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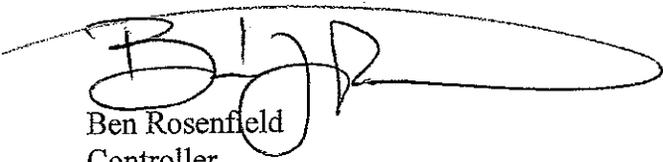
RE: File 080642 - Charter amendment raising the number of signatures required to qualify a recall petition for member of the Board of Supervisors

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The proposal would increase the number of signatures required for recall of a member of the Board of Supervisors from ten percent of the registered voters of a district to twenty percent. The Department of Elections validates petition signatures by randomly sampling 500 signatures as allowed by state election law. An increase in the number of required signatures will not change this sample size and will not increase the cost of petition validation. In the event that a petition's signatures cannot be sufficiently validated through random sampling, a complete review of all signatures is required. The Department of Elections estimates that the cost of a complete review in this instance would not be significant. Recall petitions have been rare and one last appeared on San Francisco's ballot in the 1980s.

Sincerely,


Ben Rosenfield
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Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMO

DATE: June 26, 2008
TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
CC: Mary Red, Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors
FROM: A. Leigh Kienker, Environmental Planner *AK*
RE: File No 080642, Proposed Charter Amendment, [Number of Signatures Required to Qualify a Recall Petition.]

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I have reviewed the Second Draft for the proposed Charter amendment to adopt State of California rules on numbers of signatures required to qualify a recall petition, rather than specify rules in the Charter, for member of the Board of Supervisors to twenty percent of registered district voters or fifteen percent in districts with 50,000 or more registered voters, (File No. 080642), dated June 16, 2008. The changes to the proposed Charter amendment as contained in the Second Draft are covered under the exemption from environmental review issued on May 20, 2008, for the First Draft of the proposed Charter amendment, which would have raised the minimum percentage from ten to twenty percent of registered voters in a supervisorial district. This exemption was based on the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA), Section 15060(c)(2), finding that the proposed Charter amendment would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment, as defined by CEQA.