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August 18, 2022

RE: Proposition J – Recreational Use of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park

Dear Mr. Arntz,

The cost of the proposed ordinance, should it be approved by the voters, is dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make through the budget process, as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. In my opinion, the cost of fully funding the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program in the proposed measure, should future policymakers do so, is likely to be moderate. There may be future costs associated with needed capital projects to support the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program.

The ordinance will affirm the Board of Supervisors prior approval of the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program ("Program"), which established new recreation and open space in Golden Gate Park by limiting private vehicles on John F. Kennedy Drive and other street segments, making certain street segments one-way, establishing bicycle lanes, and urging additional changes to improve public access to Golden Gate Park.

While not required by the ordinance, future capital improvements may include access improvements, long term planning, and traffic engineering improvements that may moderately increase the cost of government, starting at approximately \$400,000 in one-time costs. Since the Program was established, the frequency of the Golden Gate Park Free Shuttle was increased to 7 days a week, costing approximately \$250,000 annually, which would continue under the ordinance.

Any additional capital improvement or future operational costs associated with the ordinance would be determined by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors through the normal budget process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Levy".

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.