



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Ben Rosenfield
Controller

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Deputy Controller

June 18, 2014

Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: File 140554 – Charter amendment mandating special elections for elected office vacancies

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would moderately increase the cost of government.

Over a typical election cycle of four years, the amendment can be expected to result in at least one additional municipal special election that would not have otherwise occurred. Based on Department of Elections' costs, there would be an estimated expense of approximately \$300,000 incurred if adding a district election for a member of the Board of Supervisors or approximately \$3.5 million if adding a citywide election for another elective office. Spread over the four year period, these amounts represent approximately \$80,000 to \$865,000 of added expense on an annual basis.

Sincerely,

for Ben Rosenfield
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.