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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:05:20 PM

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2139 Green St Apt D San Francisco, CA 94123

(sent from iPhone)

From: [Kenneth Camp](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Mike Sweeney](#)
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From: [Cynthia Coyne](#)
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From: [ctina.pappas](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Christina Pappas

From: [Lisa Ortiz](#)
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [David Young](#)
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Sincerely,

—dave
415 712 6412

From: [Tom Brigham](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Charlotte Worcester](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [David Troup](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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2224 15th St, SF

From: [Grant Ingram](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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(415) 706-4364 cell

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To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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debbiesymanovich@gmail.com

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Scott Coleman
917-509-1112

From: [Meredith Serra](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORTING Rules Committee Agenda Item #7 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] File #211287
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:50:56 PM

For the file.

From: aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:49:15 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; PeskinStaff (BOS) <peskinstaff@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>
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TO: Rules Committee members

I am strongly supporting the Charter Amendment re filling vacancies in elected offices and the timeline for the recall process.

Eileen Boken,
State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

* For identification purposes only.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Heather Luongo](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Jessica Wallack-Cohen](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: OPPOSING Rules Committee Agenda Item #9 [Charter Amendment and Initiative Ordinance - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing] File #211289
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:18:01 PM

FYI

From: aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:02:36 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; PeskinStaff (BOS) <peskinstaff@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>
Subject: OPPOSING Rules Committee Agenda Item #9 [Charter Amendment and Initiative Ordinance - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing] File #211289

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TO: BOS Rules Committee members

I am strongly opposing the Charter Amendment and initiative ordinance re "streamlining" review of affordable housing.

Over the past five years, San Francisco has been besieged by State legislation that claims its goal is to "streamline" housing.

It's bewildering that a local initiative is being proposed to "streamline" housing.

It's even more bewildering that this is also being proposed as a Charter Amendment.

I would urge the Rules Committee to table this item.

Eileen Boken,
State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

* For identification purposes only.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [MAX YOUNG](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose the proposed Charter Amendments below
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:21:50 PM

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From: [Sara Schumann](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:29:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Sara Schumann
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:35:01 PM

From: tesw@aol.com <tesw@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:27:11 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
Subject: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission. The BIC has itself included members who have used their positions to break Building Dept. rules, to their own and their friends benefit.

Furthermore, the Building Dept. has been rife with corruption, as illustrated in numerous media news stories, and has also been poorly run. I even heard that staff in Building and Planning departments' desks were reduced in size to accommodate Mr. Nuru's 'penthouse' - so small that staff can't easily roll out full building plans on desk top!

Despite City Attorney's clearing DBI of all charges, the corruption is still there.

Please support Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission, and strengthen it.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn
D5
Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:39:20 PM
Attachments: [AHA letter to Supervisor Peskin re Affordable Housing Streamlining Charter Amendment 1.23.22.pdf](#)

From: Mitchell Omerberg <mitchello@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:28:12 PM
To: Angulo, Sunny (BOS) <sunny.angulo@sfgov.org>
Cc: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

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Hi Sunny and Aaron,

Attached is our letter in opposition to the above referenced charter amendment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mitchell

On Friday, January 21, 2022, 01:29:23 PM PST, Mitchell Omerberg <mitchello@pacbell.net> wrote:

Hi Sunny,

>> I want to make sure you and Aaron see the attached letter from Race and Equity in all Planning Coalition, of which Affordable Housing Alliance is a member, as the letter states well our opposition to the proposed charter amendment.

>> Our own letter will be forth coming.

>> Mitchell

>> Affordable Housing Alliance

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From: [Lilly Rapson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:43:15 PM

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District 1

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Lilly O. Rapson
Lilly.Rapson@gmail.com

From: [Lisa Presta](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Lisa Presta
Cell 415.515.5452

Sent from my iPhone

From: [yuenuyeda](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Sincerely,

Norah Uyeda
Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Karina Velásquez](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: D2 resident opposition to anti democratic overreach for tomorrow agenda
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:20:39 PM

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From: [Richard Worner](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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129 Palm Ave
SF

From: [Melissa Ippolito](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Melissa Ippolito

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marilyn Ponte](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:44:29 PM

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From: [Alison Fong](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:52:23 PM

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Sincerely,

Alison Fong
415-652-2004
Please note my new email address: ayfong1@gmail.com

From: [Bill Jackson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:46:42 AM

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Thank you,

Bill Jackson
3749 22nd St.
Noe Valley

Sincerely,

From: [James Han](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:32:33 AM

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Sincerely,
James Han

From: [Jennifer Yan](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:20:25 AM

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Sincerely,

From: [Viviane Safrin](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:42:35 AM

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I am alarmed by these amendments, which frankly, feel not dissimilar from voting suppression legislation passing around the country when the will of the voters is attempted to be suppressed and controlled.

These types of anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 seek to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco.

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I am Extremely disappointed that this has even been drafted in our City. These types of

measures make us no better than those trying to subvert thr Will of the voters in Republican legislatures across the country. Please don't align yourself with them.

Please vote no.

Viviane Safrin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lanier Coles](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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District 2

From: [Lillian B. Archer](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Angie Yap](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Angie Yap

From: [Ashley Wessinger](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Delegate: Opposing Charter Amendments
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:30:11 AM

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Ashley Wessinger
CDP Delegate A19

From: [Mary-Rose Hayes](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, JBOS](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:30:36 AM

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www.mary-rosehayes.com

Books by Mary-Rose Hayes:

What She Had To Do: Trident Media/Cavendish Hill Press

Blind Trust (with Senator Barbara Boxer): Chronicle Books

A Time to Run (with Senator Barbara Boxer): Chronicle Books

Paper Star: E.P. Dutton

Amethyst: E.P. Dutton

The Winter Women: E.P. Dutton

The Yacht People: Pinnacle Books

The Caller: Pinnacle Books

The Neighbors: Pinnacle Books

From: [Jennie Feldman](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Jennie Feldman
701 Scott Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [Paulina Fayer](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Paulina Fayer

From: [Lily Ho](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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From: [Anna W Yohannes](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment 1/24/2022 Rules Committee Agenda item #4 - Children's Agency
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:16:47 AM

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To the Board of Supervisors:

I am an early childhood substitute teacher and Early Childhood advocate and live/work in SF District 5. I am writing to thank you for considering the Children First Charter amendment and how it will affect our children & families. Aspirations to improve accountability, strategic investments, transparency, and collaboration on behalf of the city's children, youth and families are laudable and reflect an important commitment to the future of San Francisco. However, the proposed amendment states that if additional state funding for early care & education and/or universal preschool comes through, local funding can be redirected outside of ECE.

Quality early care and education (ECE) for children ages 0 to 5 is very expensive. Even with Proposition C, alongside new federal and state dollars, we are only able to serve 15% of infants and toddlers that need care in San Francisco. Please protect funding for ECE by opposing this amendment and engaging the community on a system that works best for all our children & families.

Currently, more than 33% of ECE programs do not have enough teachers/staff to enroll as many children as desired. As a member of the ECE community, I simply can not support any charter change or ballot measure that keeps language allowing cuts to local funding directed to ECE.

ECE funding is very complex with multiple funding streams and very specific constraints on funding. It is much more complex than DCYF and requires its own governmental division. Putting both departments under one umbrella will make things more difficult when a single focus on early care and education is now needed more than ever given the new national priority given to childcare.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,
Anna Wolde-Yohannes
SF resident, D5

From: [dedesfca1](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:25:12 AM

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Teshuvah, tefillah, tzedakah,

From: [Emily Murphy](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Emily

From: [Lisa Remmer](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com; [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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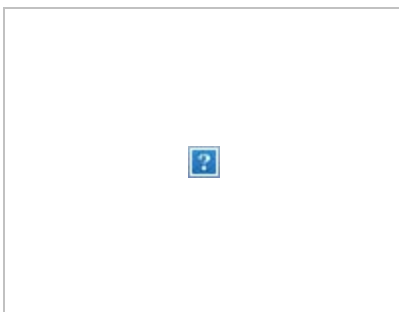
From: [Denise Coleman](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:51:01 AM

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My name is Denise Coleman with Huckleberry Youth Programs, CARC. I am disheartened by this legislation in its current form. It is insulting that this was not a community driven process. We were introduced to this charter through a press release. I would think after everything we've been through in the past couple of years, at the very least we have a community input. This charter amendment is complex. It adds a new layer of bureaucracy, eliminates existing planning and oversight bodies, imposes new outcome mandates, and allows for reduced funding of children's services. It has intended and unintended consequences which many do not yet fully understand. It requires more discussion, expert review, and involvement of diverse voices. I encourage you to oppose this charter legislation.

Denise L. Coleman, MSW
Director of Youth Justice
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***“Hope is not about everything being better tomorrow.
That’s not the purpose of hope.
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Agenda Item #6, Board File 211285: Charter Amendment, Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I fully support Board File #211285, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Chan and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, and Preston to split the appointing authority to numerous City Boards and Commissions between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

I would suggest two amendments to the legislation:

1. Introduce a standard term of service for commissioners appointed to each Board or Commission to four-year terms, and
2. Introduce term limits of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

Although I understand there may be some value in having Commissioners who may have historical and institutional knowledge of a particular Commission they may be appointed to, there is also value in having fresh perspectives and broader representation from new members on every Board and Commission.

Take for example, the Health Commission.

In 1989, then-Mayor Art Agnos appointed Edward Chow, MD to the Health Commission. Dr. Chow has been repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission ever since and has now served consecutively on the Commission for 33 years.

In 1997, then-Mayor Willie L. Brown appointed David Sanchez, Jr., PhD to the Health Commission. Sanchez was also repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission and served consecutively on the Commission for 22 years until he resigned in 2019, a year before his death in December 2020.

While many believe that both Chow and Sanchez served admirably on the Health Commission, neither man should have served for 22 to 33 years on this Commission.

The Governor of California, Mayor of San Francisco, and members of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors are all restricted to two, four-year terms. Similarly, after Proposition 28 was passed in 2012, during their lifetimes no person may serve in California's legislature for more than 12 years in the State Senate, Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms.

Health Commissioners — and appointees to all other Boards and Commissioners — should have maximum term limits, and the time and method to impose term limits is now via this proposed Charter amendment.

Beyond that, I recommend that the Rules Committee pass Supervisor Chan's proposed Charter Amendment and forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a strong recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot.

Please place this testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211285.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist/Reporter

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Agenda Item #7, Board File 211287: Charter Amendment, Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I fully support Board File #211287, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Peskin and co-sponsored by Supervisors Walton, Ronen, Preston, Chan, and Melgar for filling vacancies to elected offices and change the timelines for recall elections.

I recommend that the Rules Committee pass this proposed Charter Amendment and forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a strong recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot.

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Agenda Item #8, Board File 211288: Charter Amendment, Fossil Fuel Divestment and Retirement Board Membership

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

As currently written, I do not support Board File #211288, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Peskin and co-sponsored by Supervisors Preston, Melgar, and Chan to require that the Retirement Board divest from all of its fossil fuel investments, and that one of the two seats that the Mayor appoints to the Retirement Board be appointed instead by the Board of Supervisors.

This Charter change legislation requires, at minimum, four substantial amendments:

1. Reduce the terms of service only for the three appointed Trustees to three years, rather than five years. There is no valid reason for five-year terms.
2. Introduce term limits of each of the appointed members of the Retirement Board be for a maximum of two three-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

Although I understand there may be some value in having Commissioners who may have historical and institutional knowledge of a particular Commission they may be appointed to, there is also value in having fresh perspectives and broader representation from new members on every Board and Commission. Therefore, there should be term limits for Retirement Board appointed Trustees, restricted to a total of six years of service.

3. Although this Charter change would be opened to the electorate to expand appointing authority of appointments to the 11-member Board of Supervisors for *appointed* seats on SFERS' Board, it completely ignores that a minimum of 56,529 current and retired "miscellaneous" employees are still denied parity of *elected* members to SFERS' Board. Unless this is fixed when the Charter is opened, I cannot support it and will advocate against it, despite the dire need that SFERS divest from all of its fossil fuel investments.

The Charter change must adequately address the three elected seats on the Retirement Board to provide balanced representation and diversity among the elected Retirement Board members. The 11 members of the Board of Supervisors do not deserve increased appointing authority changes that the 56,000-plus miscellaneous members and retirees continue to be denied.

Currently, Charter Section 12.100(a) only stipulates that the three of the seven members of the Retirement Board be elected from the ranks current or retired City employees, but has no provision for equity among those three elected seats. Since January 2017, all three of the elected seats to San Francisco's Retirement Board have been controlled exclusively by public safety members, disenfranchising so-called "miscellaneous" members of representation on the Board of their own retirement system. No other public pension system in any other California jurisdiction allows all three elected Retirement Board seats from only the Public Safety ranks.

As of June 30, 2016 San Francisco had a total of 65,194 current and retired City employees. Of those, 56,529 (86.7%) were "miscellaneous" employees and retirees. Just 8,665 (13.3%) were public safety employees and retirees (including

police officers, firefighters, and Sheriff's deputies). But in the February 2017 election for the elected Trustees, a smear campaign against an incumbent miscellaneous member of SFERS' Board running for re-election wound up being defeated by dark-money campaign spending, resulting in public safety members controlling all three seats to represent the 65,194 current and retired City employees on SFERS' Board.

For 84 years (since 1937), public-sector retirement systems in California have required that the Board of Directors of county retirement systems be elected with concerns for balanced representation and diversity of all employees — particularly diversity of so-called (and derogatorily named) “Miscellaneous” employees. (They're derisively called denigrated and called “*miscellaneous*” employees in San Francisco, when — in fact — the are “ancillary” employees representing a wide diversity of occupations, including lawyers; doctors; nurses; administrative professionals; physical, occupational, activity, and speech pathology therapists; social workers; paralegals; gardeners; architects; accountants; 9–1–1 public safety dispatcher communications professionals; etc., etc., etc.). In other words, all professionals other than “public safety” professionals are lumped into the so-called derisive “miscellaneous” category.

After 84 years, it's way past time for the Board of Supervisors to introduce a Charter change to grant parity (equity) to City employees on par with the 20 counties covered by the *1937 Act Counties* — by requiring a one-member Miscellaneous seat on SFERS' board (opened to election to only Miscellaneous current and retired members), a one-member Public Safety seat, (opened to election to only Public Safety current and retired members), and one Retiree seat (opened to election to both Miscellaneous and Public Safety Retirees) but restricted only to election of a *non*-Public Safety retirees. |

The City's Public Safety members as of June 30, 2016 — then just 10.6% of current employees and 14.6% of retirees representing a total of just 13.3% of all current and retired employees — shouldn't still be monopolizing all three elected seats on SFERS' board. Miscellaneous members deserve *both* parity with other jurisdictions — *and diversity* on SFERS' board.

The three *elected* seats should also be for three-year terms, restricted to term limits of two, three-year terms.

4. Eventually, 20 California counties formed the *State Association of County Retirement Systems* (SACRS), adopting provisions of the *1937 County Employees Retirement Law* (the *1937 Act Counties*). This proposed Charter change must include a provision that the City and County of San Francisco be required to join and become a members of SACRS!

None of these four recommendations should require a meet-and-confer process with the City's labor unions.

Unless you amend this Charter change legislation, I recommend that the Rules Committee does not pass this proposed Charter Amendment or forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot. The Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors have a limited window to fix this injustice. Don't blow this chance! Fix this Charter change, while you have this opportunity.

Please place this testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211288.

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