

Eliminating Department of Sanitation and Streets *

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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The Way It Is Now: The Department of Public Works (DPW) is generally responsible for designing, constructing, maintaining and cleaning the City's infrastructure, including buildings, streets, sidewalks, bridges and public facilities.

In November 2020, the voters approved a Charter amendment authorizing creation of a Department of Sanitation and Streets.

The Charter amendment also required the City to create two commissions: a Sanitation and Streets Commission to oversee the Department of Sanitation and Streets and a Public Works Commission to oversee the DPW.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would eliminate the Department of Sanitation and Streets and transfer its duties back to the Department of Public Works.

Proposition __ would retain both the Public Works Commission and the Sanitation and Streets Commission. The Sanitation and Streets Commission would hold public hearings and set policies on sanitation issues for the Department of Public Works.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to eliminate the Department of Sanitation and Streets and transfer its duties back to the Department of Public Works. You also want to retain both commissions.

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