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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

July 15, 2019

RE: File 190723 – Initiative Ordinance prohibiting certain campaign contributions, including some from any person with pending or recently resolved land use matters before the City; expand disclaimer requirements for independent expenditure committee advertisements

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed initiative ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The ordinance expands the list of corporate entities prohibited from contributing to a candidate committee. In addition, the ordinance includes a new section of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code prohibiting any contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, a candidate for Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for City Attorney from a person, or the person's affiliated entities, with a financial interest of at least \$5 million in a land use matter before various specified boards within 12 months from the date of the final resolution of the matter. Finally, the ordinance expands filing and disclosure requirements for contributions to campaign advertisements.

The Ethics Department will likely incur some additional staff costs related to monitoring and enforcement of the proposed additional filing and disclosure requirements and prohibited entities, but these costs would be minimal.

Sincerely,

for 
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.