



**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS**

John Arntz, Director

April 29, 2024

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

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Enclosed please find an original single-sided and one single-sided, black and white copy of a proposed amendment to Municipal Elections Code Section 510 for the Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval, which would allow the City the option to opt out of printing the names of proponents and opponents with local ballot measures if doing so avoids ballots exceeding six cards for an election.

This amendment seeks to provide the Department of Elections (Department) the opportunity to reduce the impacts of ballots comprised of more than six cards. However, if opting out of printing the names of proponents and opponents would still result in ballots exceeding six cards then the names would be printed with their respective ballot measure labels.

The reason a six-card ballot is set as a threshold quantity in determining whether to opt out of printing proponent and opponent names is any ballots comprised of seven cards or more require the Department, its ballot printing vendor, and the United States Postal Service to substantively alter their processes regarding vote-by-mail ballots. Every incremental one-card increase after six cards will require more manual processing and also significantly impact and slow the counting of ballots and the release of election results.

Respectfully,

John Arntz, Director

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Encl: Proposed Amendment to Municipal Elections Code Section 510 – Not printing the names of proponents and opponents on ballot labels for local measures to possibly avoid ballots comprised of more than six cards.

Attachment 1: Text – Assembly Bill 1416, regarding ballot labels.