscans For Clean And Ethical Government

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Citizens for a Clean And Ethical Government.

This socially and fiscally irresponsible measure will illegally segregate people with disabilities, prevent less restrictive cost effective community based alternatives, raise property taxes, and increase rents.

Joel Ventresca
Mayoral Candidate

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Ventresca for Mayor 1999.

The three largest contributors to the true source recipient committee are: 1. Joel Ventresca, 2. Brian Ventresca, 3. Marc Vraciu.

The FDR Democratic Club is Chartered by the San Francisco Democratic Party as a club that advocates for the interests of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. We struggled to figure out what do about Laguna Honda.

Many of us are a lot like the people there - the same age, with illnesses or disabilities, needing help every day with meals, bathing, or getting around. After listening to the arguments, we realized that what we want for Laguna Honda residents is what we want for ourselves: choice in where we live, who helps us, what we eat, when we go to bed, whom we spend time with.

People don't get that choice in huge institutions. That's why we oppose a new 1,200-bed Laguna Honda. Laguna Honda's buildings are inadequate; the people who live there deserve a safer home. But it doesn't have to be another giant institution. A nursing home should be just one option in a range of choices for long term care.

Each new bed will cost about \$10,000 monthly - and many people will have three roommates. Together, we can figure out how to take care of even more people, at home, or in home-like settings, near family and friends, if that's what they want. The kinds of services at Laguna Honda can be made available in places other than a huge institution - it happens every day!

What you decide today will determine what happens to people who need care well into the next century. Fifty years ago, a big institution was the best we knew, but that has changed. Spending our money on a big institution is wrong. Elderly and disabled San Franciscans deserve better!

Please Vote NO on Proposition A.

FDR Democratic Club for Seniors and People with Disabilities

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is FDR Democratic Club.

No on A!

Do we need \$299 million for just about 1,000 beds?

You need a honest Mayor in office.

Martin Lee Eng
Mayoral Candidate 1999

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Martin Lee Eng.



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1200 Beds

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1200 Beds

We oppose the rebuilding of Laguna Honda Hospital at its current level of 1200 beds, and rebuilding it at any size without the commitment of equal resources to community living options for elderly and disabled San Franciscans. We only support rebuilding that supports independent living choices.

LTC Laguna Honda residents, and people who need long term care services should receive services in their own homes or home-like settings, in their own neighborhoods, among family and friends, if that's what they want. The kinds of services at Laguna Honda can be available in places other than a huge institution. Given a choice, that's where people would rather live. Many, many people, with the same needs as the Laguna Honda residents, thrive in the community today, using a variety of medical and support services. A nursing home should be just one option in a continuum of care.

Rebuilt, Laguna Honda will still be a huge, costly institution. Each bed will cost about \$10,000 monthly - and many people will have three roommates! Another 11,500 San Franciscans need long term care services today. But 70% of San Francisco's Medi-Cal long term care dollars goes to pay for Laguna Honda's 1,200 beds, leaving only 30% of the dollars for people who want community care.

State and Federal governments threaten to stop funding Laguna Honda partly because of the buildings, and partly because segregating people in big institutions violates their rights. Nothing in this plan fixes that.

This bond measure is premature. We can make the best choice, not the fastest choice. If most of the available money is spent on Laguna Honda, San Francisco will lose an opportunity to care for people in the most humane way.

Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco
Abby Kovalsky
Board President

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco.

This \$401 million (not including \$230 million in interest payments) measure does not make fiscal sense. Although Laguna Honda Hospital provides care for many San Franciscans, this measure is not the best or most cost-effective plan to meet the needs of those who require long-term care.

This proposal costs hundreds of millions of dollars but Laguna Honda will face an operating deficit of \$31 million on the day it opens. This bond measure ensures construction of 1,200 skilled nursing beds, costing over \$300,000 per bed. However, the Public Health Department's own Long-Term Care Task Force concluded that the city should provide in-home support services and assisted living to help keep people in their homes and communities. This is how Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin care for their residents. A hospital with 600 skilled nursing beds and 600 assisted living units (which was never even considered) would cost much less and provide better care.

Additionally, this proposal applies almost all of the \$347 million that San Francisco will receive over 25 years from the tobacco settlement to reconstructing Laguna Honda. The tobacco windfall could benefit many city programs in addition to Laguna Honda. All San Franciscans deserve a voice in how to spend this public money.

This measure effectively allows the two-thirds of San Francisco's residents who are renters to tax the remaining one-third who own property. Renters will pay nothing. Almost no other California city allows such a lopsided system for repaying general obligation bonds. If all San Franciscans benefit from Laguna Honda, then all should pay to rebuild it. This property tax increase should be passed through retroactively to renters.

This bond measure does not provide the best health care, costs too much and unfairly burdens taxpayers. **Vote NO on Proposition A.**

Supervisor Barbara Kaufman

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Barbara Kaufman.

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A=APARTHEID FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED

NO CIVILIZED CITY SHUNTS ITS DISABLED INTO 1,200-bed warehouses. Scathing federal and state reports call it "unnecessary segregation and a violation" of disability rights.

LAGUNA HONDA WAS DESIGNED FOR SEGREGATION of contagious diseases. Perpetuating this apartheid, under the guise of compassion, is a cruel joke.

Adopt the Long Term Care Task Force plan.

Doug Comstock

Committee to Stop the Giveaway

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Committee to Stop the Giveaway.

Laguna Honda, its employees, and residents are important. This bond measure and its dependence on the tobacco settlement are financially unstable. The tobacco companies will file bankruptcy in five years and shift a half billion in tax burden to property owners and tenants. We need to develop and implement a community based plan to provide for the long-term housing and healthcare needs of for all our aging population.

Jim Reid, candidate for Mayor

www.SFMayor.com

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Jim Reid for Mayor Committee.

Tenants and Homeowners Beware! You could pay far more taxes every year for the Laguna Honda boondoggle than the proponents are telling you. Consider this: The Associated Press reported on July 17, 1999 that a class action suit was filed in Los Angeles to force California and any city and county in the State to follow the federal mandate and use the tobacco settlement ONLY for tobacco-related illnesses. Similar law suits have been filed in Wisconsin and Colorado. More are sure to follow.

Without the \$347 million tobacco settlement funds, the city will force taxpayers to carry the full burden to rebuild the nation's last big-box long term care facility. Health experts agree: There are more humane, compassionate and less expensive alternatives to the Laguna Honda project. Smaller, friendlier, community-based neighborhood-facilities on surplus City property are the future of long-term care for our indigent elderly population. As a tenant or as a homeowner, your taxes should be used for the most modern, humane, long-term care available—not to protect union jobs. Vote NO on A!

Arthur Bruzzone

Christopher L. Bowman

The true source of funds used for the printing fee of this argument is Arthur Bruzzone and Christopher L. Bowman.

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PROPOSITION A IS AN ABUSE OF POWER

Proposition A, \$609,000,000 of taxpayer debt, is ill-conceived. Don't be misled by it. Bonds are a fancy way of going into debt. Debt means owing interest. It's conceded that this \$299,000,000 borrowing, with interest, actually means taxpayer debt of \$609,000,000. That's incredible. It'd cost taxpayers more in interest than the actual borrowing!

Meanwhile, professionals on healthcare and the elderly certify other options exist, including smaller facilities. Institutionalizing elderly and disabled people resembles the warehousing of human beings, which genuine healthcare workers deplore. Laguna Honda residents deserve meaningful health choices of in-home assistance, assisted independent living, small community-based facilities, and hospitalization as needed, rather than forced institutionalization. Slick slogans and promises of free "tobacco money" won't pay \$609,000,000 of taxpayer debt. **Vote "No" on A** so truly disabled and elderly people, with family and healthcare professionals, can then plan their lives in a knowledgeable, compassionate fashion.

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Vote 'NO' on Proposition A.

Laguna Honda is a special interest boondoggle. It has nothing to do with constructive reform for our elderly - and everything to do with a group of bullies trying to ensnare land for development. Do we really want the future of Laguna Honda crafted by the same shadowy characters who brought San Francisco the 49er stadium debacle and the Live/Work crisis? It's hard to imagine a more cynical way to address the seriousness of a healthcare crisis. Instead of thoughtful, knowledgeable discourse, elected officials acquiesced to a backroom deal, pandering to union and residential developer interests. Frightening and shocking as it is, the *Board of Supervisors asked no questions*, presenting us with a disgracefully empty request for monumental indebtedness - with no disclosure of the renovation plan or an accounting of our tax dollars. Proposition A is a nonsensical, self-serving measure concocted in the minds of those with little or no experience or qualification in the care of the disabled and elderly.

Say 'NO' to this \$600,000,000 special-interest "sweetheart deal" and demand honest, realistic reforms to benefit our aged and disabled population.

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