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Good morning Peter-

Thank you so much for the quick response to my late evening email. Attaching one other version, based on City Attorney's draft of ballot question in case it's helpful for today's conversation:

## BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION PROPOSAL

**The Way It is Now:** The SF Charter currently has a requirement that the City employ 1,971 full time sworn police officers.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_\_\_ is a Charter amendment that would remove this mandatory minimum staffing level and replace it with a regular process in which the Police Chief submits a report and recommendation for current staffing needs to the Police Commission. The Police Commission must consider this report and recommendation, when making a decision about the SFPD's budget and staffing levels.

Under Proposition \_\_\_\_, the Chief of Police would provide a report to the Police Commission about the current number of full-duty sworn officers and the number of officers recommended in the future. The Police Commission would be required to consider this report, but does not have to follow the report's recommendations, when it considers the Police Department's annual budget request.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to remove the minimum police staffing requirement and replace it with a regular process for the Police Commission to establish the Police Department's appropriate budget and staffing level.

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

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