



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Ben Rosenfield
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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

RE: File 160582 – Charter amendment regarding City responsibility for maintaining street trees (first draft)

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would significantly increase the cost of government.

The proposed amendment would transfer responsibility for the maintenance of all street trees to the City on July 1, 2017. The City's Department of Public Works estimates the additional annual maintenance cost for trees subject to the ordinance at \$13.1 million in fiscal year 2017-18, although the actual cost of the program would be subject to approval of the Mayor and Board of Supervisor in the annual budget process.

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.