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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: File 111330 – Charter amendment consolidating odd year elections

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would decrease the cost of government. Savings would begin in fiscal year 2017-2018 and, spread over the four year election cycle, result in approximately \$1.0 million on an annual basis.

Under the proposed amendment there would be an estimated savings of approximately \$4.2 million every four years achieved by eliminating the local municipal election for the offices of City Attorney and Treasurer. The City would consolidate these offices with the election for Mayor, Sheriff and District Attorney beginning in 2015 and not conduct a separate municipal election beginning in 2017.

Sincerely,


Ben Rosenfield
Controller

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.