

7-29-20 David Pilpel BSC Police Staffing Reconsideration Request

I hereby request reconsideration of the Approved Digest for the ballot measure with the working title "Police Staffing". 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.

The Way It Is Now: In 1994, San Francisco voters approved a change to the City Charter (Charter) that requires the City's Police Department (Police Department) to:

- Have at least 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers; and
- Maintain a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol.

Among its duties, the City's Police Commission (Police Commission) oversees the budget and staffing of the Police Department.

The Proposal: Proposition _ is a Charter amendment that would remove the requirements that the Police Department have a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers and maintain a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol, and require regular evaluations of police staffing levels instead.

Under Proposition _, the Chief of Police would provide a report to the Police Commission that evaluates the current number of full-duty sworn police officers and the number of officers recommended in the future. The Police Commission would hold a public hearing on the report.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to remove the requirements that the Police Department have a minimum of 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers and maintain a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol, and require regular evaluations of police staffing levels instead.

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

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