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Completed by: Victor Young

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1 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7,**
4 **2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties,**
5 **composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection**
6 **Commission; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California**
7 **Environmental Quality Act.**

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9 Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
10 proposed Charter Amendment comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California
11 Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of
12 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 211286 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board
13 affirms this determination.

14 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City
15 and County, at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, a proposal to amend the Charter of the
16 City and County by revising Section 4.121 and Appendix D, to read as follows:

17 NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
18 **Additions** are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
19 **Deletions** are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.
20 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Charter
21 subsections.

22 **SEC. 4.121. BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION.**

23 The Building Inspection Commission shall consist of seven members *nominated and*
24 *appointed pursuant to this Section 4.121 and with an emphasis on seeking to include members*
25 *concerned with tenant safety and habitability issues*. Four members shall be ~~*nominated*~~*appointed*
by the Mayor for a term of two years. Three members shall be ~~*nominated*~~*appointed* by the
President of the Board of Supervisors for a term of two years.

1 Each nomination of the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors is subject to
2 approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote
3 within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the
4 nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed
5 approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion
6 approving the nomination or after 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk
7 of the Board of Supervisors. Members may be removed by the appointing officer only pursuant
8 to Section 15.105. Vacancies occurring in the offices of ~~appointive~~ members, ~~either during or at~~
9 ~~the expiration of a term,~~ shall be nominated and appointed in accordance with the appointment
10 process specified in this paragraph~~filled by the appointing officer.~~

11 The Building Inspection Commission shall have responsibility for oversight of the
12 Department of Building Inspection, which shall have responsibility for the enforcement,
13 administration, and interpretation of the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical,
14 Electrical, and Plumbing Codes, except where this Charter specifically grants that power to
15 another department.

16 The Commission shall oversee the inspection and regulation of additions, alterations,
17 and repairs in all buildings and structures covered by the San Francisco Housing, Building,
18 Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes. However, nothing in this Section 4.121 shall
19 diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission or Department over changes of use
20 or occupancy under the Planning Code. The Commission shall ensure the provision of minimum
21 standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property, and the public welfare by regulating and
22 controlling the safe use of such buildings and structures. The Commission shall ensure the
23 vigorous enforcement of City laws mandating the provision of heat and hot water to residential
24 tenants. The Commission shall also ensure the enforcement of local, state, and federal disability
25 access laws. The Commission shall exercise all the powers and duties of boards and

1 commissions set forth in Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104, and may take other actions as
2 prescribed by ordinance. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

3 The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with fulfilling its
4 responsibilities under this Charter. The Commission shall also adopt rules and regulations
5 governing Commission meetings and also adopt requirements for notification and mailing for
6 Commission business. The Commission shall hold public hearings on all proposed amendments
7 to the San Francisco Building Code, Electrical Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code, and
8 Mechanical Code.

9 The Commission shall constitute the Abatement Appeals Board, and shall assume all
10 powers granted to this entity under this Charter and the San Francisco Building Code. The
11 Commission shall appoint and may remove at its pleasure members of the Board of Examiners,
12 Access Appeals Commission, and Code Advisory Committee, all of which shall have the powers
13 and duties to the extent set forth in the San Francisco Building Code.

14 The Commission may reverse, affirm, or modify determinations made by the Department
15 of Building Inspection on all permits required for a final certificate of completion. The
16 Commission's jurisdiction under this paragraph, however, shall not extend to permits appealable
17 to the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals. Appeals of decisions within the Commission's
18 jurisdiction must be filed with the Commission within fifteen days of the challenged
19 determination. The Commission's action shall be final.

20 ~~The four Mayoral appointments shall consist of a structural engineer, a licensed~~
21 ~~architect, a residential builder, and a representative of a community based non profit housing~~
22 ~~development corporation. The three Supervisorial appointments shall consist of a residential~~
23 ~~tenant, a residential landlord, and a member of the general public.~~

24 ~~—Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, the Commission shall have the~~
25 ~~power to appoint and remove a department head.~~

1 **APPENDIX D:**

2 **BUILDING INSPECTION PROVISIONS**

3 **~~D3.750 ESTABLISHMENT~~**

4 ~~—Recognizing that the provision of safe and sanitary buildings is essential to the welfare~~
5 ~~of the inhabitants of the City and County of San Francisco, there is hereby established a~~
6 ~~Department of Building Inspection which shall consist of a Building Inspection Commission, a~~
7 ~~Director of Building Inspection, and such employees as may be necessary to carry out the~~
8 ~~functions and duties of said department. The commission shall organize, reorganize, and manage~~
9 ~~the department. When the commission assumes management of the department, the Bureau of~~
10 ~~Building Inspection shall cease to exist. Unless modified or repealed by the commission, all~~
11 ~~orders, regulations, rules, and policies of the Bureau of Building Inspection will remain in effect.~~
12 ~~Except as limited below, positions in the Bureau of Building Inspection of the Department of~~
13 ~~Public Works legally authorized on the date the commission assumes management of the~~
14 ~~department shall be continued, and incumbents therein legally appointed thereto shall be~~
15 ~~continued as officers and employees of the department under the conditions governing their~~
16 ~~respective appointments.~~

17 **~~D3.750-1. COMMISSION; COMPOSITION.~~**

18 ~~The Department of Building Inspection shall be under the management of a Building~~
19 ~~Inspection Commission consisting of seven members. Four members shall be appointed by the~~
20 ~~mayor for a term of two years; provided that the respective terms of office of those first~~
21 ~~appointed shall be as follows: two for one year, and two for two years from the effective date of~~
22 ~~this section. Three members shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors for~~
23 ~~a term of two years; provided that the respective terms of office of those first appointed shall be~~
24 ~~as follows: three for one year from the effective date of this section. The initial appointments~~
25 ~~shall be made no later than fifteen days after the effective date of this section, and the~~

1 ~~commission's management shall begin no later than forty five days after the effective date of this~~
2 ~~section. Vacancies occurring in the offices of appointive members, either during or at expiration~~
3 ~~of term, shall be filled by the electoral office that made the appointment. The four mayoral~~
4 ~~appointments shall be comprised of a structural engineer, a licensed architect, a residential~~
5 ~~builder, and a representative of a community based non profit housing development~~
6 ~~corporation. The three Supervisorial appointments shall be comprised of a residential tenant, a~~
7 ~~residential landlord, and a member of the general public. The members of the commission shall~~
8 ~~serve without compensation.~~

9 ~~—Pursuant to Government Code Section 87103, individuals appointed to the commission~~
10 ~~under this section are intended to represent and further the interest of the particular industries,~~
11 ~~trades, or professions specified herein. Accordingly, it is found that for purposes of persons who~~
12 ~~hold such office, the specified industries, trades, or professions are tantamount to and constitute~~
13 ~~the public generally within the meaning of Government Code Section 87103.~~

14 **D3.750 AMENDMENT OF CHARTER PROVISIONS; TRANSITION**

15 The amendments of Section 4.121 and of provisions of this Appendix D, adopted at the
16 June 7, 2022 election, shall become operative on July 1, 2023; provided, however, that the new
17 process for nominating and confirming members to the Building Inspection Commission, along
18 with the change in qualifications for members accompanying that new process, as specified in
19 Section 4.121 as amended, shall commence sufficiently in advance of July 1, 2023 such that
20 members may be appointed under the new process and be prepared to assume office on that
21 date.

22 **D3.750-1 TERMS OF OFFICE OF BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION**

23 The terms of office of all members of the Commission who hold office as of July 1, 2023
24 shall expire at noon on that date, at which time the terms of office for members of the
25 Commission appointed pursuant to the new process for nominating and confirming members as

1 referenced in Section D3.750 shall commence. In order to stagger the terms, three members
2 (appointees to Seats 3 and 4, as designated by the Mayor when nominated; and the appointee to
3 Seat 7, as designated by the President of the Board of Supervisors when nominated) shall
4 initially serve one-year terms, and four members (appointees to Seats 1 and 2, as designated by
5 the Mayor when nominated; and appointees to Seats 5 and 6, as designated by the President of
6 the Board of Supervisors when nominated) shall initially serve two-year terms. All subsequent
7 terms of office for all members of the Commission shall be two years.

8 **D3.750-2 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING INSPECTION; ~~OTHER EXECUTIVES~~**

9 The Director of Building Inspection shall be the department head and appointing officer
10 of the Department of Building Inspection and shall be qualified by either technical training or
11 administrative experience in the enforcement of building and other construction codes. The
12 Director shall serve as the building official of the City and County ~~and, upon his or her~~
13 ~~appointment, shall assume all of the powers and duties of the Director of Public Works with~~
14 ~~respect to the administration and enforcement of the building code and other construction codes.~~
15 ~~The Director shall have all the powers provided for department heads as set forth in Section~~
16 ~~3.501 of this Charter. The Director shall be appointed by the commission and hold office at its~~
17 ~~pleasure; the person who has civil service status in the position of Superintendent of the Bureau~~
18 ~~of Building Inspection on the date the commission assumes management of the department shall~~
19 ~~serve as interim Director pending the appointment of a Director by the commission. Subject to~~
20 ~~the approval of the commission, and the budgetary and fiscal provisions of this Charter, the~~
21 ~~Director shall have the power to appoint and remove, at his or her pleasure, up to one deputy~~
22 ~~superintendent and no more than two assistant superintendents, all of whom shall be exempt~~
23 ~~from the civil service provisions of this Charter.~~

24 The Director shall not serve as an officer or member of any standing or ad hoc
25 committee of any building industry or code development or enforcement organization or public

1 agency other than the City and County of San Francisco without the prior approval of the
2 Ceommission.

3 ~~**D3.750-3 SECRETARY OF COMMISSION; CONSULTANTS**~~

4 ~~—The Building Inspection Commission may appoint a secretary, which appointment shall~~
5 ~~not be subject to the civil service provisions of this Charter. Subject to the provisions of Section~~
6 ~~6.302, 6.312 and 6.313 of this Charter, the commission may also contract with engineers or~~
7 ~~other consultants for such services as it may require.~~

8 ~~**D3.750-4 POWERS AND DUTIES**~~

9 ~~The Building Inspection Commission shall organize, reorganize, and manage the~~
10 ~~Department of Building Inspection which shall have responsibility for the enforcement,~~
11 ~~administration, and interpretation of the City's Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and~~
12 ~~Plumbing Codes, except where this Charter specifically grants that power to another~~
13 ~~department. The Central Permit Bureau, formerly within the Bureau of Building Inspection, shall~~
14 ~~also be managed by the commission.~~

15 ~~—The commission shall inspect and regulate additions, alterations, and repairs in all~~
16 ~~buildings and structures covered by the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical,~~
17 ~~Electrical, and Plumbing Codes. Nothing in this chapter shall diminish or alter the jurisdiction~~
18 ~~of the Planning Department over changes of use or occupancy under the Planning Code. The~~
19 ~~commission shall ensure the provision of minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health,~~
20 ~~property, and the public welfare by regulating and controlling the safe use of such buildings and~~
21 ~~structures. The commission shall ensure the vigorous enforcement of City laws mandating the~~
22 ~~provision of heat and hot water to residential tenants. The commission shall also ensure the~~
23 ~~enforcement of local, state, and federal disability access laws. The commission shall be a policy-~~
24 ~~making and supervisory body with all the powers provided for in Section 3.500 of this Charter.~~

1 ~~—The commission shall constitute the Abatement Appeals Board, and shall assume all~~
2 ~~powers granted to this entity under this Charter and the San Francisco Building Code. The~~
3 ~~commission shall appoint and may remove at its pleasure members of the Board of Examiners,~~
4 ~~Access Appeals Board, and Code Advisory Committee, all of which shall have the powers and~~
5 ~~duties to the extent set forth in the San Francisco Building Code.~~

6 ~~The commission shall have the power to hold hearings and hear appeals on all~~
7 ~~decisions made by the Department of Public Works regarding permits under one or more of the~~
8 ~~codes enumerated in this section and on sidewalk or encroachment permits. The commission may~~
9 ~~reverse, affirm or modify determinations made by the Department of Public Works, Water~~
10 ~~Department, or Department of Building Inspection on all permits required for a final certificate~~
11 ~~of completion. The commission's jurisdiction under this section, however, shall not extend to~~
12 ~~permits appealable to the Planning Commission or Board of Permit Appeals. Departmental~~
13 ~~decisions on permits subject to commission review shall be made within the time mandates of the~~
14 ~~state Permit Streamlining Act. Appeals of decisions must be filed with the commission within~~
15 ~~fifteen days of the challenged determination. The commission shall act on the appeal within a~~
16 ~~reasonable time. The commission's action shall be final.~~

17 **D3.750-35 CODE PUBLICATION ACTIONS OF COMMISSION**

18 ~~The commission shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with fulfilling its~~
19 ~~responsibilities under this Charter. The commission shall also adopt rules and regulations~~
20 ~~governing commission meetings and also adopt requirements for notification and mailing for~~
21 ~~commission business. The commission shall hold public hearings on all proposed amendments to~~
22 ~~the San Francisco Building Code, Electrical Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code, and~~
23 ~~Mechanical Code.~~

24 The ~~Building Inspection~~ Commission shall have the sole authority to contract for the
25 publication of the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing

1 Codes, and any amendments thereto. Other provisions of this Charter and the Administrative
2 Code notwithstanding, the selection of a publisher shall be based on the lowest retail cost to the
3 public of a complete set of these codes.

4 **D3.750-~~46~~ APPROVAL OF BUDGETS**

5 *The commission shall initially be funded out of the 1994-95 budget approved for the*
6 *Bureau of Building Inspection, and subsequent funding shall come from the budget of the*
7 *Department of Building Inspection.*

8 The Director *of Building Inspection* shall submit a proposed department budget for each
9 upcoming fiscal year for approval by the Commission. The proposed budget shall be compiled
10 in such detail as shall be required on uniform blanks furnished by the controller. The *Building*
11 *Inspection* Commission must hold at least two public hearings on the respective budget proposal.

12 The final budget for the Department of Building Inspection must be approved by a
13 favorable vote of at least five commissioners.

14 **D3.750-~~57~~ TECHNICAL BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

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16 **D3.750-~~68~~ SEVERABILITY**

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19 Section 3. Conflicting Ballot Measures. In the event that this measure and another
20 measure relating to the duties, composition, qualifications, and methods of appointment of
21 members of the Building Inspection Commission appear on the same municipal election ballot,
22 the provisions of such other measure shall be deemed in conflict with this measure. In the event
23 that this measure shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes than the other measure, the
24 provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety and each and every provision of the other
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1 measure that pertains to the Building Inspection Commission shall be null and void, to the
2 extent it pertains to the Building Inspection Commission.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
5 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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8 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(revised 01/26/2022)

[Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Charter Section 4.121 and Appendix D outline the duties, composition, and method of appointment for the Building Inspection Commission, which oversees the Department of Building Inspection ("DBI"). Under Section 4.121, Building Inspection Commission members are appointed directly to the Commission by the Mayor (four seats consisting of a structural engineer, a licensed architect, a residential builder, and a representative of non-profit housing development corporation) and the President of the Board of Supervisors (three seats consisting of a residential tenant, a residential landlord, and a member of the general public). Commissioners serve two-year terms and vacancies are filled by the appointing officer.

Unlike other Charter commissions that, pursuant to Section 4.102, must forward at least three candidates for the director position to the Mayor to make the appointment, the Building Inspection Commission has the power to appoint and remove the Director of DBI.

Under Charter Appendix D3.750-2, the Director of DBI may appoint and remove one deputy superintendent and up to two assistant superintendents that are exempt from civil service provisions of the Charter.

Many of the provisions in Appendix D pertain to the creation of DBI, formerly the Bureau of Building Inspection within Public Works, as an independent department upon enactment of Proposition G in 1994. These provisions include the initial 1994-1995 budget, identifying personnel and agencies within Public Works that would transition to DBI, and Building Inspection Commission powers, responsibilities, and procedures that are duplicative of general provisions made applicable to all departments in the 1996 Charter.

Amendments to Current Law

This Charter amendment would change the composition of the Building Inspection Commission by eliminating the requirement that each seat have a specific profession, background, or industry affiliation and would instead, as amended in Rules Committee,

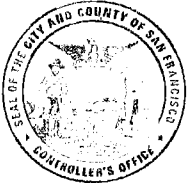
emphasize the inclusion of members concerned with tenant and habitability issues. The amendment would preserve the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors as the nominating officers of Commission (four seats and three seats, respectively), but would make each nomination subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors within 60 days. The amendment outlines provisions to transition to the new composition of the Commission by July 1, 2023.

The amendment would remove the ability of the Commission to directly appoint the Director of DBI and would make the Commission subject to Section 4.102. Section 4.102, among several provisions, mandates that commissions provide the names of at least three qualified candidates to the Mayor for department director positions and that the Mayor makes the appointment.

The amendment also eliminates the ability of the Director to appoint one deputy superintendent and two assistant superintendents that are exempt from civil service. DBI would remain subject to Article X of the Charter, including Section 10.104 regarding appointment of civil service exempt positions.

In an effort to eliminate moot and redundant provisions resulting from the wholesale incorporation of Proposition G into Appendix D when the 1996 Charter was enacted, the amendment consolidates the Building Inspection Commission composition, duties and responsibilities into Section 4.121; explicitly incorporates Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104 and deletes duplicative provisions within Appendix D; and deletes moot provisions that only pertained to the initial separation of DBI from Public Works. The amendment includes Section 3, which states that if other Charter amendments that impact the same provisions as this Charter amendment are passed by voters in the June election, the amendment with the most votes shall apply.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Ben Rosenfield
Controller
Todd Rydstrom
Deputy Controller

Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

January 21, 2022

RE: File 211286 – Charter amendment changing the power to nominate members of the Building Inspection Commission between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors,

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The Building Inspection Commission currently consists of seven members, with four appointed by the Mayor and three by the President of the Board of Supervisors. Each seat on the Commission is currently subject to specific professional qualifications. The amendment would provide instead that four members of the Commission be nominated by the Mayor and three by the President of the Board of Supervisors, with all members subject to a hearing process and approval by the Board of Supervisors. The requirement of specific professional qualifications applied to each seat would be eliminated.

Currently the Director of Building Inspection is appointed directly by the Commission. The amendment would provide instead that the Commission provide three qualified candidates to the Mayor, and the Mayor would appoint the Director.

The amendment makes other adjustments and updates to staff appointments and certain procedures of the Department of Building Inspection. These actions would have no significant cost effects and the Department of Building Inspection would remain subject to the existing budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

Sincerely,

Ben Rosenfield
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.

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December 22, 2022

File No. 211286

Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On December 14, 2021, the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election was received and assigned to the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee:

File No. 211286

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Young".

By: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk
Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Devyani Jain, Deputy Environmental Review Officer
Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

12/21/2021

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee
Board of Supervisors

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DATE: December 21, 2021

SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED
June 7, 2022 Election

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election. This matter is being referred to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.3.

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Please review and prepare a financial analysis of the proposed measure prior to the first Rules Committee hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7723 or email: victor.young@sfgov.org. To submit documentation, please email or forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller
Peg Stevenson, City Performance Director
Natasha Mihal, City Services Auditor

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Paulino, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney
John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections
LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director, Ethics Commission
Patrick O'Riordan, Interim Director, Building Inspection Department
Sonya Harris, Commission Secretary, Building Inspection Commission

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee *Victor Young*
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Please review and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative file.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7723 or email: victor.young@sfgov.org. To submit documentation, please forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Andres Power, Mayor's Office
Patrick Ford, Ethics Commission
Patty Lee, Building Inspection Department
John Murray, Building Inspection Department

From: [Priscilla Muniz](#)
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: Friday, January 21, 2022 9:37:08 AM

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#8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

Rationale for each objection:

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Sent from my iPhone

From: lmuhfeld@aol.com
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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From: [Mary Gorski](#)
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Mary Walsh Gorski
District One

From: [Sarah Cahuas](#)
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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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael Jones](#)
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
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Sent from my iPad

From: [CJ Faulkner](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfsun.org; [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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From: [Rebecca Randall](#)
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: [John Hurabiell](#)
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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Sent from John Hurabiell's iPhone

From: [Kathleen Gee](#)
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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Kathleen Gee

From: [Wendy Beck](#)
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: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:53:46 AM

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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From: [STAFFORD DUHN](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [info@sfsun.org](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 12:46:37 PM

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Sincerely,

S.Dunn

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melissa Abbe](#)
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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From: [Aleksy Klochkov](#)
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 DistrictOne](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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San Francisco, CA 94121

From: [Mari Murayama](#)
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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District 1

From: [Sarah Cahuas](#)
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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 \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR-D1](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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Marie Hurabiell**

From: [Shannon Molloy](#)
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: Friday, January 21, 2022 4:05:36 PM

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415.240.9911
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Grace Huey](#)
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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Resident of D1

From: [Julie Paul](#)
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: Friday, January 21, 2022 7:59:34 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

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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 \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:14:52 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Connie Fitzgerald](#)
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: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:58:31 AM

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3rd generation San Franciscan

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:07:43 AM

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From: [seaward94133](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support 4 good gov. CHARTER ADMEND
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:11:56 AM

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I support supervisor Connie Chan's
Good government Charter Amendment.

Fairness and democracy require passage of this amendment.

Steve Ward
Second generation SF lifer
Voter Activst

From: [Stacie Johnson](#)
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 \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
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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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Daphne Alden
San Francisco resident, District 2

From: [Judith Hurabiell](#)
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 3:47:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Judi Hurabiell

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kelly Vinther](#)
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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Subject: Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:12:00 AM

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From: [Garry Tan](#)
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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Cc: [Richard Leider](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:29:15 AM

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From: [Eileen Sullivan](#)
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: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:36:00 AM

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Eileen Sullivan
Sent from my iPad

From: [Simpson, Paul](#)
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 \(BOS\)](#); matthaney@sfgov.org
Subject: Longtime SF Residents Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:51:18 AM

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Paul & Marie Siimpson
415-672-1132

From: [Jan Diamond](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote NO today!
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Sincerely,
Jan Diamond
SF Resident

From: [Jan Diamond](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote NO today!
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:40:35 AM

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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:49:05 AM

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From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:32:41 PM

From: zrants <zrants@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:53:34 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>
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January. 26, 2022

Supervisors:

re: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

We totally support Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment to bring better accountability to the leadership at City Hall. It is really important for us to spread the balance of power at the top and appointments are a good place to start.

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We should limit each party's participation to a single position to remove such opportunities for abuse of power. We have enough smart informed citizens to take up the posts without the need for anyone to take on more than one position at a time. If you need to the abuse I refer to, you can look at any of our local publications for more than enough detailed discussions about the problems under investigation now.

As the supervisors know and the citizens are reminding you, the current system is broken. We need to rebalance the power at City Hall and give more citizens an opportunity to take on the responsibility for determining the city policies and priorities, that have been allowed to replace the legislative process in some departments. This removes the public voice and adds to frustration and animosity among the citizenry.

Please contact me directly if you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, concerned citizen
with EMIA and CSFN
zrants@gmail.com

From: [Jody Altman](#)
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: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:20:43 PM

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Sincerely,

January 22, 2022

The Honorable Aaron Peskin
Chair, Rules Committee
Board of Supervisors
235 City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File No. 211287 Proposed Charter Amendment to Fill Vacancies in Elected Offices;
Timelines for Recall Process

Dear Supervisor Peskin:

In lieu of orally testifying at today's delayed meeting, I am writing to urge that the Rules Committee reject this proposed charter amendment or that you reconsider and withdraw it.

This proposed charter amendment is a restraint on democracy and dissent which, if implemented, will place office holders above and beyond the voice of the voters and lead to chaos and further distrust of government.

The proposed charter amendment appears to be more protective of office holders than responsive to the tens of thousands of San Franciscans who elected them. It is the wrong response to the over 80,000 San Francisco voters who, after having been frustrated, demonized and shut off by members of the School Board, have followed the legal process to seek a citywide recall vote on February 15. Hear them, don't fear them!

The recall provisions have been enshrined in the California Constitution since 1911. They have been used sparingly. We have not had a local recall vote since 1983. At that time, the San Francisco Democratic Club, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, San Franciscans for Public Power and other truly progressive groups wrote, "The Recall Process is a vital part of our electoral system. It ensures that public officials are held accountable. Characterization of a recall as unfair – or of the 35,000 signers as an irresponsible fringe element – by opponents reveals their contempt for the democratic process." Leaders of the LGBT community and other members of Citizens for a New Mayor stated, "The issue is not the recall process – which is our democratic right. The issue is accountability and four years of broken promises." The Stonewall Democratic Club echoed similar sentiments.

The proposed charter amendment shields an elected official from recall for over half their term of office. Meanwhile, they can engage in non-criminal misconduct, be abusive to their colleagues or the public or take other missteps with no voter recourse. Imposing such a limited time period for petition gathering will force recall proponents to completely resort to paid signature gatherers, something that the authors presumably criticize the current system for.

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It is sad to see otherwise progressive public officials in San Francisco try to drastically limit the people's recall power. Taking away voting rights from the people, as this proposed charter amendment does, is exactly what we as San Franciscans oppose in other states. Taking away authority from the chief executive is reminiscent of what I saw Congressional Republicans do to President Obama when I served in his administration.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to the proposed charter amendment. I urge you to reconsider and withdraw it.

Sincerely,

John Trasvina

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From: [Fieber, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Yan, Calvin \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 211286 - Proposed amendments - Building Inspection Commission
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:04:39 AM
Attachments: [Supervisor Melgar - Amendments - File No. 211286 - Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission.DOCX](#)

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Thank you,

Jennifer Fieber
Legislative Aide

From: [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Fieber, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: RE: File No. 211286 - Proposed amendments - Building Inspection Commission
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:22:40 AM

Thanks, Fieber.

From: Fieber, Jennifer (BOS) <jennifer.fieber@sfgov.org>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:05 AM
To: Young, Victor (BOS) <victor.young@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Young, Victor (BOS) <victor.young@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
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