

ELECTION PROPOSALS EXPLAINED

One of the things we are fighting for is the right to vote. Exercise that right by voting in the Alameda municipal elections next Tuesday.

As a convenience for local voters, the Times-Star today presents the first in a series of three articles explaining the eight proposals which appear on the ballot.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

This is an amendment to Sec. 3-10 of the charter. This amendment retains the provisions of the present charter relating to what acts shall be done by ordinance but provides that acquisition of real property costing \$1000 or less, or acquisition by condemnation proceedings or in connection with public improvements proceedings, taken under some existing law, may be authorized by resolution. Under the law the council can buy materials or equipment costing \$1000 or less by resolution. Why should it not have the power to buy land costing \$1000 or less in the same way?

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If property is to be taken by condemnation the price is set by the court and the case may last several months. When land is acquired in connection with public improvement proceedings the street or improvements acts of the state provide a procedure with publication of notices and public hearings extending over a period of many weeks. When land is acquired or transferred, in enforcement of a tax lien for taxes or special assessments, the tax laws and the improvement acts provide for ample public notice by publication, etc. Why delay these proceedings by several weeks more?

The city may need to acquire a right of way to construct a sewer or improve a street. Frequently the owner will sell the right of way for a small consideration or give it to the city for one dollar or, in case of subdivisions, he may even construct the improvement and then dedicate it to the public at no cost of the city. It ordinarily takes about six weeks from the time an ordinance is introduced until the time it goes into effect. In the meantime a very urgent and very desirable improvement may be so delayed, particularly in late summer or fall, that the work cannot be started or completed, because of weather conditions, until the following spring. There is no good reason why an ordinance should be required in the type of cases mentioned. Vote "yes."

PROPOSAL NO. 2

This is an amendment of Sec. 3-12 of the charter. The section now provides, in substance, that ordinances are not effective before



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