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Mr. John Arntz
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August 31, 2020

RE: Proposition D – Charter amendment to create the Sheriff’s Department Oversight Board and the Sheriff’s Department Office of Inspector

Dear Mr. Arntz,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government.

The proposed Charter amendment would create a new seven-member Sheriff’s Department Oversight Board (SDOB) and a new Sheriff’s Department Office of Inspector General (OIG), separate from the Sheriff’s Department. The SDOB would appoint an Inspector General and would evaluate the work of OIG. The OIG would receive, review and investigate complaints against the Sheriff’s Department, its employees and contractors, and other City employees serving persons in custody, and investigate in-custody deaths. The OIG would also recommend a use of force policy and internal review process for use of force and critical incidents for the Sheriff’s Department. The OIG would take over some investigative functions currently performed by the Whistleblower unit of the Controller’s Office.

The estimated annual cost for the SDOB, including staff and material costs for commissioners, board secretary and analytical staff is \$400,000. The amendment specifies staffing for the OIG as follows: the Inspector General, one Attorney, and one Investigator per 100 sworn Sheriff’s Department staff. The estimated annual cost for the OIG, including 13 staff, office space and materials/supplies costs is \$2 million to \$2.5 million.

Sincerely,

Natasha Mihal

FOR
Ben Rosenfield
Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller’s statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.