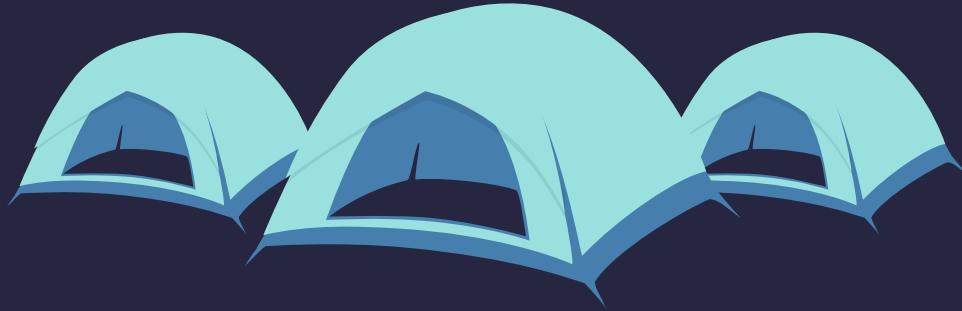


VOTE NO ON PROP F



Prop F will mean more homelessness

PROPOSITION F IS A CYNICAL PLOY TO SHIFT BLAME ONTO THE POOREST SAN FRANCISCANS

San Franciscans rightly deserve a city where all residents are housed and those at risk of overdose get the help they need. We deserve an effective response that truly addresses the issues head on. San Francisco Proposition F does not. It is a fatally flawed measure to cut vital assistance to those profiled as people using drugs. It was put on the ballot by Mayor London Breed as a political maneuver to shift blame for the overdose crisis onto the backs of the poorest San Franciscans. Prop F will make a bad situation worse, wasting taxpayer dollars in the process.

PROP F WILL INCREASE HOMELESSNESS

Under the measure, those profiled as people using drugs who receive public benefits from the County Adult Assistance Program (CAAP) will be assessed, and will be required to enter treatment or lose assistance. At any point, if the individual misses appointments or services, they will also lose their assistance immediately. They will lose their shelter. They will lose their housing. Even if they repeat the onerous process to become reinstated, they will owe back rent and can easily be evicted, making it more likely that the thousands of people who receive housing/shelter and assistance will end up on the streets.

PROP F WILL RESULT IN FEWER TREATMENT CONNECTIONS, NOT MORE

Currently, individuals who receive public assistance are encouraged to seek treatment—as they can trade their work requirements for treatment. Under this proposal, individuals will be afraid to admit to substance use issues for fear of losing their tiny amount of income, housing or shelter. While touted as a means to get more people into treatment, this will do the opposite, as less people will reveal to social workers that they use drugs and fewer will apply for benefits that will provide them with housing or connect them to services.

PROP F CONTRADICTS EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Prop F defies accepted best practices for addressing substance use disorders and homelessness and will have deadly results. Research by public health experts shows indisputable evidence that mandated treatment is ineffective and counterproductive. Worse, it will lead to increased rates of return to substance use, overdose deaths and suicide.

PROP F WASTES VALUABLE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

Under this proposal, the already overtaxed Human Service Agency workers will be made to do more with less. They will need to pre-screen clients, make referrals to treatment and terminate benefits. HSA will also have to hire clinicians to screen clients and make determinations, when San Francisco is already facing a dire clinical shortage. We need our clinicians to be on the front lines in our clinics, hospitals and treatment programs, NOT performing screenings for a bureaucratic city agency. Prop F will actually result in more people being turned away for treatment as clinicians are diverted to assess welfare recipients.

PROP F IS A TREATMENT SHELL GAME

It is a documented fact that there are not enough treatment services to serve everyone in San Francisco who currently need it. F will mean moving the precious few resources around so those mandated are able to get it. It does not generate more resources. Those who desperately need and want help should not be pushed aside to serve those who are obligated to get care as a condition of receiving benefits.

www.reducesfhomelessness.org for more information.

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