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1 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and
2 Duties of the City Administrator]

3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7,**
4 **2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) split the power to**
5 **make appointments to the following bodies between the Mayor and the Board of**
6 **Supervisors: Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service**
7 **Commission, Commission on the Environment, Commission on the Status of Women,**
8 **Disability and Aging Services Commission, Fire Commission, Health Commission, Historic**
9 **Preservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission,**
10 **Juvenile Probation Commission, Library Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency**
11 **Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and**
12 **War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees; subject Mayoral**
13 **appointments to those bodies and to the Building Inspection Commission and the Small**
14 **Business Commission to approval by the Board of Supervisors; provide that the**
15 **appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may**
16 **initiate removal of commissioners; and specify that the terms of members of the Asian Art**
17 **Commission, Building Inspection Commission, Civil Service Commission, and Fine Arts**
18 **Museums Board of Trustees shall be for four years; and 2) specify the types of functions**
19 **that the City Administrator may oversee; require that any agencies under the City**
20 **Administrator be designated by ordinance; authorize the City Administrator to review**
21 **City programs and services, and employment practices, and to make recommendations to**
22 **the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews; prohibit the**
23 **Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by**
24 **ordinance; and authorize the City Administrator to recommend removal of any**
25 **department head to the Mayor or a commission, and require the Mayor or commission to**
act on the recommendation within 30 days.

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Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections 3.100, 3.104, 4.102, 4.107, 4.108, 4.110, 4.111, 4.112, 4.113, 4.115, 4.118, 4.119, 4.120, 4.121, 4.129, 4.132, 4.134, 4.135, 5.102, 5.103, 5.104, 5.106, 7.102, 8.102, 8A.102, 10.100, 15.105, and D3.750-1. Those amended Sections are sequenced below, first, as they relate to appointments to commissions (starting with Section 4.107 and ending with Section D3.750-1), then second, as they relate to the City Administrator (starting with Sections 3.100 and ending with Section 4.132), to read as follows:

NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

SEC. 4.107. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

(a) The Human Rights Commission shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Six of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and five of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority.

1 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
2 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-6 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 7-11
3 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
4 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.107, members of the Human Rights Commission
5 holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject to
6 removal during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's term, or if a seat on the
7 Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat shall be filled by the
8 appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment process in subsection (a).

9 (c) The Commission shall:

- 10 (1)- Investigate complaints of unlawful discrimination against any person;
- 11 (2)- Ensure the civil rights of all persons;
- 12 (3)- Ensure that the affirmative action plans of each department of the City and
13 County are current and are being properly implemented; and report on the implementation of
14 such affirmative action plans to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors;
- 15 (4)- Promote understanding among the residents of the City and County and
16 work cooperatively with governmental agencies, community groups, and others to eliminate
17 discrimination and the results of past discrimination by furnishing information, guidance, and
18 technical assistance;
- 19 (5)- Study, investigate, mediate, and make recommendations with respect to the
20 solving of community-wide problems resulting in intergroup tensions and discrimination;
- 21 (6)- Implement the provisions of ordinances prohibiting discrimination in all
22 contracts and subsequent subcontracts, franchises, leases, concessions, or other agreements for or
23 on behalf of the City and County; and

1 (7) Issue such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business, and prepare
2 such ordinances with respect to human rights for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, as
3 are necessary to carry out the purposes of this ~~§~~Section 4.107.

4 (d) In performing its duties, the Commission may hold hearings, issue subpoenas to
5 require witnesses to appear and require the production of evidence, administer oaths, take
6 testimony, and issue appropriate orders and petitions for court orders in such manner as may be
7 prescribed by law.

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9 **SEC. 4.108. FIRE COMMISSION.**

10 (a) The Fire Commission shall consist of five members appointed ~~by the Mayor,~~
11 ~~pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Three of the members shall be appointed by the
12 Mayor, and two of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each
13 nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be
14 the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the
15 nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination
16 from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective
17 on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the
18 Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Members may be
19 removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority.

20 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
21 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-3 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 4-5
22 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
23 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.108, members of the Fire Commission holding
24 office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject to removal during
25 that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's term, or if a seat on the Commission

1 becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing
2 authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment process in subsection (a).

3 (c) In addition to any other powers set forth in this Charter, the Fire Commission is
4 empowered to prescribe and enforce any reasonable rules and regulations that it deems necessary
5 to provide for the efficiency of the Department, provided that the civil service and ethics
6 provisions of this Charter shall control in the event of any conflict with rules adopted under this
7 ~~§~~Section 4.108.

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9 **SEC. 4.110. HEALTH COMMISSION.**

10 (a) The Health Commission shall consist of seven members appointed ~~by the Mayor,~~
11 ~~pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Four of the members shall be appointed by the
12 Mayor, and three of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each
13 nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be
14 the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the
15 nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination
16 from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective
17 on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the
18 Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. The Commission shall
19 have less than a majority of direct care providers. Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~their
20 appointing authority only pursuant to Section 15.105. The Commission shall control the property
21 under its jurisdiction.

22 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
23 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-4 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 5-7
24 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
25 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.110, members of the Health Commission

1 holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject to
2 removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's
3 term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat
4 shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment
5 process in subsection (a).

6 (c) The Commission and the Department shall manage and control the City and County
7 hospitals, emergency medical services, and in general provide for the preservation, promotion
8 and protection of the physical and mental health of the inhabitants of the City and County, except
9 where the Charter grants such authority to another officer or department. The Commission and
10 the Department may also determine the nature and character of public nuisances and provide for
11 their abatement.

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13 **SEC. 4.111. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION.**

14 (a) The Human Services Commission shall consist of five members appointed ~~by the~~
15 ~~Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Three of the members shall be appointed
16 by the Mayor, and two of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each
17 nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be
18 the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the
19 nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination
20 from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective
21 on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the
22 Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Members may be
23 removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority only pursuant to Section 15.105.

24 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
25 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-3 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 4-5

1 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
2 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.111, members of the Human Services
3 Commission holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office,
4 subject to removal pursuant to Section 15.505 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a
5 member's term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's
6 term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the
7 appointment process in subsection (a).

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9 **SEC. 4.112. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.**

10 (a) The Public Utilities Commission shall consist of five members appointed ~~by the~~
11 ~~Mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Each of the members~~
12 ~~shall serve~~ for a term of four years. Three of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and
13 two of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the
14 Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a
15 public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60
16 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the
17 nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the
18 Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board
19 receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Members may be removed by ~~the~~
20 ~~Mayor~~their appointing authority only pursuant to Section 15.105.

21 (b) Seat 1 on the Commission shall be a member with experience in environmental
22 policy and an understanding of environmental justice issues. Seat 2 shall be a member with
23 experience in ratepayer or consumer advocacy. Seat 3 shall be a member with experience in
24 project finance. Seat 4 shall be a member with expertise in water systems, power systems, or
25 public utility management, and Seat 5 shall be an at-large member. Seats 1, 2, and 3 shall be

1 appointed by the Mayor, and seats 4 and 5 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

2 Notwithstanding the previous sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.112, members of
3 the Public Utilities Commission holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their
4 term of office, subject to removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor.

5 Upon the end of a member's term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end
6 of a member's term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in
7 accordance with the appointment process in subsection (a).

8 (c) The respective terms of office of members of the Public Utilities Commission who
9 hold office on August 1, 2008 shall expire at noon on that date, and the members appointed
10 pursuant to the amendments to this Section 4.112 approved at the June 2008 election shall
11 succeed to said office at that time. In order to provide for staggered terms, the members
12 appointed to Seats 2 and 4 shall serve for an initial term of two years from August 1, 2008. The
13 remaining three members appointed to Seats 1, 3, and 5 shall serve for an initial term of four
14 years from August 1, 2008, and thereafter the terms of all members shall be four years.

15 (d) The Commission shall have charge of the construction, management, supervision,
16 maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all water and energy supplies and utilities
17 of the City as well as the real, personal, and financial assets, which are under the Commission's
18 jurisdiction on the operative date of this Charter, or assigned pursuant to Section 4.132.

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20 **SEC. 4.113. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION.**

21 (a) The Recreation and Park Commission shall consist of seven members appointed ~~by~~
22 ~~the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Four of the members shall be
23 appointed by the Mayor, and three of the members shall be appointed by the Board of
24 Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of
25 Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board

1 fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of
2 the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall
3 become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st
4 day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier.

5 Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority only pursuant to Section
6 15.105.

7 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
8 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-4 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 5-7
9 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
10 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.113, members of the Recreation and Park
11 Commission holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office,
12 subject to removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a
13 member's term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's
14 term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the
15 appointment process in subsection (a).

16 (c) Pursuant to the policies and directives set by the Commission and under the direction
17 and supervision of the General Manager, the Recreation and Park Department shall manage and
18 direct all parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and all other recreation facilities, avenues, and
19 grounds under the Commission's control or placed under its jurisdiction thereafter, unless
20 otherwise specifically provided in this Charter.

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23 **SEC. 4.115. AIRPORT COMMISSION.**

24 (a) The Airport Commission shall consist of five members appointed ~~by the Mayor,~~
25 ~~pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Three of the members shall be appointed by the

1 Mayor, and two of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each
2 nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be
3 the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the
4 nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination
5 from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective
6 on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the
7 Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Members may be
8 removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority only pursuant to Section 15.105.

9 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
10 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-3 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 4-5
11 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
12 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.115, members of the Airport Commission
13 holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject to
14 removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's
15 term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat
16 shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment
17 process in subsection (a).

18 (c) The Commission shall provide the Mayor with at least three qualified candidates for
19 Director of Airports, related on the basis of executive, administrative, and technical
20 qualifications.

21 (d) The Commission shall have charge of the construction, management, supervision,
22 maintenance, extension, operation, use, and control of all property, as well as the real, personal,
23 and financial assets which are under the Commission's jurisdiction.
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1 (e) Subject to the approval, amendment, or rejection of the Board of Supervisors of each
2 issue, the Commission shall have exclusive authority to plan and issue revenue bonds for airport-
3 related purposes.

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5 **SEC. 4.118. COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT.**

6 (a) The Commission on the Environment shall consist of seven members appointed ~~by~~
7 ~~the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Four of the members shall be
8 appointed by the Mayor, and three of the members shall be appointed by the Board of
9 Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of
10 Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board
11 fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of
12 the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall
13 become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st
14 day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier.

15 Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~ their appointing authority.

16 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
17 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-4 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 5-7
18 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
19 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.118, members of the Commission on the
20 Environment holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office,
21 subject to removal during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's term, or if a seat
22 on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat shall be filled by
23 the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment process in subsection

24 (a).

1 (c) The Department of the Environment shall regularly produce an assessment of San
2 Francisco's environmental condition. It shall also produce and regularly update plans for the
3 long-term environmental sustainability of San Francisco.

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6 **SEC. 4.119. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.**

7 (a) The Commission on the Status of Women shall consist of seven members-
8 ~~Commission members shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, appointed~~ for
9 four-year terms. Four of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and three of the members
10 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject
11 to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote
12 within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of
13 the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed
14 approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion
15 approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the
16 nomination, whichever is earlier. Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~ their appointing
17 authority only pursuant to Section 15.105.

18 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
19 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-4 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 5-7
20 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
21 sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.119, members of the Commission on the Status
22 of Women holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject
23 to removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a
24 member's term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's
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1 term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the
2 appointment process in subsection (a).

3 (c) The Commission shall develop and recommend policies and practices for the City
4 and County to reduce the particular impacts on women and girls of problems such as domestic
5 violence, sexual harassment, employment and health care inequity, and homelessness, as well as
6 advocate on behalf of women and girls in such areas. The Commission may be assigned
7 additional duties and functions by ordinance or pursuant to Section 4.132.

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9 **SEC. 4.120. DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION.**

10 (a) The Disability and Aging Services Commission shall consist of seven members
11 appointed ~~by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Four of the members
12 shall be appointed by the Mayor, and three of the members shall be appointed by the Board of
13 Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of
14 Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board
15 fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of
16 the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall
17 become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st
18 day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier.

19 Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority. ~~The Commission shall~~
20 ~~oversee the Department of Disability and Aging Services, including the functions of the Public~~
21 ~~Guardian/Administrator, as well as carry out any additional duties and functions assigned to the~~
22 ~~Commission by ordinance or pursuant to Section 4.132.~~

23 (b) ~~As of January 15, 2020,~~ Seat 1 on the Commission shall be held by a person who
24 is 60 years old or older; Seat 2 shall be held by a person with a disability, as defined under the
25 Americans With Disabilities Act, who is 18 years old or older; and Seat 3 shall be held by a

1 person who served in the United States military and who was discharged or released under
2 conditions other than dishonorable. Seats 4, 5, 6, and 7, shall have no required qualifications in
3 addition to those set forth in Section 4.101. Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall be appointed by the Mayor,
4 and seats 2, 4, and 6 shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the
5 previous sentence or any other provision of this Section 4.120, members of the Disability and
6 Aging Services Commission holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their
7 term of office, subject to removal during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's
8 term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat
9 shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment
10 process in subsection (a).

11 (c) The Commission shall oversee the Department of Disability and Aging Services,
12 including the functions of the Public Guardian/Administrator, as well as carry out any additional
13 duties and functions assigned to the Commission by ordinance or pursuant to Section 4.132.

14 ~~—(c) For the purpose of calculating the terms of particular seats on the Commission,~~
15 ~~Seats 1, 2, and 3 are hereby designated as the seats with terms ending on January 15, 2020.~~
16 ~~Notwithstanding Charter Section 4.101.5, members in those seats who do not as of January 15,~~
17 ~~2020 hold the qualifications set forth in subsection (b) respectively may no longer serve in those~~
18 ~~seats.~~

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20 **SEC. 4.121. BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION.**

21 (a) The Building Inspection Commission shall consist of seven members. Four members
22 shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of ~~two~~ four years. Three members shall be appointed
23 by the President of the Board of Supervisors for a term of ~~two~~ four years. Members of the
24 Building Inspection Commission holding office on June 7, 2022, who were appointed to any
25 portion of a two-year term, may serve the remainder of that term, subject to removal during that

1 term by their appointing authority pursuant to Section 15.105, and shall be eligible for re-
2 appointment to four-year terms. Each Mayoral nomination made after June 7, 2022 shall be
3 subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and
4 vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the
5 Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, the nominee shall be deemed approved.
6 The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the
7 nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination,
8 whichever is earlier. Members may be removed by their appointing ~~officer~~authority only
9 pursuant to Section 15.105. Vacancies occurring in the offices of ~~appointive~~ members, either
10 during or at the expiration of a term, shall be filled by the appointing ~~officer~~authority for the
11 vacant seat in accordance with the appointment process in this subsection (a).

12 (b) The four Mayoral appointments shall consist of a structural engineer, a licensed
13 architect, a residential builder, and a representative of a community-based non-profit housing
14 development corporation. The three ~~Supervisory~~ appointments by the President of the Board of
15 Supervisors shall consist of a residential tenant, a residential landlord, and a member of the
16 general public. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

17 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 87103, individuals appointed to the
18 commission under this Section 4.121 are intended to represent and further the interest of the
19 particular industries, trades, or professions specified herein. Accordingly, it is found that for
20 purposes of persons who hold such office, the specified industries, trades, or professions are
21 tantamount to and constitute the public generally within the meaning of California Government
22 Code Section 87103.

23 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, the Commission shall have the
24 power to appoint and remove a department head.

1 **SEC. 4.134. SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION.**

2 (a) There shall be a Small Business Commission to oversee the San Francisco Office of
3 Small Business. The Commission shall consist of seven members, who shall serve at the pleasure
4 of the appointing authority. All commissioners shall serve for four-year terms. The Mayor shall
5 appoint four members of the Commission; the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the remaining
6 three members. ~~The Mayor shall designate two of his or her initial appointments to serve for~~
7 ~~two year terms; the Board of Supervisors shall designate one of its initial appointments to serve~~
8 ~~a two year term. Thereafter, all commissioners shall serve for four year terms.~~ Each Mayoral
9 nomination made after June 7, 2022 shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors,
10 and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on
11 the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the
12 nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall
13 become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st
14 day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier.

15 (b) At least five of the individuals appointed to the Commission shall be owners,
16 operators, or officers of San Francisco small businesses. One of the individuals appointed to the
17 Commission may be either a current or former owner, operator, or officer of a San Francisco
18 small business. One member of the Commission may be an officer or representative of a
19 neighborhood economic development organization or an expert in small business finance.

20 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 87103, individuals appointed to the
21 Commission under this Section 4.134 are intended to represent and further the interest of the
22 particular industries, trades, or professions specified herein. Accordingly, it is found that for
23 purposes of persons who hold such office, the specified industries, trades, or professions are
24 tantamount to and constitute the public generally within the meaning of California Government
25 Code Section 87103.

1 (c) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors shall select Commission members who
2 reflect the diversity of neighborhood and small business interests in the City.

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4 **SEC. 4.135. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**

5 (a) GENERAL. There is hereby created a Historic Preservation Commission, which
6 shall advise the City on historic preservation matters, participate in processes that involve
7 historic or cultural resources, and take such other actions concerning historic preservation as may
8 be prescribed by ordinance.

9 (b) The Historic Preservation Commission shall consist of seven members *nominated by*
10 *the Mayor and subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Supervisors.*

11 ~~*—The term and tenure of all members sitting on the Landmarks Preservation Advisory*~~
12 ~~*Board, created under Article 10 of the Planning Code, as of the effective date of this section*~~
13 ~~*shall terminate on December 31, 2008. Of the original appointments to the Historic Preservation*~~
14 ~~*Commission, four shall be for a four year term and three for a two year term as follows; the*~~
15 ~~*odd numbered seats shall be for four year terms and the even numbered seats shall be for two-*~~
16 ~~*year terms. After the expiration of the original terms, all appointments shall be appointed for*~~
17 ~~*four-year terms. Four members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and three members shall be*~~
18 ~~*appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to*~~
19 ~~*approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote*~~
20 ~~*within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of*~~
21 ~~*the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed*~~
22 ~~*approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion*~~
23 ~~*approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the*~~
24 ~~*nomination, whichever is earlier.*~~ There shall be no limit on the number of terms a member may
25 serve.

1 ~~The original nominations shall be made no later than 31 days after the date of the~~
2 ~~election creating this section. If the Mayor fails to nominate an original appointment within said~~
3 ~~period, the nomination for the original appointment may be made by the President of the Board~~
4 ~~of Supervisors, subject to the approval of a majority of the Board of Supervisors.~~

5 ~~Within 60 days of the expiration of a term or other vacancy the Mayor shall nominate a~~
6 ~~qualified person to fill the vacant seat for the term, or the remainder of the term, subject to~~
7 ~~approval by a majority of the Board of Supervisors who shall hold a public hearing and vote on~~
8 ~~the nomination within 60 days of the Mayor's transmittal of the nomination to the Clerk of the~~
9 ~~Board of Supervisors. If the Mayor fails to make such nomination within 60 days, the nomination~~
10 ~~may be made by the President of the Board of Supervisors, subject to the approval of a majority~~
11 ~~of the Board of Supervisors. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board of~~
12 ~~Supervisors adopts a motion approving the nomination or after 60 days from the date the Mayor~~
13 ~~transmits the nomination to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors if the Board of Supervisors~~
14 ~~fails to act.~~

15 Members may be removed by their appointing ~~officer~~authority only pursuant to Section
16 15.105.

17 (c) Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 2, 4, and 6 shall be
18 appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous sentence or any other
19 provision of this Section 4.135, members of the Historic Preservation Commission holding office
20 on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject to removal pursuant to
21 Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's term, or if a seat on
22 the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat shall be filled by the
23 appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment process in subsection (a).

24 (d) QUALIFICATIONS. In addition to the specific requirements set forth below,
25 members of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be persons specially qualified by reason

1 of interest, competence, knowledge, training, and experience in the historic, architectural,
2 aesthetic, and cultural traditions of the City, interested in the preservation of its historic
3 structures, sites, and areas, and residents of the City. Six of the members of the Historic
4 Preservation Commission shall be specifically qualified in the following fields:

5 (1) Seats 1 and 2: licensed architects meeting the Secretary of the Interior's
6 Professional Qualifications Standards for historic architecture;

7 (2) Seat 3: an architectural historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's
8 Professional Qualifications Standards for architectural history with specialized training and/or
9 demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area architectural history;

10 (3) Seat 4: an historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional
11 Qualifications Standards for history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in
12 North American or Bay Area history;

13 (4) Seat 5: an historic preservation professional or professional in a field such as
14 law, land use, community planning or urban design with specialized training and/or
15 demonstrable experience in historic preservation or historic preservation planning;

16 (5) Seat 6 shall be specially qualified in one of the following fields or in one of
17 the fields set forth for Seats 1, 2, or 3:

18 (A) A professional archeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's
19 Professional Qualification Standards for Archeology;

20 (B) A real estate professional or contractor who has demonstrated a
21 special interest, competence, experience, and knowledge in historic preservation;

22 (C) A licensed structural engineer with at least four years of experience
23 in seismic and structural engineering *principals principles* applied to historic structures; or

24 (D) A person with training and professional experience with materials
25 conservation;

1 (6). Seat 7 shall be an at-large seat subject to the minimum qualifications set
2 forth above.

3 (e) LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS. The Historic
4 Preservation Commission shall have the authority to recommend approval, disapproval, or
5 modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under the Planning Code
6 to the Board of Supervisors. The Historic Preservation Commission shall send recommendations
7 regarding landmarks designations to the Board of Supervisors without referral or
8 recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission shall refer
9 recommendations regarding historic district designations to the Planning Commission, which
10 shall have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed designation, which comments, if any,
11 shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors together with the Historic Preservation
12 Commission's recommendation. Decisions of the Historic Preservation Commission to
13 disapprove designation of a landmark or historic district shall be final unless appealed to the
14 Board of Supervisors.

15 (f) CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS. The Historic Preservation Commission
16 shall approve, disapprove, or modify certificates of appropriateness for work to designated
17 landmarks or within historic districts. For minor alterations, the Historic Preservation
18 Commission may delegate this function to staff, whose decision may be appealed to the Historic
19 Preservation Commission.

20 For projects that require multiple planning approvals, the Historic Preservation
21 Commission must review and act on any Certificate of Appropriateness before any other
22 planning approval action. For projects that (1) require a conditional use permit or permit review
23 under Sections 309 et seq., of the Planning Code and (2) do not concern an individually
24 landmarked property, the Planning Commission may modify any decision on a Certificate of
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1 Appropriateness by a ~~2/3~~ two-thirds vote, provided that the Planning Commission shall apply all
2 applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.

3 For projects that are located on vacant lots, the Planning Commission may modify any
4 decision on a Certificate of Appropriateness by a two-thirds vote, provided that the Planning
5 Commission shall apply all applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.

6 The Historic Preservation Commission or Planning Commission's decision on a
7 Certificate of Appropriateness shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Appeals, which may
8 modify the decision by a ~~4/5~~ four-fifths vote; provided, however, that if the project requires
9 Board of Supervisors approval or is appealed to the Board of Supervisors as a conditional use,
10 the decision shall not be appealable to the Board of Appeals, but rather to the Board of
11 Supervisors, which may modify the decision by a majority vote.

12 (g) SIGNIFICANT OR CONTRIBUTORY BUILDING AND CONSERVATION
13 DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS IN THE C-3 DISTRICTS. The Historic Preservation Commission
14 shall have the authority to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of Significant or
15 Contributory building and Conservation District designations under the Planning Code to the
16 Board of Supervisors. The Historic Preservation Commission shall send recommendations
17 regarding Significant or Contributory Buildings to the Board of Supervisors without referral or
18 recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission shall refer
19 recommendations regarding Conservation District designations to the Planning Commission,
20 which shall have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed designation, which comments,
21 if any, shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors together with the Historic Preservation
22 Commission's recommendation, Decisions of the Historic Preservation Commission to
23 disapprove designation of a Significant or Contributory building or Conservation District shall be
24 final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

1 (h) ALTERATION OF SIGNIFICANT OR CONTRIBUTORY BUILDINGS OR
2 BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE C-3 DISTRICTS. The Historic
3 Preservation Commission shall have the authority to determine if a proposed alteration is a Major
4 Alteration or a Minor Alteration. The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority
5 to approve, disapprove, or modify applications for permits to alter or demolish designated
6 Significant or Contributory buildings or buildings within Conservation Districts. For Minor
7 Alterations, the Historic Preservation Commission may delegate this function to staff, whose
8 decision may be appealed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

9 For projects that require multiple planning approvals, the Historic Preservation
10 Commission must review and act on any permit to alter before any other planning approval
11 action. For projects that (1) require a conditional use permit or permit review under Sections 309,
12 et seq., of the Planning Code and (2) do not concern a designated Significant (Categories I and
13 II) or Contributory (Category III only) building, the Planning Commission may modify any
14 decision on a permit to alter by a ~~2/3~~ two-thirds vote, provided that the Planning Commission
15 shall apply all applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.

16 For projects that are located on vacant lots, the Planning Commission may modify any
17 decision on a permit to alter by a two-thirds vote, provided that the Planning Commission shall
18 apply all applicable historic resources provisions of the Planning Code.

19 The Historic Preservation Commission's or Planning Commission's decision on a
20 permit to alter shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Appeals, which may modify the
21 decision by a ~~4/5~~ four-fifths vote; provided, however, that if the project requires Board of
22 Supervisors approval or is appealed to the Board of Supervisors as a conditional use, the decision
23 shall not be appealable to the Board of Appeals, but rather to the Board of Supervisors, which
24 may modify the decision by a majority vote.

1 (i) MILLS ACT CONTRACTS. The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the
2 authority to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of historical property contracts to
3 the Board of Supervisors, without referral or recommendation of the Planning Commission.

4 (j) PRESERVATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN. The Historic
5 Preservation Commission shall recommend to the Planning Commission a Preservation Element
6 of the General Plan and shall periodically recommend to the Planning Commission proposed
7 amendments to such Preservation Element of the General Plan. Other objectives, policies, and
8 provisions of the General Plan and special area, neighborhood, and other plans designed to carry
9 out the General Plan, and proposed amendments thereto, that are not contained within such
10 Preservation Element but that concern historic preservation shall be referred to the Historic
11 Preservation Commission for its comment and recommendations prior to action by the Planning
12 Commission. When the Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors for
13 approval or rejection proposed amendments to the General Plan that concern historic
14 preservation, any recommendation or comments of the Historic Preservation Commission on
15 such proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for its information.

16 (k) REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MATTERS. The following matters shall, prior to
17 passage by the Board of Supervisors, be submitted for written report by the Historic Preservation
18 Commission regarding effects upon historic or cultural resources: ordinances and resolutions
19 concerning historic preservation issues and historic resources; redevelopment project plans;
20 waterfront land use and project plans; and such other matters as may be prescribed by ordinance.
21 If the Planning Commission is required to take action on the matter, the Historic Preservation
22 Commission shall submit any report to the Planning Commission as well as to the Board of
23 Supervisors; otherwise, the Historic Preservation Commission shall submit any report to the
24 Board of Supervisors.

1 (l) OTHER DUTIES. For proposed projects that may have an impact on historic or
2 cultural resources, the Historic Preservation Commission shall have the authority to review and
3 comment upon environmental documents under the California Environmental Quality Act and
4 the National Environmental Policy Act. The Historic Preservation Commission shall act as the
5 City's local historic preservation review commission for the purposes of the Certified Local
6 Government Program, may recommend properties for inclusion in the National Register of
7 Historic Places, and may review and comment on federal undertakings where authorized under
8 the National Historic Preservation Act. The Historic Preservation Commission shall review and
9 comment upon any agreements proposed under the National Historic Preservation Act where the
10 City is a signatory prior to any approval action on such agreement. The Historic Preservation
11 Commission shall have the authority to oversee and direct the survey and inventory of historic
12 properties.

13 ~~—Once a quorum of members of the Historic Preservation Commission has been~~
14 ~~originally appointed and approved, the Historic Preservation Commission shall assume any~~
15 ~~powers and duties assigned to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board until the Municipal~~
16 ~~Code has been amended to reflect the creation of the Historic Preservation Commission.~~

17 (m) BUDGET, FEES, DEPARTMENT HEAD, AND STAFF. The provisions of Charter
18 subsections 4.102(3), 4.102(4), 4.102(5), and 4.102(6) shall not apply to the Historic
19 Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission may review and make
20 recommendations on the Planning Department budget and on any rates, fees, and similar charges
21 with respect to appropriate items coming within the Historic Preservation Commission's
22 jurisdiction to the department head of the Planning Department or the Planning Commission. The
23 department head of the Planning Department shall assume the powers and duties that would
24 otherwise be executed by an Historic Preservation Commission department head. The Planning
25 Department shall render staff assistance to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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SEC. 5.102. CITY MUSEUMS.

When the term "museums" is used in this Article V, unless otherwise specified, it refers to both the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco and The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Trustees and commissioners of the museums are exempt from the requirement of Section 4.101(~~2b~~) of this Charter, except that at least a majority of The Fine Arts Museum Board of Trustees shall be residents of the City and County. Members shall serve for ~~three~~four-year terms, and may be removed by the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors, as specified, only pursuant to Section 15.105. Members shall serve without compensation.

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SEC. 5.103. ARTS COMMISSION.

(a) The Arts Commission shall consist of fifteen members appointed ~~by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Eight of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and seven of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Eleven members shall be practicing arts professionals including two architects, a landscape architect, and representatives of the performing, visual, literary and media arts; and four members shall be lay members. The President of the Planning Commission, or a member of the Commission

1 designated by the President, shall serve ex officio. Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~their
2 appointing authority.

3 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
4 seat on the Commission. Seats 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 shall henceforth be appointed by the
5 Mayor, and seats 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of
6 Supervisors; provided, however, that, also determined by the Clerk by lot, the two architects
7 shall serve in seats 10 and 11 and the four lay members shall serve in seats 12, 13, 14, and 15.
8 Notwithstanding the previous sentence or any other provision of this Section 5.103, members of
9 the Arts Commission holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of
10 office, subject to removal during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's term, or if
11 a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat shall be
12 filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment process in
13 subsection (a).

14 (c) The Commission shall appoint and may remove a director of the department. The
15 Commission shall encourage artistic awareness, participation, and expression; education in the
16 arts; assist independent local groups with the development of their own programs; promote the
17 employment of artists and those skilled in crafts, in the public and private sectors; provide liaison
18 with state and federal agencies to ensure increased funding for the arts from these agencies as
19 well as represent arts issues and policy in the respective governmental bodies; promote the
20 continued availability of living and working space for artists within the City and County; and
21 enlist the aid of all City and County governmental units in the task of ensuring the fullest
22 expression of artistic potential by and among the residents of San Francisco.

23 (d) In furtherance of the foregoing, the Arts Commission shall:
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1 (1)– Approve the designs for all public structures, any private structure which
2 extends over or upon any public property and any yards, courts, set-backs or usable open spaces
3 which are an integral part of any such structures;

4 (2)–Approve the design and location of all works of art before they are acquired,
5 transferred, or sold by the City and County, or are placed upon or removed from City and County
6 property, or are altered in any way; maintain and keep an inventory of works of art owned by the
7 City and County; and maintain the works of art owned by the City and County;

8 (3)– Promote a neighborhood arts program to encourage and support an active
9 interest in the arts on a local and neighborhood level, assure that the City and County-owned
10 community cultural centers remain open, accessible, and vital contributors to the cultural life of
11 the City and County, establish liaison between community groups, and develop support for
12 neighborhood artists and arts organizations; and

13 (4)– Supervise and control the expenditure of all appropriations made by the
14 Board of Supervisors for the advancement of the visual, performing, or literary arts.

15 (e) Nothing in this Section 5.103 shall be construed to limit or abridge the powers or
16 exclusive jurisdiction of the charitable trust departments or the California Academy of Sciences
17 or the Library Commission over their activities; the land and buildings set aside for their use; or
18 over the other assets entrusted to their care.

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20 **SEC. 5.104. ASIAN ART MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

21 (a) The Asian Art Commission shall consist of ~~twenty-seven~~ 27 trustees ~~appointed by~~
22 ~~the Mayor. Fourteen of the trustees shall be appointed by the Mayor, and thirteen of the trustees~~
23 ~~shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject~~
24 ~~to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote~~
25 ~~within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of~~

1 the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed
2 approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion
3 approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the
4 nomination, whichever is earlier. In filling vacancies, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors
5 shall solicit nominations from the Commission and shall give due consideration to such
6 nominees in filling such vacancies to the end that the members of the Commission shall be
7 representative of the fields of Asian art and culture by reason of their knowledge, experience,
8 education, training, interest, or activity therein. Members may be removed by their appointing
9 authority only pursuant to Section 15.105.

10 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
11 seat on the Asian Art Commission. Seats 1-14 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and
12 seats 15-27 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the
13 previous sentence or any other provision of this Section 5.104, trustees holding office on June 7,
14 2022, who were appointed to serve any portion of a three-year term, may serve the remainder of
15 their term of office, subject to removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the
16 Mayor, and shall be eligible for reappointment to four-year terms. Upon the end of a trustee's
17 term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a trustee's term, the seat
18 shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment
19 process in subsection (a).

20 (c) The Commission shall:

21 (1)- Develop and administer that museum which is known as the "Asian Art
22 Museum of San Francisco," or by such other title as may be chosen by not less than two-thirds of
23 the members of the Commission;
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1 (2)- Control and manage the City and County's Asian art with the Avery
2 Brundage Collection as its nucleus, consistent with the conditions applicable to the Brundage
3 Collection and other gifts;

4 (3)- Maintain a charitable foundation or other legal entity for the purpose of
5 developing the Asian Art Museum;

6 (4)- Promote, establish, and develop an acquisition fund for Asian art objects;
7 and

8 (5)- Collaborate with other groups and institutions to extend and deepen the
9 activities necessary to establish the Asian Art Museum as the outstanding center of Asian art and
10 culture in the western world.

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12 **SEC. 5.105. THE FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

13 The California Palace of Legion of Honor and the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum
14 shall comprise the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, or such other title as may be chosen
15 by not less than two-thirds of the trustees of the Fine Arts Museums. The Fine Arts Museums
16 Board of Trustees shall consist of 62 members to be elected by the members of the Board. On a
17 vote of the majority of members, the number of Trustees may be increased or decreased from
18 time to time as needed, provided that the number of Trustees shall not be more than 62, and
19 provided further that a vote to decrease the number shall not affect the power or tenure of any
20 incumbent. The Board may act by majority of the members present at meetings in which a
21 quorum is in attendance.

22 In selecting members to serve on the Board, the Board of Trustees shall give due
23 consideration to nominees who are broadly representative of the diverse communities of the City
24 and County and knowledgeable in the fields of art and culture, as demonstrated by their
25 experience, training, interest or philanthropic activity.

1 A quorum of the Board shall consist of one-third of the number of trustees in office at
2 the time. A majority or two-thirds vote of the Board shall mean a majority or two-thirds vote of
3 the number of trustees present at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

4 The Board is responsible for the protection and conservation of the assets of the Fine
5 Arts Museums and for setting the public course the Museums will follow. The Board shall assure
6 that the Museums are open, accessible and vital contributors to the cultural life of the City and
7 County, and that the Museums' programs bring art appreciation and education to all the people of
8 the City and County.

9 The Board may enter into agreements with a not-for-profit or other legal entity to
10 develop or operate the museums and to raise and maintain funds for the museums' support.

11 Trustees holding office on June 7, 2022, who were appointed to serve any portion of a
12 three-year term, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject to removal during that
13 term pursuant to Section 15.105, and shall be eligible for reappointment to four-year terms.

14 **SEC. 5.106. WAR MEMORIAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.**

15 (a) The governing board of the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center shall consist
16 of eleven trustees appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Six of
17 the trustees shall be appointed by the Mayor, and five of the trustees shall be appointed by the
18 Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board
19 of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board
20 fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of
21 the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall
22 become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st
23 day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. In
24 making appointments, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors shall give due consideration to
25 veterans and others who have a special interest in the purposes for which the Center exists.

1 Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority only pursuant to Section
2 15.105.

3 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
4 seat on the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees. Seats 1-6 shall
5 henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 7-11 shall henceforth be appointed by the
6 Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous sentence or any other provision of this
7 Section 5.106, trustees holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of
8 office, subject to removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the
9 end of a trustee's term, or if a seat on the Board of Trustees becomes vacant before the end of a
10 trustee's term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with
11 the appointment process in subsection (a).

12 (c) The governing board shall appoint and may remove a director.

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14 **SEC. 7.102. JUVENILE PROBATION.**

15 (a) The Juvenile Probation Commission shall consist of seven members who shall be
16 appointed ~~by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100,~~ for staggered four-year terms. Four of the
17 members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and three of the members shall be appointed by the
18 Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board
19 of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board
20 fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of
21 the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall
22 become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st
23 day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. ~~Two of~~
24 ~~the members~~Seats 1 and 2 shall be appointed from lists of eligibles submitted to the Mayor by
25 the Superior Court. The Juvenile Probation Department shall be a part of the executive branch.

1 Members may be removed by ~~the Mayor~~their appointing authority only pursuant to
2 Section 15.105.

3 Any member may serve concurrently as a member of the Juvenile Justice Commission
4 created by state law and as a member of the Juvenile Probation Commission herein created.

5 (b) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
6 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-4 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 5-7
7 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
8 sentence or any other provision of this Section 7.102, members of the Juvenile Probation
9 Commission holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office,
10 subject to removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a
11 member's term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's
12 term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the
13 appointment process in subsection (a).

14 (c) The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, assistants, and deputies shall have the powers
15 and duties conferred upon such Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, assistants, and deputies by
16 state law; and they shall perform all of the duties prescribed by such laws, and such additional
17 duties as may be prescribed by ordinances ~~of the Board of Supervisors.~~

18 19 **SEC. 8.102. PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**

20 (a) Libraries including the Library Commission and the Library Department shall be a
21 part of the executive branch.

22 (b) The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed ~~by the Mayor, pursuant~~
23 ~~to Section 3.100,~~ for four-year terms. Four of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and
24 three of the members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the
25 Mayor shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a

1 public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60
2 days of the date the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the
3 nominee shall be deemed approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the
4 Board adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board
5 receives notice of the nomination, whichever is earlier. Members may be removed by ~~the~~
6 ~~Mayor~~their appointing authority.

7 (c) By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each
8 seat on the Commission. Seats 1-4 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 5-7
9 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous
10 sentence or any other provision of this Section 8.102, members of the Library Commission
11 holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the remainder of their term of office, subject to
12 removal during that term by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's term, or if a seat on the
13 governing board becomes vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat shall be filled by
14 the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the appointment process in subsection
15 (b).

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17 **ARTICLE VIII:**

18 **THE MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

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20 **SEC. 8A.102. GOVERNANCE AND DUTIES.**

21 (a) The Agency shall be governed by a board of seven directors appointed for four-
22 year terms by the Mayor and confirmed after public hearing by the Board of Supervisors. Four
23 of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor and three of the members shall be appointed by
24 the Board of Supervisors. All initial appointments must be made by the Mayor and submitted to
25 the Board of Supervisors for confirmation no later than February 1, 2000. The Board of

1 ~~Supervisors shall act on those initial appointments no later than March 1, 2000 or those~~
2 ~~appointments shall be deemed confirmed. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to~~
3 ~~approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote~~
4 ~~within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of~~
5 ~~the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed~~
6 ~~approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion~~
7 ~~approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the~~
8 ~~nomination, whichever is earlier.~~

9 At least four of the directors must be regular riders of the Municipal Railway, and
10 must continue to be regular riders during their terms. The directors must possess significant
11 knowledge of, or professional experience in, one or more of the fields of government, finance, or
12 labor relations. At least two of the directors must possess significant knowledge of, or
13 professional experience in, the field of public transportation. During their terms, all directors
14 shall be required to ride the Municipal Railway on the average once a week.

15 ~~—Directors shall serve four year terms, provided, however, that two of the initial~~
16 ~~appointees shall serve for terms ending March 1, 2004, two for terms ending March 1, 2003, two~~
17 ~~for terms ending March 1, 2002, and one for a term ending March 1, 2001. Initial terms shall be~~
18 ~~designated by the Mayor.~~ No person may serve more than three terms as a director. A director
19 may be removed by their appointing authority only for cause pursuant to ~~Article XV~~Section
20 15.105. The directors shall annually elect a chair. The chair shall serve as chair at the pleasure of
21 the directors. Directors shall receive reasonable compensation for attending meetings of the
22 Agency which shall not exceed the average of the two highest compensations paid to the
23 members of any board or commission with authority over a transit system in the nine Bay Area
24 counties. By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall determine by lot the
25 number of each seat on the Commission. Seats 1-4 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor,

1 and seats 5-7 shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the
2 previous sentence or any other provision of this Section 8A.102, members of the Municipal
3 Transportation Agency Board of Directors holding office on June 7, 2022, may serve the
4 remainder of their term of office, subject to removal pursuant to Section 15.105 during that term
5 by the Mayor. Upon the end of a member's term, or if a seat on the Board of Directors becomes
6 vacant before the end of a member's term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for
7 that seat in accordance with the appointment process in subsection (a).

8 (b) The Agency shall:

9 (1)- Have exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management,
10 supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use, and control of all property, as well as the
11 real, personal, and financial assets of the Agency; and have exclusive authority over contracting,
12 leasing, and purchasing by the Agency, provided that any Agency contract for outside services
13 shall be subject to Charter Sections 10.104(12) and 10.104(15) and that the Agency may not
14 transfer ownership of any of the real property of the City and County without approval from the
15 Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors;

16 (2)- Have exclusive authority to enter into such arrangements and agreements for
17 the joint, coordinated, or common use with any other public entity owning or having jurisdiction
18 over rights-of-way, tracks, structures, subways, tunnels, stations, terminals, depots, maintenance
19 facilities, and transit electrical power facilities;

20 (3)- Have exclusive authority to make such arrangements as it deems proper to
21 provide for the exchange of transfer privileges, and through-ticketing arrangements, and such
22 arrangements shall not constitute a fare change subject to the requirements of Sections 8A.106
23 and 8A.108;

1 ~~(4)~~ Notwithstanding any restrictions on contracting authority set forth in the
2 Administrative Code, have exclusive authority to enter into agreements for the distribution of
3 transit fare media and media for the use of parking meters or other individual parking services;

4 ~~(5)~~ Have exclusive authority to arrange with other transit agencies for bulk fare
5 purchases, provided that if passenger fares increase as a result of such purchases, the increase
6 shall be subject to review by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Sections 8A.106 and 8A.108;

7 ~~(6)~~ Notwithstanding Section 2.109, and except as provided in Sections 8A.106
8 and 8A.108, have exclusive authority to fix the fares charged by the Municipal Railway, rates for
9 off-street and on-street parking, and all other~~;~~ rates, fees, fines, penalties and charges for services
10 provided or functions performed by the Agency;

11 ~~(7)~~ Notwithstanding any provision of the San Francisco Municipal Code (except
12 requirements administered by the Department of Public Works governing excavation, street
13 design~~,~~ and official grade)~~,~~ have exclusive authority to adopt regulations that control the flow
14 and direction of motor vehicle, bicycle~~,~~ and pedestrian traffic, including regulations that limit the
15 use of certain streets or traffic lanes to categories of vehicles and that limit the speed of traffic;
16 and to design, select, locate, install, operate, maintain~~,~~ and remove all official traffic control
17 devices, signs, roadway features~~,~~ and pavement markings that control the flow of traffic with
18 respect to streets and highways within City jurisdiction, provided that:

19 ~~(A)~~ Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 7, the Board
20 of Supervisors may by ordinance establish procedures by which the public may seek Board of
21 Supervisors review of any Agency decision with regard to the installation or removal of a stop
22 sign or the creation or elimination of a bicycle lane. In any such review, the Agency's decision
23 shall stand unless the Board of Supervisors reverses the decision of the Agency not later than 60
24 days after submission of a request to the Board of Supervisors.

1 (~~Bii~~) Nothing in this subsection 7 shall modify the authority of ISCOTT,
2 or any successor body, over the temporary use or occupancy of public streets, or the authority of
3 the Board of Supervisors to hear appeals regarding the temporary use or occupancy of public
4 streets.

5 (~~Ciii~~) Nothing in subsection 7 shall modify the power of the Board of
6 Supervisors to establish civil offenses, infractions, and misdemeanors.

7 (~~Div~~) Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 7, to the
8 extent state law contemplates that Agency action authorized by subsection 7 be effectuated by
9 ordinance, such action shall be effectuated by resolution of the Board of Directors and shall be
10 subject to referendum in accordance with Article ~~XIV14~~, and, if a referendum petition contains
11 the requisite number of signatures, the Board of Supervisors shall have the power to reconsider
12 or repeal the action as provided in Article ~~XIV14~~;

13 (~~8~~)- Have exclusive authority to adopt regulations limiting parking, stopping,
14 standing, or loading as provided by state law and to establish parking privileges and locations
15 subject to such privileges for categories of people or vehicles as provided by state law; to
16 establish parking meter zones, to set parking rates, and to select, install, locate, and maintain
17 systems and equipment for payment of parking fees, provided that:

18 (~~Af~~) Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 8, the Board
19 of Supervisors may by ordinance establish procedures by which the public may seek Board of
20 Supervisors review of any Agency decision with regard to the creation or elimination of any
21 preferential parking zone, the creation or elimination of any parking meter zone, the adoption of
22 any limitation on the time period for which a vehicle may be parked, or reservation of any
23 parking space for persons with a disability that qualifies for parking privileges under state law. In
24 any review of a decision of the Agency pursuant to this Section 8A.102, the Agency's decision
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1 shall stand unless the Board of Supervisors reverses the decision of the Agency not later than 60
2 days after submission of a request to the Board of Supervisors.

3 (B~~ii~~) Nothing in subsection 8 shall modify the power of the Board of
4 Supervisors to establish civil offenses, infractions, and misdemeanors.

5 (C~~iii~~) Notwithstanding the authority established in subsection 8, to the
6 extent state law contemplates that any Agency action authorized by subsection 8 be effectuated
7 by ordinance, such action shall be effectuated by resolution of the Board of Directors and, if a
8 referendum petition contains the requisite number of signatures, shall be subject to referendum in
9 accordance with Article XIV~~14~~, and the Board of Supervisors shall have the power to reconsider
10 or repeal the action as provided in Article XIV ~~14~~;

11 (9)~~-~~ Have exclusive authority to establish policies regarding and procure goods
12 and services for the enforcement of regulations limiting parking, stopping, standing, or loading
13 and the collection of parking-related revenues and, along with the Police Department, have
14 authority to enforce parking, stopping, standing, or loading regulations;

15 (10)~~-~~ Be responsible for chairing the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on
16 Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) or any successor body;

17 (11)~~-~~ Be responsible for cooperating with and assisting the Police Department in
18 the promotion of traffic safety; studying and responding to complaints related to street design,
19 traffic control devices, roadway features, and pavement markings; collecting, compiling, and
20 analyzing traffic data and traffic accident data and planning improvements to improve the safety
21 of the City's roadways; and conducting traffic research and planning;

22 (12)~~-~~ Have exclusive authority to apply for, accept, and expend state, federal, or
23 other public or private grant funds for Agency purposes;

24 (13)~~-~~ To the maximum extent permitted by law, with the concurrence of the
25 Board of Supervisors, and notwithstanding the requirements and limitations of Sections 9.107,

1 9.108, and 9.109, have authority without further voter approval to incur debt for Agency
2 purposes and to issue or cause to be issued bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, commercial
3 paper, financing leases, certificates of participation, or any other debt instruments. Upon
4 recommendation from the Board of Directors, the Board of Supervisors may authorize the
5 Agency to incur on behalf of the City such debt or other obligations provided: (A) the
6 Controller first certifies that sufficient unencumbered balances are expected to be available in the
7 proper fund to meet all payments under such obligations as they become due; and (B) any debt
8 obligation, if secured, is secured by revenues or assets under the jurisdiction of the Agency;

9 (14) Have the authority to conduct investigations into any matter within its
10 jurisdiction through the power of inquiry, including the power to hold public hearings and take
11 testimony, and to take such action as may be necessary to act upon its findings; and

12 (15) Exercise such other powers and duties as shall be prescribed by ordinance
13 *of the Board of Supervisors.*

14 (c) The Agency's Board of Directors shall:

15 (1) Appoint a Director of Transportation, who shall serve at the pleasure of the
16 Board. The Director of Transportation shall be employed pursuant to an individual contract. ~~His~~
17 ~~or her~~ The Director's compensation shall be comparable to the compensation of the chief
18 executive officers of the public transportation systems in the United States which the Board of
19 Directors, after an independent survey, determines most closely resemble the Agency in size,
20 mission, and complexity. In addition, the Board of Directors shall provide an incentive
21 compensation plan consistent with the requirements of Section 8A.104(k) under which a portion
22 of the Director's compensation is based on achievement of service standards adopted by the
23 Board of Directors.

24 (2) Appoint an executive secretary who shall be responsible for administering
25 the affairs of the Board of Directors and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

1 (3)- In addition to any training that may be required by City, State, or federal
2 law, attend a minimum of four hours of training in each calendar year, provided by the City
3 Attorney and the Controller regarding the legal and financial responsibilities of the Board and the
4 Agency.

5 (d) The Director of Transportation shall appoint all subordinate personnel of the
6 Agency, including deputy directors. The deputy directors shall serve at the pleasure of the
7 Director of Transportation.

8 (e) Upon recommendation of the City Attorney and the approval of the Board of
9 Directors, the City Attorney may compromise, settle, or dismiss any litigation, legal proceedings,
10 claims, demands, or grievances which may be pending for or on behalf of, or against the Agency
11 relative to any matter or property solely under the Agency's jurisdiction. Unlitigated claims or
12 demands against the Agency shall be handled as set forth in Charter Section 6.102. Any payment
13 pursuant to the compromise, settlement, or dismissal of such litigation, legal proceedings, claims,
14 demands, or grievances, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Supervisors, shall be made
15 from the Municipal Transportation Fund.

16 (f) The Agency's Board of Directors, and its individual ~~members~~directors, shall deal
17 with administrative matters solely through the Director of Transportation or ~~his or her~~
18 of the Director of Transportation. Any dictation, suggestion, or interference by a director in the
19 administrative affairs of the Agency, other than through the Director of Transportation or ~~his or~~
20 ~~her~~ designees of the Director of Transportation, shall constitute official misconduct; provided,
21 however, that nothing herein contained shall restrict the Board of Directors' powers of hearing
22 and inquiry as provided in this Section 8A.102.

23 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 6 or 21 of the Administrative Code
24 establishing any threshold amount for exercise of executive authority to execute contracts, or any
25 successor provision of the San Francisco Municipal Code, the Agency's Board of Directors may

1 adopt threshold amounts under which the Director of Transportation and ~~his or her~~ designees of
2 the Director of Transportation may approve contracts.

3 (h) Except as provided in this Article VIIIA, the Agency shall be subject to the
4 provisions of this Charter applicable to boards, commissions, and departments of the City and
5 County, including Sections 2.114, 3.105, 4.101, 4.101.1, 4.101.5, 4.103, 4.104, 4.113, 6.102,
6 9.118, ~~16.100~~, and A8.346. Sections 4.102, 4.126, and 4.132 shall not be applicable to the
7 Agency.

8
9 **SEC. 10.100. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.**

10 There is hereby established a Civil Service Commission which is charged with the duty
11 of providing qualified persons for appointment to the service of the City and County.

12 The Commission shall consist of five members appointed ~~by the Mayor, pursuant to~~
13 ~~Section 3.100~~, for ~~six~~four-year terms. Not less than two members of the Commission shall be
14 women. Three of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and two of the members shall
15 be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each nomination of the Mayor shall be subject to
16 approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote
17 within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the Clerk of
18 the Board receives notice of the nomination from the Mayor, the nominee shall be deemed
19 approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion
20 approving the nomination or on the 61st day after the Clerk of the Board receives notice of the
21 nomination, whichever is earlier.

22 By July 1, 2022, the Clerk of the Board shall determine by lot the number of each seat on
23 the Commission. Seats 1-3 shall henceforth be appointed by the Mayor, and seats 4-5 shall
24 henceforth be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the previous sentence or
25 any other provision of this Section 10.100, members of the Civil Service Commission holding

1 office on June 7, 2022, who were appointed to any portion of a six-year term, may serve the
2 remainder of their term of office, subject to removal during that term pursuant to Section 15.105
3 by the Mayor, and shall be eligible for reappointment to four-year terms. Upon the end of a
4 member's term, or if a seat on the Commission becomes vacant before the end of a member's
5 term, the seat shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat in accordance with the
6 appointment process set forth in this Section 10.100.

7 The persons so appointed shall, before taking office, make under oath and file in the
8 office of the County Clerk the following declaration: "I am opposed to appointments to the
9 public service as a reward for political activity and will execute the office of Civil Service
10 Commissioner in the spirit of this declaration."

11 ~~A commissioner may be removed only upon charges preferred in the same manner as in~~
12 ~~this Charter provided for elective officers.~~ Members may be removed by their appointing
13 authority only pursuant to Section 15.105.

14 The regular meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public and held at such a
15 time as will give the general public and employees of the City and County adequate time within
16 which to appear before the Commission after the regular daily working hours of 8:00 a.m. to
17 5:00 p.m. Such person or persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Commission
18 before final action is taken in any case involving such person or persons.

20 **SEC. 15.105. SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL.**

21 (a) ELECTIVE AND CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS. Any elective officer, and
22 any member of the ~~Airport Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission,~~
23 ~~Commission on the Status of Women,~~ Golden Gate Concourse Authority Board of Directors,
24 ~~Health Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Municipal~~
25 ~~Transportation Agency Board of Directors,~~ Port Commission, ~~Public Utilities Commission,~~

1 ~~Recreation and Park Commission~~, Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees, ~~War Memorial and~~
2 ~~Performing Art Center Board of Trustees~~, Board of Education, or Community College Board is
3 subject to suspension and removal for official misconduct as provided in this Section 15.105.
4 Such officer may be suspended by the Mayor and the Mayor shall appoint a qualified person to
5 discharge the duties of the office during the period of suspension. Upon such suspension, the
6 Mayor shall immediately notify the Ethics Commission and Board of Supervisors thereof in
7 writing and the cause thereof, and shall present written charges against such suspended officer to
8 the Ethics Commission and Board of Supervisors at or prior to their next regular meetings
9 following such suspension, and shall immediately furnish a copy of the same to such officer,
10 who shall have the right to appear with counsel before the Ethics Commission in his or her
11 defense. The Ethics Commission shall hold a hearing not less than five days after the filing of
12 written charges. After the hearing, the Ethics Commission shall transmit the full record of the
13 hearing to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation as to whether the charges should be
14 sustained. If, after reviewing the complete record, the charges are sustained by not less than a
15 three-fourths vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors, the suspended officer shall be
16 removed from office; if not so sustained, or if not acted on by the Board of Supervisors within 30
17 days after the receipt of the record from the Ethics Commission, the suspended officer shall
18 thereby be reinstated.

19 (b) AIRPORT COMMISSION, ASIAN ART COMMISSION, BUILDING
20 INSPECTION COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION, BOARD OF APPEALS, CIVIL
21 SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, ELECTIONS
22 COMMISSION, ETHICS COMMISSION, HEALTH COMMISSION, HISTORIC
23 PRESERVATION COMMISSION, HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION, JUVENILE
24 PROBATION COMMISSION, MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF
25 DIRECTORS, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION,

1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD, ~~AND~~ ENTERTAINMENT
2 COMMISSION, AND WAR MEMORIAL AND PERFORMING ART CENTER BOARD OF
3 TRUSTEES. Members of the Airport Commission, Asian Art Commission, Building Inspection
4 Commission, the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, the Civil Service Commission, the
5 Commission on the Status of Women, the Elections Commission, the Ethics Commission, the
6 Health Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Human Services Commission,
7 the Juvenile Probation Commission, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors,
8 the Public Utilities Commission, the Recreation and Park Commission, the Sheriff's Department
9 Oversight Board, and the Entertainment Commission, and the War Memorial and Performing
10 Art Center Board of Trustees may be suspended and removed pursuant to the provisions of
11 subsection (a) of this ~~s~~Section 15.105 except that the Mayor may initiate removal only of the
12 Mayor's appointees and the appointing authority shall act in place of the Mayor for all other
13 appointees.

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16 **APPENDIX D:**
17 **BUILDING INSPECTION PROVISIONS**

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19 **D3.750-1 COMMISSION; COMPOSITION**

20 The Department of Building Inspection shall be under the ~~management oversight~~ of a
21 Building Inspection Commission, which is described more fully in Section 4.121. ~~consisting of~~
22 seven members. ~~Four members shall be appointed by the mayor for a term of two years;~~
23 ~~provided that the respective terms of office of those first appointed shall be as follows: two for~~
24 ~~one year, and two for two years from the effective date of this section. Three members shall be~~
25 ~~appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors for a term of two years; provided that the~~

1 ~~respective terms of office of those first appointed shall be as follows: three for one year from the~~
2 ~~effective date of this section. The initial appointments shall be made no later than fifteen days~~
3 ~~after the effective date of this section, and the commission's management shall begin no later~~
4 ~~than forty five days after the effective date of this section. Vacancies occurring in the offices of~~
5 ~~appointive members, either during or at expiration of term, shall be filled by the electoral office~~
6 ~~that made the appointment. The four mayoral appointments shall be comprised of a structural~~
7 ~~engineer, a licensed architect, a residential builder, and a representative of a community-based~~
8 ~~non-profit housing development corporation. The three Supervisorial appointments shall be~~
9 ~~comprised of a residential tenant, a residential landlord, and a member of the general public.~~
10 ~~The members of the commission shall serve without compensation.~~

11 ~~—Pursuant to Government Code Section 87103, individuals appointed to the commission~~
12 ~~under this section are intended to represent and further the interest of the particular industries,~~
13 ~~trades, or professions specified herein. Accordingly, it is found that for purposes of persons who~~
14 ~~hold such office, the specified industries, trades, or professions are tantamount to and constitute~~
15 ~~the public generally within the meaning of Government Code Section 87103.~~

16
17 **SEC. 3.100. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

18 The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer and the official representative of the City
19 and County, and shall serve full time in that capacity. The Mayor shall devote the Mayor's ~~his or~~
20 ~~her~~ entire time and attention to the duties of the office, and shall not devote time or attention to
21 any other occupation or business activity. The Mayor shall enforce all laws relating to the City
22 and County, and accept service of process on its behalf.

23 * * * *

24 The Mayor shall have the power to:

25 * * * *

1 19. Appoint department heads subject to the provisions of this Charter, and remove
2 department heads except as otherwise provided in this Charter. Whenever the City
3 Administrator recommends in writing the removal of a department head whom the Mayor has
4 authority to remove from office, the Mayor within 30 days shall either remove the department
5 head or inform the City Administrator in writing that the Mayor is retaining the department
6 head; and

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9 **SEC. 3.104. CITY ADMINISTRATOR.**

10 (a) Appointment and Removal. The Mayor shall appoint or reappoint a City
11 Administrator, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The appointee shall have at
12 least ten years' governmental management or finance experience, with at least five years at the
13 ~~C~~city, ~~C~~county, or ~~C~~city and ~~C~~county level. The City Administrator shall have a term of office
14 of five years, and may be removed by the Mayor subject to approval by the Board of
15 Supervisors.

16 (b) General Responsibilities and Powers.

17 The City Administrator shall have responsibility for:

18 (1) ~~Administrative services within the executive branch, as assigned by the~~
19 ~~Mayor or by ordinance~~ as provided in the final paragraph of this subsection (b). For purposes of
20 this Section 3.104, administrative services shall mean (A) matters related to the administration
21 and operation of City agencies, including City facilities, equipment, technology, and
22 maintenance of records; (B) solicitation, award, and administration of contracts, grants, and
23 leases; (C) services provided to the public, including services designed to promote outreach to
24 and communications with the City's many communities; (D) management of the City's assets,
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1 including real estate and financing; and (E) administrative enforcement of City laws and
2 policies;

3 ~~(2)-~~ Administering policies and procedures regarding bonded or other long-term
4 indebtedness, procurement, contracts, and building and occupancy permits, and for assuring that
5 all contracts and permits are issued in a fair and impartial manner and that any inspections
6 involved with the issuance of permits shall be carried out in a like manner;

7 ~~3.—Coordinating all capital improvement and construction projects except projects~~
8 ~~solely under the Airport, Port, Public Utilities and Public Transportation Commissions;~~

9 ~~4(3)-~~ Preparing and recommending bond measures for consideration by the
10 Mayor and Board of Supervisors; and

11 ~~5(4)-~~ Administering, budgeting and control of publicity and advertising
12 expenditures.

13 The City Administrator shall have power to:

14 ~~6(5)-~~ With the concurrence of the Mayor, appoint and remove the directors of the
15 Departments of Administrative Services, ~~Solid Waste, and Public Guardian/Administrator,~~ and
16 ~~such~~ other department heads ~~which are placed~~ under the City Administrator's direction, provided
17 that the City Administrator may, in the discretion of the City Administrator with the concurrence
18 of the Mayor, assume the powers and responsibilities of the director of the Department of
19 Administrative Services;

20 ~~7(6)-~~ Propose rules governing procurement and contracts to the Board of
21 Supervisors for consideration;

22 ~~8(7)-~~ Award contracts without interference from the Mayor or Board of
23 Supervisors; ~~and~~

1 ~~9(8)~~ Coordinate the issuance of bonds and notes for capital improvements,
2 equipment and cash flow borrowings, except for projects solely under the Airport, Port, Public
3 Utilities and Public Transportation Commissions; and -

4 ~~(9)~~ Recommend in writing the removal of a department head to the Mayor or to
5 any commission, in accordance with Section 3.100(19) and Section 4.102(6), as applicable.

6 In those instances where contract awards are not subject to Board of Supervisors' review,
7 the City Administrator shall award contracts in full compliance with applicable laws and this
8 Charter. The City Administrator's decision in such cases shall be final.

9 By no later than June 1, 2023, the City Administrator shall submit to the Board of
10 Supervisors a proposed ordinance amending the Municipal Code to specify each department or
11 agency under the direction of the City Administrator, to specify the responsibilities of the
12 Department of Administrative Services, and to reorganize or transfer any departments under the
13 direction of the City Administrator on that date that do not carry out functions described in
14 Section 4.129 or in subsections (1) through (4) or (6) through (8) of this Section 3.104.
15 Notwithstanding the transition provisions in Section 18.105, the proposed ordinance, as it may
16 be amended by the Board of Supervisors, and any subsequent ordinances, may transfer
17 responsibilities to or remove responsibilities from the City Administrator, provided that any such
18 ordinances are consistent with this Section 3.104 and Section 4.129. Until such time as the City
19 enacts an ordinance as described in this paragraph, the City Administrator may continue to
20 carry out the functions and responsibilities that the City Administrator held on June 7, 2022.

21 **(c) Reviews of Programs, Services, and Management.**

22 The City Administrator may review the operations, organization, and administration of
23 City programs and services. These reviews may include agencies or functions assigned to the
24 City Administrator under this Section 3.104 as well as any other City agencies or functions. The
25 City Administrator may offer recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other

1 officials, including proposed ordinances, regarding reorganization of functions to improve
2 government operations, increase efficiency, and improve government transparency and
3 accessibility. The City Administrator shall submit any final reports documenting or summarizing
4 such reviews to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the appropriate agency.

5 The City Administrator also may review the management and employment practices and
6 policies of City officers and agencies to determine whether they promote or impede the effective
7 and efficient operation of City government. The City Administrator may make recommendations
8 to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Human Resources Director, and other City officials,
9 including proposed ordinances, to improve these practices and policies.

10 Nothing in this subsection (c) shall alter or diminish the Civil Service Commission's
11 authority under the Charter with respect to the merit system and the rules governing the merit
12 system, or imply that the Commission's authority in these or other respects is shared with the
13 City Administrator, Board of Supervisors, or other City official or entity, except as may be
14 otherwise provided in this Charter; nor shall anything in this subsection (c) alter or diminish the
15 Controller's authority to carry out the functions assigned to the Controller in Appendix F of this
16 Charter.

17
18 **SEC. 4.102. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – POWERS AND DUTIES.**

19 Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, each appointive board, commission, or other
20 unit of government of the executive branch of the City and County shall:

21 * * * *

22 6. Remove a department head; the Mayor or the City Administrator may recommend in
23 writing the removal of a department head to the commission, and it shall be the commission's
24 duty to act on the Mayor's or City Administrator's recommendation within 30 days by either
25 removing the department head or informing the Mayor or City Administrator in writing that the

1 ~~commission is by removing or~~ retaining the department head ~~within 30 days~~; failure to act on the
2 Mayor's or City Administrator's recommendation shall constitute official misconduct;

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4
5 **SEC. 4.129. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.**

6 The director of the Department of Administrative Services shall purchase all supplies,
7 equipment, and contractual services required by the several departments and offices of the City
8 and County, except as otherwise provided in the ~~Administrative~~ Municipal Code. Except in cases
9 of emergency, the director shall not enter into any contract or issue any purchase order unless the
10 Controller shall certify thereon that sufficient unencumbered balances are available in the proper
11 fund to meet the payments under such purchase order or contract as these become due. The
12 director shall have charge of the central warehouses, central storerooms, central garage and shop.

13 The director shall by rules and regulations approved by the Controller, designate and
14 authorize appropriate personnel within the Department of Administrative Services to exercise the
15 director's signature powers for purchase orders and contract.

16 The director shall have authority to exchange used materials, supplies, and equipment to
17 the advantage of the City and County, advertise for bids, and to sell and otherwise dispose of
18 personal property belonging to the City and County. The director shall have authority to require
19 the transfer of surplus property in any department to stores or to other departments.

20 The director shall manage all public buildings, facilities, and real estate of the City and
21 County, unless otherwise provided for in this Charter.

22 Additional duties and functions of the Department of Administrative Services shall be
23 assigned ~~the City Administrator~~, by ordinance ~~or pursuant to Section 4.132~~.

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25 **SEC. 4.132. EXECUTIVE BRANCH REORGANIZATION.**

1 (a) The Mayor, by issuing a notice to the Board of Supervisors, may reorganize duties
2 and functions between departments and other units of government within the executive branch,
3 except that the Mayor may not transfer or reorganize duties and functions under the Office of the
4 City Administrator under this Section 4.132. Such reorganization shall become effective 30 days
5 after its issuance unless disapproved by the Board of Supervisors during that time.

6 (b) A proposed reorganization shall provide for the transfer of:

7 (1)- Civil service employees who are engaged in the performance of a function
8 or duty transferred to another office, agency, or department; such transfer shall not adversely
9 affect status, position, compensation, or pension or retirement rights and privileges;

10 (2)- Any unexpended balances of appropriations and other funds available for
11 use in connection with any office, agency, department, or function affected by the
12 reorganization; any unexpended balance so transferred shall be used only for the purpose for
13 which the appropriation was originally made, except as this Charter otherwise permits.

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15 Section 2. Conflicting Ballot Measures. In the event that this measure and another
16 measure relating to the duties, composition, qualifications, and methods of appointment of
17 members of the Building Inspection Commission appear on the same municipal election ballot,
18 the provisions of such other measure shall be deemed in conflict with this measure. In the event
19 that this measure shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes than the other measure, the
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1 provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety and each and every provision of the other
2 measure shall be null and void.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
5 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

6 By: /s/ Anne Pearson
7 ANNE PEARSON
8 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

Revised 1/31/2022

[Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) split the power to make appointments to the following bodies between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors: Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Environment, Commission on the Status of Women, Disability and Aging Services Commission, Fire Commission, Health Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Library Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees; subject Mayoral appointments to those bodies and to the Building Inspection Commission and the Small Business Commission to approval by the Board of Supervisors; provide that the appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may initiate removal of commissioners; and specify that the terms of members of the Asian Art Commission, Building Inspection Commission, Civil Service Commission, and Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees shall be for four years; and 2) specify the types of functions that the City Administrator may oversee; require that any agencies under the City Administrator be designated by ordinance; authorize the City Administrator to review City programs and services, and employment practices, and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews; prohibit the Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by ordinance; and authorize the City Administrator to recommend removal of any department head to the Mayor or a commission, and require the Mayor or commission to act on the recommendation within 30 days.

Existing Law

Mayoral Appointments to Charter Commissions, and Board of Supervisors Authority to Approve or Reject Mayoral Appointments:

The City Charter establishes numerous commissions that exercise oversight of City departments. Currently, the methods by which members are appointed to those commissions vary. Some commissions are entirely appointed by the Mayor, while other commissions have members appointed by both the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors (split appointments). For many commissions, mayoral appointments are subject to confirmation, approval, or rejection by the Board of Supervisors, but there are some Charter commissions where Mayoral appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Board of Supervisors.

FILE NO.

Currently, the Charter authorizes the Mayor to appoint all of the members of the following Charter commissions. The Mayor's appointments to these commissions go into effect immediately and remain in effect subject to rejection by the Board of Supervisors by a two-thirds vote within 30 days following transmittal of the notice of appointment.

- Airport Commission
- Arts Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Commission on the Environment
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Disability and Aging Services Commission
- Fire Commission
- Health Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Juvenile Probation Commission
- Library Commission
- Recreation and Park Commission
- War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees

Currently, the Mayor appoints all of the members of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, and the Public Utilities Commission. Mayoral appointments to these commissions do not go into effect immediately, and are subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors.

Currently, the Mayor appoints all of the members of the Asian Art Commission. The Mayor's appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Board of Supervisors.

Currently, both the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors appoint members of the Small Business Commission. The Mayor's appointments go into effect immediately, and remain in effect subject to rejection by the Board of Supervisors by a two-thirds vote within 30 days following transmittal of the notice of appointment.

Currently, both the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors appoint members of the Building Inspection Commission. The Mayor's appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Board of Supervisors.

Currently, members of many boards and commissions serve four-year terms. But the Civil Service Commission has six-year terms, the Building Inspection Commission has two-year terms, and the Asian Art Commission and Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees have three-year terms.

FILE NO.

City Administrator Responsibilities: The City Administrator is a City official who oversees a number of City agencies and functions. The Mayor appoints the City Administrator to a five-year term, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The City Administrator has a variety of responsibilities, most notably providing administrative services in the executive branch, and administering various policies and procedures. Departments and agencies currently under the oversight of the City Administrator include the Office of Contract Administration, Contract Monitoring Division, Risk Management, Capital Planning, City Hall Building Management, City Hall Events, the Permit Center, Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, Fleets and Central Shops, Real Estate Division, Committee on Information Technology, Digital Services, DataSF, Department of Technology, County Clerk, Mayor's Office on Disability, 311, and Treasure Island Development Authority.

Assignment of Responsibilities to the City Administrator: The Board of Supervisors may assign duties to the City Administrator by ordinance. The Mayor may also assign duties to the City Administrator by reorganizing the executive branch, subject to rejection by a majority of the Board.

Removal of Department Heads: Many departments established in the Charter operate under the supervision of commissions and do not report to the City Administrator. Most commissions that oversee departments have the power to remove the department head of the department they oversee. If the Mayor recommends that a commission remove a department head, the commission must respond within 30 days by removing or retaining the department head. Other departments established in the Charter do not report to the City Administrator or a commission. In general, the Mayor has the power to remove those department heads. The City Administrator plays no role in the removal of these department heads.

Amendments to Current Law

Mayoral Appointments to Charter Commissions, and Board of Supervisors Authority to Approve or Reject Mayoral Appointments:

For the following Charter commissions, the proposed measure would: 1) split appointments between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, with the majority of members being appointed by the Mayor; 2) subject all of the Mayor's appointments to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors within 60 days; 3) allow commissioners holding office on June 7, 2022 to serve the remainder of their term; and 4) except for commissions that already have designated seats, establish a method by which seats would be numbered, and specify which seats would hereinafter be appointed by the Mayor, and which seats would hereinafter be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

- Airport Commission
- Arts Commission
- Asian Art Commission
- Building and Inspection Commission

FILE NO.

- Civil Service Commission
- Commission on the Environment
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Disability and Aging Services Commission
- Fire Commission
- Health Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Juvenile Probation Commission
- Library Commission
- Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors
- Public Utilities Commission
- Recreation and Park Commission
- Small Business Commission
- War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees

The proposed measure would also provide that the appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may initiate removal of commissioners for official misconduct under Charter Section 15.105.

The proposed measure would establish four-year terms for members of the Asian Art Commission, Building Inspection Commission, Civil Service Commission, and Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees.

City Administrator Responsibilities: The proposed measure would define the types of administrative services that the City Administrator would be empowered to handle, including (a) matters related to the administration and operation of City agencies, including City facilities, equipment, technology, and maintenance of records; (b) solicitation, award, and administration of contracts, grants, and leases; (c) services provided to the public, including services designed to promote outreach to and communications with the City's many communities; (d) management of the City's assets, including real estate and financing; and (e) administrative enforcement of City laws and policies.

The proposed measure would also authorize the City Administrator to review City programs and services, and employment practices, and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews.

Assignment of Responsibilities to the City Administrator: The proposed measure would require that the City Administrator propose an ordinance designating which agencies are under the City Administrator's oversight. The measure would require that all agencies under the City Administrator be designated by ordinance, and would remove the authority of the Mayor to transfer duties to the City Administrator by reorganizing the executive branch.

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Removal of Department Heads: The proposed measure would authorize the City Administrator to recommend removal of any department head under the Mayor or a commission. If the City Administrator makes such a recommendation in writing, the measure would require the Mayor or commission to act on the recommendation within 30 days by removing or retaining the department head.

Background

The proposed measure was amended in a meeting of the Rules Committee held on January 26, 2022 to make several clerical corrections, and to add language providing that In the event that another measure relating to the duties, composition, qualifications, and methods of appointment of members of the Building Inspection Commission appears on the same municipal election ballot, the provisions of such other measure shall be deemed in conflict with this measure, and that In the event that this measure receives a greater number of affirmative votes than the other measure, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety and each and every provision of the other measure shall be null and void.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Ben Rosenfield
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Todd Rydstrom
Deputy Controller

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

January 21, 2022

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,

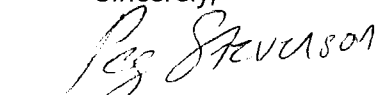
Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

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.

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January 27, 2022

File No. 211285 (ver2)

Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On January 26, 2022, the Rules Committee amended the proposed Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election was amended by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee:

File No. 211285 (ver2)

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) split the power to make appointments to the following bodies between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors: Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Environment, Commission on the Status of Women, Disability and Aging Services Commission, Fire Commission, Health Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Library Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees; subject Mayoral appointments to those bodies and to the Building Inspection Commission and the Small Business Commission to approval by the Board of Supervisors; and provide that the appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may initiate removal of commissioners; and 2) specify the types of functions that the City Administrator may oversee; require that any agencies under the City Administrator be designated by ordinance; authorize the City Administrator to review City programs and services, and employment practices, and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews; prohibit the Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by ordinance; and authorize the City Administrator to recommend removal of any department head to the Mayor or a commission, and require the Mayor or commission to act on the recommendation within 30 days; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

This legislation is being re-transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board



By: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk
Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Devyani Jain, Deputy Environmental Review Officer
Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

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December 21, 2022

File No. 211285

Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On December 14, 2021, the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election was received and assigned to the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee:

File No. 211285

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) split the power to make appointments to the following bodies between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors: Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Environment, Commission on the Status of Women, Disability and Aging Services Commission, Fire Commission, Health Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Library Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees; subject Mayoral appointments to those bodies and to the Building Inspection Commission and the Small Business Commission to approval by the Board of Supervisors; and provide that the appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may initiate removal of commissioners; and 2) specify the types of functions that the City Administrator may oversee; require that any agencies under the City Administrator be designated by ordinance; authorize the City Administrator to review City programs and services, and employment practices, and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews; prohibit the Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by ordinance; and authorizing the City Administrator to recommend removal of any department head to the Mayor or a commission, and requiring the Mayor or commission to act on the recommendation within 30 days; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee
Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victor Young".

DATE: December 21, 2021

SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED
June 7, 2022 Election

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election. This matter is being referred to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.3.

File No. 211285

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) split the power to make appointments to the following bodies between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors: Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Environment, Commission on the Status of Women, Disability and Aging Services Commission, Fire Commission, Health Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Library Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees; subject Mayoral appointments to those bodies and to the Building Inspection Commission and the Small Business Commission to approval by the Board of Supervisors; and provide that the appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may initiate removal of commissioners; and 2) specify the types of functions that the City Administrator may oversee; require that any agencies under the City Administrator be designated by ordinance; authorize the City Administrator to review City programs and services, and employment practices, and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews; prohibit the Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by ordinance; and authorizing the City Administrator to recommend removal of any department head to the Mayor or a commission, and

requiring the Mayor or commission to act on the recommendation within 30 days; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

Please review and prepare a financial analysis of the proposed measure prior to the first Rules Committee hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7723 or email: victor.young@sfgov.org. To submit documentation, please email or forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller
Peg Stevenson, City Performance Director
Natasha Mihal, City Services Auditor


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Paulino, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney
John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections
LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director, Ethics Commission
Carmen Chu, City Administrator, Office of the City Administrator

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee 
Board of Supervisors

DATE: December 21, 2021

SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED
June 7, 2022 Election

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Please review and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative file.

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c: Andres Power, Mayor's Office
 Patrick Ford, Ethics Commission
 Ken Bukowski, Office of the City Administrator
 Vivian Po, Office of the City Administrator
 Bill Barnes, Office of the City Administrator
 Nicole Agbayani, Office of the City Administrator

From: [Priscilla Muniz](#)
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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 9:37:08 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors, I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am:

#5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]
#6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
#7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]
#8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

Rationale for each objection:

#5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS.

#6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco.

#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]

This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people.

Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall.

This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy.

#8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure.
The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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Sent from my iPad

From: [CJ Faulkner](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfsun.org; [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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From: [Rebecca Randall](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [John Hurabiell](#)
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Sent from John Hurabiell's iPhone

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To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Wendy Beck](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Stephanie Lehman](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Stephanie Lehman

From: [STAFFORD DUHN](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [info@sfsun.org](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 12:46:37 PM

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Sincerely,

S.Dunn

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melissa Abbe](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 1:56:27 PM

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From: [Aleksy Klochkov](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR DistrictOne](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 9:59:19 AM

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Sincerely,

Aleksey Klochkov
San Francisco, CA 94121

From: [Judi Gorski](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Judi - gmail Gorski](#)
Subject: Public Comments re: File #211285 - Rules Committee Hearing Monday, January 24, 2022
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:35:31 AM

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Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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*Sincerely,
Judi Gorski
SF Resident D4*

From: [Pam Hemphill](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for #211285, Split Appointment Authority, City Administrator Power and Duties
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:19:22 AM

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I urge the Rules Committee to support this Charter Amendment. It is important to have checks and balances and to know who the people are who are appointed to these commissions. San Francisco needs to work harder to prevent corruption and to discourage the recycling of the same folks over and over in important positions.

As a long-time SF resident, I know that San Francisco has problems with corruption. Let's try to make our processes as open as possible and make them more able to find people with expertise and creative ideas to help SF.

Thanks,
Pam Hemphill MD
District 8

From: [Nancy Wuerfel](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Rules Committee, 1-24-22, Item 6, File No. 211285
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:12:53 AM

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Dear Supervisors:

I strongly support every element of Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment for GOOD GOVERNMENT! We really need to split the appointments of the powerful unelected boards and commissions to improve the transparency good government requires.

The City Charter Section 4.102, Powers and Duties, states:

" Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, each appointive board, commission or other unit of government of the executive branch of the City and County **shall:**

1. Formulate, evaluate and approve goals, objectives, plans and programs and **set policies** consistent with the overall objectives of the City and County,

7. **Conduct investigations** into any aspect of governmental operations within its jurisdiction through the power of inquiry, and make recommendations to the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors;

10. **Hold hearings** and take testimony; "

It has been my experience that many members of commissions who oversee the life and safety issues of San Francisco's people, structures, businesses and transportation are completely unaware of their responsibilities to perform the duties described in the Charter. Equally alarming is a commission's complete dependence on departmental staff for information and discounting the contributions of the public to inform them of issues that need to be explored at a commission hearing. Having public hearings provides an opportunity for both the department and the public to make or challenge statements **on the record** for the commission's consideration of a specific topic.

Managers and staff frequently decide unilaterally on what new departmental policy should be and do not seek commission approval for their decision. Commissioners are not even aware that their authority has been breached, even when the public tells them it has happened, which allows bad policy to be enacted with no scrutiny. *This is reason enough to have better checks and balances on our commissions with more public input regarding who will serve as our policy makers.*

I support specifying the types of functions that the City Administrator may oversee, along with prohibiting the Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by ordinance, and the other changes in the Charter Amendment. Please approve this Charter Amendment for the June 2022 ballot.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wuerfel

From: [Mike Regan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Mike Regan
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:51:29 AM

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My name is **Mike Regan**
My email address is **myoldgoat@yahoo.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mike Regan

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From: [S.garrett](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from S.garrett
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:29:32 PM

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My name is **S.garrett**
My email address is **shigar16@gmail.com**

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From: [Suzanne Dumont](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Sup. Connie Chan's proposal for clean government
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:34:14 PM

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Dear Mr. Young & Supervisors,
4th generation San Franciscan here. Please support Supervisor Chan's proposed bill. Our Recreation & Parks Commission has not fairly represented the community given that appointments are all made by the Mayor. This has resulted in political players on the Commission who have ulterior motives for their votes, that frequently hurt park use & access for average, working class citizens & have raised fees to prices no family can afford. Our parks should not be cash machines for political players.
Thank you.
Suzanne R. Dumont

From: [Stephen Gorski](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Stephen Gorski
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:45:47 PM

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My name is **Stephen Gorski**
My email address is **sjgorskilaw@gmail.com**

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To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Karen Knuth
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:13:19 PM

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My name is **Karen Knuth**
My email address is **kpuechner@msn.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen Knuth

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From: [Nelson Knuth](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Nelson Knuth
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:14:07 PM

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My name is **Nelson Knuth**
My email address is **nknuth@hcmcommercial.com**

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To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Teresa Durling
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:35:41 PM

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My name is **Teresa Durling**
My email address is **tadurling@sbcglobal.net**

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From: [Rosemary Newton](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Rosemary Newton
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:27:34 PM

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My name is **Rosemary Newton**
My email address is **rosenewton@comcast.net**

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Rosemary Newton

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From: [Janev Dunlap](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Janev Dunlap
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:35:07 PM

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My email address is **jc_dunlap@hotmail.com**

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From: [Ann Cromeey](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Charter Amendment #211285
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:39:24 PM

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I support this amendment, which will help to bring good government to our city. It will help balance power between government branches, and it is good practice for our city government.

Elizabeth Ann Cromeey
District 8

From: [Lance Carnes](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Rules Committee Item 6, file #211285, Monday January 24, 2022
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:08:12 AM

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Dear Clerk Young,

I fully support this Charter Amendment legislation. Please include my comments in the hearing file and place them in each Committee member's package.

Thank you,
Lance Carnes

722 Lombard #201
San Francisco, CA 94133

From: [Kathleen McCowin](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: #211285-Good and Clean Government
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:08:22 AM

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As a San Franciscan and an attorney, I strongly support Supervisor Chan's measure which helps address the culture of corruption in San Francisco. The legislation will root out corruption and bring more checks and balances to all levels of City government.

Best,

KS McCowin, Esq.

SF Sierra Club Executive Committee member (as an individual)

2471 44th Ave

San Francisco, CA 94116

From: [Sue Vaughan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Item 6, File No. 211285: Support
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:32:04 AM

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Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

Dear Supervisors,

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Sue Vaughan
District 1

From: danrichman@earthlink.net
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: kathyhoward@earthlink.net
Subject: File 211285
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:48:27 PM

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As a long-time SF resident and home-owner, I wholeheartedly support Supervisor Chan's Good Government Charter Amendment, File 211285. In the coming elections I will vote for those who have supported this Amendment, and against those who have opposed it. We very much need to clean up the government in this pretty little town of ours.

Dan Richman
94114

From: [densekelly](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Rules Committee (#211285)
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 3:07:10 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board, Victor Young,

I write to support the Charter Amendment proposed by Supervisors Chan, Peskin, Ronen, and Preston (File #211285).

I believe that the membership of the commissions called for in the Charter should be reflective of the whole city, and a good way to accomplish that is through the Board of Supervisors. Since the Board is elected by districts, the individual Supervisors are in closer contact with the constituents than centrally-serving officers of the City.

Our recent experience with corruption in the City has shown the need to move outside the current process. The involvement of the Supervisors and the Mayor's office should give us some balance in the appointments.

In unity,

Dennis Kelly
7040 Geary Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94121

From: [Chaz -](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Government Charter Amendment // Item 6, File No. 211285: Support
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:51:56 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert, D1

From: [zrants](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Dean Preston](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Rules Committee item 6 on the January 24, agenda
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 6:15:59 PM

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January 22, 2022

Dear Supervisors:

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

I agree with those who strongly support of Supervisor Chan's proposed Good Government Charter Amendment. I approve of splitting appointments to the powerful unelected boards — especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. After numerous public complaints and recent formal investigations into less than proper behavior by members of the boards and their staff, these reforms are long overdue. Split appointments are a good way to provide checks and balances and strengthen local democracy in San Francisco.

Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms and thank you to the Supervisors who are joining her in her efforts to give the voters a voice in how government serves us best.

Please support this Charter Amendment.

Mari Eliza, concerned citizen

From: [Patrick Villano](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: reference file #211285
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:42:40 PM

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Dear Mr. Young,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment. I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. These reforms are long overdue. Split appointments are a good way to provide checks and balances and strengthen local democracy here in San Francisco. Thank you.

- Pat Villano, D5 resident

From: [Edward Mason](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Government Charter Amendment File 211285
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:13:57 PM

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I support the Good Government Charter Amendment to split commission appointments between the Legislative and Executive Government Branches. Time to restore integrity to City government we expect.
Edward Mason

From: [Madison Clell](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Madison Clell
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:52:29 PM

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My name is **Madison Clell**
My email address is **madisoncuckoo@yahoo.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Madison Clell

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From: [Ignacio Orellana Garcia](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Ignacio Orellana Garcia
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:09:23 PM

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My name is **Ignacio Orellana Garcia**
My email address is **volare232@hotmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Ignacio Orellana Garcia

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From: [Susan Churchill](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Susan Churchill
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:13:50 PM

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My name is **Susan Churchill**
My email address is **churchladysnl@comcast.net**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Churchill

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From: [Jamie Kendall](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Jamie Kendall
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:06:11 PM

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My name is **Jamie Kendall**
My email address is **jkendall301@gmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Kendall

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From: [Greg Syler](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Greg Syler
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:35:19 PM

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My name is **Greg Syler**
My email address is **sivakitty@yahoo.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Greg Syler

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From: [Elizabeth Fox](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Elizabeth Fox
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:17:15 PM

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My name is **Elizabeth Fox**
My email address is **ehfox1013@gmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Fox

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From: [Nadine May](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File no. 211285; Charter Amendment; SUPPORT
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:42:37 PM

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Supervisors:

I am writing because I strongly support Supervisor Chan's proposed charter amendment, and I hope you will agree. San Francisco needs this -- indeed, it is long overdue!

Thank you.

Nadine May
554 Sixth Avenue #302
San Francisco CA 94118

From: [Noelle Song](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Noelle Song
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:31 PM

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My name is **Noelle Song**
My email address is **noellesong008@gmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Song

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From: [Lola Lee](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Lola Lee
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:58 PM

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My name is **Lola Lee**
My email address is **lolalee008@gmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Lola Lee

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From: [Robert Hall](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support the Good and Clean Government charter amendment, Re: file #211285
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:45:25 PM

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I'm writing to advocate for a city charter amendment for Good and Clean Government, Re: file #211285. In a city rife with corruption scandals, it's time to remove some of the politics out of city decision-making processes. I've been to many commission meetings where approvals are pro-forma rubber stamps. We need accountability and other voices in the mix who can represent the districts needs, not just the mayor's. Having Board of Supervisor's appointments go through a public vetting process will add transparency to the selection process. We need more voices of experts, not just political appointees.

I support more Sunshine. I support Good and Clean Government.

Robert Hall
1946 Grove St. Apt. 6

From: [Shahin Saneinejad](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Split Appointment Authority
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:48:25 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to oppose item #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator].

This item would make city administration less accountable to voters. Today, appointments can be laid at the feet of a single official (the Mayor) who appears on the ballot and can be supported or reprimanded by voters. This charter amendment would divide responsibility for appointments, opening the way to endless finger-pointing and protecting the Mayor at the ballot box.

Please oppose the charter amendment to split appointment authority for boards and commissions.

Shahin

From: [Ariane Eroy](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Chan's Good Government Charter Amendment
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:19:20 PM

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As a 28-year San Francisco resident, I support Supervisor Connie Chan's good government charter amendment, as it would help curb the undue influence of mayors, while fostering a system of checks and balances.

Environmentalists and scientists worldwide have recognized the urgency and importance of the climate emergency, and yet SF mayors have stacked appointments in the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) and the Department of the Environment (DOE) with those who purport Nativism, a reactionary ideology that claims that certain species are "dangerous", "inferior", or "invasive".

Developers and the pesticide industry have partnered with Nativists to purport not merely bigotry but also eugenics, while denying the fact that their widespread tree-razing projects have not merely degraded the land with the aim of transitioning it from the public to private sector, but that their vendetta against San Francisco's Eucalyptus—its most populous and well-adapted trees—has accelerated climate disruption.

We are very disappointed with the City's bigotry, foolhardiness, and corruption. Our city, our nation—with its politics and its future—should not be sold to the highest bidder.

Seize the Day!

Ariane Eroy, Ph. D.
716 20th Ave.
San Francisco, California 94121

“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
“Beyond Vietnam”
Riverside Church
April 4, 1967

From: [Doug McKirahan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Doug McKirahan
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:55:20 PM

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My name is **Doug McKirahan**
My email address is **ratt57@pacbell.net**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment.

I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

These reforms are long overdue. Split appointments are a good way to provide checks and balances and strengthen local democracy here in San Francisco.

Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McKirahan

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From: [Julie Pitta](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Item 6, File No. 211285: Support
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:56:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Julie Pitta
Resident, Richmond District

From: [Jean Barish](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Jan. 24 Rules Committee Agenda Item # 6 - File #211285
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:59:02 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members,

I am writing to support the clean government Charter Amendment proposed by Supervisor Chan for the June 2022 ballot. This important Charter Amendment assures that more equitable city services will be provided to everyone.

Supervisor Chan's measure helps address the culture of corruption in San Francisco in a number of important ways:

It provides checks and balances as well as transparency to all City departments and some of the most important commissions and policy setting bodies in the City.

It gives the public an opportunity to participate in important decisions.

By creating an independent City Administrator and restoring the powers of the City Administrator's Office, it takes the politics out of delivering important city services and assures the delivery of city services equitably to all communities without cronyism. It also focuses the City Administrator's Office on delivering the basics and managing our public assets

It shares appointments to Chartered Commissions between the Executive and Legislative branches of government. Most Commissioners are appointed exclusively by the Executive Branch. These Commissioners have the power to appoint department heads, approve department budgets, and enter into contracts. Yet their appointments are often limited to a select number of political insiders. By sharing appointments between the Mayor and Board of Supervisors this Charter Amendment will ensure appointments are open to industry experts, not just well-connected friends of the Administration.

The recent scandals that have shaken City Hall demonstrate the need for this important Charter Amendment. San Francisco needs cleaner government, and this Charter Amendment will assure that will happen.

I urge the Committee to support this Charter Amendment. Thank you for your consideration.

Jean

Jean B Barish
jeanbbarish@hotmail.com
415-752-0185

From: [Julienne Fisher](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Julie Fisher](#)
Subject: Support for # 211285
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:06:54 AM

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Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment 211285.

Creating the practice of dividing these appointments up among our unelected boards including the SFMTA, Recreation and Parks Department, and the SF PUC will ratchet up our cities' democracy and transparency.

This will be a much needed change.

Please support this Charter Amendment from Supervisor Chan.

Respectfully,

***Julie Fisher
415 307-1213***

From: [Rebecca Rozewicz](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Regarding: Reference File #211285
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:18:19 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing in support of Supervisor Connie Chan's Charter Amendment introduced for the June 2022 ballot. (reference file #211285)

My name is Rebecca Rozewicz and I have worked for over 20 years as a #8226 museum guard for City Dept. 61: Fine Arts Museums of S.F.

During that time, I have witnessed a steady decline in health & safety services and a deterioration in communication due to a management style that is neither transparent nor accountable where rank and file is concerned. The pandemic dramatically exposed those inequalities.

An example of which is offering free admission to the deYoung and Legion of Honor museums every Saturday while drastically reducing the security force responsible for maintaining and providing emergency safety protocols for the public.

I believe that a dedicated system of checks and balances through Supervisor Chan's proposed Charter Amendment will help to restore and strengthen the quality services that our City Departments are capable of performing for the public good.

Thank you for listening to this concerned civil servant and San Francisco resident and voter.

Truly,
Rebecca Rozewicz
SEIU 1021
#8226 Museum Guard

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public comment 1/24/2022 Rules Committee Agenda item #4 - Children's Agency
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:46:52 AM

From: Anna W Yohannes <annawyohannes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:16 AM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative_aides@sfgov.org>; Young, Victor (BOS) <victor.young@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public comment 1/24/2022 Rules Committee Agenda item #4 - Children's Agency

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To the Board of Supervisors:

I am an early childhood substitute teacher and Early Childhood advocate and live/work in SF District 5. I am writing to thank you for considering the Children First Charter amendment and how it will affect our children & families. Aspirations to improve accountability, strategic investments, transparency, and collaboration on behalf of the city's children, youth and families are laudable and reflect an important commitment to the future of San Francisco. However, the proposed amendment states that if additional state funding for early care & education and/or universal preschool comes through, local funding can be redirected outside of ECE.

Quality early care and education (ECE) for children ages 0 to 5 is very expensive. Even with Proposition C, alongside new federal and state dollars, we are only able to serve 15% of infants and toddlers that need care in San Francisco. Please protect funding for ECE by opposing this amendment and engaging the community on a system that works best for all our children & families.

Currently, more than 33% of ECE programs do not have enough teachers/staff to enroll as many children as desired. As a member of the ECE community, I simply can not support any charter change or ballot measure that keeps language allowing cuts to local funding directed to ECE.

ECE funding is very complex with multiple funding streams and very specific constraints on funding. It is much more complex than DCYF and requires its own governmental division. Putting both departments under one umbrella will make things more difficult when a single focus on early care and education is now needed more than ever given the new national priority given to childcare.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,

Anna Wolde-Yohannes
SF resident, D5

From: [Adam Paganini](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Support for Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:16:18 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Clerk of San Francisco,

I am a proud San Franciscan as well as a California state employee. I'm writing in to voice my support for supervisor Connie Chan's Charter Amendment - "Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator". This measure helps address the culture of corruption in San Francisco. This is not a "power grab", and anyone who frames it that way is not engaging in good faith. The measure actually adds checks and balances to some of the most important commissions and policy setting bodies in the City. This gives the public an opportunity to weigh in and participate, while the mayor still appoints a majority of commissioners and takes politics out of delivering city services by restoring the powers of the **City Administrator's Office** to administer basic public services and government functions.

The people of San Francisco deserve non-political city service administrators and we demand our public officials to not be corrupted by corporate interests and wealthy interests. All of my colleagues in the city and I support this Charter Amendment.

Sincerely,

Adam

Adam Paganini, M.S.
Marine Biologist
San Francisco State University

Patrick Monette-Shaw

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San Francisco, CA 94109
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January 24, 2022

Rules Committee

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Chair, Rules Committee

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, Member, Rules Committee

The Honorable Connie Chan, Member, Rules Committee

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Agenda Item #6, Board File 211285: Charter Amendment, Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I fully support Board File #211285, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Chan and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, and Preston to split the appointing authority to numerous City Boards and Commissions between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

I would suggest two amendments to the legislation:

1. Introduce a standard term of service for commissioners appointed to each Board or Commission to four-year terms, and
2. Introduce term limits of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

Although I understand there may be some value in having Commissioners who may have historical and institutional knowledge of a particular Commission they may be appointed to, there is also value in having fresh perspectives and broader representation from new members on every Board and Commission.

Take for example, the Health Commission.

In 1989, then-Mayor Art Agnos appointed Edward Chow, MD to the Health Commission. Dr. Chow has been repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission ever since and has now served consecutively on the Commission for 33 years.

In 1997, then-Mayor Willie L. Brown appointed David Sanchez, Jr., PhD to the Health Commission. Sanchez was also repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission and served consecutively on the Commission for 22 years until he resigned in 2019, a year before his death in December 2020.

While many believe that both Chow and Sanchez served admirably on the Health Commission, neither man should have served for 22 to 33 years on this Commission.

The Governor of California, Mayor of San Francisco, and members of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors are all restricted to two, four-year terms. Similarly, after Proposition 28 was passed in 2012, during their lifetimes no person may serve in California's legislature for more than 12 years in the State Senate, Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms.

Health Commissioners — and appointees to all other Boards and Commissioners — should have maximum term limits, and the time and method to impose term limits is now via this proposed Charter amendment.

Beyond that, I recommend that the Rules Committee pass Supervisor Chan's proposed Charter Amendment and forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a strong recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot.

Please place this testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211285.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist/Reporter

Westside Observer Newspaper

cc: The Honorable Catherine Stefani, Supervisor, District 2
The Honorable Gordon Mar, Supervisor, District 4
The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5
The Honorable Matt Haney, Supervisor, District 6
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Sent from my iPad

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Christina Pappas

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415 712 6412

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From: [Charlotte Worcester](#)
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From: [Grant Ingram](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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(415) 706-4364 cell

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debbiesymanovich@gmail.com

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917-509-1112

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From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORTING Rules Committee Agenda Item #7 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] File #211287
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:50:56 PM

For the file.

From: aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:49:15 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; PeskinStaff (BOS) <peskinstaff@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>
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TO: Rules Committee members

I am strongly supporting the Charter Amendment re filling vacancies in elected offices and the timeline for the recall process.

Eileen Boken,
State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

* For identification purposes only.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Heather Luongo](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Heather Luongo

From: [Jessica Wallack-Cohen](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:58:38 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: OPPOSING Rules Committee Agenda Item #9 [Charter Amendment and Initiative Ordinance - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing] File #211289
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:18:01 PM

FYI

From: aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:02:36 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; PeskinStaff (BOS) <peskinstaff@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>
Subject: OPPOSING Rules Committee Agenda Item #9 [Charter Amendment and Initiative Ordinance - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing] File #211289

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TO: BOS Rules Committee members

I am strongly opposing the Charter Amendment and initiative ordinance re "streamlining" review of affordable housing.

Over the past five years, San Francisco has been besieged by State legislation that claims its goal is to "streamline" housing.

It's bewildering that a local initiative is being proposed to "streamline" housing.

It's even more bewildering that this is also being proposed as a Charter Amendment.

I would urge the Rules Committee to table this item.

Eileen Boken,
State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

* For identification purposes only.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [MAX YOUNG](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose the proposed Charter Amendments below
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:21:50 PM

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Sincerely,
Max Young

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sara Schumann](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:29:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Sara Schumann
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:35:01 PM

From: tesw@aol.com <tesw@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:27:11 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
Subject: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission. The BIC has itself included members who have used their positions to break Building Dept. rules, to their own and their friends benefit.

Furthermore, the Building Dept. has been rife with corruption, as illustrated in numerous media news stories, and has also been poorly run. I even heard that staff in Building and Planning departments' desks were reduced in size to accommodate Mr. Nuru's 'penthouse' - so small that staff can't easily roll out full building plans on desk top!

Despite City Attorney's clearing DBI of all charges, the corruption is still there.

Please support Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission, and strengthen it.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn
D5
Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:39:20 PM
Attachments: [AHA letter to Supervisor Peskin re Affordable Housing Streamlining Charter Amendment 1.23.22.pdf](#)

From: Mitchell Omerberg <mitchello@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:28:12 PM
To: Angulo, Sunny (BOS) <sunny.angulo@sfgov.org>
Cc: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

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Hi Sunny and Aaron,

Attached is our letter in opposition to the above referenced charter amendment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mitchell

On Friday, January 21, 2022, 01:29:23 PM PST, Mitchell Omerberg <mitchello@pacbell.net> wrote:

Hi Sunny,

>> I want to make sure you and Aaron see the attached letter from Race and Equity in all Planning Coalition, of which Affordable Housing Alliance is a member, as the letter states well our opposition to the proposed charter amendment.

>> Our own letter will be forth coming.

>> Mitchell

>> Affordable Housing Alliance

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From: [Lilly Rapson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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District 1

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Lilly O. Rapson
Lilly.Rapson@gmail.com

From: [Lisa Presta](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Lisa Presta
Cell 415.515.5452

Sent from my iPhone

From: [yuenuyeda](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Norah Uyeda
Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Karina Velásquez](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: D2 resident opposition to anti democratic overreach for tomorrow agenda
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:20:39 PM

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From: [Richard Worner](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,
Richard Worner
129 Palm Ave
SF

From: [Melissa Ippolito](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:31:35 PM

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Sincerely,
Melissa Ippolito

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marilyn Ponte](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Sincerely,

From: [Alison Fong](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:52:23 PM

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Sincerely,

Alison Fong
415-652-2004
Please note my new email address: ayfong1@gmail.com

From: [Bill Jackson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:46:42 AM

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I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government. While I understand the motivation for some of these amendments, the net effect is to take away power from citizens and make City government less attuned to the interests of the body politic as a whole.

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Thank you,

Bill Jackson
3749 22nd St.
Noe Valley

Sincerely,

From: [James Han](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Sincerely,
James Han

From: [Jennifer Yan](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:20:25 AM

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Sincerely,

From: [Viviane Safrin](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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I am alarmed by these amendments, which frankly, feel not dissimilar from voting suppression legislation passing around the country when the will of the voters is attempted to be suppressed and controlled.

These types of anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 seek to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco.

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I am Extremely disappointed that this has even been drafted in our City. These types of

measures make us no better than those trying to subvert thr Will of the voters in Republican legislatures across the country. Please don't align yourself with them.

Please vote no.

Viviane Safrin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lanier Coles](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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Sincerely,
Lanier Coles
District 2

From: [Leslie Podell](#)
To: [Leslie Podell](#) (BOS); [ChaeStaff](#) (BOS); [MandolitaStaff](#) (BOS); [Honey Matt](#) (BOS); [Mar Gordon](#) (BOS); [MiguelStaff](#) (BOS); [Preston Dean](#) (BOS); [Bonnie Hilary Safai Alshra](#) (BOS); [Stefani Catherine](#) (BOS); [Walker Sherman](#) (BOS); [Young Victor](#) (BOS); [mailto:leslie@sfemil.com](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211288, 211287 and 211289
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:47:44 AM

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Leslie Podell
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From: [Lillian B. Archer](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:19:15 AM

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Lillian

From: [Angie Yap](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:29:44 AM

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From: [Ashley Wessinger](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Delegate: Opposing Charter Amendments
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:30:11 AM

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Ashley Wessinger
CDP Delegate A19

From: [Mary-Rose Hayes](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:30:36 AM

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Sincerely,
Mary-Rose Hayes

www.mary-rosehayes.com

Books by Mary-Rose Hayes:

What She Had To Do: Trident Media/Cavendish Hill Press

Blind Trust (with Senator Barbara Boxer): Chronicle Books

A Time to Run (with Senator Barbara Boxer): Chronicle Books

Paper Star: E.P. Dutton

Amethyst: E.P. Dutton

The Winter Women: E.P. Dutton

The Yacht People: Pinnacle Books

The Caller: Pinnacle Books

The Neighbors: Pinnacle Books

From: [Jennie Feldman](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:59:16 AM

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701 Scott Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [Paulina Fayer](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Lily Ho](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Anna W Yohannes](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment 1/24/2022 Rules Committee Agenda item #4 - Children's Agency
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:16:47 AM

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To the Board of Supervisors:

I am an early childhood substitute teacher and Early Childhood advocate and live/work in SF District 5. I am writing to thank you for considering the Children First Charter amendment and how it will affect our children & families. Aspirations to improve accountability, strategic investments, transparency, and collaboration on behalf of the city's children, youth and families are laudable and reflect an important commitment to the future of San Francisco. However, the proposed amendment states that if additional state funding for early care & education and/or universal preschool comes through, local funding can be redirected outside of ECE.

Quality early care and education (ECE) for children ages 0 to 5 is very expensive. Even with Proposition C, alongside new federal and state dollars, we are only able to serve 15% of infants and toddlers that need care in San Francisco. Please protect funding for ECE by opposing this amendment and engaging the community on a system that works best for all our children & families.

Currently, more than 33% of ECE programs do not have enough teachers/staff to enroll as many children as desired. As a member of the ECE community, I simply can not support any charter change or ballot measure that keeps language allowing cuts to local funding directed to ECE.

ECE funding is very complex with multiple funding streams and very specific constraints on funding. It is much more complex than DCYF and requires its own governmental division. Putting both departments under one umbrella will make things more difficult when a single focus on early care and education is now needed more than ever given the new national priority given to childcare.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,
Anna Wolde-Yohannes
SF resident, D5

From: [dedesfca1](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Teshuvah, tefillah, tzedakah,

From: [Emily Murphy](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Lisa Remmer](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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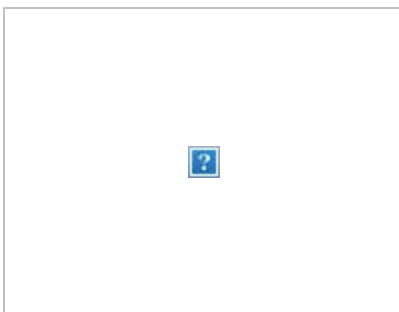
From: [Denise Coleman](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:51:01 AM

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The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Chair, Rules Committee

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, Member, Rules Committee

The Honorable Connie Chan, Member, Rules Committee

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San Francisco, CA 94102

Agenda Item #6, Board File 211285: Charter Amendment, Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I fully support Board File #211285, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Chan and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, and Preston to split the appointing authority to numerous City Boards and Commissions between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

I would suggest two amendments to the legislation:

1. Introduce a standard term of service for commissioners appointed to each Board or Commission to four-year terms, and
2. Introduce term limits of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

Although I understand there may be some value in having Commissioners who may have historical and institutional knowledge of a particular Commission they may be appointed to, there is also value in having fresh perspectives and broader representation from new members on every Board and Commission.

Take for example, the Health Commission.

In 1989, then-Mayor Art Agnos appointed Edward Chow, MD to the Health Commission. Dr. Chow has been repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission ever since and has now served consecutively on the Commission for 33 years.

In 1997, then-Mayor Willie L. Brown appointed David Sanchez, Jr., PhD to the Health Commission. Sanchez was also repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission and served consecutively on the Commission for 22 years until he resigned in 2019, a year before his death in December 2020.

While many believe that both Chow and Sanchez served admirably on the Health Commission, neither man should have served for 22 to 33 years on this Commission.

The Governor of California, Mayor of San Francisco, and members of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors are all restricted to two, four-year terms. Similarly, after Proposition 28 was passed in 2012, during their lifetimes no person may serve in California's legislature for more than 12 years in the State Senate, Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms.

Health Commissioners — and appointees to all other Boards and Commissioners — should have maximum term limits, and the time and method to impose term limits is now via this proposed Charter amendment.

Beyond that, I recommend that the Rules Committee pass Supervisor Chan's proposed Charter Amendment and forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a strong recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot.

Please place this testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211285.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist/Reporter

Westside Observer Newspaper

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Agenda Item #7, Board File 211287: Charter Amendment, Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I fully support Board File #211287, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Peskin and co-sponsored by Supervisors Walton, Ronen, Preston, Chan, and Melgar for filling vacancies to elected offices and change the timelines for recall elections.

I recommend that the Rules Committee pass this proposed Charter Amendment and forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a strong recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot.

Please place this testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211287.

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Agenda Item #8, Board File 211288: Charter Amendment, Fossil Fuel Divestment and Retirement Board Membership

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

As currently written, I do not support Board File #211288, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Peskin and co-sponsored by Supervisors Preston, Melgar, and Chan to require that the Retirement Board divest from all of its fossil fuel investments, and that one of the two seats that the Mayor appoints to the Retirement Board be appointed instead by the Board of Supervisors.

This Charter change legislation requires, at minimum, four substantial amendments:

1. Reduce the terms of service only for the three appointed Trustees to three years, rather than five years. There is no valid reason for five-year terms.
2. Introduce term limits of each of the appointed members of the Retirement Board be for a maximum of two three-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

Although I understand there may be some value in having Commissioners who may have historical and institutional knowledge of a particular Commission they may be appointed to, there is also value in having fresh perspectives and broader representation from new members on every Board and Commission. Therefore, there should be term limits for Retirement Board appointed Trustees, restricted to a total of six years of service.

3. Although this Charter change would be opened to the electorate to expand appointing authority of appointments to the 11-member Board of Supervisors for *appointed* seats on SFERS' Board, it completely ignores that a minimum of 56,529 current and retired "miscellaneous" employees are still denied parity of *elected* members to SFERS' Board. Unless this is fixed when the Charter is opened, I cannot support it and will advocate against it, despite the dire need that SFERS divest from all of its fossil fuel investments.

The Charter change must adequately address the three elected seats on the Retirement Board to provide balanced representation and diversity among the elected Retirement Board members. The 11 members of the Board of Supervisors do not deserve increased appointing authority changes that the 56,000-plus miscellaneous members and retirees continue to be denied.

Currently, Charter Section 12.100(a) only stipulates that the three of the seven members of the Retirement Board be elected from the ranks current or retired City employees, but has no provision for equity among those three elected seats. Since January 2017, all three of the elected seats to San Francisco's Retirement Board have been controlled exclusively by public safety members, disenfranchising so-called "miscellaneous" members of representation on the Board of their own retirement system. No other public pension system in any other California jurisdiction allows all three elected Retirement Board seats from only the Public Safety ranks.

As of June 30, 2016 San Francisco had a total of 65,194 current and retired City employees. Of those, 56,529 (86.7%) were "miscellaneous" employees and retirees. Just 8,665 (13.3%) were public safety employees and retirees (including

police officers, firefighters, and Sheriff’s deputies). But in the February 2017 election for the elected Trustees, a smear campaign against an incumbent miscellaneous member of SFERS’ Board running for re-election wound up being defeated by dark-money campaign spending, resulting in public safety members controlling all three seats to represent the 65,194 current and retired City employees on SFERS’ Board.

For 84 years (since 1937), public-sector retirement systems in California have required that the Board of Directors of county retirement systems be elected with concerns for balanced representation and diversity of all employees — particularly diversity of so-called (and derogatorily named) “Miscellaneous” employees. (They’re derisively called denigrated and called “*miscellaneous*” employees in San Francisco, when — in fact — the are “ancillary” employees representing a wide diversity of occupations, including lawyers; doctors; nurses; administrative professionals; physical, occupational, activity, and speech pathology therapists; social workers; paralegals; gardeners; architects; accountants; 9–1–1 public safety dispatcher communications professionals; etc., etc., etc.). In other words, all professionals other than “public safety” professionals are lumped into the so-called derisive “miscellaneous” category.

After 84 years, it’s way past time for the Board of Supervisors to introduce a Charter change to grant parity (equity) to City employees on par with the 20 counties covered by the *1937 Act Counties* — by requiring a one-member Miscellaneous seat on SFERS’ board (opened to election to only Miscellaneous current and retired members), a one-member Public Safety seat, (opened to election to only Public Safety current and retired members), and one Retiree seat (opened to election to both Miscellaneous and Public Safety Retirees) but restricted only to election of a *non*-Public Safety retirees. |

The City’s Public Safety members as of June 30, 2016 — then just 10.6% of current employees and 14.6% of retirees representing a total of just 13.3% of all current and retired employees — shouldn’t still be monopolizing all three elected seats on SFERS’ board. Miscellaneous members deserve *both* parity with other jurisdictions — *and diversity* on SFERS’ board.

The three *elected* seats should also be for three-year terms, restricted to term limits of two, three-year terms.

4. Eventually, 20 California counties formed the *State Association of County Retirement Systems* (SACRS), adopting provisions of the *1937 County Employees Retirement Law* (the *1937 Act Counties*). This proposed Charter change must include a provision that the City and County of San Francisco be required to join and become a members of SACRS!

None of these four recommendations should require a meet-and-confer process with the City’s labor unions.

Unless you amend this Charter change legislation, I recommend that the Rules Committee does not pass this proposed Charter Amendment or forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot. The Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors have a limited window to fix this injustice. Don’t blow this chance! Fix this Charter change, while you have this opportunity.

Please place this testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211288.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist/Reporter

Westside Observer Newspaper

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From: [Jamie Kendall](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Jamie Kendall
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:34:19 PM

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My name is **Jamie Kendall**
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Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment.

I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

These reforms are long overdue. Split appointments are a good way to provide checks and balances and strengthen local democracy here in San Francisco.

Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Kendall

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Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Kat Regan
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My email address is **meemom@gmail.com**

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Kat Regan

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My email address is **seturley@gmail.com**

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From: [Jeffrey Espadilla](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File #211285
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 3:49:13 PM

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Good afternoon,

This is in reference to file #211285 and in support of Supervisor Connie Chan's introduced Charter Amendment for June 2022 ballot to bring a good and clean government to reform City Hall and provide more equitable city services for everyone.

I've been employed by the City and County of San Francisco since 2005 as an 8226 Museum Guard and from time to time a fill-in 8228 Security Supervisor at the Fine Arts Museums, De Young/Legion of Honor Department #61

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From: [Jeffrey Espadilla](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:50:44 PM

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I've been employed by the City and County of San Francisco since 2005 (16 years) as an 8226 Museum Guard and from time to time a fill-in 8228 Security Supervisor at the Fine Arts Museums, De Young/Legion of Honor Department #61.

During that time, my fellow co-workers have experienced a steady decline concerning health, safety and security. Directors and managers in every departments should be held accountable for mismanaging and misappropriation of funds. The low morale, on going deskilling and a deterioration in communication due to a management style that is neither transparent nor accountable where rank and file is concerned. The pandemic dramatically exposed those inequalities.

I believe that a dedicated system of checks and balances through Supervisor Chan's proposed Charter Amendment will help restore and strengthen the quality services that our City Departments are capable of performing for the public good.

Thank you for your time listening to the above concerns.

In Solidarity,

Jeffrey Espadilla
8226 Museum Guard
De Young/Legion of Honor
Fine Arts Museums

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From: [Tom Doudiet](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar. Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Proposed Charter Amendment for Good and Clean Government
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 5:00:13 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is in reference to file #211285. Please note Mr. Young: this is for the record:

As a 39 year public servant and a sixty-year San Francisco resident, I strongly support the proposed charter amendment for good government put forth by Supervisor Connie Chan, and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin and Preston.

This charter amendment will encourage and enforce honest government and provide essential checks and balances that will provide appropriate oversight of City departments, greatly reducing the opportunity for the sort of corrupt practices which have become a shameful stain on San Francisco government in recent years.

I urge the Rules Committee to unanimously endorse placing this proposed charter amendment on the ballot and to recommend its endorsement by the full Board of Supervisors. If adopted by the voters, this will go a long way toward restoring the public confidence in City government that has been understandably waning in recent years as a result of the serial instances of corruption that have come to light.

Respectfully,

Thomas W. Doudiet,
Assistant Deputy Chief,
SFFD, retired

From: [Peter Kwan](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:12:00 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am:

- #5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]
- #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
- #7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]
- #8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

Rationale for each objection:

#5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS.

#6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]

I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco.

#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]

This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people.

Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall.

This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of

From: [Debra Carpenter](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 12:51:11 PM

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Sincerely,
Debra Carpenter
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From: [Michelle Chan](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Michelle D. Chan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Garret Tom](#)
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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

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Shannon

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To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 1:17:50 PM

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Sybil-Frances Kimbrig

From: [MAX YOUNG](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 1:19:47 PM

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As a voter, native San Franciscan who is invested emotionally and financially in the health of our city, father of two San Franciscans, and small business owner...

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Sincerely,
Max Young
415.722.6299

From: [Debra Walker](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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The current hodgepodge of different rules is confusing for everyone. Charter reform of all commissions should be better thought out than these poor and ill-advised proposals.

We all want reform that will make our city run efficiently and transparently. These half baked ideas are not the answer.

These charter Proposals are far from ready for real consideration.

Vote NO. The voters certainly will.

Sincerely,

Debra Walker

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennie Lyons](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Jennie Lyons (D1)
Sent from my iPad

From: [Nick Podell](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
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Sincerely,

Nick

From: [Grant Ingram](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,
Grant Ingram
106 Point Lobos Avenue San Francisco
D1 Resident

From: [Yahoo](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Perry Klebahn
62 5th Ave

From: [Mari Murayama](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Mari Murayama
District 1

From: [Jenny Stegall](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jay Thomson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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From: [Billy Brandreth](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Carole Bonina](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
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From: [Susan McDonough](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Susan McDonough
D1

From: [Jennifer Kriz](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Jennifer Kriz
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From: [Julie Paul](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [D2 Unite](#)
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Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 4:45:20 PM
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Sincerely,



Julie Paul

Founder

hearditfromafriend.com

From: [Charlton Yu](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:47:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Charlton Yu
20 year resident of San Francisco, D2

From: [Leslie Podell](#)
To: [Ericka_Arcos \(BOE\)](#) [ChenStaff \(BOE\)](#) [MardelmarStaff \(BOE\)](#) [Honey_Mart \(BOE\)](#) [Mar_Gordon \(BOE\)](#) [MolgarStaff \(BOE\)](#) [Preston_Dean \(BOE\)](#) [Bonnie_Hillery_Safai_Ahaha \(BOE\)](#) [Stefani_Catherine \(BOE\)](#) [Walton_Shannon \(BOE\)](#) [Young_Victor \(BOE\)](#) lpodell@sfurture.com
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Sincerely,
Leslie Podell
415-885-9395

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From: [Lanier Coles](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:48:10 PM

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From: [Leslie Podell](#)
To: [Cecilia Acero \(BOS\)](#); [ChenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandarinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Hancy Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar_Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MolagStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preslon_Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Boroni_Hillary](#); [Safai_Ahaha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani_Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton_Sharam \(BOS\)](#); [Young_Victor \(BOS\)](#); [sourd1.2000@gmail.com](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:48:13 PM

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From: [Jennifer Hocking](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 6:34:40 PM

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Hocking
San Francisco resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [John Hurabiell](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, JBOS](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 6:38:03 PM

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This is an immoral attempt to deprive patriotic Americans of their rights to control the political process. This is not some communist hellhole—though you damn democrats have certainly done your best to turn it into one.

Sincerely,

John P. Hurabiell, Sr.

John P. Hurabiell

259 - 14th Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94118

415-387-3001

415-387-8061 fax

From: tpmartinii@gmail.com
To: [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Proposed Charter Amendments - please oppose
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 7:26:16 PM

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Supervisors,

I respectfully ask you to oppose the proposed Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287, 211288. I urge you to not spend time on political agendas and focus on the quality of life, health, safety and economic well-being of our citizens and visitors.

Sincerely,

Tevis P. Martin
31st Ave, SF District 2

From: [Sara Starr](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 7:50:03 PM

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Sincerely,

Sara Starr

From: [Daphne Alden](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:18:10 PM

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Daphne Alden

From: [CJ Faulkner](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfsun.org; [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:18:44 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am:

- #5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]
- #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
- #7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]
- #8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

Rationale for each objection:

#5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS.

#6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]

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#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]

This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people.

Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall.

This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were

elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy.

#8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

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Sincerely,

From: [Calvin Lau](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:25:07 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: sfkl@aol.com
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:58:43 PM

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Mrs.Norman Balfour Levin

From: [Jennifer Yan](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:13:49 AM

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Sincerely,

From: [Barbara Kelly](#)
To: [Aron Peskin](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 12:20:25 PM

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Sincerely,
Barbara Kelly

From: [Erika Kim](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 2:26:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Erika Kim

From: johnmburns48@yahoo.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: ["D2Unite"](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 7:21:24 PM

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Sincerely,

John and Usha Burns
3618 Sacramento St
SF 94118

From: [Gabriel Goffman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good government.
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 1:02:07 PM

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Gabe Goffman

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From: [Chaz -](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Government Charter Amendment // Item 6, File No. 211285: Support
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:51:56 PM

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Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert, D1

From: [Judi Gorski](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Judi - gmail Gorski](#)
Subject: Public Comments re: File #211285 - Rules Committee Hearing Monday, January 24, 2022
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:35:30 AM

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Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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*Sincerely,
Judi Gorski
SF Resident D4*

From: [Mike Regan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Mike Regan
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:51:28 AM

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My name is **Mike Regan**
My email address is **myoldgoat@yahoo.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Mike Regan

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From: [S garrett](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from S garrett
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:29:30 PM

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My name is **S garrett**
My email address is **shigar16@gmail.com**

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S garrett

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Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Stephen Gorski
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:45:47 PM

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My name is **Stephen Gorski**
My email address is **sjgorskilaw@gmail.com**

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Stephen Gorski

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From: [Roberta Borgonovo](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Roberta Borgonovo](#)
Subject: Item 6, File No. 211285
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:12:54 PM

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Item 6, File No. 211285: Oppose

In regards to [File No. 211285](#), Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment, I strongly oppose splitting appointments to a variety of unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

I do not believe dispersal of power is good government. San Francisco already is a difficult city to govern. Further diminishing the Mayor's ability to appoint members of these boards will make it more difficult to assign responsibility for making good decisions about many of our most difficult problems confronting San Francisco.

I urge you to vote **NO** to this proposal.

Thank you.

Roberta Borgonovo

2480 Union Street

San Francisco, CA 94123

From: [Karen Knuth](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Karen Knuth
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:13:15 PM

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My name is **Karen Knuth**
My email address is **kpuechner@msn.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen Knuth

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From: [Nelson Knuth](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Nelson Knuth
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:14:06 PM

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My name is **Nelson Knuth**
My email address is **nknuth@hcmcommercial.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Knuth

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From: [Teresa Durling](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Teresa Durling
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:35:34 PM

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My name is **Teresa Durling**
My email address is **tadurling@sbcglobal.net**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Durling

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From: [Rosemary Newton](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Rosemary Newton
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:27:34 PM

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My name is **Rosemary Newton**
My email address is **rosenewton@comcast.net**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Newton

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From: [Janev Dunlap](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Janev Dunlap
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:35:07 PM

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My name is **Janev Dunlap**
My email address is **jc_dunlap@hotmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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From: [Madison Clell](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Madison Clell
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:52:27 PM

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My name is **Madison Clell**
My email address is **madisoncuckoo@yahoo.com**

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Madison Clell

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From: [Ignacio Orellana Garcia](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Ignacio Orellana Garcia
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:09:22 PM

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My name is **Ignacio Orellana Garcia**
My email address is **volare232@hotmail.com**

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From: [Susan Churchill](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Susan Churchill
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:13:49 PM

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My name is **Susan Churchill**
My email address is **churchladysnl@comcast.net**

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Susan Churchill

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From: [Jamie Kendall](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Jamie Kendall
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:06:17 PM

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My name is **Jamie Kendall**
My email address is **jkendall301@gmail.com**

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Jamie Kendall

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From: [Greg Syler](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Greg Syler
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:35:19 PM

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My name is **Greg Syler**
My email address is **sivakitty@yahoo.com**

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From: [Elizabeth Fox](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Elizabeth Fox
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:17:14 PM

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My name is **Elizabeth Fox**
My email address is **ehfox1013@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Fox

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From: [lauren pierik](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:21:18 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors, I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government. Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am: #5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission] #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator] #7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] #8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]. Rationale for each objection: #5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission] I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS. #6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator] I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco. #7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people. Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall. This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy. #8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership] This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure. The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens. Sincerely,

Lauren Pierik

From: [Noelle Song](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Noelle Song
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:31 PM

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My name is **Noelle Song**
My email address is **noellesong008@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Song

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From: [Lola Lee](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Lola Lee
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:59 PM

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My name is **Lola Lee**
My email address is **lolalee008@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Lola Lee

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From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:20:26 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission. The BIC has itself included members who have used their positions to break Building Dept. rules, to their own and their friends benefit.

Furthermore, the Building Dept. has been rife with corruption, as illustrated in numerous media news stories, and has also been poorly run. I even heard that staff in Building and Planning departments' desks were reduced in size to accommodate Mr. Nuru's 'penthouse' - so small that staff can't easily roll out full building plans on desk top!

Despite City Attorney's clearing DBI of all charges, the corruption is still there.

Please support Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission, and strengthen it.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn
D5

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed "Good Government" Charter Amendment
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:32:18 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed "Good Government" Charter Amendment.

It is time to correct the many overly "strong mayor" aspects of the San Francisco Charter. Clarifying the role of the City Administrator is needed, particularly after the resignation during corruption investigations.

Splitting the boards and commissions of many bodies can allow more fruitful discussions.

I commend the sponsors of this amendment.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn

D5

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices Charter Amendment
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:50:38 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Recall and Replacement of elected officials Charter Amendment.

California, and mainly other western states, have **three tools of direct democracy** that allow a majority of ordinary citizens to directly make or change law and to recall elected officials. The **Recall** allows CA voters to remove from office any statewide elected official at any time, and for any reason. A recall must provide signatures from registered voters equaling at least 12% of the total number of ballots cast in that elected official's last election.

These three California ideas came into being in 1911 because of the railroad control of business and government and corruption, thinking that voters could override business interests and bought politicians. State Recalls require signatures of at least 12% of the vote in the last election of that official, along with at least 1% of votes in five or more counties.

This legislation sets time limits on recalls, so that officials recently elected, or soon to be facing a re-election can focus on the job for which they were elected.

Another aspect is setting a new standard for how vacancies will be filled, rather than by the Mayor. Few cities or other governing bodies have vacancies filled by the Mayor or equivalent. These are elected offices, not gifts to be bestowed on favorites or used for succession planning.

Why Make Recall More Difficult? It's expensive. It could be called an excess of democracy, and undermine the independence of elected officials. It can be abused. More recalls are organized by business than by ordinary citizens, and often with less than a year before the next election. No special grounds for recall are required in most states. In SF, recalls can place even more power in the hands of the Mayor. The school board issues appear to be matters of policy, not rising to criminal acts.

I suggest that you consider adding:

1. Increasing the threshold of signatures for a recall. It is unreasonable that someone could be recalled and another elected with fewer votes than the incumbent had received. Other states with recall provisions require a higher percentage of voters signing on, and/or some gross violation of power or law, such as bribery or murder.

2. Change the time limit for signature gathering.

3. Make the official's subordinate take the position until election is due – for example, Governor is recalled, then Lieutenant Governor automatically becomes Governor. Alternately, if a board or commission, have them select a replacement, much as stated in the

It is time to correct the many overly "strong mayor" aspects of the San Francisco Charter.

I commend the sponsors of this amendment.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn

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Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: [Doug McKirahan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Doug McKirahan
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:55:22 PM

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My name is **Doug McKirahan**
My email address is **ratt57@pacbell.net**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Doug McKirahan

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From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment- Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:12:44 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please oppose this Proposed Charter Amendment- Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.

This proposed amendment would eliminate much of the Planning Commission and the supervisors' authority over any housing development of more than 25 units, provided:

To be eligible, a project would need to set aside a percentage of units on-site as affordable to households earning no more than 140% of AMI, in an amount higher than what is otherwise required by the Planning Code, or provide 100% affordable housing. So a project that offers one more unit than the current legal requirement to people [making \\$149,000 for a family of two and \\$186,000 for a family of four](#), would be approved with no review at all. That's not exactly "affordable housing."

According to the 2015-2019 Census, in 2019 dollars, Median Income in San Francisco is \$68,883. Median Household Income is \$112,449. 10% of San Franciscans live below the out-of-date federal poverty line.

I would also point out that putting exact numbers into the charter, which is difficult to change, is not a good idea. San Francisco's economy and local incomes have gone up and down, and in the climate emergency, are more likely to go down.

This legislation is a gift to developers, not a benefit to city residents.

Instead, consider the model of Streamlining Affordable Housing that was done for City and School Board-owned land. That's 100% affordable.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn
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Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: [Gloria Maciejewski](#)
To: [Li-D9, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Haneystaff \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: No Charters / No Recalls!
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:37:05 AM

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Dear Ms. Ronen and Honorable Supervisors,

I plan on attending the Rules Committee meeting this morning and I want to express my concern for two issues. I am strongly against Mayor Breed's proposed charter amendment and in strong support of Supervisor Peskin's Recall Reform.

The recall of our school board is not unique. Similar situations are arising across the nation. Steve Bannon has been quoted as saying the right-wing should "start with the school boards" to build their strength in order to take back the house in the midterms. We see this strategy has already worked for Glenn Youngkin, who made education a primary point in his platform.

I have worked in this city for SFUSD since 1997. I have two children in public schools. I obviously have a lot of feelings about what is happening now during the pandemic and more acutely, during this latest surge.

To put it simply, the SFUSD needs more help in its finances. Our district has forever been treated like the unwanted stepchild of the so-called "City Family". The fact that our SF DPH did not appear at one of our BOE meetings is shocking to me. The Mayor suing our district to "open faster" or to make a plan as the district tried to muddle through was purely outrageous. Well, we opened and welcomed our students back. Yet here we are with a million-dollar recall and a proposal for charter schools. The recall, as I am sure you all must know, is funded HEAVILY by charter school privatizer, Arthur Rock. This is a template he has used in Oakland. I am literally sickened at the idea of closing public schools, which need our city to step up and help, to replace them with charter schools.

I urge all of you to strongly REJECT Mayor Breed's charter school proposal.

I also write today to also **thank Mr. Peskin** for his mindful and apid attention to the disturbing and disingenuous recall that is seizing our city currently.

I have been watching the entire process unfold and it is disgusting to see parent grief and frustration over school closure being leveraged to bring charter schools into our city. I feel that the school board recall, if successful in SF, will be used as an example nationally. I am very disappointed at my own supervisor for chiming in to support the recall.

Keep in mind that our schools are in crisis RIGHT NOW during the Omicron surge because solid health and safety measures, many brought to the table by UESF and OUR BOE, were dismissed by folks such as Jenny Lam and our school's chief financial officer, as being "unnecessary" and even "unscientific". I found in the fall that 1/3 of our teacher-librarians still did not have portable air cleaners. The "have and have not" inequity that always existed

between schools with robust PTA funding versus those without became even starker and indeed, I would argue even more deadly and damaging to the health of our students and staff?

There is major gaslighting going on across our nation and here in San Francisco. I was briefly a member of Decrease the Distance (now under the insulting name of SF Parents, as if they speak for me) I do **NOT** subscribe to the same ideas expressed in COVID19 denialism that we should just "let everyone get Omicron" or the lie that children simply do not carry and transmit the virus in the school setting (I have seen it) or that every case is "mild"?

Preposterous.

We are seeing more children hospitalized for this disease and we know really **NOTHING** about how the long-term health implications will play out, other than it is likely we will see our families of color suffer the most, yet again. We need to protect our kids and workers, yet the city just does not seem 100% committed to funding that need. As great a job as we have done with COVID19 as a city, I wish we could come together and support the district better. It should not be such a struggle to get the rapid tests, upgraded masks, etc.

Unfortunately, the parents wanting to reopen quicker, seem to want it at any cost, even with unprepared buildings and facilities and unvaccinated staff and students. Recalling our BOE in this manner (with money from billionaire dead set on charter school) is disgraceful.

Please, I urge you all to support Mr. Peskin's proposal and seek out even further ways to adjust or entirely eliminate this recall process. Our city should not be footing the bill for such political manoeuvring and undermining of our basic democratic elections. I have seen in Twitter already proposals for removing the Board of Supervisors in this manner. The fight against the recall of our DA will be the fight of a lifetime, I fear.

Please reject recalls and support the democratic process!

Thank you and good day,
Gloria Maciejewski
Parent, Educator, and Resident of D9
glowglow9@gmail.com
(415)627-8474

From: [Marianne Hesse](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:58:29 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors, I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government. Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am: #5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission] #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator] #7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] #8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

_____ Rationale for each objection: #5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission] I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS. #6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator] I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco. #7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people. Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall. This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy. #8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership] This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure. The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens. Sincerely,

From: [Allyson Eddy Bravmann](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Children's Agency charter amendment
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:03:44 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a SFUSD middle school parent and a member of PEEF CAC. This measure has not been brought before the CAC to review for its potential impact on students, just as the recent budget cuts were not brought before us. Was the PEEF office invited to the Rules Committee today to speak on how the charter amendment would impact student services? The CAC had two meetings in January so there was no shortage of opportunity for the mayor or the BOS to have conversation with us.

It is true that the CAC has requested additional reporting but that reporting has to come from the budget office and superintendent's staff, not from the Board of Education. Denying PEEF funds because the mayor or the BOS have a policy disagreement with the Board of Education would mean denying everything from nurses to librarians to PE uniforms to students. PEEF is unique and precious in providing funds to our public school students for these programs, and it would be heartless to even threaten to withhold them from students because the grownups can't get along.

I ask that before moving this measure forward, please come to PEEF CAC and listen to the members who have been reviewing these programs and working with students.

Thank you,
Allyson Eddy Bravmann

From: [Jamie Kendall](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Jamie Kendall
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:34:19 PM

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My name is **Jamie Kendall**
My email address is **jkendall301@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Kendall

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From: [Kat Regan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Kat Regan
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:50:20 PM

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My name is **Kat Regan**
My email address is **meemom@gmail.com**

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Kat Regan

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From: [Douglas Churchill](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Douglas Churchill
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:26:04 AM

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My name is **Douglas Churchill**
My email address is **troutpi@comcast.net**

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From: [Susan Turley](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Susan Turley
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:30:08 AM

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My name is **Susan Turley**
My email address is **seturley@gmail.com**

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From: [Kathy Crabe](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Kathy Crabe
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:09:35 AM

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My name is **Kathy Crabe**
My email address is **tallyhoagogo@gmail.com**

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Kathy Crabe

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From: [zrants](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Subject: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:58:52 AM

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January. 26, 2022

Supervisors:

re: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

We totally support Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment to bring better accountability to the leadership at City Hall. It is really important for us to spread the balance of power at the top and appointments are a good place to start.

Please consider adding legislation that limits the number of positions all appointees, employees and staff may hold at any one time? The overlapping authorities with board and commission members sitting on oversight committees of their own departments, committees and commissions have created opportunities for the corruption exposed by State and Federal authorities that have turned San Francisco into a hotbed of political scandals.

We should limit each party's participation to a single position to remove such opportunities for abuse of power. We have enough smart informed citizens to take up the posts without the need for anyone to take on more than one position at a time. If you need to the abuse I refer to, you can look at any of our local publications for more than enough detailed discussions about the problems under investigation now.

As the supervisors know and the citizens are reminding you, the current system is broken. We need to rebalance the power at City Hall and give more citizens an opportunity to take on the responsibility for determining the city policies and priorities, that have been allowed to replace the legislative process in some departments. This removes the public voice and adds to frustration and animosity among the citizenry.

Please contact me directly if you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, concerned citizen
with EMIA and CSFN
zrants@gmail.com

From: [Erick Arguello](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); asha.safai@sfgov.org; [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File #211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:53:12 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Oppose Charter Amendment01252022.pdf](#)

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Please find an attached letter of opposition to the proposed Charter Amendment.

Thank you,

Erick

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Erick Arguello
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Calle 24 Latino Cultural District
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January 25, 2022

Board of Supervisors
President, Shamann Walton
Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Calle 24 Latino Cultural District strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed charter amendment "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for our working class BIPOC families to live in San Francisco and undermines the goals, protections and vision for Cultural Districts. Truly affordable housing is key to maintaining communities intact and thriving.

The median income for a working-class family in the Mission is under \$50,000, which for a family of four falls below 40% AMI. The greatest need for our community is for housing between 30-50% AMI for families, and below 40% AMI for individuals. This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle-income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers,"(1) but our firefighters don't make nearly the stated money, and a teacher in the SFUSD (2) may never see the stated high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. In reality, most of these salaries fall below 80% AMI.

(1) <https://www.salary.com/research/salary/benchmark/fire-fighter-salary/san-francisco-ca>

(2) <https://uesf.org/members/2017-2020-contract/>

Our BIPOC communities have been the hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic largely because of the lack of truly affordable housing. Our families live in SRO rooms, 2-3 families in an apartment, in RVs, cars, and other communal living situations that have allowed COVID-19 to spread rapidly through these communal households.

As a result of the vast deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the new affordable housing units that have been built. Promotoras and organizations are signing up record numbers of families, but ultimately many are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because the odds of finding housing that is affordable to them are devastatingly slim.

The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to the ongoing displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy. Currently, the City of San Francisco already streamlines affordable housing, so this measure is truly no more than an effort to cloak market rate housing in the language of affordability, and undermine the self-determination of the communities of color that have long fought for truly affordable housing.

If the Board approves this dangerous measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Per MOHCD, the affordable rent for a

one bedroom 140% AMI apartment calculates out to \$3,729 per month. With the average median rent for a 1-bedroom apartment in San Francisco currently at \$2,850 per month (this is updated from the reference in the charter amendment's findings), the **measure before you is clearly for housing that is even costlier than today's market rate.**

This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our communities and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, whose projects effectively disenfranchise our working class BIPOC families and exacerbate displacement. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it disenfranchises our working class BIPOC families by prohibiting them from representing the concerns and needs of their communities before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity, truly community-serving ground floor uses, affordability, and to oppose gentrification and displacement.

We urge you to reject this ill-conceived proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence the voices of working class BIPOC families, to accelerate gentrification and displacement, and to extinguish the self-determination of our communities.

To truly build affordable housing with an equitable community plan it is imperative that the voices of BIPOC communities, who are the most adversely affected, are at the table to lead by their lived experiences. We would be happy to be at the table to lead those discussions.

Sincerely,



Erick Arguello
President and Founder
Calle 24 Latino Cultural District

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board, Angela Calvillo

From: [Raquel Redondiez](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [David Woo](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 211289 "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing"
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:55:00 AM
Attachments: [Opposing Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing Charter Amendment_SOMA Pilipinas.pdf](#)

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Dear Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

SOMA Pilipinas Filipino Cultural Heritage Districts strongly opposes the proposed charter amendment titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" (File # 211289). We urge the Board of Supervisors to join with community based organizations and reject the proposed charter amendment.

This charter amendment is extremely misleading in its naming and does nothing to support affordable housing. Instead, this amendment appears to undermine existing affordable housing programs, such as the inclusionary housing program, and creates unaffordable housing that simply benefits private developers of market-rate housing.

By redefining "affordable housing" as 140% AMI, this charter amendment clearly shows that the proposed changes have nothing to do with actually creating affordable units. Currently, a 1-Bedroom "affordable" unit at 140% AMI, as defined by MOHCD, would cost \$3,729 per month. That is not affordable, and is even above the current market-rate value of a 1-bedroom apartment of \$2,850 per month according to Zumper as of January 2022. This charter amendment, in effect, creates the streamlining of 100% market-rate housing, pretending to be an "affordable" housing amendment. The "increased affordability housing projects" named in the amendment are also misleading in naming, as they barely provide an increase, and they provide the same 140% AMI unaffordable units.

The use of language surrounding "affordability" and "affordable housing" is being twisted in order to promote market-rate development that our communities do not need. In the South of Market, we need truly affordable housing, not more market-rate housing that causes increased gentrification and displacement. Working-class and low-income residents, families, and seniors (especially seniors on fixed income) need housing that ranges from 10-90% AMI. Our houseless neighbors need supportive housing. That is the actual affordable housing that is needed.

We ask the Supervisors to stand with us in rejecting this harmful charter amendment.

Sincerely,

Raquel Redondiez

Director, SOMA Pilipinas

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Raquel R. Redondiez
SOMA Pilipinas Director
Filipino Cultural Heritage District
Filipino-American Development Foundation



January 24th, 2022
Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
San Francisco, CA, 94102

Re: File # 211289 “Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing”

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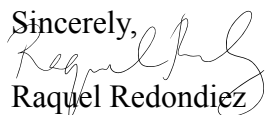
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By redefining “affordable housing” as 140% AMI, this charter amendment clearly shows that the proposed changes have nothing to do with actually creating affordable units. Currently, a 1-Bedroom “affordable” unit at 140% AMI, as defined by MOHCD, would cost \$3,729 per month. That is not affordable, and is even above the current market-rate value of a 1-bedroom apartment of \$2,850 per month according to Zumper as of January 2022. This charter amendment, in effect, creates the streamlining of 100% market-rate housing, pretending to be an “affordable” housing amendment. The “increased affordability housing projects” named in the amendment are also misleading in naming, as they barely provide an increase, and they provide the same 140% AMI unaffordable units.

The use of language surrounding “affordability” and “affordable housing” is being twisted in order to promote market-rate development that our communities do not need. In the South of Market, we need truly affordable housing, not more market-rate housing that causes increased gentrification and displacement. Working-class and low-income residents, families, and seniors (especially seniors on fixed income) need housing that ranges from 10-90% AMI. Our houseless neighbors need supportive housing. That is the actual affordable housing that is needed.

We ask the Supervisors to stand with us in rejecting this harmful charter amendment.

Sincerely,

Raquel Redondiez
Director, SOMA Pilipinas

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Subject: Please reject File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
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Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Please see the San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition's attached letter of opposition to the proposed charter amendment (File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing") on the agenda in Rules Committee today.

Thank you,

Molly Goldberg
Director, San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition
SFADC.org



January 24, 2022

Board of Supervisors
President, Shamann Walton
Chair Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition asks that you reject File # 211289, a misleadingly named measure that would lead to displacement of the communities that have long advocated for the genuinely affordable housing our city needs. Representing

The "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" charter amendment would actually streamline approvals for 100% market rate (unaffordable) housing projects, allowing developers to bypass the local programs that currently require affordable units to be built and to bypass input from the communities most likely to be displaced by the addition of luxury units to their neighborhoods.

If the Board approves this measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). While advertised as a necessary intervention to provide middle-income for teachers, firefighters, and nurses, workers in these sectors do not make nearly enough money to qualify for a 140% AMI unit. Further, a 1-bedroom apartment at 140% AMI is currently \$3,729 per month, not just unaffordable but also nearly \$1,000/month *above* market rate.

In order to protect this developer free-for all, the measure also limits public input and makes it impossible for the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals to either represent the needs of communities and hold developers accountable, or provide a venue for communities to be able to represent themselves and advocate for equity and affordability and against gentrification and displacement. There is no need for this measure to be a charter amendment, except to diminish the voice and power of the parts of city government that might question the impacts that market rate development have on San Francisco residents.

We urge you to reject this charter amendment outright because instead of providing affordable housing, it silences communities, transfers power to developers, and undermines the very meaning of affordable. Please reject this deceptive charter amendment proposal when it comes before you at the Rules Committee.

Respectfully,

The San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition
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From: [Francisco Herrera](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Urgent: Opposition to file # 211289 - anti-affordable housing legislation
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:57:34 PM
Attachments: [LTF Street Needs Assessment Opposition to Housing Charter Amendment.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton, Rules Chair Peskin and the Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from the Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee regarding our opposition to **File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing**.

Thank you.

Francisco Herrera
Latino Task Force
Co-Chair, Street Needs Assessment Committee

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23 January 2022
Board of Supervisors
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Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee strongly urges that the Board of Supervisors reject this proposed charter amendment for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for families of middle or low income to be able to live in San Francisco. The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy.

The LTF Street Needs Assessment Committee currently works to assess the needs of our families and individuals living on the street, in their cars and in RVs, as a result of the scarcity of housing that is affordable to them. **We continually bring the feedback in our advocacy that the greatest need is for housing below 50% AMI and that housing defined as "affordable" that exceeds 80% AMI is completely out of the reach of our community.** In addition to those living outside, there are hundreds of families living 2-3 families per apartment and families living in SROs, which has been a major contributor to the Latinx community being the hardest hit by COVID-19.

This proposed charter amendment does not serve the Latinx community.

If the Board approves this dangerous measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Per MOHCD¹, the affordable rent for a 1-BR 140% AMI apartment calculates out to \$3,729 per month. The average market rent² for a 1-BR apartment in San Francisco is currently \$2,850 per month (this is updated from the reference in the charter amendment's findings). This means that the measure before you will streamline 100% market rate housing while masquerading as a measure that provides "affordable" housing.

¹ <https://sfmohcd.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MOH/Asset%20Management/2021%20AMI-RentLimits-HMFA.pdf>

² <https://www.zumper.com/rent-research/san-francisco-ca>

As a result of the deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the proportionately small number of units that have been recently built in the Mission. As an example, **when “La Fénix” at 1950 Mission Street opened for DAHLIA applications, more than nine thousand applicants applied for the 115 units available.** According to MOHCD documentation,³ 140% AMI means \$130,000/yr for a single person and \$186,500/yr for a family of four. In whose mind can this be considered affordable housing? The average income for a family of four in our community is less than half of that amount. Our families fall within the 30% - 50% of AMI levels.

This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers." It also mentions "service sector employers", etc. You can already see how the campaign will be spun, claiming to provide affordable housing for workers in all these professions and sectors. Unfortunately, however, a firefighter⁴ doesn't make nearly this much money, and a teacher in the SFUSD⁵ may never see this high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. The majority of the working people mentioned make \$50,000 - 90,000 a year and others make as low as \$35,000. It is a betrayal to insinuate that 140% AMI is affordable and if you can't afford it you can't live here.

Ultimately, so many members of the Latinx community are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because odds against them finding truly affordable housing are so great. As we tend to people forced to live on the street, families in their cars and RVs, renting a couch space in congregate living, **we find these types of policies are creating the very houseless crisis we are trying to resolve.** Market rate developments in the Mission have driven displacement while providing few units that are affordable to our families, and **gentrification continues to accelerate as high-end income earners move into San Francisco and drive up AMIs.**

This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our community and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, further seeking to disenfranchise our families. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it prohibits our community from being able to organize to demand housing that serves the needs of our residents, to demand ground level uses that are truly community-serving, and to demand open space that's accessible and promotes our health and well-being. It also allows developers to take any density bonuses that desire to feed their bottom line, regardless of the impacts their developments have on our community and the harms they create for our struggling families who are vulnerable to displacement.

This proposed measure is a clear attempt to disenfranchise communities of color and would prohibit our residents from representing the concerns and needs of our community before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity and affordability and against gentrification and displacement.

³ <https://sfmohcd.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MOH/Asset%20Management/2021%20AMI-IncomeLimits-HMFA.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.salary.com/research/salary/benchmark/fire-fighter-salary/san-francisco-ca>

⁵ <https://uesf.org/members/2017-2020-contract/>

We urge you to reject this proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence Latinx voices and silence the self-determination of our community.

Respectfully,

The Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board, Angela Calvillo
Legislative Aides of the Board of Supervisors

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Subject: USM opposition to File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.
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Dear President Walton, Rules Chair Peskin and the Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from United to Save the Mission regarding our opposition to File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.

Thank you.

Larisa Pedroncelli
member, United to Save the Mission



22 January 2022
 Board of Supervisors
 President, Shamann Walton
 Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair
 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett
 San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

United to Save the Mission strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed charter amendment "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for our working class BIPOC families to live in San Francisco.

The median income for a working class family in the Mission is under \$50,000, which for a family of four falls below 40% AMI. The greatest need for our community is for housing between 30-50% AMI for families, and below 40% AMI for individuals. This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers," but our firefighters¹ don't make nearly this much money, and a teacher in the SFUSD² may never see this high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. In reality, most of these salaries fall below 80% AMI.

Our BIPOC communities have been the hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic largely because of the lack of truly affordable housing. Our families live in SRO rooms, 2-3 families in an apartment, in RVs, cars, and other communal living situations that have allowed COVID-19 to spread rapidly through these communal households.

As a result of the vast deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the new affordable housing units that have been built. Promotoras and organizations are signing up record numbers of families, but ultimately many are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because the odds of finding housing that is affordable to them are devastatingly slim.

The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to the ongoing displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy. Currently, the City of San Francisco already streamlines affordable housing, so this measure is truly no more than an effort to cloak market rate housing in the language of

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affordability, and undermine the self-determination of the communities of color that have long fought for truly affordable housing.

If the Board approves this dangerous measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Per MOHCD³, the affordable rent for a one bedroom 140% AMI apartment calculates out to \$3,729 per month. With the current average median rent⁴ for a 1 bedroom apartment in San Francisco currently being \$2,850 per month (this is updated from the reference in the charter amendment's findings), the **measure before you is clearly for housing that is even higher than today's market rate.**

This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our communities and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, whose projects effectively disenfranchise our working class BIPOC families and exacerbate displacement. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it disenfranchises our working class BIPOC families by prohibiting them from representing the concerns and needs of their communities before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity, truly community-serving ground floor uses, affordability, and to oppose gentrification and displacement.

We urge you to reject this proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence the voices of working class BIPOC families, to accelerate gentrification and displacement, and to extinguish the self-determination of our communities.

Sincerely,

United to Save the Mission

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board, Angela Calvillo
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³ <https://sfmohcd.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MOH/Asset%20Management/2021%20AMI-RentLimits-HMFA.pdf>

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January 31, 2022

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The Honorable Connie Chan, Member, Rules Committee

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Second Reading — Agenda Item #3, Board File 211285: Charter Amendment, Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I have reviewed the Legislative File version 2 of this proposed Charter Amendment.

Although I fully supported Board File #211285, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Chan and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, and Preston to split the appointing authority to numerous City Boards and Commissions between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors when it was introduced and debated during the Rules Committee hearing on January 24 (continued to January 26 due to the damaged fiberoptic cable that disabled SFGOV-TV), I have changed my support of this legislation.

Unless and until the two amendments to the legislation I suggested are incorporated into this Charter Amendment, I no longer support it, and will actively oppose it. My two suggestions were:

1. Introduce a standard term of service for commissioners appointed to each Board or Commission to four-year terms, and
2. Introduce term limits of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

As the Rules Committee heard on January 26, many other San Franciscans providing public comment voiced similar concerns and support that term limits **must** be added to this Charter Amendment.

The time to make these changes is when the Charter is opened for the June 2022 election, not much later down the road when you'd need to re-open the Charter again.

It is painful to withdraw my support, but I can't in good faith support this Charter Amendment without these two amendments to the legislation put before the voters.

Please place this additional testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211285.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist/Reporter

Westside Observer Newspaper

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The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5

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January 31, 2022

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Second Reading — Agenda Item #5, Board File 211288: Charter Amendment, Fossil Fuel Divestment and Retirement Board Membership

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

As you know, the January 24 Rules Committee hearing on this proposed Charter Amendment was continued to January 26 due to the damaged fiberoptic cable that disabled SFGOV-TV part way through your January 24 meeting.

Although I appreciated Rules Committee Chairperson Peskin's remarks on Wednesday, January 26 when he complimented my public testimony saying I had raised a "*valid point*" about the inequity that 56,529 (86.7%) of all City employees and retirees — derisively called "miscellaneous" employees contemptuously — do not have equity via an elected seat on SFERS' Board of Trustees, Peskin's compliment does not change my position opposing this Charter Amendment.

Presumably, this proposed Charter change to the appointing authority to SFERS' Board of Trustees may be designed, in part, to obtain a Trustee who may be more inclined or open to helping SFERS divest from its fossil fuel portfolio. Two things are well known:

1. Former SFERS' Trustee Wendy Paskin-Jordan who had been appointed to SFERS' Board by then-Mayor Ed Lee was quite fond of reminding everyone of her friendship and professional relationship with Jeremy Grantham, and she kept assuring everyone that Grantham opposed divesting from fossil fuel investments.
2. The current three elected members of SFERS' Board who are all Public Safety members — Brian Stansbury, Joe Driscoll, and Croce "Al" Casciato — who now monopolize all three elected seats on SFERS' Board had vigorously waged an election campaign in 2016 to 2017 against then elected-Trustee Herb Meiberger to unseat him, falsely claiming Meiberger's opposition to both hedge funds and fossil fuel investments were harming retiree's pensions. That was a lie then, and it isn't true now. The 2016 election campaign was reportedly supported heavily by Local 21 and the building and construction trades unions that vigorously backed Supervisor Asha Safai, who was recently elected as Vice President of SFERS' Board.

As you must surely know, for the period ending June 30, 2021 the market-rate valuation of San Francisco's Retirement System portfolio jumped by a 30.6% return on its overall investment portfolio to a record-setting \$34.5 billion valuation. That stellar performance will potentially lower both the amount of City contributions (in millions!) to support the Retirement Fund in 2022 and beyond, and also potentially reduce the share of contributions current City employees pay in to fund the pensions of City retirees and their own eventual pensions.

Unfortunately, SFERS's massive gains did **not** include high returns from either its fossil fuel or hedge fund investments, both of which continue to either drag down the overall performance of the Retirement Fund, or contribute to missed investment opportunities that might yield higher ROI. We all know that SFERS' fossil fuel investments not only contribute to global warming, we know that the fossil fuel investments are rapidly becoming "*stranded assets*" that lose market share each passing day SFERS holds on to them.

As currently written, I *still* do not support Board File #211288, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Peskin and co-sponsored by Supervisors Preston, Melgar, and Chan to require that the Retirement Board divest from all of

it's fossil fuel investments, and that one of the two seats that the Mayor appoints to the Retirement Board be appointed instead by the Board of Supervisors.

As I noted, this Charter change legislation requires, at minimum, four substantial amendments:

1. Reduce the terms of service for the three appointed Trustees to three years, rather than five years.
2. Introduce term limits of each of the appointed members of the Retirement Board be for a maximum of two terms.
3. Although this Charter change would be opened to the electorate to expand appointing authority of appointments to the 11-member Board of Supervisors for *appointed* seats on SFERS' Board, it completely ignores that current and retired "miscellaneous" employees are still denied parity of *elected* members to SFERS' Board.
4. Eventually, 20 California counties formed the *State Association of County Retirement Systems* (SACRS), adopting provisions of the *1937 County Employees Retirement Law* (the *1937 Act Counties*). This proposed Charter change must include a provision that the City and County of San Francisco be required to join and become a member of SACRS, and adopt SACRS's elected-member equity ratio policy between public safety- vs. "miscellaneous" -employees elected from their separate ranks and seated in their defined seats on their Retirement System Board of Trustees.

None of these four recommendations should require a meet-and-confer process with the City's labor unions.

As I testified on January 26, after 84 years it's way past time for the Board of Supervisors to introduce a Charter change to grant parity (equity) to City employees on par with the 20 counties covered by the *1937 Act Counties* — by requiring a one-member Miscellaneous seat on SFERS' board (opened to election to only Miscellaneous current and retired members), a one-member Public Safety seat, (opened to election to only Public Safety current and retired members), and one Retiree seat (opened to election to both Miscellaneous and Public Safety Retirees) but restricted only to election of a *non*-Public Safety retiree. |

By changing how elections are held for the three elected seats to SFERS' Board, you may, however unintentionally, gain a "miscellaneous" member elected to the Retirement Board dedicated to helping advance fossil fuel divestments. It may be as simple as that.

And getting Supervisor Safai replaced on SFERS' Trustee Board may help hasten fossil fuel divestment, too, like his predecessor, former-Supervisor John Avalos, who had advocated strenuously to divest from fossil fuels while on the Board.

Unless you amend this Charter change legislation, I recommend the Rules Committee not pass this Charter Amendment or forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot. Instead, the Rules Committee should send a firm recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors opposing this Charter Amendment.

The Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors have a limited window to fix this injustice. Don't blow this chance! Fix this Charter change, while you have this opportunity.

Please place this additional testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211288.

Respectfully submitted,

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whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy.

#8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure.

The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens.

Sincerely,

Peter Kwan
District 3 resident and voter.

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:34:29 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am:

- #5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]
- #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
- #7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]
- #8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

Rationale for each objection:

#5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS.

#6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]

I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco.

#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]

This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a

cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people.

Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall.

This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy.

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:29:15 AM

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From: [Eileen Sullivan](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:36:00 AM

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Eileen Sullivan
Sent from my iPad

From: [Simpson, Paul](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); matthaney@sfgov.org
Subject: Longtime SF Residents Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:51:18 AM

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As 69 year San Francisco residents residing in District 7, we respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

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Paul & Marie Siimpson
415-672-1132

From: [Jan Diamond](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote NO today!
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:26:36 AM

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Sincerely,
Jan Diamond
SF Resident

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:49:05 AM

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From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:32:41 PM

From: zrants <zrants@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:53:34 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>
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January. 26, 2022

Supervisors:

re: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

We totally support Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment to bring better accountability to the leadership at City Hall. It is really important for us to spread the balance of power at the top and appointments are a good place to start.

Please consider adding legislation that limits the number of positions all appointees, employees and staff may hold at any one time? The overlapping authorities with board and commission members sitting on oversight committees of their own departments, committees and commissions have created opportunities for the corruption exposed by State and Federal authorities that have turned San Francisco into a hotbed of political scandals.

We should limit each party's participation to a single position to remove such opportunities for abuse of power. We have enough smart informed citizens to take up the posts without the need for anyone to take on more than one position at a time. If you need to the abuse I refer to, you can look at any of our local publications for more than enough detailed discussions about the problems under investigation now.

As the supervisors know and the citizens are reminding you, the current system is broken. We need to rebalance the power at City Hall and give more citizens an opportunity to take on the responsibility for determining the city policies and priorities, that have been allowed to replace the legislative process in some departments. This removes the public voice and adds to frustration and animosity among the citizenry.

Please contact me directly if you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, concerned citizen
with EMIA and CSFN
zrants@gmail.com

From: [Jody Altman](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Sincerely,

January 22, 2022

The Honorable Aaron Peskin
Chair, Rules Committee
Board of Supervisors
235 City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File No. 211287 Proposed Charter Amendment to Fill Vacancies in Elected Offices;
Timelines for Recall Process

Dear Supervisor Peskin:

In lieu of orally testifying at today's delayed meeting, I am writing to urge that the Rules Committee reject this proposed charter amendment or that you reconsider and withdraw it.

This proposed charter amendment is a restraint on democracy and dissent which, if implemented, will place office holders above and beyond the voice of the voters and lead to chaos and further distrust of government.

The proposed charter amendment appears to be more protective of office holders than responsive to the tens of thousands of San Franciscans who elected them. It is the wrong response to the over 80,000 San Francisco voters who, after having been frustrated, demonized and shut off by members of the School Board, have followed the legal process to seek a citywide recall vote on February 15. Hear them, don't fear them!

The recall provisions have been enshrined in the California Constitution since 1911. They have been used sparingly. We have not had a local recall vote since 1983. At that time, the San Francisco Democratic Club, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, San Franciscans for Public Power and other truly progressive groups wrote, "The Recall Process is a vital part of our electoral system. It ensures that public officials are held accountable. Characterization of a recall as unfair – or of the 35,000 signers as an irresponsible fringe element – by opponents reveals their contempt for the democratic process." Leaders of the LGBT community and other members of Citizens for a New Mayor stated, "The issue is not the recall process – which is our democratic right. The issue is accountability and four years of broken promises." The Stonewall Democratic Club echoed similar sentiments.

The proposed charter amendment shields an elected official from recall for over half their term of office. Meanwhile, they can engage in non-criminal misconduct, be abusive to their colleagues or the public or take other missteps with no voter recourse. Imposing such a limited time period for petition gathering will force recall proponents to completely resort to paid signature gatherers, something that the authors presumably criticize the current system for.

The proposed charter amendment's process to replace a recalled incumbent (if that is even possible under the proposed scheme) is perhaps an even greater assault on the well functioning of government. The proposed charter amendment takes away the mayor's authority to appoint a replacement or replacements and hands it over to the remaining incumbents (some or all of whom may be as recall-worthy as the recalled incumbent(s) but have been shielded from recall by this charter amendment.) As an example, if the proposed charter amendment applied to the current recall and all three School Board members were recalled, it would require a unanimous vote of the then remaining four Board members to appoint the replacement. All it would take is one Board member to unilaterally prohibit anyone from being appointed by withholding his or her vote. And if this occurred in an election cycle when a majority of a Board is recalled, then the Board would not be able to function at all even if all remaining Board members were willing to act.

It is sad to see otherwise progressive public officials in San Francisco try to drastically limit the people's recall power. Taking away voting rights from the people, as this proposed charter amendment does, is exactly what we as San Franciscans oppose in other states. Taking away authority from the chief executive is reminiscent of what I saw Congressional Republicans do to President Obama when I served in his administration.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to the proposed charter amendment. I urge you to reconsider and withdraw it.

Sincerely,

John Trasvina

5150 Diamond Heights Blvd., #202B, San Francisco, CA 94131, trasvina2@gmail.com

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 3



City and County of San Francisco

AARON PESKIN

DATE: February 3, 2022

TO: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Chair, Rules Committee

RE: Rules Committee
COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Rules Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, as a Committee Report:

211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) split the power to make appointments to the following bodies between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors: Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Environment, Commission on the Status of Women, Disability and Aging Services Commission, Fire Commission, Health Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Library Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees; subject Mayoral appointments to those bodies and to the Building Inspection Commission and the Small Business Commission to approval by the Board of Supervisors; provide that the appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may initiate removal of commissioners; and specify that the terms of members of the Asian Art Commission, Building Inspection Commission, Civil Service Commission, and Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees shall be for four years; and 2) specify the types of functions that the City Administrator may oversee; require that any agencies under the City Administrator be designated by ordinance; authorize the City Administrator to review City programs and services, and

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employment practices, and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews; prohibit the Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by ordinance; and authorize the City Administrator to recommend removal of any department head to the Mayor or a commission, and require the Mayor or commission to act on the recommendation within 30 days; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

211287 [Charter Amendment -Timelines for Recall Process; Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices]

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to extend the ban on the initiation of recall petitions from six to twelve months after the official has assumed office; prohibit the submission of a recall petition to the Department of Elections, if the subsequent recall election would be required to be held within twelve months of a regularly scheduled election for the office held by the official sought to be recalled; and provide that any interim officer appointed to fill a vacancy created by a recall election, held on or after June 7, 2022, may not be a candidate in the subsequent vacancy election; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

This matter will be heard in the Rules Committee at a Rescheduled Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

/s/ Aaron Peskin