

Building Inspection Commission*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Merrill, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 1

The Way It Is Now: The Building Inspection Commission (BIC) oversees the Department of Building Inspection (DBI). The DBI is responsible for enforcing, administering and interpreting the City's Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing codes. The BIC has the sole authority to appoint and remove DBI's Director.

The BIC has seven members, four appointed by the Mayor and three appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors (Board President). The members serve two-year terms and must meet specific qualifications.

The Mayor's appointees must include:

- a structural engineer;
- a licensed architect;
- a residential builder; and
- a representative of a nonprofit housing developer.

The Board President's appointees must include:

- a residential tenant;
- a residential landlord; and
- a member of the public.

BIC appointees are not subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The Proposal: Proposition __ is a Charter amendment that would change the appointment process for the Director of the Department of Building Inspection. The Building Inspection Commission would submit up to three candidates for Director, and the Mayor would make the appointment.

Proposition __ would also change requirements for BIC nominees. The terms of current members would end on July 1, 2023. After that date, the new qualifications would apply to anyone nominated by the Mayor or Board President to serve on the BIC.

Of the Mayor's nominees:

- two must be either a structural engineer, an architect or a residential builder; and
- two do not have any required qualifications.

Of the Board President's nominees:

- one must be either a residential tenant or a current or former employee of a nonprofit housing organization; and
- two do not have any required qualifications.

All nominees would be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors before they are appointed.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the Mayor to appoint the Director of the Department of Building Inspection, and to change the appointment process and qualifications for Building Inspection Commission members.

**Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings.*

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