



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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

RE: File 171304 – Charter amendment establishing a Cannabis Commission and a new Department of Cannabis

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 proposed amendment would increase the cost of government by approximately \$245,000 annually to fund the cost of a new city commission. These funds would provide for a commission secretary, commissioner compensation, and costs such as preparing public materials. The charter amendment establishes a new nine-member Cannabis Commission with authority over the laws and regulations related to cannabis in San Francisco, and a Department of Cannabis to exercise the regulatory and permitting activities currently performed by the City Administrator's Office. The commission would have the authority to appoint and remove the department head.

Five appointments to the Cannabis Commission would be made by the Board of Supervisors and four by the Mayor's Office. The seats have various requirements specified for expertise, demographics and roles related to the regulated businesses, stakeholders, and the community. Terms would be four years following an initial period of staggered expirations at four and six years, and there is a two-term limit.

Sincerely,

Ben Rosenfield
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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.