Mr. John Arntz  
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RE:  Proposition C – Homelessness Oversight Commission

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 Charter amendment would create the Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH). The Commission would appoint the members of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board and the Shelter Monitoring Committee. The Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee would advise the Commission on the administration of the Our City, Our Home fund.

The Commission’s duties would include reviewing and approving HSH’s budget, formulating goals consistent with the objectives of the City and County, and holding hearings and taking testimony. The Commission may conduct public education and outreach of homelessness programs and issues. Annual salary and operating costs for the Commission would be approximately $350,000.

The proposed Charter amendment would specify that services relating to homelessness are subject to audit by the Controller. Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller’s Office, which has prepared this statement.

Sincerely,

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.