Affordable Housing Authorization*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members:	Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: TBD

The Way It Is Now: The City runs a variety of affordable housing programs, including those that:

- Create, preserve and improve affordable housing;

- Convert market-rate housing to permanently affordable housing;

- Provide loans to first-time homebuyers; and

- Help eligible homeowners and renters stay in their homes.

The State Constitution requires approval by a majority of San Francisco voters before:

- The City may develop, construct or acquire low-income rental housing projects; or

- Non-governmental entities, such as nonprofits and companies, may develop, construct or acquire low-income rental housing projects with financial assistance from public agencies.

Through Proposition C on the November 6, 2012 ballot, voters authorized the development of up to 30,000 units of low-income rental housing in the City by non-governmental entities with financial assistance from public agencies.

The Proposal: Proposition __ would authorize the City to own, develop, construct, acquire or rehabilitate up to 10,000 units of low-income rental housing, separate from the 30,000 units authorized by voters in 2012.

Under Proposition __, the City could itself develop, construct or acquire these low-income units without working with nonprofits or companies.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to own, develop, construct, acquire or rehabilitate up to 10,000 units of low-income rental housing.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make this change.

*_Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings._