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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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RE: File 211288 – Charter amendment changing the appointment of one member of the San Francisco Employee Retirement System (SFERS) Board, and urging disinvestment in fossil fuels

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have no impact on the cost of government.

The Retirement Board has seven members – three elected by SFERS members, three appointed by the Mayor and one appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The proposed amendment would change one of the Mayor's appointments to a Board of Supervisors' appointment. Mayoral appointees are required to have experience in pension planning, investment management or related fields. The appointee that would become a Board of Supervisors' appointment would be required to have experience in investing based on environmental, social and governance factors.

The proposed amendment would adopt a Declaration of Policy that the SFERS Board should completely disinvest from fossil fuels and urge the implementation of that policy. Such a policy would have no legal effect and would not change the fiduciary responsibility for investment of retirement system funds that currently governs the Retirement Board and the Retirement System.

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.