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Ballot Simplification Committee Members:

I am writing to support the July 29th request for reconsideration and suggested alternative language from the Bar Association of San Francisco's Criminal Justice Task Force for the SFPD minimum staffing level charter amendment.

Your job is to ensure that voters who are quickly scanning this information are not misled. It is deeply misleading to tell voters only *half* of what "a YES vote means." This charter amendment does not *only* eliminate the charter-mandated staffing minimum. It *replaces* that numerical minimum with a new charter-mandated process for establishing SFPD staffing levels. *Both* parts of this measure are critical. The voters are not merely being asked whether they want to eliminate one thing. They are simultaneously being asked to approve an *alternative* thing. And, for many voters, how they might answer the first part of the question (elimination) may depend on whether there is an alternative and what it might be. A "YES" vote includes the latter.

I have been involved in several ballot measure campaigns over the last 32 years involving issues involving SFPD, the Police Commission and Department of Police Accountability. As always, I do appreciate your efforts to describe measures in a neutral, accurate and easily digestible fashion. I hope you agree here that a two-part measure requires telling voters that their "YES" vote means *both* parts, not just one.

Thank you.

John Crew

