

Dear Chair Packard and BSC Members,

I appreciate your herculean effort and attention to detail on the two housing measures today.

At a quick glance I believe both the Initiative measure and the Board of Supervisors measure are objective and accurate distillations of the legislation.

I am still combing through them but I noticed for each digest that the language describing the Board of Supervisors approvals needs to conform within each digest and conform the powers of the Board of Supervisors under the City Charter. In the A YES VOTE MEANS section of each digest, the language on the BoS approvals must mirror the language in the PROPOSAL section. Both measures need not use the word "discretion" and, in fact, in the upper section you had removed DISCRETIONARY before the word "approvals". Instead, simply keeping required APPROVAL for leases and public financing should be enough as teh City Charter makes such approvals a core budgetary and financial function of the BoS.

#### BoS Digest

The language for the PROPOSAL section in the BoS digest need not change. Here's how the language in the A YES VOTE MEANS of the BoS measure digest can read, striking DISCRETIONARY and keeping APPROVAL:

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  1. Projects that use City property or City financing would continue to require Board of Supervisors' approval.

#### Initiative Digest

The Initiative measure Proposes to eliminate the budgetary authority of the BoS over public financing and leases on city property. The removal of BoS budget and fiduciary oversight is a *significant* change in the checks and balances between the BoS and the Mayor branches of San Francisco government. To be accurate, the Proposal section for the Initiative digest ought to indicate that BoS approvals will NO LONGER be required as follows:

When the City leases its property or provides financing for housing, the Board of Supervisors approval would NO LONGER be required.

Similarly, the language in the A YES VOTE MEANS section of the Initiative digest out to mirror the PROPOSAL section and read, striking the word "discretionary":

Projects that use City property or City financing would NO LONGER require Board of Supervisors' approval.

Thank you for reading and considering my suggestions.

Sincerely,

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