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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 240547 – Charter Amendment – Commission Reform (SECOND DRAFT)

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 extent of any cost reductions will depend on the findings of the newly created Task Force and any subsequent eliminations or changes to existing commissions.

The proposed Charter amendment would establish the Commission Streamlining Task Force to make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on modifying, eliminating, or combining the City's appointive boards and commissions.

Certain appointive boards and commissions pay stipends to the commissioners on a per meeting basis ranging from \$25 to \$500 per meeting, while some commissioners are paid between \$100 and \$500 per month. Not all commissioners receive stipends. For context, in fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 the City paid approximately 180 commissioners a total of \$350,000.

In addition to commissioner stipends and health insurance, commissions also require staff time from City employees who support commissions' operations and prepare briefing materials to present at hearings. The amount of staff time needed to support various commissions would likely fall if the City eliminated or combined said commissions – freeing staff to work on other government functions. Finally, To the extent the City hires additional staff to run the Commission Streamlining Task Force, the cost to government may increase slightly.

Sincerely,

Natasha Mihal

FOR

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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.