

7-21-20 David Pilpel BSC Public Works Commission Reconsideration Request

I hereby request reconsideration of the Approved Digest for the ballot measure with the working title "Public Works Commission, Department of Sanitation and Streets, and Sanitation and Streets Commission". I have included the text adopted by the Committee with my alternate language as tracked changes. I recommend these changes to increase accuracy and clarity. Sorry it adds words.

The Way It Is Now: The City's Department of Public Works, which was created by the City Charter, has four main divisions:

- Operations, which maintains City buildings, public restrooms, street trees, streets, sewers, sidewalk trash cans and sidewalks, and removes graffiti;
- Building Design and Construction, which designs and constructs [or builds] City buildings;
- Infrastructure Design and Construction, which designs and constructs [or builds] City streets, sidewalks, curb ramps, plazas, bridges, tunnels and stairways, and issues street use permits; and
- Finance and Administration.

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

The Proposal: Proposition _ is a Charter amendment that would create a Department of Sanitation and Streets, which would take over some of the duties of the Department of Public Works.

The new Department of Sanitation and Streets would be responsible for:

- Sweeping streets and cleaning sidewalks;
- Providing and maintaining sidewalk trash cans;
- Removing graffiti and illegally dumped waste; and
- Constructing, repairing and maintaining City buildings, public restrooms and street trees.

Under Proposition _, the Board of Supervisors, by a two-thirds vote, could modify these duties.

The Director of Sanitation and Streets would have the responsibilities of the Director of Public Works under the City's refuse (garbage) rate-setting process.

The Department of Public Works would continue to design and construct [or build] City streets, sidewalks, curb ramps, plazas, bridges, tunnels and stairways, and issue street use permits, and would assume any other assigned duties.

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 this commission, the Mayor would appoint two, and the City Controller would appoint one. The Mayor

would appoint the Director of Sanitation and Streets from candidates selected by the 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 this commission, the Mayor would appoint two, and the City Controller would appoint one. The Mayor would appoint the Director of Public Works from candidates selected by the Public Works Commission.

Proposition __ would require the City Controller's Services Audit Unit to evaluate whether there are inefficiencies or waste in the administration, operations and spending of both departments each year.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to create a Department of Sanitation and Streets with oversight from a Sanitation and Streets 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.

That's all I have on this one. Thanks. DP