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Ballot Simplification Committee  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Dear Ballot Simplification Committee,

The Sierra Club is requesting reconsideration of ballot digest language for Proposition G.

This statement in the section "A Yes Vote Means" is not correct:

- limit the definition of "renewable, greenhouse-gas free electricity" to mean electricity derived exclusively from renewable resources located within or adjacent to the California border

This says that all renewable resources within California would fall within the definition of "renewable, greenhouse-gas free." In fact, as the SF PUC Director Harlan Kelly has said in his letter dated July 23, under this measure, roof-top solar power within San Francisco would *not* be defined "renewable, greenhouse-gas free". Here we have what in common usage is a renewable resource (roof-top solar) that would *not* come under the definition of "renewable" even though it is within the California border. Thus, the statement is incorrect.

As Director Kelly stated, state law requires this type of solar electricity to be categorized as Category 3 Renewable Energy Certificate, which Proposition G prohibits from being called "renewable".

We request that you delete this "A Yes Vote Means" statement and replace it with this:

- restrict the definition of "renewable, greenhouse-gas free electricity" to exclude certain types of renewable energy, including rooftop solar funded by CleanPowerSF, as well as renewable energy (such as wind) produced out-of state.

Our suggested language corrects the error in the original and provides the voter with vital information as to what a Yes vote would mean.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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