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San Francisco's Budget Deficit

by Bob Barry, President
San Francisco Police Officers' Association

Is San Francisco's projected budget deficit \$100 million or \$179 million? There is much speculation and concern about the amount of the projected shortfall of revenue and how Mayor Agnos is dealing with this situation, but that aside for the moment, one thing is fairly clear — we are all going to have a difficult time coping with this situation during the next twelve months.

San Francisco has been through some very adverse times in recent years, and we came through them well. We must now come together as a people once again and work together to make the best of a bad situation.

The mayor has submitted his budget to the Board of Supervisors, and it is as lean as we've ever seen. City services, such as Municipal Railway schedules and routes, will be seriously curtailed or eliminated; fire protection will be reduced in an already understaffed department; police personnel (new academy classes) which we sorely need, will be eliminated from the budget and unfilled positions created by retirements will be frozen. In addition, investigations of **serious crimes** will be severely curtailed and the response time to your calls for assistance may be affected because of this shortage of personnel.

These are facts which cannot be disputed. However, in spite of these shortcomings, the Police Officers' Association wants to convey to you our **utmost** concern for your safety. We will work very closely with the police administration to ensure that you receive the best possible service and that your safety is not impaired. We are committed to our profession, but we need your help and understanding to get through these difficult times.

You are also going to be asked to pay higher fees for recreation, riding the Muni busses and parking your automobile when you go to the grocery store.

Other essential services, which we all depend upon, will also be curtailed, as several hundred employees, particularly Muni drivers, will be laid off and the level of frustration for us all will increase

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Informed Voters Make Wise Choices

The San Francisco Police Department will be facing a critical time during the next year. You, as a voter, will be taking a major role in the direction that our department will follow. The San Francisco Police Officers' Association has compiled information for your review to help you decide the fate of your police department and the officers who serve you. Please take a bit of time to consider the views of the people who so proudly wear the uniform of the San Francisco Police Department and who will be called upon in your time of need.

T.A.L.K. Line

Prevention of Child Abuse

by Lynn Werner,
T.A.L.K. Line Counselor

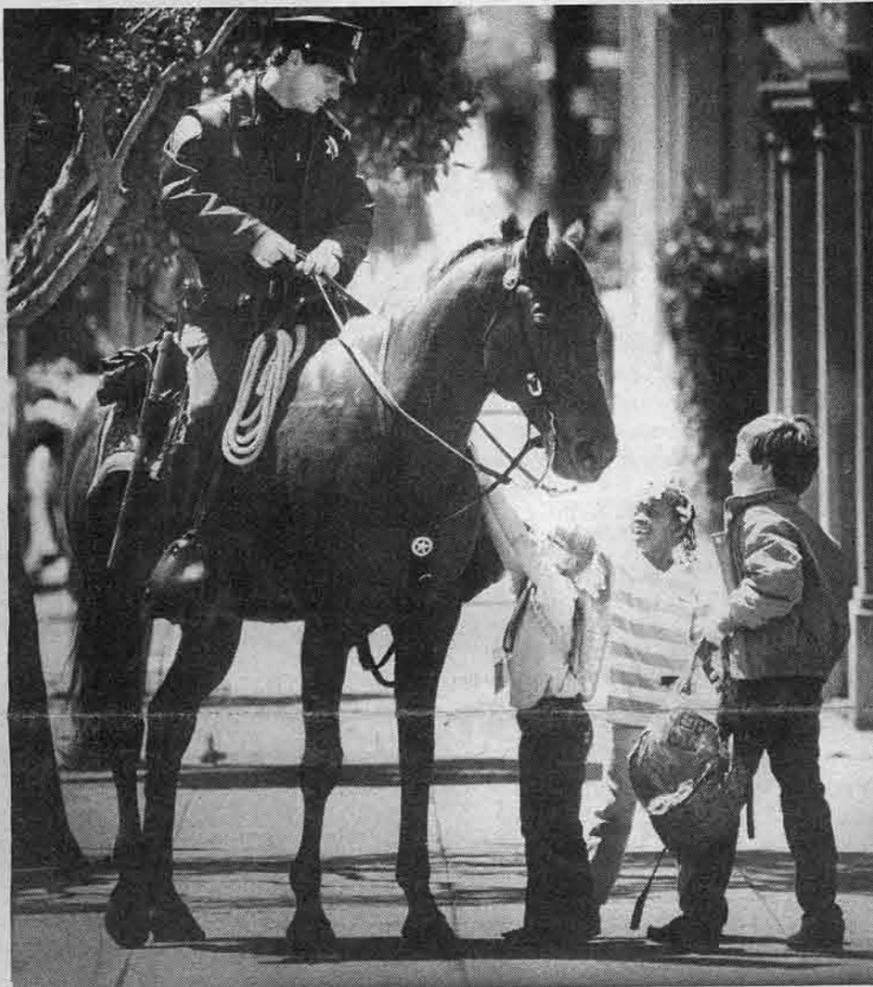
Throughout history, parents have maimed, neglected, abandoned, tortured and killed their children. These horrible acts society implicitly condoned by the assumption that all people were fit to be parents, family affairs were private, and children were considered possessions of their parents.

Only recently has society been willing to interfere in the internal affairs of family life. It was just over 100 years ago that the case of "Mary Ellen" brought child abuse into public focus. Starved and kept in chains, Mary Ellen was finally rescued when an irate group of church workers convinced the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals to bring the case to court under regulations prohibiting cruelty to animals.

Little else was done until the 1960's when laws requiring physicians to report child abuse were implemented. An intensive study of the physical abuse of small children began in 1961 by Drs. C. Henry Kempe and Ray E. Helfer culminating in the publication of a book entitled *The Battered Child* in 1968. Finally there was some understanding of the problems of child abuse and the psychodynamics of abusive parents. Methods of detection, treatment and prevention began to be established.

In the Kempe book child abuse is defined as any non-accidental physical injury to a child resulting from acts or omission on the part of the child's parents or guardians. More recently the focus is on the parents' inability to nurture a child. We now see

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Inner city children share a special moment with a member of SFPD's Mounted Unit.
photo by Mark Costantin, San Francisco Examiner

Police Mounted Unit Spared Budget Axe

by Daniel J. Linehan, Treasurer
San Francisco Police Officers' Association

The San Francisco Mounted Unit was formed in 1874. It has become a city trademark comparable with the Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars and the San Fran-

cisco Giants. It enhances the special flavor and character of our city. Every year thousands of citizens and visitors to our city enjoy the presence of our officers and their mounts, working as a team, patrolling our parks, beaches and city streets.

The Mounted Unit has become a living museum of our police department. This special unit has been a source of pride for San Francisco residents and members of the S.F.P.D. alike. Numerous newspaper and magazine articles have highlighted the warmth and dignity of our Mounted Patrol Unit.

San Francisco has been recognized by the law enforcement community as being in the forefront in both experience and expertise in mounted policing. San Francisco's sophistication in this area of law enforcement has created a re-emergence of mounted units throughout the Bay Area and the nation.

Level Of Patrol

Last year the seventeen (17) member Mounted Unit was responsible for over one hundred (100) felony arrests, two thousand (2,000) misdemeanor arrests, while at the same time confiscating ninety (90) weapons from criminals inside our parks and beaches — the very same areas used by San Franciscans and maintained with

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Candy Maldonado has purchased hundreds of tickets to the Giants games to be donated to seniors and disadvantaged youths, continuing a Giants tradition.

photo by Dennis Desprois, courtesy of SF Giants

San Francisco Giants — Committed To A Better City

by Dan Linehan, Police Officer

During the past 13 years, San Francisco has benefited by having the Giants organization remain in San Francisco. In 1975 the Giants were about to be sold and rumored to be moving out of our city. With the help of a partner, the Giants were purchased by Bob Lurie, keeping the team in San Francisco.

Believing that the Giants were an important part of the Bay Area Community, Mr. Lurie created one of the strongest community relations operations in organized baseball. The Giants view their athletes as ambassadors of goodwill to San Francisco and to the Bay Area.

When not playing America's favorite pastime, many of the Giant players share their time by paying frequent visits to hospitals, senior citizen centers, boys' and girls' clubs and other community service oriented facilities. Many of the players have

expressed the uplifting feelings of watching the face of a bedridden child when they walk into the child's room. The excitement in the child's voice and admiration in their eyes, when a player stops to talk or sign an autograph, is remembered long after the visit ends. Often times, kind words of encouragement help these special children through their troubled times. The players, too, reap rewards of their own from this type of personal involvement with their fans and their community — the feeling of humility, sharing, and of thankfulness for their own physical skills.

The Giants organization, top to bottom, shares a deep dedication to their involvement in the San Francisco Community. Their dedication to those disadvantaged, to senior citizens and to the disabled has become part of the Giants tradition. The San Francisco Giants — a team committed to others — on and off the field.

Drugs: The Crime of Choice

by Arlo Smith, District Attorney

The San Francisco District Attorney's Office is becoming increasingly involved in legislative efforts to protect our citizens. By that I mean we are taking a very close look at existing legislation and strengthening efforts to ensure public safety; or in some cases, writing new laws to keep criminals behind bars.

Last year, our office, working with then Assemblyman Lou Papan, wrote and assisted in securing passage of AB 3521,

the Own Recognizance Release Bill, which would limit OR releases for those accused of certain violent felonies.

This year, the District Attorney's Office has worked with Senator Quentin Kopp (I-San Francisco, San Mateo) on legislation which would increase the gun enhancement penalty; on legislation which would increase prosecutors' ability to gain longer sentences for drunk drivers and on legislation which would strengthen State drug

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CHILD ABUSE

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child abuse as any family crisis which threatens the physical or emotional survival or well-being of a child. We recognize that most child abusers are ordinary parents who react to stress by taking it out on the child. In times of crisis, every parent has the potential to abuse their child. This is especially true since people are not born with good parenting skills. The skills necessary for this difficult job of raising children are learned. Unless intervention and training are available, parents will "parent" in the way they were parented.

Physical, emotional, verbal or sexual abuse of children can be the result of the many factors that contribute to a family crisis. Isolation, a lack of self-esteem, inability to trust others and unrealistic expectations can lead to abuse. Furthermore, a society such as ours that glorifies and condones violence reinforces the parents' use of force to discipline children. When a crisis occurs most people have difficulty coping with their emotions. Parents may become overwhelmed by the everyday needs and demands of a child. When parents lose control the fine line between spanking and abuse is dissolved. The child becomes the recipient of the parent's anxiety, anger and feelings of inadequacy.

The T.A.L.K. Line, part of a Child Abuse Prevention Program of the Family Service Agency of San Francisco, is committed to the treatment and prevention of child abuse. Effective and coordinated treatment can reduce abuse and prevent what parents fear most, out of home placements. What this service answers is the parent's need for communication and emotional support in times of crisis. With 24-hour availability, the T.A.L.K. Line, staffed by trained volunteer counselors, provides parents with a safe place to confidentially explore their feelings and work through the crisis in ways that are appropriate for them. They learn that their feelings are shared by a great many parents

and that there are alternative ways of dealing with these feelings. They learn that the inclination toward the physical and verbal abuse of children is a common problem which often faces parents in stressful situations, but that there are effective ways of preventing child abuse.

If you think a child is being abused, report it. Don't let it go on. Doctors, teachers and other professionals associated with children are required by law to report cases of suspected child abuse; citizens are encouraged to do the same. Persons who make a report in good faith are not liable for either criminal or civil action. The law protects you — let it protect the child too.

Numbers you can call:

If you're a parent needing to talk, call the T.A.L.K. Line
441-KIDS

**If you need to make a child abuse report, call Children's Emergency Services
665-0757**

If you want more information on child abuse issues call the Child Abuse Council
668-0494

Volunteers Needed

The T.A.L.K. Line (Telephone Aid in Living with Kids), a 24 hour parental stress crisis line which helps parents cope with stress rather than taking it out on their children, needs volunteers who can commit 4 hours a week for one year.

The service is offered by the Child Abuse Prevention Program of the Family Service Agency of San Francisco. Volunteers receive comprehensive training in telephone counseling, child abuse dynamics, communication skills, crisis intervention, and much more. Requirements for volunteers are empathy, an ability to be warm and non-judgmental, and an interest in preventing child abuse.

New training will begin this month. For more information please call
387-3684

Retain Judge Doug Munson, Municipal Court

by Paul Chignell,
Member Board of Directors
San Francisco Police Officers' Association

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association has endorsed Judge Doug Munson to the Municipal Court in the June 7, 1988 election. Many of us have worked closely with the Judge when he was a prosecutor and observed him make the difference in criminal trial after criminal trial. When he was appointed to the bench we lost a great prosecutor, but the San Francisco Municipal Court gained a fair, firm and ethical magistrate. WE URGE ALL SAN FRANCISCO VOTERS TO VOTE TO RETAIN JUDGE MUNSON.

Judge Munson is a San Francisco resident of 27 years. After graduating from Stanford University in 1960, he attended Hastings Law School and graduated in 1966. He has been a faculty member of the Hastings College of Trial and Appellate Advocacy since 1978.

From 1968-1985 Judge Munson was a trial lawyer in the San Francisco District Attorney's office. He worked his way to the highest trial position in the office — Head Attorney. He tried over 150 murder cases before a jury and has heard thousands of motions and hundreds of preliminary hear-

ings. His professional life has been in the court room. In 1982, he was voted the outstanding prosecutor of the year for the entire state of California because of his qualifications, knowledge, ability and experience.

Judge Munson has been seated on the Municipal Court since 1985. He has presided over a broad spectrum of criminal and civil cases. He has earned an excellent reputation as a man of honesty, integrity and ability in the San Francisco Legal Community.

"He's an outstanding Judge. I think he will have the support from a wide range of the Bar — prosecutors, defense attorneys and trial lawyers generally," said Arlo Smith, District Attorney.

Jeff Brown, Public Defender, called Judge Munson "a top-notch Judge who everyone considers to be fair, totally ethical, diligent and well prepared. The people of San Francisco don't remove a Judge who's doing a good job."

"I don't think Judges should be challenged unless there is a good reason. Everyone agrees that Judge Munson is doing a good job and is a competent Judge, and that's what the standard should be. I don't subscribe to the view that Judges should



Judge Doug Munson

be challenged just to be challenged. The less politics and fewer challenges (in judicial races), the better off we are," said Louise

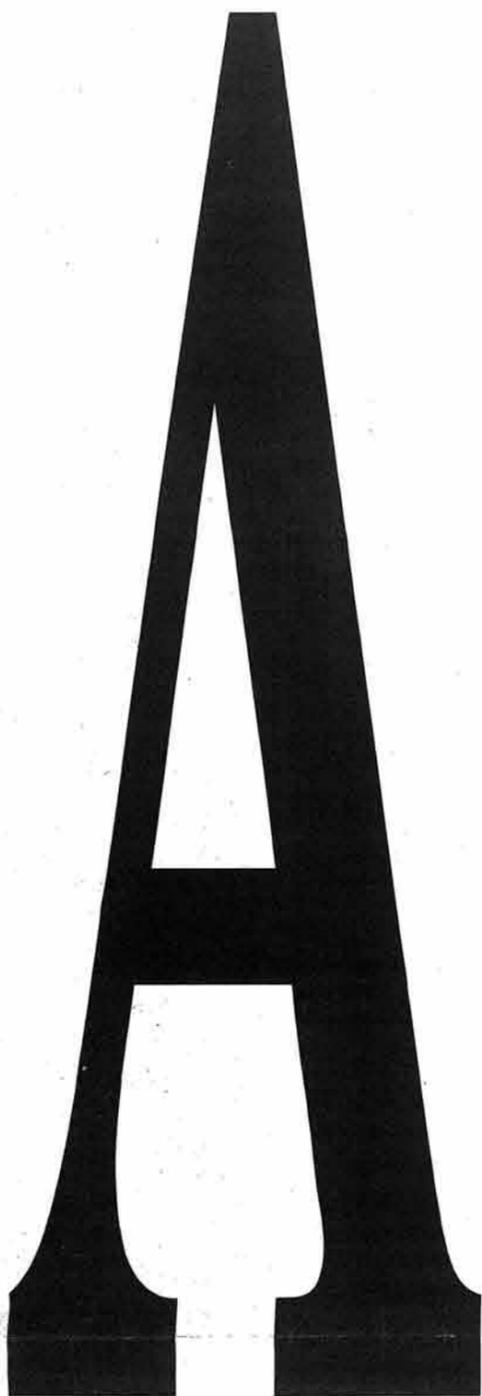
Renne, City Attorney.

Judge Munson has solid support from the leaders of the local Bar Association and has been endorsed by the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, the San Francisco Firefighters and the San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Judge Munson also has endorsements from a broad coalition of San Francisco's leading citizens including City Treasurer Mary Callanan, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, U.S. Attorney Joseph Russoniello, Jack Jordan, Deputy Chief of Police, and former Mayors Dianne Feinstein, Joseph Alioto and George Christopher. Supervisors Willie Kennedy, Wendy Nelder and former Supervisor and Chief of Police Al Nelder support and endorse him.

In addition, he has earned the support of labor from the Teamsters Joint Council 7 along with the Bay Area Union Labor Party.

A judicial election is, by law, a non-partisan election, and this is clearly reflected by the diverse, citywide support he has received. It is vital we keep our courts independent of political bias. Judge Munson has proven his deep commitment to impartiality. We urge you to vote June 7th to keep him on the bench. Thank you.



Asbestos.

As police officers, our job is to protect children from dangers that we all see . . . dope dealers, child molesters, pornographers.

But there is another threat to San Francisco school children.

It is a threat that none of us can see.

Asbestos. In the schools.

It wasn't too many years ago that asbestos was widely used in construction. Asbestos is a fire retardant.

But in recent years we have learned that asbestos causes cancer. Even with very minor exposure levels.

We want it removed from our schools. Just like it is being removed from other places. Factories. Offices. Ships.

But that costs money.

We pay taxes. But we believe that when it comes to protecting people, money should not be an issue. Life and health are the only issues.

We are asking that you join us in protecting San Francisco's school children from this invisible danger. We can't do it without you.

Yes on Proposition



Vote Yes On Prop. K — Businesses' Fair Share

Proposition K puts San Franciscans in charge of our own decisions about how to face our budget deficit.

The historic \$180 million deficit must be reduced to zero because the California Constitution requires the city to have a balanced budget. That's good policy.

But our hands are tied in how we can deal with the deficit because of a rule written by people in the past who didn't understand the needs of today.

In fact, the Gann rule could actually make the deficit worse. San Francisco would have to refund tax revenues at the same time programs in every part of the city are cut.

This year San Francisco is at the ceiling of the artificial Gann limit, the voter-passed initiative that limits how taxes are raised and spent.

If the limit is passed, any money collected above the limit has to be refunded ... no matter what impact that has on vital city services.

When they wrote the Gann initiative, they didn't understand that the world wouldn't always find the same solutions workable. They believed that government would never face the sudden onslaught of truly major needs.

As a result of their opinion, they wrote an initiative that didn't make any exception for any other reasons.

Government would only spend money

according to a formula based on population growth and personal income growth. Any money collected that didn't fit the formula had to go back.

The real world isn't that tidy. We face expenses above and beyond someone's simple formula.

Last year, San Francisco police needed an extra overtime allotment because of the visit by the Pope. Is this a city that should tell the Pope not to come because the Gann limit means we can't afford it?

This year San Francisco had the largest demonstrations in the nation protesting U.S. troops in Central America — and one of the largest in the past decade in our City.

To keep the peace, we needed hundreds of extra officers on overtime.

But none of those needs ... a world leader visiting our City or demonstrations in the City ... are the kinds of things the Gann planners saw in their formula.

They also couldn't foresee the AIDS epidemic. Five years ago, San Francisco didn't have AIDS costs. Today one out of every ten dollars spent on the city's share of the health budget goes to AIDS.

The Gann writers didn't see a future that included a crack cocaine epidemic that defies the easy answers. The Gann writers didn't see an epidemic of homelessness caused by federal and state program cutbacks that threw people onto city relief as a last resort.

San Francisco can be more efficient and use tax money for better purposes. The new budget does that.

San Francisco's city budget hasn't gone through the kind of scrutiny and overhaul that Mayor Agnos has provided in decades — if ever.

But the \$180 million deficit also means the new budget cuts deeper than efficiency alone would have required.

Some libraries are closing. Some fire ladder trucks will be dropped. Vacant police positions won't be filled. Hundreds of city workers will be laid off their jobs.

Fees for parking are being raised. So are fees for all our recreation programs.

If Prop K fails, the next round of cuts will be devastating.

The Senior Escort Service will face deep cuts. San Francisco Police Department's Mounted Police won't survive. An estimated 225 police officers will be laid off. Three fire stations will be closed, and 61 firefighters laid off.

Those are last resort cuts ... and a No on K vote will push the City into the last resort.

Some opponents of Prop K are raising the false claim that it opens up your checkbook to the Board of Supervisors.

The same restraints we've always used will stay in place. It takes either a vote of the Board of Supervisors or a vote by the electorate to raise taxes.

Moreover, the City Charter doesn't let them add any money to the Mayor's budget ... and the opponents of Prop K know that's the case.

The Board's only power over the budget is to cut costs, not raise them.

So the next time someone says the Board would get a blank check, ask for an explanation of how that works.

Prop K also is a one-time lift on the limit. The Gann initiative itself allows voters an option of lifting the limit for four years. After that, it comes back into effect unless voters once again decide to keep it off.

San Francisco can't afford empty slogans in meeting this deficit any more than we could afford to keep on paying for inefficiencies. Prop K gives us the ability to deal with the deficit on the merits ... not on a politics-as-usual approach that treats special interests as sacred cows.

Prop K would temporarily lift the Gann ceiling, as provided in the law, so that the balanced approach in meeting the deficit is based on what we need to do now — not on what others thought things would always be like ten years ago.

It is San Franciscans in 1988 who will have to live with the budget choices. They are the ones who should write the rules for fairness ... not the architects of an initiative who couldn't understand our needs and situation. It is us, and not them, who have to live with these budget deficit realities. Vote yes on Prop K.

MOUNTED UNIT

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their tax dollars. Without the Mounted Patrol Unit in these areas a vacuum would be created that would soon become a haven for criminal activity.

Costs Of Mounted Patrol

The Mounted Patrol Unit's areas of coverage in the city's parks and beach systems is extensive. Yet the actual yearly expense to the taxpayers to maintain this unit, less personnel costs, is less than \$54,000. The Unit's fleet of two pick-up trucks and four trailers have been donated by civic-minded citizens and businesses.

Mounted Unit Rescued

Fortunately the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, led by its President Bob Barry, and Chief of Police Frank Jordan, directed the fight to protect this critical unit from becoming victim to the budgetary axe. We recognize the fiscal restraints befallen our city, however it has been estimated that the revenues generated last year by the Mounted Unit's vigorous traffic enforcement, exceeds three hundred forty thousand dollars.

Removal of this unit would have been pennywise but definitely pound foolish. We thank Mayor Agnos for rejecting the recommendations of his fiscal advisers and maintaining the staffing levels of the patrol officers who patrol our parks and beaches on their noble steeds.

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substantially.

As difficult as it may be to accept these cuts and increased fees, the fact of the matter is, at least until we can reassess the situation several months from now, that there doesn't appear to be any alternative in sight.

The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors (Supervisor Nelder dissenting) have placed Proposition "B" on the June 7 ballot. This measure will freeze city employee

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laws by allowing prosecution of juvenile offenders for major drugs sales as adults.

As we all are aware — and I mean those of us in law enforcement and citizens throughout our State and nation — drug abuse is a major concern. It ranks slightly behind the economy as a prime concern of Californians today. Drug abuse is a killer. It's a trip to the morgue or a trip to the courtroom, and it's killing a generation of our children.

The crack epidemic is out of hand in our State and in the nation, and juvenile drug sales and gang related drug sales and drug related crime is on the rise. Read about what's happening with the gangs and crack cocaine sales all over the state, and that should be enough to let you know that we have a major statewide and national problem. Most of these gangs are using children to sell drugs to other children, and they're not just selling drugs, they're selling addiction and death.

Here in San Francisco, from 1986 to 1987, the number of juvenile cocaine cases that we've filed and had petitions sustained (that's roughly the equivalent of an adult conviction) has risen from 90 in 1986 to 255 in 1987 according to the Statistical Division, Juvenile Probation Department statistics.

You read it right — juvenile cocaine cases have just about tripled in a year. It's a major, life threatening problem, and we need to get tougher and let these young criminals know that they won't get away with just a slap on the wrist. They think they're immune from serious prosecution, and the gangs use juveniles for this reason.

Senate Bill 2414 would allow prosecutors throughout California to try 16 and 17 year olds with repeated convictions for drug sales as adults. We aren't talking about some kid selling a joint. Furthermore, in these cases, there is still a decision made by the D.A. and by the judge as to whether there's an alternative to prosecuting the young criminal as an adult.

This bill was passed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary in Sacramento on April 19 by a six to zero vote, and I will be seeking your support to see that it becomes law in California.

We have to get serious about drugs, because it's a battle in which lives are at stake. From drafting legislation strengthening the laws against drug abuse to establishing a regional gang/drug task force for Bay Area D.A.'s which our office is currently doing, we are waging war against drug abuse. It's a nationwide war against an enemy which ravages every segment of our communities, and it's a war which we can't afford to lose.



Bob Barry, SFPOA President

wage increases for the next fiscal year.

In view of the alarm being raised (with some merit, I might add) that police officers and firefighters will be laid off should Proposition "B" fail, the Police Officers' Association's Board of Directors recently voted (19-3) to withdraw our opposition to this measure.

This was a difficult decision, because we feel, as you do in your profession, that an annual wage increase, albeit meager as it may be, is justified for the labor we all produce. However, in view of the alternatives, which could very well cause layoffs, we're willing to pick up our fair share to help resolve this fiscal problem.

You will also be asked to vote for Proposition "K". This measure, if approved, will remove the ceiling on city spending imposed previously under the statewide Gann Initiative. It will allow the Board of Supervisors to increase certain business taxes and fees to help eradicate our deficit.

The Police Officers' Association supports Proposition "K" as an essential mechanism toward getting our city out of the red ink. Its passage, however, should not bestow a free license to tax upon the Board of Supervisors. We should watch their future actions with caution.

In conclusion, I would like to stress to you that, regardless of the shortage of personnel we will face during the next year, we will continue to provide you with the best service possible and continue to strive for "excellence" in the delivery of these services. You are entitled to no less.

San Francisco Police Officers' Association Recommends

LOCAL PROPOSITIONS:

Proposition A
Public School Facilities System Improvement Bond **YES**

Proposition G
Allows Board of Supervisors president to appoint another board member to serve on the City's retirement board in the president's place **NO**

Proposition H
Allows Special Municipal Elections by Mail **NO**

Proposition I
Allows prompt payment procedures that would encourage small businesses to compete for city contracts **YES**

Proposition J
Allows certain employees of the Asian Art Museum to become city employees without taking the required examination **NO**

Proposition K
Raises the spending limit and uses any future tax revenue for city services for the next four years **YES**

STATE PROPOSITIONS:

Proposition 67
Increases prison term for second degree murder of certain peace officers performing duties to 25 years to life **YES**

Proposition 69
Quarantines and isolates AIDS carriers **NO**

Proposition 70
Wildlife, Coastal and Park Conservation Bond Initiative **YES**

Proposition 71
Adjusts the State Spending Limit to permit funding for law enforcement, education, transportation and other programs. Does not increase taxes. **YES**