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John Arntz  
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Re: November 2018 Ballot Questions

Dear Director Arntz:

Please find below the ballot questions for the November 2018 election. As authorized by law, the Board of Supervisors wrote the ballot question for Proposition A, and the City Attorney's Office wrote the ballot questions for the remaining propositions.

Proposition A: SAN FRANCISCO SEAWALL EARTHQUAKE SAFETY BOND, 2018. To protect the waterfront, BART and Muni, buildings, historic piers, and roads from earthquakes, flooding and rising seas by: repairing the 100 year old Embarcadero Seawall; strengthening the Embarcadero; and fortifying transit infrastructure and utilities serving residents and businesses; shall the city issue \$425,000,000 in bonds, with a duration up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated tax rate of \$0.013/\$100 of assessed property value, and estimated annual revenues of up to \$40,000,000, with citizen oversight and regular audits? The City's current debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate from City general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and the tax base grows, though the overall property tax rate may vary based on other factors.

Proposition B: Shall the City amend the Charter to include privacy guidelines and require the City Administrator to propose a privacy ordinance consistent with the guidelines to the Board of Supervisors?

Proposition C: Shall the City impose additional business taxes to create a dedicated fund to support services for homeless people and prevent homelessness, including one tax of 0.175% to 0.69% on gross receipts over \$50 million that a business receives in San Francisco, and another tax of 1.5% on certain administrative offices' payroll expense in San Francisco, raising an estimated \$250-300 million in combined tax revenues annually, and with no expiration date for these taxes?

Proposition D: Shall the City impose new cannabis business taxes beginning in 2021, at rates ranging from 1% to 5% on gross receipts of cannabis businesses in San Francisco, where the Board of Supervisors could decrease those rates, or increase them up to 7%; and shall the City apply many of its business taxes to businesses with over \$500,000 in gross receipts in San Francisco that do not have a physical presence here; raising an estimated \$2-4 million annually in combined tax revenues in 2019 and 2020, and an estimated \$7-16 million annually beginning in 2021, and with no expiration date on these newly imposed and applied taxes?

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Proposition E: Shall the City annually distribute up to 1.5% of the current base hotel tax for specific arts and cultural purposes, without increasing the existing hotel tax?

Very truly yours,

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