

Public Works Commission, Department of Sanitation and Streets, and Sanitation and Streets Commission*
Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

Status: Draft for Consideration
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Members: Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: TBD

The Way It Is Now: Created by Charter Amendment, the City's Department of Public Works has four divisions:

- Building Design and Construction, which designs, builds and renovates City buildings and structures;
- Infrastructure Design and Construction, which maintains the City's streets, sidewalks, curb ramps and plazas, bridges, tunnels and stairways;
- Finance and Administration; and
- Operations, which repairs City buildings, streets and sewers, maintains street trees and sidewalk trash cans, cleans public streets and sidewalks, and removes graffiti.

The City Administrator oversees the Department of Public Works and appoints its director with the approval of the Mayor.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ is a Charter Amendment that would split the Public Works Department into two separate City departments. A new Department of Sanitation and Streets would assume responsibility for:

- sweeping streets and sidewalk cleaning;
- maintaining and cleaning public restrooms;
- providing and maintaining sidewalk trash cans;
- removing illegally dumped waste and graffiti; and
- maintaining City buildings and street trees.

The Department of Public Works would continue to provide all other services mandated under the original Charter.

Proposition ___ would create a five-member Sanitation and Streets Commission to oversee the Department of Sanitation and Streets. The Board of Supervisors would appoint two members to the commission, the Mayor would appoint two members and the City's Controller would appoint one.

Chosen from applicants selected by the Sanitation and Streets Commission, the Mayor would appoint The Director of Sanitation and Streets Commission.

Proposition ___ would also create a five-member Public Works Commission to oversee the Department of Public Works. The Board of Supervisors would appoint two members to the commission, the Mayor would appoint two members and the City's Controller would appoint one.

Chosen from applicants selected by the Public Works Commission, The Mayor would appoint the Director of Public Works.

Under Proposition ___, the Board of Supervisors, by a two-thirds vote, could alter the duties of the Department of Sanitation and Streets.

**Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings.*

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote yes, you want to create a new Department of Sanitation and Streets with oversight from a new Commission and you want to establish a Public Works Commission to oversee the Department of Public Works.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote no, you do not want to make these changes