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Hello,

Please see below for communication from James Delman regarding File No. 240546.

**File No. 240546:** Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to modify the redistricting process for Board of Supervisors districts by creating an independent redistricting task force responsible for adopting supervisorial district boundaries; specifying the qualifications to serve on the independent redistricting task force and restrictions on members' activities during and after service; creating a process for selecting members of the independent redistricting task force; modifying the processes the City must follow when adopting supervisorial district boundaries; and creating a division of the Department of Elections to support the redistricting process; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024. (Peskin)

Sincerely,

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## Message to the Board of Supervisors & Mayor

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## **Vote No on the Poorly Drafted and Politically Motivated Redistricting Charter Amendment**

Message:

Dear Supervisors and Mayor Breed,

The 2021-2022 redistricting process was successful, fair, transparent and most importantly resulted in legal districts for the first time in decades. Despite this, the groups that tried to derail our redistricting process are now hard at work trying to corrupt our process with a “redistricting reform” proposal similar to the one that was just rejected at the state level.

District maps from 2002 and 2012 were objectively illegal with variances reaching up to 18%, far more than the allowable +/- 1% (+/-5% in limited situations). In a word, prior to 2022 SF districts were gerrymandered. The 2022 process was robust and transparent, and resulted in objectively legal maps for the first time in decades.

The groups that were prevented from gerrymandering now seek to manipulate the process in order to politicize and gerrymander the map again. This unnecessary legislation is inconsistent with transparency and accountability to the public. It creates more conflict in an already polarized and crowded election year.

The Independent Redistricting Task Force listened to hundreds of individuals and dozens of communities to draw a fair map. In fact that was the reason that votes often occurred late into the night. Then those same individuals who kept them late accused the Task Force of voting in secret. The hypocrisy here is apparent.

This proposed new bureaucracy is unaccountable to the voters and open to manipulation. In San Francisco, we have witnessed issues of corruption on the Ethics Commission, the DPW, the PUC, and a myriad of appointed and unaccountable non-profits. This proposed Charter Amendment will lead to more corruption and more division. Further, it will be expensive to set up, expensive to run, and heavily dependent on consulting contracts to execute.

We need to continue to improve our redistricting process after every census cycle but please reject and vote NO on this ill-conceived proposal.

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