

**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(7/18/2023, Amended in Board)

[Municipal Elections Code - Supporters and Opponents in Ballot Questions for Local Measures]

**Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to opt out of state law that would require the names of supporters and opponents of a local ballot measure to be listed in the ballot statement or question for the measure for any election held in Fiscal Year 2023-24 and for future elections subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.**

Existing Law

Existing local law does not require the general statement or ballot question for local ballot measures to include a list of the names of the supporters and opponents of the measure. In 2022, the State enacted Assembly Bill 1416, which requires a list of the supporters and opponents of statewide and local ballot measures to appear on the ballot with the general statement or ballot question. With respect to local ballot measures, Assembly Bill 1416 authorizes counties to opt out of the new requirement.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would opt the City out of the requirements of Assembly Bill 1416 for elections held in Fiscal Year 2023-24 by amending the Municipal Elections Code to provide that the general statement or ballot question for local ballot measures shall not include a list of the names of the supporters and opponents of the measure. For elections held after Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Board of Supervisors may opt out of the requirements by resolution submitted and approved as part of the annual budget process

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