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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 100627 - Charter amendment providing for a local definition of voter

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would in and of itself have no impact on the cost of government. The proposed amendment would enable the City to make a variety of changes to voter registration and election processes—such changes would be proposed and approved subsequently by ordinance.

New local voter registration procedures would likely increase the cost of government by an unknown amount depending on the types of changes proposed. The Department of Elections would be required to perform outreach to voters, print and distribute materials, develop new procedures and train workers to register people who would become eligible to vote under local procedures. This effort would cost an estimated minimum of \$500,000 for an initial election conducted under new procedures.

Sincerely,


Ben Rosenfield
Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.