

REG BSC 3-1-22 Victims and Witness Rights Reconsideration Request DP 220302

I hereby request reconsideration of the Approved Digest for the ballot measure with the working title "Victims and Witness Rights". I have included the text adopted by the Committee with my alternate language as tracked changes. I recommend these changes to increase accuracy and clarity. Thanks.
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The Way It Is Now: ~~The City San Francisco~~ provides services to victims of ~~violent and nonviolent~~ crime, survivors of sexual violence, and victims of gender-based violence and discrimination through ~~various many~~ agencies and departments.

The Proposal: Proposition is an ordinance that would create an Office of Victim and Witness Rights (Office) as a new City department. The Office would provide or coordinate existing services for victims and witnesses of ~~crime all types of crimes~~. The Mayor would appoint the Director of the Office.

The Office would introduce an ordinance establishing a one-year pilot program to provide free legal services for domestic violence victims, starting by July 1, 2023.

The Office would seek to establish a permanent program to provide free legal services for domestic violence victims, subject to further legislation. Under these programs, a ~~The~~ domestic violence victim ~~who must~~ either lives reside in the City or is be the victim of a domestic violence incident that occurred in the City would be eligible for free legal services.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to create an Office of Victim and Witness Rights ~~to that would~~ provide or coordinate existing City services for victims and witnesses of crime and seek to establish programs ~~to that~~ provide free legal services for domestic violence victims.

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