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**VIA E-MAIL (PDF)**

John Arntz  
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Re: November 8, 2022 Ballot Questions

Dear Director Arntz:

Please find below the ballot questions for the November 8, 2022 election.

Proposition entitled "Affordable Housing – Initiative Petition": "Shall the City amend the Charter to streamline approval of affordable housing that provides (1) housing for households with income up to 140% of area median income (AMI) but where the average household income is no more than 120% of AMI, (2) additional affordable housing units equal to 15% of the required number of affordable on-site units, or (3) housing for households that include at least one School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions; and to no longer require Board of Supervisors' approval for those types of projects if they use City property or financing?"

Proposition entitled "Affordable Housing – Board of Supervisors": "Shall the City amend the Charter to streamline approval of affordable housing that provides (1) housing for households with income up to 120% of area median income (AMI) but where the average household income is no more than 80% of AMI, (2) additional affordable housing units equal to 8% of the total number of units in the entire project, or (3) housing for households that include at least one School District or City College employee, with certain household income restrictions; and to continue requiring Board of Supervisors' approval for those types of projects if they use City property or financing?"

Proposition entitled "Homelessness Oversight Commission": "Shall the City amend the Charter to establish a Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and require the City Controller to conduct audits of services for people experiencing homelessness?"

Proposition entitled "Library Preservation Fund": "Shall the City amend the Charter to renew the Library Preservation Fund for 25 years, allow the City to temporarily freeze the annual minimum funding for the Library when the City anticipates a budget deficit over \$300 million, and require the Library to increase the minimum hours the Main Library and its branches must be open per week?"

Proposition entitled "Public Works Department and Commission, Sanitation and Streets Department and Commission": "Shall the City amend the Charter to eliminate the Department of Sanitation and Streets and transfer its duties back to the Department of Public Works and to retain the Sanitation and Streets Commission and Public Works Commission?"

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Proposition entitled “City Elections in Even-Numbered Years”: “Shall the City amend the Charter to hold elections for Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer in November of presidential election years, extend the current terms of these officials by one year to January 2025, provide that there would be no regularly scheduled election in 2023, hold elections for local ballot measures only in even-numbered years or in special elections, and change the minimum number of signatures required for voters to place ordinances and declarations of policy on the ballot?”

Proposition entitled “Retiree Supplemental Cost of Living Adjustment; Retirement Board Contract with Executive Director”: “Shall the City amend the Charter to allow City employees who retired before November 6, 1996, to receive a supplemental cost of living adjustment to their pensions even if the retirement system is not fully funded and allow the Retirement Board to have an individual employment contract with its executive director?”

Proposition entitled “Student Success Fund – Grants to the San Francisco Unified School District”: “Shall the City amend the Charter to provide additional funding for grants to the San Francisco Unified School District for 15 years to improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness?”

Proposition entitled “Tax on Keeping Residential Units Vacant”: “Shall the City tax owners of vacant residential units in buildings with three or more units, if those owners have kept those units vacant for more than 182 days in a calendar year, at a rate between \$2,500-5,000 per vacant unit in 2024 and up to \$20,000 in later years with adjustments for inflation, to generate estimated annual revenue of \$20-37 million, with the tax continuing until December 31, 2053, and use those funds for rent subsidies and affordable housing?”

Proposition entitled “Gross Receipts Taxes for Guaranteed Income Programs, Small Business Assistance, and Homeless Services”: “Shall the City increase gross receipts tax rates on retail and wholesale business activities involving the transportation, delivery or shipment of goods to a San Francisco address, so that the City’s primary gross receipts tax rate on these activities would increase from 0.079%-0.224% to 0.665% and its homelessness gross receipts tax rate on these activities would increase from 0.175% to 0.5%, to generate an estimated \$62-93 million a year, with the tax continuing indefinitely, and use those funds for general government purposes, small business assistance, future guaranteed income programs and services for people experiencing homelessness?”

Proposition entitled “Additional Parcel Tax for City College”: “Shall the City establish an additional parcel tax on some San Francisco property owners based on the square footage and use of their properties, at rates between \$150-4,000 per parcel with adjustments for inflation, to generate approximately \$37 million in annual revenue, beginning on July 1, 2023 and continuing until June 30, 2043, and transfer those funds to City College for student and workforce development programs?”

Proposition entitled “Vehicles on JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway”: “Shall the City allow private motor vehicles on John F. Kennedy Drive and connector streets in Golden Gate Park at all times except from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays year-round, as well as on Saturdays in April through September, allow motor vehicles in both directions at all times on the Great Highway and not allow the City to remove the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards as proposed?”

Proposition entitled “Golden Gate Park Underground Parking Facility; Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority”: “Shall the City be allowed to use public funds to acquire, operate or subsidize public parking in the underground parking garage below the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park, and direct the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority to dissolve, transferring management of the garage to the City’s Recreation and Park Commission?”

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Proposition entitled “Recreational Use of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park”: “Shall the City affirm the ordinance the Board of Supervisors adopted in May 2022 reserving portions of John F. Kennedy Drive and certain connector streets in Golden Gate Park as open recreation spaces, closing those streets seven days a week to private motor vehicles with limited exceptions?”

Proposition entitled “Sales Tax for Transportation Projects”: “Shall the City continue a one-half cent sales tax to 2053 and generate estimated annual revenue of \$100-236 million to pay for transportation projects described in a new 30-year spending plan, allow the Transportation Authority to issue up to \$1.91 billion in bonds to pay for these projects, and increase the total amount of money the Transportation Authority may spend each year for the next four years?”

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS', written over a horizontal line.

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