

City Voters To Decide Fate Of 16 Charter Amendments

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Seventeen charter amendments will be rejected or approved Tuesday by voters in Watsonville and Santa Cruz, with all but one to be decided by Santa Cruzans.

The lone Watsonville charter measure asks for permission to levy "in addition to all other taxes a tax not to exceed the rate of 30-cents on each \$100 of assessed value on all property within the city for the maintenance and operation of the city library."

Watsonville City Manager Thomas Rowan said the library is presently financed from the general fund and that the change would allow a separate fund and tax.

He said the 30 cents would be strictly for maintenance and operation, that any new construction would have to be financed separately.

He said general fund expenditures for the library are presently about 23½ cents. He also said there is no organized opposition to the measure, nor have there been any opposition arguments submitted.

The 16 Santa Cruz charter measures, listed by the letters which will identify them on Tuesday's election ballot, are:

A—Passage would give the city manager power to appoint an assistant city manager and assistant city attorney, rather than the city council, and re-

move from the list of appointive positions those of police judge, health officer and auditorium manager, jobs that no longer exist. A new position of city controller would be added to the list of city council appointments.

B—Passage would repeal the list of positions subject to appointment and removal by the city manager, since provisions are duplicated elsewhere within the charter.

C—Passage would give the city manager power to appoint an officer of the city as city manager pro tem, to serve in his absence or disability. The council would retain approval or disapproval of the manager's choice.

D—Passage would amend listed powers and duties of the city manager by eliminating his designation as purchasing officer.

E—Passage would empower the city council to create a city finance department or retain the present single clerk-finance position.

F—Passage would establish a department of finance and list duties of the director, with the council to determine when or if such a position is to be filled.

G—Passage would repeal sections specifying the powers and duties of the city engineer, street superintendent, building officer, electrical superintendent and superintendent of water works.

H—Passage would make the library board an advisory board to the city council, rather than a quasi-legislative body as at present.

J—Passage would eliminate the requirement for library board approval of claims.

K—Passage would modify duties of the civil service commission, eliminating need for approval or disapproval of the commission on appointment of the city personnel director; provide that commission recommendations be made to the city council and city manager rather than the council, manager and personnel director.

L—Passage would eliminate recreation commission approval or disapproval of appointment of a recreation director.

M—Passage would eliminate airport commission approval or disapproval of appointment of an airport director.

N—Passage would eliminate museum commission approval or disapproval of appointment of a museum manager; and require council approval of donations of money, personal property or real estate to the museum.

O—Passage would repeal sections providing for a flood control and stream beautification commission.

P—Passage would amend civil service sections, including clarification and removal of some clauses; decrease test score preference for veterans from an unlimited 10 per cent to 5 per cent if the examination is taken within five years of discharge date; retain present preference treatment for disabled veterans; and allow for employment from among the top five test candidates rather than the present top three.

Q—Passage would require competitive bidding for purchase of supplies, materials or equipment under rules and regulations adopted in a purchasing ordinance; eliminate an existing clause which requires bids on any purchase in excess of \$1500; and eliminate a requirement for legal advertisements in a daily newspaper at least five times.

The Sentinel last Tuesday and Wednesday published more detailed stories on the proposed charter amendments, and statements pro and con on those being contested.

West Valley Asks OK Of \$21 Million

Voters in the West Valley Junior College district will vote Tuesday on a \$21.1-million bond issue. The district includes three precincts in Santa Cruz county in the Loma Prieta area.

The proposal will appear as Proposition S on Santa Cruz county ballots. The remaining part of the district is in Santa Clara county and the issue appears on ballots there as Proposition J.

Edward A. Panelli, chairman of a citizens' committee supporting the bond issue, said it will pay for a site in Santa Clara, with construction and opening of a new school in 1969. It also would allow the district to purchase a second site in the Campbell-Cambrian area.

Panelli said the bond issue would not increase taxes beyond the 1965-66 tax rate of 65 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Panelli said the present temporary facilities being used by junior college students in the district were built 40 years ago for 600 elementary school students. He said there now are 6000 adult fulltime and partime students.

"The new campus is needed to assure that recently hard-won accreditation not be lost," Panelli said.

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make cutbacks or eliminate programs entirely are in bus transportation, maintenance of buildings, equipment and supplies that affect the classroom, counseling, cutback teachers by not hiring probationary teachers, cut out all programs not mandated by the state or all programs not financed completely by state or federal funds, vocational programs (shops), mentally gifted, foreign languages, all athletics, band, orchestra, drama and choir.

And teachers' class loads could be increased by not hiring more teachers. Teachers' salaries, too, could be frozen.

Where exactly the cuts would come, Gray could not say. That would be up to the board of education's direction, based on administration's recommendations.