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

February 11, 2022

RE: File 220053 – Ordinance amending the Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government. This analysis is limited to the effects of the proposed ordinance on the cost of government and does not include an analysis of the effect of the ordinance on the costs of recycling, composting and disposal services provided to San Francisco residents and businesses.

The proposed ordinance would amend the current Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance to appoint the Controller as the Refuse Rate Administrator to monitor refuse rates and recommend refuse rate adjustments to the Refuse Rate Board. An appointed Ratepayer Representative would replace the Controller as a member of the Refuse Rate Board. The ordinance requires a competitive process for all existing and future route permits, authorizes the Rate Board to regulate commercial rates as well as residential and allows a supermajority of the Board of Supervisors to amend the ordinance, on recommendation of the Rate Administrator, Rate Board, and Mayor.

The estimated annual cost for the refuse rate administration, including office space and staffing, and addition of a Ratepayer Representative to the Refuse Rate Board is \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Cost estimates are incremental effort above current spending on these activities. Duties related to the rate-application process that had been previously done by the Department of Public Works staff will be removed from their larger portfolios, and the contracted out public advocate function will no longer be needed. Conducting a competitive process for route permits would incur significant costs to implement over multiple years. Costs resulting from future amendments to the ordinance, such as regulation of commercial rates, are not included in this estimate. Note that the proposed amendment would change the duties of the Controller's Office, which has prepared this statement.

Sincerely,

Natasha Mihal

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.