

**SAN FRANCISCO COALITION AGAINST PROHIBITION
NO ON PROPOSITION H – FPPC ID# pending
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**COMMUNITY, POLICE OFFICERS UNITE TO OPPOSE ILLEGAL
HANDGUN BAN**

SAN FRANCISCO – THE SAN FRANCISCO COALITION AGAINST PROHIBITION, a non-partisan grassroots organization that reflects the diverse population of San Francisco, has gained the support of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, the Coalition On San Francisco Neighborhoods, and a large citywide coalition of civic groups in its fight against Proposition H.

Proposition H, sponsored by Supervisor Chris Daly, would make ownership of handguns by ordinary, law-abiding San Franciscans illegal, while doing nothing to take guns away from criminals. It also specifically exempts non-residents from any ban: "visitors to the city would not be subject to the ban if they are in compliance with applicable laws." writes POA spokesperson Mike Nevin in an upcoming issue of the POA Journal. "And it should be noted that no exemption for retired members of our association or other law enforcement agencies is stated in the proposal... after careful review and analysis, the POA does not support the proposed ballot initiative that would nullify the personal choice of city residents to lawfully possess a handgun for self-defense purposes."

The sweeping,, excessive nature of the proposed ban has caused widespread concern among the City's leadership. An overwhelming majority of elected officials and civic groups, ranging from the local Chamber of Commerce to the Green Party, are refusing to support H, opting to take no position on the issue.

Many Democratic Clubs and activists are also actively opposing H. "If this excessive and unnecessary measure passes, it may have far reaching political consequences for Democrats nationwide, says Mike Ege, a former president of the City Democratic Club and board member of SF CAP. Proposition H represents a double injury to San Francisco Democrats: it will increase violent crime rates at home and hobble the Democratic Party nationally by continuing to associate a Democratic stronghold with illegal and arbitrary gun prohibition. "

AMONG THE GROUPS JOINING SF CAP IN OPPOSING H (partial list):

SF POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION	WESTSIDE DEMOCRATIC CLUB
SF VETERAN POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOC	SUNSET REFORM DEMOCRATS
COALITION FOR SF NEIGHBORHOODS	RICHMOND DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CLUB
PLAN C SAN FRANCISCO	DISTRICT 11 DEMOCRATIC CLUB
CHINESE AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC CLUB	SAN FRANCISCO OUTRIGHT LIBERTARIANS
SF TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION	SAN FRANCISCO PINK PISTOLS
MEXICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOC	SF SENIOR CITIZENS ALLIANCE
SUNSET COMMUNITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB	SF HOUSING RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

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