

## **Ballot Simplification Committee**

**Approved Digest, Tuesday, July 30, 2013: Packard, Fasick, Fraps, Jorgensen, Unruh**

**Any Requests for Reconsideration due 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2013**

**8 Washington Referendum** *(working title only, subject to change)*

### **The Way It Is Now:**

The site proposed for development as 8 Washington Street is 3.2 acres bounded by the Embarcadero, Washington Street and Drumm Street (the Site). Approximately 80% of the Site is owned by Golden Gateway Center and used as walkways and a private tennis and swim club. The remaining 20% is a public parking lot under the jurisdiction of the City and County of San Francisco's Port Commission.

In 2012 the Board of Supervisors (the Board) approved a development project for the Site involving construction of two mixed-use buildings containing 134 residential units, ground floor restaurants and retail, a private fitness and swim facility, a public park and open spaces, and underground public and private parking.

In approving the development project, the Board also adopted an Ordinance (the Ordinance) to increase the legal building heights on an approximately half-acre portion (16% of the Site). The existing height limit is 84 feet. The Ordinance would increase the height limit to 92 feet in one section along Drumm Street and 136 feet in another.

A referendum was filed requiring that the Ordinance be submitted to the voters. The Ordinance will not go into effect unless a majority of voters vote in favor of it.

### **The Proposal:**

Proposition \_\_\_ is a Referendum to approve an Ordinance that would increase the legal building heights on an approximately half-acre portion of the Site along Drumm Street from 84 feet to 92 feet in one section and from 84 feet to 136 feet in another section.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want the Ordinance increasing legal building heights on an approximately half-acre portion of the 8 Washington Street Site along Drumm Street to take effect.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want the Ordinance increasing legal building heights on an approximately half-acre portion of the 8 Washington Street Site along Drumm Street to take effect.

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