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AGAINST GOVERNMENT INTRUSION

COMMUNITY LEADERS SPEAK OUT

AGAINST PROPOSITION P

A remarkably diverse coalition of San Franciscans opposed to the local smoking control ordinance, joined forces this week filing ballot arguments against Proposition P, the regulation that would have government controlling behavior in the workplace.

The arguments, signed by leaders of the Filipino, Black, Chinese, Hispanic, Gay and other communities, as well as representatives of the San Francisco Labor Council and the Chamber of Commerce, are now in the hands of the Registrar of Voters. They will be published in the San Francisco Voter Handbook due out October 9.

"The caliber of these individuals is yet another indication of how strongly opposed San Franciscans really are to this measure," stated Fred Furth, Co-chair of San Franciscans Against Government Intrusion, the community coalition organized to fight the smoking control ordinance.

"This law is overkill. It goes too far into controlling personal behavior and private working relationships. It creates conflict and bad feelings among people in our city," Furth said in a ballot argument also signed by: Del Martin, Former Chair, San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women; Ernest Ayala, Member, San

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Francisco Community College Board; Bob Edwards, Human Rights Commissioner; Gordon Lau, Former San Francisco Supervisor; and James Bronkema, President Embarcadero Center.

Another argument underscored the discrimination inherent in the smoking control ordinance. "Proposition P gives special privileges to some, while removing rights from others. It is totally contrary to the movement to end workplace discrimination and ensure civil rights for all." Signators to this argument included: Jess Esteva, Publisher, the Mabuhay Republic; Jim Foster, Founder, Alice B. Toklas, Democratic Club; Richard Cerbatos, Board Member, San Francisco Unified School District; Phyllis Lyon, Chair, San Francisco Human Rights Commission; Tom Fleming, Executive Editor, The Sun Reporter; Pius Lee, Businessman and Chinese Community Leader; Bob Ross, Publisher, The Bay Area Reporter; and, Blanche Streeter, Former Director, California Association of Realtors.

An argument filed by San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Jacobs notes, "Our government is already over extended and our lives cluttered with unnecessary government regulation. To channel our tax dollars away from vital services and into government programs to segregate smokers from non-smokers is a gross waste of limited resources."

"Proposition P undermines labor-management relations, and presents opportunities for job discrimination and mischief," states an argument filed by John F. Crowley, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council, Michael Hardeman, Business Representative, Sign, Display and Allied Crafts, Local Union No. 510 and John Anderson, Labor Attorney.

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Legal authorities Jo Daly, a San Francisco Police Commissioner, Larry Griffin, an investigator with the District Attorney's Office and Joe Freitas, a Former District Attorney turned in an argument which highlights their objections to the smoking control ordinance. "Proposition P is a dangerously heavy-handed way of dealing with an issue better resolved privately among reasonable people and \$500 per day is an unreasonable fine for such a law. We want a city that respects law and order. Proposition P breeds disrespect for law, and will create chaos instead of harmony."

Finally, a group of Republicans and Democrats jointly signed an argument which states: "We may not always agree on how to spend taxpayer money -- but we do agree how not so spend it. We shouldn't waste precious funds on nuisance laws like Proposition P." Signators included: Robert R. Bacci, President Concerned Republicans For Individual Rights; John D. Monaghan, Democratic Activist; George H. Pfau, Lincoln Club Member; David Looman, President, West of Twin Peaks Democratic Club; and Randy Stallings, President, Alice B. Toklas, Democratic Club.

Copies of the full text to the arguments are available at the Registrar of Voters Office or by contacting San Franciscans Against Government Intrusion at 543-8956.

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Please vote "No" on Proposition P, to stop government control of personal behavior in San Francisco.

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\$500 Per Day Fines

Proposition P authorizes the City Attorney and Health Department to seek fines of \$500 per day for violating the Ordinance.

The City Attorney should pursue real problems like housing discrimination and rent control violations, and protect honest citizens -- not spend time and taxpayer money on nuisance laws like Proposition P.

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Discrimination

Executives with private offices are not controlled by this law. Yet secretaries, bookkeepers, key-punch operators -- and every other office worker who shares a workplace -- must comply with the law. Why should management receive special privileges?

Proposition P doesn't cover about 80% of government offices, while it does regulate every private company. Why should employees of private businesses have tougher work rules than State or Federal employees?

Proposition P is unfair and discriminatory.

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One Man Rule

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If even one person objects to smoking policies, the entire office workplace must be declared nonsmoking for everyone. Smokers have no right to any smoking areas or additional work breaks. Proposition P does not authorize any appeal process.

Employees have no bargaining rights under Proposition P. Decisions by an employer to outlaw smoking are final. Management is not required to even consult with labor representatives. Both the Chamber of Commerce and the Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO ask you to vote "No on P".

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A Law To Force People Apart

San Franciscans usually find ways to solve their personal differences without the heavy hand of government.

This law is overkill. It goes too far into controlling personal behavior and private working relationships. It creates conflict and bad feelings among people in our city.

Please join us in voting "No" on Proposition P.

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Former Chair, SF Commission on the
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James Bronkema
President, Embarcadero Center

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Bob Edwards
Human Rights Commissioner

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Former San Francisco Supervisor

Fred Furth
Attorney

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DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS AGREE:
"VOTE NO CN P"

Proposition P is a bad law from any political viewpoint. We recommend a "No" vote.

If Republicans and Democrats can live and work together harmoniously, why not smokers and non-smokers? We certainly don't need government regulators to teach proper manners or common sense.

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We may not always agree on how to spend taxpayer money -- but we do agree how not to spend it. We shouldn't waste precious funds on nuisance laws like Proposition P.

Please vote "No" on Proposition P.

Robert R. Bacci
President, Concerned Republicans For
Individual Rights

John Monaghan
Democratic Activist

David Looman
President, West of Twin Peaks Democratic Club

Randy Stallings
President, Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club

George H. Pfau, Jr.
Member, Lincoln Club

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VOTE NO ON PROP. "P"
TO STOP DISCRIMINATION,
PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS

Discrimination is always wrong. That is why we ask you to vote "No" on P.

Proposition P would legalize job discrimination in San Francisco. It is a bad precedent and will create human conflict and strife.

Proposition P gives special privileges to some, while removing rights from others. It is totally contrary to the movement to end workplace discrimination and ensure civil rights for all.

If you believe good laws should bring us together -- not force us apart -- please vote "No" on Proposition P.

Jess Esteva
Publisher, The Mabuhay Republic

Pius Lee
Businessman and Chinese Community Leader

Blanche G. Streeter
Former Director, California Association of Realtors

Tom Fleming
Executive Editor, The Sun Reporter

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Board Member
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LABOR OPPOSES PROP. "P"

Organized labor asks that you vote "No" on Proposition P. Here's why:

- Proposition P is a bad idea that will create conflict and intrude into personal behavior and internal office procedures.
- Proposition P is overkill. It creates more government than we need -- or want.
- Proposition P undermines labor-management relations, and presents opportunities for job discrimination and mischief.

The San Francisco Labor Council AFL-CIO officially urges a "No" vote on Proposition P.

John F. Crowley
Secretary-Treasurer, San Francisco Labor Council

John Anderson
Labor Attorney

Michael Hardeman
Business Representative
Sign, Display and Allied Crafts, Local Union
No. 510

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LEGAL AUTHORITIES SAY "NO" ON P

We urge you to vote "No" on Proposition P.

Should our City Attorney be investigating cigarette smoking instead of processing the heavy legal workload of the City?

Proposition P is a dangerously heavy-handed way of dealing with an issue better resolved privately among reasonable people and \$500 per day is an unreasonable fine for such a law.

We want a city that respects law and order. Proposition P breeds disrespect for law, and will create chaos instead of harmony.

It's a bad law and we ask you to join us in voting "No" on Proposition P.

Jo Daly
Police Commissioner

Larry Griffin
Investigator, District Attorney's Office

Joe Freitas
Former District Attorney

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPPOSES PROPOSITION P

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce asks for your "No" vote on Proposition P because:

- * Our government is already over extended and our lives cluttered with unnecessary government regulation. To channel our tax dollars away from vital services and into government programs to segregate smokers from non-smokers is a gross waste of limited resources.
- * Ordinances like Proposition P, which can't be enforced, breed disrespect for the law.
- * Proposition P intrudes into a person-to-person matter which is being resolved through cooperation and common sense.

Please join the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in opposing Proposition P.

John Jacobs
Executive Director
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

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