REG BSC 2-28-22 Recall Timelines and Vacancy Appointments Reconsideration Request DP 220301

I hereby request reconsideration of the Approved Digest for the ballot measure with the working title "Recall Timelines and Vacancy Appointments". I have included the text adopted by the Committee with my alternate language as tracked changes. I recommend these changes to increase accuracy and clarity. Thanks. DP

The Way It Is Now: A recall allows voters to remove a local elected official before the end of the official's term in office. To start a recall, people must collect signatures ~~through a petition process~~ from registered voters in the official's jurisdiction through a petition process. If the recall petition has enough valid signatures, the City holds a recall election.

Under the City Charter, no person may start a recall petition if the elected official has held office for less than six months. Under state law, no person may start a recall petition if the elected ~~that~~ official's term of office will end within six months.

If the Mayor's position becomes vacant, the Board of Supervisors appoints ~~is responsible for appointing~~ a replacement ~~person to fill the seat~~. If there is a vacancy in any other City elective office, the Mayor appoints ~~is responsible for appointing~~ a replacement ~~qualified individual~~. In either situation, the person appointed to fill the vacancy may be a candidate in the following election.

The Proposal: Proposition __ is a Charter amendment that would change the local recall process. Under Proposition __, a recall petition could ~~can~~ be started only if an elected official has held office for at least 12 months. Proposition __ would require recall petitions to be submitted at least 18 months before the next scheduled election for that office, so that no recall election would be held within 12 months of that scheduled election. For members of the Board of Supervisors, the School Board ~~San Francisco Unified school board~~ or the College Board ~~San Francisco City College board of trustees~~, the ~~new~~ deadline would be based on the elected official's next ~~when their seat is~~ scheduled ~~for an~~ election. [Not sure if the last sentence is needed at all.]

Proposition __ would also change the appointment process for a vacancy created by a recall. Under this proposal, a ~~A~~ person appointed to fill a vacancy created by a successful recall could not ~~cannot~~ be a candidate for that office ~~vacant seat~~ in the following election. This provision ~~rule~~ would apply to all successful recalls, including the recall of the current District Attorney on this ballot (Proposition __).

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to change the recall process, and the appointment process for vacancies created by a successful recall.

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