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**To:** [Carr, Barbara \(REG\)](#)  
**Subject:** appeal regarding digest for Parcel Tax for SFUSD  
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Ballot Simplification Committee  
Department of Elections  
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RE: Appeal to Approved Digest of Parcel Tax for San Francisco Unified School District  
Submitted via email: [barbara.carr@sfgov.org](mailto:barbara.carr@sfgov.org)

Dear Members of the Ballot Simplification Committee:

Thank you for your service on the Ballot Simplification Committee and for listening to our feedback at Tuesday's Committee meeting.

I am writing to ask you that you consider an appeal to certain components of the digest that was approved at Tuesday's meeting for the Parcel Tax for San Francisco Unified School District. Specifically, I am asking the Committee to reconsider the following language:

**Current Language:** To increase the salaries and/or benefits of teachers and para-educators;

**Suggested Language:** To increase the salaries and benefits of teachers and para-educators;

**Comments:** The current "and/or" language is inaccurate. The parcel tax will provide both increases to salaries and benefits of teachers and para-educators. Therefore, I am writing to appeal the use of the word "or."

**Current Language:** If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to collect an annual tax of \$298 per parcel for investment in education, subject to certain exemptions including those for senior citizens.

**Suggested Language:** If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to collect an annual tax of \$298 per parcel for investment in education, including increases to teachers' salaries, subject to certain exemptions including those for senior citizens.

**Comments:** Increases to teachers' salaries is the major component to the parcel tax. Therefore, we suggest adding this language to clarify how the taxpayer dollars will be used.

**Current Language:** If you vote "no," you do not approve this parcel tax.

**Suggested Language:** If you vote “no,” you do not want to authorize the City to collect an annual tax of \$298 per parcel for investment in education including increases to teachers’ salaries, subject to certain exemptions including those for senior citizens.

**Comments:** I recommend adding this language to stay consistent with the language outlined by “A ‘YES’ Vote Means.” The language offers the voter clarity as to what a “No” vote means.

Thank you again for your consideration and service on this important Committee.

Sincerely,

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