

Ballot Simplification Committee

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Any Requests for Reconsideration were due 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2012

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL *(working title only, subject to change)*

The Way It Is Now:

Any company that collects, disposes of or transports garbage (trash, recyclables or compostables without commercial value) in San Francisco must have a City-issued permit. Each permit authorizes collection in a specific area of the City. A single company currently holds all the permits. The City does not use a competitive process to select providers. These providers are required to implement the City's zero-waste goals for recycling and composting.

Rates for collection are set as follows:

- For residential properties, the City's Rate Board sets the rates.
- For commercial properties, under current law, the City does not set the rates. In practice, rates are determined by the provider, generally based on rate tables established by the Rate Board. Services are agreed upon by the owner and the provider.

Currently the City does not own or lease the processing and transfer facilities. These facilities are in San Francisco.

The Proposal:

Proposition ___ would require the City to replace its permit system with a competitive bidding process. Under that process, the City would competitively award five separate agreements for the following services:

- residential collection of trash, recyclables and compostables;
- commercial collection of trash, recyclables and compostables;
- recovery and processing of recyclables and compostables;
- transportation to disposal sites outside the City; and
- disposal of remaining waste.

The measure would require that the City own the processing and transfer facilities used under these agreements and that they be located in San Francisco.

Each agreement would be for a 10-year term and would be citywide. The measure would prohibit a single company from providing both recycling recovery services and garbage disposal services.

Proposition ___ would require the competitive bidding process for garbage and recycling services to give priority to the following factors: zero-waste goals that maximize recycling; competitive rates; welfare of workers in the industry; and recovery of the City's costs for bidding and administering the program. It would also require the process to give preference to bidders that use small businesses and hire City residents.

Proposition __ would require the Board of Supervisors to approve the maximum rates that residential and commercial customers could be charged for trash and recycling services.

Proposition __ would authorize the Board of Supervisors to make future amendments to this ordinance, without further voter approval, to advance the purposes and principles of the measure.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to require the City to use a competitive bidding process to award five separate agreements for trash and recycling services, require that processing and transfer facilities be owned by the City and located in San Francisco, require the Board of Supervisors to approve maximum rates for garbage services, and allow the Board of Supervisors to make future amendments that advance the purposes of this ordinance without further voter approval.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

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