

From: Fewer, Sandra (BOS)
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:21:58 AM
To: Carr, Barbara (REG)
Subject: Our City Our Home Homeless Tax Measure (November, 2018)

Dear Chair Carr and Members of the Ballot Simplification Committee:

Thank you for your hard work ensuring an informed electorate, and working to have easily digestible information for San Francisco voters.

The proposed language for this ballot is very thoughtful, and we just have some clarifying language we would like to insert. In particular, we want to make sure votes are clear on exactly what services are funded with this measure and exactly how many people it will help. My office feels this is important for voters to understand.

The language we are concerned about is the reference to services without numbers of people served connected with them. In the measure both these numbers and what the funding can be used for are clearly stated and we feel they should be enumerated and referenced in the ballot language as well. In addition, we believe these items should appear in the order of proportion, so that the service with the highest funding percentage goes first, and then the second highest goes second. **Here is suggested language:**

The Board of Supervisors would determine each fiscal year how to distribute the funds from these additional taxes, within these limits:

- At least 50% for programs to house 4,000 homeless people with secure permanent housing;
- At least 25% for mental health services specifically designed for homeless people with severe behavioral health issues (moved up from bottom)
- Up to 15% for programs serving people with rental assistance who have recently become homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless to prevent homelessness; and
- Up to 10% for additional 1,000 shelter beds and bathrooms to help homeless people secure short-term shelter and access hygiene programs;

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Fewer
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