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Re: File 220635 Proposed Charter Amendment – Public Works & Sanitation and Streets

Dear Supervisor,

I write to you on behalf of our affiliated local unions to respectfully oppose the charter amendment seeking to modify what voters previously approved as Proposition B.

I believe your office and this council generally agree on anti-corruption initiatives and we have done our very best to deliver services under a cloud of indictments and scandal particularly at the Department of Public Works. The fact that I must specify which exact department I'm referring to pains me.

As you know our affiliates, on behalf of their hardworking members in the city, supported Proposition B alongside then Supervisor Haney and the 61.33% of voters. Rather than working to implement it with labor, the City Administration has taken steps to undermine and, in some cases, taken allegedly unlawful steps to coerce and intimidate workers in our bargaining units about potential changes as the result of this new law. While this is not your direct concern as a legislator, the will of the voters most certainly is, and the fact is we have not yet seen a reasonable attempt to implement Proposition B.

The only rationale we have heard is one of administrative cost savings. How cynical would we be to trade public integrity for projected administrative savings? Please reconsider this and work with us to implement the will of the voters. Should we need legislative support later, we stand ready to work with your office.

It should also be noted that we have had no communication from neither the City Administration, including but not limited to the DPW and Mayor's Office.

Sincerely,

Rudy Gonzalez

Cc: SF BOS, Affiliates, SF Labor Council