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Barbara Carr and Members of the Ballot Simplification Committee
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City Hall, Room 48
San Francisco, CA 94102
Via email to: publications@sfgov.org

Re: Ballot Measure – City-Funded Legal Representation for Residential Tenants
in Eviction Lawsuits

Dear Chair Carr and Members of the Ballot Simplification Committee,

On behalf of the Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco, I write to address the "Way it is Now" section of the digest before the Ballot Simplification Committee for the No Eviction Without Representation Act on the June 2018 ballot.

We request that the Committee incorporate the following additional facts:

Over the last five years, approximately 17,000 thousand San Francisco households have faced court eviction lawsuits, representing an estimated 40,000 San Franciscans. This figure does not cover the many tenants that are displaced without a court action being filed.

A 2014 Memo by the Legislative & Budget Analyst, based on data from the SF Superior Court, found that 83% of tenants were unrepresented in court eviction cases.

Most San Francisco tenants do not receive legal representation when defending against evictions. According to the February 22, 2018 letter from MOHCD to this committee, two-thirds of SF tenants are not even "eligible" under current programs for full scope legal representation in court eviction cases.

According to San Francisco's Homeless Point-In-Time Count & Survey Comprehensive Report of 2015, 71% of San Francisco homeless people were previously housed in San Francisco.

We respectfully request that this information be included in the "Way it is Now" section of the digest to give a more full and accurate picture to voters of the issues raised by this measure.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sarah Sherburn-Zimmer
Housing Rights Committee