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Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin Statement on Looming Victory for Proposition A's Affordable Housing Bond

San Francisco – As of 10:45pm on Election Night, initial returns of the 104,000 absentee ballots counted by the Department of Elections showed Proposition A's Affordable Housing Bond leading by 67.74%, hovering above the 2/3 vote threshold required to pass.

"Last night's ballot returns are a very promising indicator not only of Prop A's ultimate victory, but of San Francisco's commitment to affordable housing for our teachers, first responders, artists, and working families," said **Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin**, who drafted the measure after working with Mayor to pass legislative incentives for market-rate housing. "A 2/3 vote threshold is a tough hill to climb, but last night we saw what the City can accomplish when we work together and put people before politics. I left our election night party feeling inspired by the clear message San Franciscans have sent: affordable housing is transformative, and it is essential infrastructure worth investing in. I think the groundwork we laid with Prop A bodes very well for a November attempt to rally the region around a bold vision for affordable housing that allows our seniors to safely age in place, our workers to thrive and our families to grow. San Francisco proved last night that we are still the City that knows how."

Proposition A was supported by a diverse coalition of affordable housing and private market-rate developers, and included a \$30 million dedication to build affordable housing for women survivors of domestic abuse, street violence, and sexual exploitation, for the first time in San Francisco's history.

"The San Francisco Women's Housing Coalition is deeply grateful to the voters and leaders of this city for recognizing the urgency of this issue and taking decisive action to support victims and survivors of violence," said **Yves-Langston Barthaud** and **Sammie Rayner** of the **Women's Housing Coalition**. "By investing in affordable housing specifically for women, trans-women, and non-binary people, San Francisco has set a precedent that women need safe housing in order to heal and become self-sufficient. With this vote, San Franciscans have sent a powerful message that no woman should ever have to choose between safety and homelessness."

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