



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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Mr. John Arntz
Department of Elections
City Hall, Room 48
Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: Proposition L – Charter amendment for providing changes to appointments to the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) Board of Directors and budget process

Dear Mr. Arntz,

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

The proposed amendment states that of the seven members of the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) Board of Directors, four would be nominated by the Mayor and three by the Board of Supervisors, all of which would be subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Currently, the Mayor appoints all seven members to the MTA Board.

Additionally, the proposed amendment allows the Board of Supervisors to reject but not modify the MTA's budget by simple majority, rather than by seven of the eleven Supervisors, as per existing Charter language. Should the Board of Supervisors reject the budget it will make additional appropriations to the MTA sufficient to maintain all operations at the level provided as of June 30 of the prior fiscal year. The amendment does not otherwise change the budgetary or financial responsibilities or authority of the MTA Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Rosenfield".

Ben Rosenfield
Controller