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Ms. Angela Calvillo  
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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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RE: File 190494 - Ordinance authorizing \$628.5 Million General Obligation Bond Issuance for Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed \$628.5 million in bonds be authorized and sold under current assumptions, the approximate costs will be as follows:

- a) In fiscal year (FY) 2020-2021, following issuance of the first series of bonds, and the year with the lowest tax rate, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.00151 per \$100 (\$1.51 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- b) In FY 2029-2030, following issuance of the last series of bonds, and the year with the highest tax rate, the best estimate of the tax required to fund this bond issue would result in a property tax rate of \$0.01379 per \$100 (\$13.79 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- c) The best estimate of the average tax rate for these bonds from FY 2020-2021 through FY 2047-2048 is \$0.00826 per \$100 (\$8.26 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- d) Based on these estimates, the highest estimated annual property tax cost for these bonds for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$600,000 would be approximately \$81.79.

These estimates are based on projections only, which are not binding upon the City. Projections and estimates may vary due to the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual assessed valuation over the term of repayment of the bonds. Hence, the actual tax rate and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those estimated above. The City's current debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired and the tax base grows, though this property tax rate may vary based on other factors.

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.