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RE: File 211285 – Charter amendment to change the appointment and approval process of certain Commissions, and to change the functions and authority of the City Administrator

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

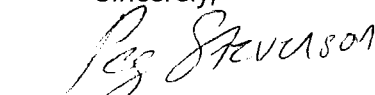
Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The proposed Charter amendment would change the appointment processes for a list of City commissions. Currently, the affected Commissions have a mix of approaches to seating members. Some have appointments by the Mayor only, some by both the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, and some have Mayoral appointments subject to Board approval. The proposed amendment would provide that all the affected Commissions have appointments by both Mayor and Board, with the Mayor having the majority. All Mayoral appointments would become subject to Board approval.

The proposed Charter amendment would change the processes through which functions are assigned to the City Administrator. Currently, the Mayor may assign functions to the City Administrator administratively and the Board of Supervisors may do so by ordinance. The amendment would instead specify the functions under the City Administrator. The amendment would remove the Mayor's authority to administratively designate City Administrator functions and require that all such designations be made by ordinance. The amendment would also add to the City Administrator authorization to review City programs and services and to recommend removal of department heads to the Mayor or Commission that oversees them.

In and of themselves, the actions under the proposed amendment would not affect the cost of government. All Commissions, Departments and functions affected by the amendment would be subject to the existing budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

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.