1	WATERFRONT HEIGHT LIMIT RIGHT TO VOTE ACT		
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3	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:		
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5	SECTION 1. Title		
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7	This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "Waterfront Height Limit Right To		
8	Vote Act"		
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10	SECTION 2. Findings and Declarations		
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12	The People of the City and County of San Francisco declare their findings and purposes		
13	in enacting this Initiative to be as follows:		
14	Whereas, the San Francisco waterfront is an irreplaceable public resource of the highest		
15	value;		
16	Whereas, San Francisco holds the waterfront in trust for the People of California;		
17	Whereas, it is in the interest of San Francisco to preserve a unique and vibrant vital		
18	waterfront with adequate public views of, and access to, the City and San Francisco Bay;		
19	Whereas reasonable building height limits on the San Francisco waterfront have been		
20	instrumental in preventing the historic waterfront from becoming blocked and walled off by luxury		
21	high-rises and tall private buildings as has happened on many waterfronts around the country;		
22	Therefore the people of San Francisco declare that it is the policy of the City and County o		
23	San Francisco that:		
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1	The existing maximum building height limits on the San Francisco waterfront shall be		
2	preserved and shall not be increased unless a height limit increase is approved by San Francisco		
3	voters.		
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5	SECTION	V3. Waterfront Height Limit Right To Vote Requirement	
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7	Section 61	.5.1 is added to the San Francisco Administrative Code as follows:	
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9	(a) No	city agency or officer may take, or permit to be taken, any action to permit	
10	dev	velopment located in whole or in part on the waterfront to exceed at any point the	
11	bui	lding and structure height limits in effect as of January 1, 2014, which are set	
12	for	th in San Francisco Planning Code Article 2.5, unless a height limit increase for	
13	the	development has been approved by a vote of the electors of the City and County	
14	of	San Francisco.	
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16	(b) An	y ballot measure placed before the electors to approve increased height limits for	
17	dev	velopment on the waterfront must specify both the existing and proposed height	
18	lim	its in the ballot question. The failure to specify both the existing and proposed	
19	hei	ght limits in the ballot question shall render such an increase in height limits void.	
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21	(c) For	r the purposes of this Section, the term "waterfront" means land transferred to the	
22	Cit	y and County of San Francisco pursuant to Chapter 1333 of the Statutes of 1968,	
23	as	well as any other property which is owned by or under the control of the Port	
24	Co	mmission of San Francisco as of January 1, 2014 or acquired thereafter.	

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1	SECTION 4.	Effective Date	
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3	In accordance with the	he provisions of California Elections Code section 9217, if a majority of	
4	the voters vote in favor of the Initiative, the Initiative shall go into effect 10 days after the vote is		
5	declared by the Board of Su	pervisors.	
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7	SECTION 5.	Severability	
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9	If any provision of the	nis Initiative or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is	
10	held invalid, such invalidity	shall not affect any provision or application of this Initiative that can be	
11	given effect without the inve	alid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Initiative	
12	are severable.		
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