

President, Board of Supervisors
District 10



City and County of San Francisco

SHAMANN WALTON

華頌善

July 27, 2022

Chair Packard and Members of the Ballot Simplification Committee
Clerk Claire Miranda
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall Room 48
San Francisco, CA 94102
Via email to: Publications@sfgov.org

Re: Gross Receipts Taxes for Guaranteed Income Programs, Small Business Assistance and Homeless Services

Dear Chair Packard and Members of the Ballot Simplification Committee:

I would like to commend your thoughtful and hard work throughout this process. Your expertise is appreciated by all who read the Voter Information Pamphlet.

The City Attorney's draft digest is an accurate representation of this measure overall, but I believe that there are two aspects of this legislation that are not captured in the current draft digest and are important for the voters to be aware of.

First, this measure would increase several of the City's gross receipts tax rates because it does not apply to food products, health products, products regulated by the California Department of Cannabis Control, products regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission, and medical products.

Second, this measure exempts small businesses, as defined in the gross receipts ordinance, only applying to mail order and online sales greater than \$2,500,000 per year.

We propose the following additions to the digest:

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would increase several of the City's gross receipts tax rates to provide additional funding for guaranteed income programs, small business assistance and homeless services.

Proposition ___ would make the following changes, starting on January 1, 2023, for the primary receipts tax and homelessness gross receipts tax that apply to the business activities of retail and wholesale trade involving transportation, delivery, or shipment of goods to an address in San Francisco:

- the primary gross receipts tax rate for these business activities over \$2,500,00 per year would increase from a range of 0.079%-0.224% in 2023, to 0.665%; and
- the homelessness gross receipts tax rate for these business activities would increase from 0.175% to 0.5%.

Once again, Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the voters of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shamann Walton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shamann Walton
President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 10