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Dear Director Arntz:

Please find below the ballot questions for the November 2019 election. As authorized by law, the Board of Supervisors wrote the ballot question for the measure entitled “Affordable Housing Bond.” The City Attorney’s Office wrote the ballot questions for the remaining measures.

Proposition entitled “Affordable Housing Bond”: “SAN FRANCISCO AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS. To finance the construction, development, acquisition, and preservation of housing affordable to extremely-low, low and middle-income households through programs that will prioritize vulnerable populations such as San Francisco’s working families, veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities; to assist in the acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of existing affordable housing to prevent the displacement of residents; to repair and reconstruct distressed and dilapidated public housing developments and their underlying infrastructure; to assist the City’s middle-income residents or workers in obtaining affordable rental or home ownership opportunities including down payment assistance and support for new construction of affordable housing for San Francisco Unified School District and City College of San Francisco employees; and to pay related costs; shall the City and County of San Francisco issue $600,000,000 in general obligation bonds with a duration of up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated average tax rate of $0.019/$100 of assessed property value, and projected average annual revenues of $50,000,000, subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits?”

Proposition entitled “Department of Disability and Aging Services”: “Shall the City amend the Charter to change the name of the Department of Aging and Adult Services to the Department of Disability and Aging Services; to change the name of the Aging and Adult Services Commission to the Disability and Aging Services Commission; and to add new qualifications for three of the seven seats on this Commission?”

Proposition entitled “Affordable Housing and Educator Housing”: “Shall the City amend the Planning Code to allow 100% Affordable Housing Projects and Educator Housing Projects in public zoning districts and to expedite approval of these projects?”

Proposition entitled “Campaign Contributions and Campaign Advertisements”: “Shall the City establish new restrictions on campaign contributions to local elected officials and candidates, and apply new disclaimer requirements to campaign advertisements?”
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Proposition entitled “Vapor Products”: “Shall the City overturn the law passed by the Board of Supervisors suspending the sale of electronic cigarettes that lack required FDA authorization, and adopt new regulations on the sale, manufacture, distribution and advertising of electronic cigarettes in San Francisco?”

Proposition entitled “Traffic Congestion Mitigation Tax”: “Shall the City impose a 1.5% business tax on shared rides and a 3.25% business tax on private rides for fares charged by commercial ride-share and driverless-vehicle companies until November 5, 2045, raising an estimated $30-35 million annually, to fund improvements in Muni service and bicycle and pedestrian safety?”

Very truly yours,

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