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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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RE: File 260694 – Initiative Ordinance – Affordable Grocery Fund (Second Draft)

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

The cost of the proposed ordinance would be dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make in future budgets, as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government, although at a level that cannot be determined at this time.

The proposed ordinance would establish the Affordable Grocery Fund (the Fund). The Fund could receive money appropriated by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors or private donations, gifts or grants to expand access to affordable, nutritious food for City residents.

The proposed ordinance creates the Fund which may only be used for its stated purpose but does not appropriate or identify sources of revenue for the Fund. Unless future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors appropriate funds or revenue or accept donations, this Fund will be empty. Additionally, there is no requirement that such a Fund must be approved by the voters; the Mayor and Board of Supervisors can establish this fund at any time through the normal legislative process.

The ordinance specifies that the Board of Supervisors will designate a department or departments to administer the Fund. Should policymakers choose to allocate funding, additional costs could range from minimal costs to several hundred thousand dollars in salaries to staff and administer the Fund.

Sincerely,

Greg Wagner
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.

