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Sent via email

RE: Request for changes to draft digest – Funding for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities

Dear Ms. Carr;

I have had the opportunity to review the draft digest the Committee has prepared for the Charter Amendment to support funding for seniors and adults with disabilities. I respectfully request that you consider the following changes to the draft digest.

**The Way It Is Now**

*(second bullet point, change and addition shown in strikethrough underline)*

- Nutrition and ~~health~~ wellness programs

The term wellness is preferred to the term health because DAAS does not provide health care services, however they do provide wellness programs such as exercise.

*(third paragraph additional suggested sentence in underline)*

The City funds DAAS' programs and activities, including the Community Living Fund, through the annual budget process. However, the City is not required to appropriate any specific annual amount for DAAS in the budget

The addition of this sentence is consistent with the approved digest for the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund measure that was on the June 2016 ballot and reflects the current reality that the annual amount allocated for these activities is uncertain and not fixed in the City budget.

*(fourth paragraph additional suggested text in underline)*

In addition to DAAS, the City has established a Long Term Care Coordinating Council to advise and coordinate community-based long-term care planning services for older adults and adults with disabilities, including those living with HIV/AIDS.

This addition acknowledges an important population that is represented on the Long Term Care Coordinating Council. Specifically there are two members of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council who represent HIV/AIDS service providers and references to this population's needs are reflected in the findings of the measure in section 10 on page 3.

### **The Proposal**

*Second Set of Bullet Points (first bullet point additional suggested sentence is in underline)*

- the City would initially contribute at least \$38 million a year, which represents the amount the City has budgeted to spend on eligible services in fiscal year 2016-2017.

The addition of this sentence clarifies that the initial baseline contribution of \$38 million is the equivalent of what the City has already committed to spend in fiscal year 2016-2017 on the eligible services outlined in this Charter Amendment. This is the same text that is reflected in section (a) on page 5 of the measure. Additionally, this same clarification was included in the digest for the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund measure that was on the June 2016 ballot.

*(third paragraph change and addition shown in strikethrough underline)*

Under Proposition \_\_\_\_, ~~the Fund would pay for many of the same types of programs and services currently provided by DAAS.~~ the Fund can only be used for a specified list of services some of which fill gaps in and expand services currently provided by DAAS.

The Fund has a detailed list of both eligible and excluded services. The Fund can only be used for eligible services. The intent of these additional resources are to expand existing services, fill gaps in services and provide other types of services that DAAS may elect not to fund with other resources. Additionally, the excluded services provision of the measure expressly prohibits the use of the Fund for some services that DAAS currently provides.

### **A “YES” Vote Means**

If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to set aside from the General Fund until June 30, 2037 at least \$38 million a year, plus scheduled increases reaching up to \$71 million a year, to pay for programs and services to assist seniors and adults with disabilities, including those living with HIV/AIDS.

For the same reason stated above, individuals living with HIV/AIDS are a key population that will be served by this measure and that importance is reflected in section 10 on page 3.

Thank you for your consideration of these requested changes.

Sincerely,



Malia Cohen  
Member, San Francisco Board of Supervisors