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Hello,

Making sure that everyone has received this letter from the SF Labor Council ahead of tomorrow's vote on item 41.

Best,

Honey Mahogany, MSW
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December 7, 2021

Honorable Shamann Walton
President of the Board of Supervisors
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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Via Email: angela.calvillo@sfgov.org

Dear Sir and Madam:

The San Francisco Labor Council alongside the affiliates of the SF Building & Construction Trades Council, are in support of implementing Proposition B and moving forward with the creation of the Streets & Sanitation Department.

We want to be very clear that we are united in ensuring that there is no loss of jobs or contracting out of the work our members as the City implements this measure. We also demand that any threats and harassment to City and County staff stop immediately. This is not the work environment that is line with San Francisco's values. In fact, the City continues to be disgracefully understaffed and this understaffing harms the residents of San Francisco and the quality of services we are able to deliver.

Proposition B is a Charter amendment that would create a Department of Sanitation and Streets, which would take over some of the duties of the Department of Public Works.

This new Department of Sanitation and Streets would be responsible for:

- Sweeping streets and cleaning sidewalks;
- Providing and maintaining sidewalk trash cans;
- Removing graffiti and illegally dumped waste; and
- Maintaining City buildings, public restrooms, and street trees.

Under Proposition B, the Board of Supervisors, by a two-thirds vote, could modify these duties. The Department of Public Works would continue to provide all other services required by law.

Proposition B would create a five-member Sanitation and Streets Commission to oversee the Department of Sanitation and Streets. The Board of Supervisors would appoint two members to this commission, the Mayor would appoint two, and the City Controller would appoint one. The Mayor would appoint the Director of Sanitation and Streets from candidates selected by the Sanitation and Streets Commission.

Proposition B would also create a five-member Public Works Commission to oversee the Department of Public Works. The Board of Supervisors would appoint two members to this commission, the Mayor would appoint two, and the City Controller would appoint one.

The Mayor would appoint the Director of Public Works from candidates selected by the Public Works Commission.

Proposition B would require the Services Audit Unit to evaluate whether there are inefficiencies or waste in the administration, operations and spending of both departments each year.

Voters approved this measure by 61.38 percent, far exceeding the simple majority threshold. We look forward to working with the legislative and executive branches to realize the positive impact this will have on city services. The working conditions of public service workers and the overall state of San Francisco demands that City leaders move urgently to **fully staff** the Public Works and Streets and Sanitation Departments. We respectfully urge your support to implement Proposition B.

Sincerely,



Rudy Gonzalez
Secretary-Treasurer
SF Building Trades Council



Kim Tavaglione
Executive Director
SF Labor Council

CC: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Mayor London Breed

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