



July 28, 2015

Ballot Simplification Committee
Department of Elections
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 48
San Francisco, CA 94102
Attn: Barbara Carr

Dear Ms. Carr:

I write to request that the Ballot Simplification Committee reconsider one sentence from the digest for the Mission Rock measure.

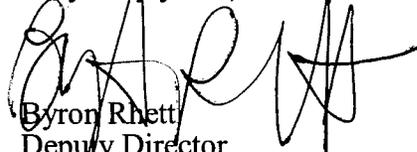
Currently, the section entitled, "A 'YES' Vote Means" states: "If you vote "yes," you want to increase the height limit for 10 of the 28 acres of the Mission Rock site from one story to height limits ranging from 40 to 240 feet provided that the development includes eight acres of parks and open space and housing of which at least 33% is affordable for low- and middle-income households."

That statement is not accurate. It incorrectly suggests that the height limit increase is conditioned on the open space and affordable housing benchmarks being met. But this is not what the measure says. If the measure passes, the height limit increase will go into effect, regardless of whether the open space and affordable housing benchmarks are met. However, if the measure passes, it would obligate the City to promote the Mission Rock development only if the open space and affordable housing benchmarks are met. To correct this legal error, we recommend that the Committee make the revisions that are indicated below using underlined and strikethrough language for the proposed additions and deletions:

The Port recommends changing this section to state: "If you vote "yes," you want to increase the height limit for 10 of the 28 acres of the Mission Rock site from one story to height limits ranging from 40 to 240 feet, and to encourage the development provided that ~~it~~the development includes eight acres of parks and open space and housing of which at least 33% is affordable for low- and middle-income households."

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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