

## **Room For Us All**

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In order to maintain economic growth and diversity in San Francisco, we need to give the economy room to grow.

We must ensure San Franciscans don't need to drive outside the city to work or to visit their dentist, their haircutter, their auto-repair shop. There is simply not enough office space in San Francisco for those who need it. We need room for small businesses, for nonprofits, for arts groups, for sole practitioners — for the myriad threads that weave San Francisco's economic tapestry.

Prop M has helped protect our quality of life for 14 years, by putting a cap on commercial office growth throughout the city. But surely, when San Franciscans passed Prop M in 1986, they did not do so with the intention of stopping the revitalization of places such as Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and the Presidio.

Making Prop M more flexible to meet the changing needs of San Francisco can only benefit those who live and work here. We can channel growth into neighborhoods that want and need it and protect those that don't.

We need to modify Prop M so there's room for us all. As the city's leading proponent for thoughtful, planned-for, strategic growth that benefits all San Franciscans, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has convened a broad-based coalition to look at how Prop M can evolve with the city. The coalition represents all points on the San Francisco spectrum, from neighborhood activists to city planners to developers and numerous groups in between. We are hard at work to find a solution that makes sense for everyone.

We can promote growth and protect neighborhoods at the same time. We need to ensure there is room in San Francisco for us all.

## **Sun Sets on Sunshine – Vote No on Prop G**

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce fully supports effective, responsible, open city government. San Francisco currently has one of the most comprehensive sunshine ordinances in the country — an ordinance we support. Finding the fine line between the public’s right to know and private citizens’ and organizations’ rights to privacy is an integral part of the current law. **Prop G goes too far and is a dangerous encroachment on the right to privacy of San Franciscans.**

Prop G makes public such sensitive records as the names of witnesses to and victims of crimes, child-custody cases and the personnel files of city employees. It mandates that conversations and correspondence between private citizens or organizations and city officials be archived and made public. It requires any group “assisting the city” (such as Friends of the Library and other nonprofit organizations) be bound by the initiative and make public the names of its contributors.

**Prop G places an inordinate financial burden on the city.** Just the paperwork required by this ordinance is enough to bring working government to a grinding halt, costing tax-payers millions of dollars. This ordinance has no safety net or limit: Any citizen can ask for any documents for any reason and, regardless of how much time and money it costs to provide them, the city must comply.

“Prop G is an ill-conceived and poorly written 41-page document that is far too complicated and impractical to ever be effectively enforced,” says G. Rhea Serpan, president & CEO of the Chamber.

**Who would vote against sunshine? Anyone who realizes *this* Sunshine is covered by black clouds.**

Join the Chamber — as well as numerous good-government groups, victims rights organizations and fiscal watchdogs — and **vote no on Prop G.**