

**Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on Monday, February 27, 2012**

**GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL** *(working title only, subject to change)*

**The Way It Is Now:**

Any company that collects, disposes of or transports garbage in San Francisco must have a City-issued permit. Each permit authorizes the collection of garbage in a specific area of the City. A single company currently holds all the permits. The City does not use a competitive process to select who provides garbage services, except recently for landfill disposal.

Rates for garbage collection are set as follows:

- For residential properties, the City's Rate Board sets the rates.
- For commercial properties, garbage companies and commercial property owners negotiate rates through individual contracts.

**The Proposal:**

Proposition \_\_\_ would require the City to replace its permit system with a competitive bidding process. Under that process, the City would competitively award five separate agreements for the following services:

- residential garbage collection;
- commercial garbage collection;
- residential and commercial recycling;
- transportation of processed garbage to conversion or disposal sites outside the City; and
- conversion or disposal of processed garbage.

Each agreement would be for a 10-year term and would be citywide. The measure would prohibit any single company from providing both recycling services and garbage conversion/disposal services. The measure would require that the City own all processing and transfer facilities used under these agreements and that they be located in San Francisco.

Proposition \_\_\_ would require the competitive bidding process for garbage and recycling services to prioritize the following factors: zero-waste goals that maximize recycling; competitive rates; welfare of workers in the industry; and recovery of the City's costs for bidding and administering the program. It would also require the

process to give preferences to bidders that use small businesses and hire City residents.

Proposition \_\_\_ would require the Board of Supervisors to set the maximum rates that residential and commercial customers could be charged for garbage and recycling services.

Proposition \_\_\_ would authorize the Board of Supervisors to make future amendments to this ordinance, without further voter approval, to advance the purposes and principles of the measure.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to require the City to use a competitive bidding process for garbage and recycling services, require use of waste processing facilities owned by the City and located in San Francisco, require the Board of Supervisors to set maximum rates for garbage services, and allow the Board of Supervisors to make future amendments that advance the purposes of this ordinance without further voter approval.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes to City law.

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