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Committee Item No. 5

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Completed by: Victor Young

Date Jan 27, 2022

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

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, to adopt a Declaration of Policy urging the Retirement Board to divest from fossil fuels; and to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to require that one of the members of the Retirement Board who is currently appointed by the Mayor shall instead be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and to require the Board of Supervisors-appointed member to be experienced with the management of investment portfolios based on environmental, social, and governance factors.

Section 1. Declaration of Policy.

The People of the City and County of San Francisco hereby declare:

It shall be the policy of the City and County of San Francisco that the Retirement Board should completely divest from fossil fuels, and the Retirement Board is urged to consider and implement this policy.

Section 2. Charter Amendment.

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 Section 12.100, 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.

1 **SEC. 12.100. RETIREMENT BOARD.**

2 (a) The Retirement Board shall consist of seven members as follows: one member of the
3 Board of Supervisors appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors;; ~~three-two~~ public
4 members to be appointed by the Mayor pursuant to Section 3.100; one public member appointed
5 by the Board of Supervisors; and three members elected by the active members and retired
6 persons of the Retirement System from among their number. The public members appointed by
7 the Mayor shall be experienced in life insurance, actuarial science, employee pension planning,
8 or investment portfolio management, or hold a degree of doctor of medicine. The public member
9 appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be experienced with the management of investment
10 portfolios based on environmental, social, and governance factors. There shall not be, at any one
11 time, more than one retired person on the Retirement Board. The term of the members, other than
12 the member of the Board of Supervisors ~~member~~ appointed by the President, shall be five years,
13 one term expiring on February 20~~th~~ of each year. The three elected members need not be
14 residents of the City and County. Vacancies on the Retirement Board shall be filled by the
15 appointing authority ~~Mayor~~ for the remainder of the unexpired term, except that in the case of
16 elected employee members, a vacancy shall be filled by a special election within 120 days after
17 the vacancy occurs unless the next regularly scheduled employee member election is to be held
18 within six months after such vacancy occurred. Elections shall be conducted by the Director of
19 Elections in a manner prescribed by ordinance.

20 (b) The Retirement Board shall appoint and may remove an executive director and an
21 actuary. The Board may employ a consulting actuary.

22 (c) In accordance with Article XVI, Section 17, of the California Constitution, the
23 Retirement Board shall have plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility for investment of
24 monies and administration of the Retirement System.

1 The Retirement Board shall be the sole authority and judge, consistent with this Charter
2 and ordinances, as to the conditions under which members of the Retirement System may receive
3 and may continue to receive benefits under the Retirement System, and shall have exclusive
4 control of the administration and investment of such funds as may be established.

5 The Retirement Board shall discharge its duties with respect to the system with the care,
6 skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person
7 acting in a like capacity and familiar with these matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise
8 of a like character and with like aims.

9 The Retirement Board shall determine City and County and District contributions on the
10 basis of a normal contribution rate which shall be computed as a level percentage of
11 compensation which, when applied to the future compensation of the average new member
12 entering the System, together with the required member contribution, will be sufficient to
13 provide for the payment of all prospective benefits of such member. The portion of liability not
14 provided by the normal contribution rate shall be amortized over a period not to exceed twenty
15 years.

16 (d) The Retirement Board may act by a majority of the members present at a meeting so
17 long as a quorum is in attendance.

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19 Section 3. Implementation of Charter Amendment.

20 Upon approval of this Charter Amendment at the June 7, 2022 election, the Clerk of the
21 Board of Supervisors shall, by no later than October 1, 2022, determine by lot one of the seats
22 appointed by the Mayor with a term ending February 20, 2023, to become the seat that will be
23 appointed by the Board of Supervisors as provided in the amendment to the first sentence of
24 Section 12.100. The member occupying that seat may serve the remainder of their term, but
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1 upon expiration of said term or if said member vacates the seat before the term has expired, the
2 seat shall be filled by a member appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

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

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7 By: /s/ _____
8 MANU PRADHAN
9 Deputy City Attorney
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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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

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Existing Law

The Retirement Board has plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility for investment of monies and administration of the Retirement System. It has seven members: the President of the Board of Supervisors appoints one member; the active members and retired persons of the Retirement System elect three members; and the Mayor appoints three members who must have experience in life insurance, actuarial science, employee pension planning or investment portfolio management, or hold a degree of doctor of medicine.

Amendments to Current Law

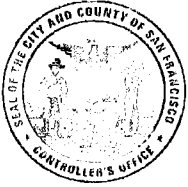
The measure would adopt an official Declaration of Policy, stating that the Retirement Board should completely divest from fossil fuels, and urge the Retirement Board to consider and implement this policy.

The measure would also amend the Charter, to provide that the Mayor shall appoint only two members to the Retirement Board, and that the third Mayoral appointee shall going forward be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Mayoral appointee serving in the seat in question could serve the remainder of their term, which expires on February 20, 2023. Upon expiration of said term, or if said member vacated their seat before the term expired, the Board of Supervisors could fill that seat. The Board-appointed member would be required to have experience with investing based on environmental, social, and governance factors.

Background

The Retirement Board oversees the administration, management, and operation of the City's retirement plans; manages the investment of the Retirement System's assets; approves disability benefit determinations; and approves actuarial assumptions used to fund long-term benefit promises of the SFERS Pension Plan.

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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Ben Rosenfield
Controller
Todd Rydstrom
Deputy Controller

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

January 21, 2022

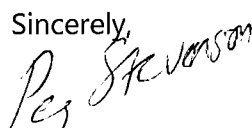
RE: File 211288 – Charter amendment changing the appointment of one member of the San Francisco Employee Retirement System (SFERS) Board, and urging disinvestment in fossil fuels

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have no impact on the cost of government.

The Retirement Board has seven members – three elected by SFERS members, three appointed by the Mayor and one appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The proposed amendment would change one of the Mayor's appointments to a Board of Supervisors' appointment. Mayoral appointees are required to have experience in pension planning, investment management or related fields. The appointee that would become a Board of Supervisors' appointment would be required to have experience in investing based on environmental, social and governance factors.

The proposed amendment would adopt a Declaration of Policy that the SFERS Board should completely disinvest from fossil fuels and urge the implementation of that policy. Such a policy would have no legal effect and would not change the fiduciary responsibility for investment of retirement system funds that currently governs the Retirement Board and the Retirement System.

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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December 22, 2022

File No. 211288

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. 211288

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to adopt a Declaration of Policy urging the Retirement Board to divest from fossil fuels; and to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to require that one of the members of the Retirement Board who is currently appointed by the Mayor shall instead be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and to require the Board of Supervisors-appointed member to be experienced with the management of investment portfolios based on environmental, social, and governance factors; at election to be held on June 7, 2022.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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

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.

12/23/2021

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MEMORANDUM

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

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

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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. 211288

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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
Jay Huish, Executive Director, Retirement Board

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

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

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

c: Andres Power, Mayor's Office
Patrick Ford, Ethics Commission

Darlene Armanino, Retirement Board

From: [Lois Scott](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: KUDOS RE FOSSIL FUEL POLICY - CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRO TO RESTORE RETIRED CITY WORKERS EARNED BENEFITS
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:18:48 PM

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JANUARY 4 2022

To: Supervisors Peskin, Preston and Melgar

From: Lois Scott, retired City Employee (Senior Planner) and past President IFPTE 21, Local 21 and convenor for Federation of Retired Union Members, an affiliate of the San Francisco Labor Council

CHEERS FOR BETTER PROGRESS ON FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT –
(POLICY DECLARATION – DEC 14) RETIREMENT TRUST FUND BUT
URGENCY FOR ALSO LOOKING TO FAIRNESS TO OLDEST RETIREES
(**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT FROM CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE
RETIRED CITY WORKERS EARNED BENEFITS 2021**)

Agree heartily with pushing more on divestment, and looking to future survival of our planet but we also need to look back and acknowledge and correct disparity in pension benefits for the 4,500 oldest retired city workers.

We need co sponsors Here's looking at you Supervisors Preston and Melgar -- for the measure which I believe Supervisor Haney is willing to support with others.

We need a pro fairness advocate to introduce and get approval of already developed charter language. **Here's looking at you, Supervisor Peskin!** **The original measure goes back to Nancy Gin** and to your help as the original measure was crafted. Below is the proposed charter language.

You've all received past packages. Please contact Fred Sanchez f1257@aol.com if you need to review again.

Thank you.

Lois Scott
85 Cleary Ct, SF 94109
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ui=2&view=bt&ver=ops2cyp6hp6#attid%3Datt_17dc295944a2f549_0.2_f8e070cb6c634cdf_0.2](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&view=bt&ver=ops2cyp6hp6#attid%3Datt_17dc295944a2f549_0.2_f8e070cb6c634cdf_0.2)

From: [Priscilla Muniz](#)
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: 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:

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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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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

From: lmuhfeld@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 \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 9:51:08 AM

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From: [Mary Gorski](#)
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Sincerely,

Mary Walsh Gorski
District One

From: [Sarah Cahuas](#)
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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Sarah Cahuas

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael Jones](#)
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 10:16:17 AM

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Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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From: [Rebecca Randall](#)
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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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From: [John Hurabiell](#)
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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Sent from John Hurabiell's iPhone

From: [Kathleen Gee](#)
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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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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From: [STAFFORD DUHN](#)
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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 \(BOS\)](#)
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Aleksey Klochkov
San Francisco, CA 94121

From: [Mari Murayama](#)
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: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:00:26 AM

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Mari Murayama
District 1

From: [Sarah Cahuas](#)
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: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:01:01 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marie Hurabiell](#)
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-D1](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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From: [Shannon Molloy](#)
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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Shannon Molloy, Broker
415.240.9911
DRE 01267894

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Grace Huey](#)
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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Resident of D1

From: [Julie Paul](#)
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 \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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Julie Paul

Resident of San Francisco for 20+ years

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Leslie Podell](#)
To: [Evelyn Acosta \(BOS\)](#); [CharaStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandamandistaff \(BOS\)](#); [Janey Mail \(BOS\)](#); [Mar. Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MolqueStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Boron, Hillary](#); [Safai, Abaha \(BOS\)](#); [Stokari, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Wallon, Sharmen \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [leslie@sfunita.com](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:31:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Leslie Podell
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From: [Marina Roche](#)
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: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:12:38 PM

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:14:52 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Connie Fitzgerald](#)
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: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:58:31 AM

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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 \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:07:43 AM

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Resident of San Francisco for 20+ years

Sent from my iPhone

From: [seaward94133](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support 4 good gov. CHARTER ADMEND
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:11:56 AM

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I support supervisor Connie Chan's
Good government Charter Amendment.

Fairness and democracy require passage of this amendment.

Steve Ward
Second generation SF lifer
Voter Activst

From: [Stacie Johnson](#)
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 \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:58:32 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

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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 \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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San Francisco resident, District 2

From: [Judith Hurabiell](#)
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,
Judi Hurabiell

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kelly Vinther](#)
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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Sent from my iPhone

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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From: [Garry Tan](#)
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: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:34:29 PM

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From: [Richard Leider](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org; [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); matthaney@sfgov.org
Cc: [Richard Leider](#)
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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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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Subject: Vote NO today!
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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 \(BOS\)](#); matthaney@sfgov.org
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
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Subject: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

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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,

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

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,

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