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Ballot Simplification Committee
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Dear Chair Packard and members of the Ballot Simplification Committee,

Thank you so much for your hard work on yet another election this year. I am writing in regards to the draft digest for the Additional Parcel Tax for City College, which will be heard on Monday.

Our office does have a correction that we believe will make the digest clearer to voters reading the ballot handbook. As Supervisor, I have had the opportunity to review this measure in depth along with past funding streams to College and parcel taxes. What sets this proposal apart from others is the careful structure of the tax, as was noted in the graph in The Proposal. This parcel tax is unlike a typical flat parcel tax in that it is tiered and based on type of property, and that should be explicit to voters.

We propose the following changes:

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would impose an additional **[tiered]** parcel tax on San Francisco property owners beginning on July 1, 2023 and continuing until June 30, 2043. The tax would be adjusted annually for inflation. ~~The proposed 2023 tax rates would be:~~

The rates are based on the square footage of the buildings, or if undeveloped, on the square footage of the parcel. For properties with mixed residential and commercial uses, different rates would apply according to the uses. The proposed 2023 tax rates would be:



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In addition to adding the word “tiered”, the above sentence does a good job of explaining the chart, and we suggest putting that explanation above the chart so that a reader is able to visualize the explanation.

Additionally and for consistency, we suggest the following change to the A “YES” Vote Means section:

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to impose a **[tiered]** parcel tax on San Francisco property owners based on the square footage of their properties and transfer the tax funds to City College for student and workforce development programs.

Or alternatively,

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to impose **an additional, [tiered]** parcel tax on San Francisco property owners based on the square footage of their properties and transfer the tax funds to City College for student and workforce development programs.”

Once again, we thank you for your diligent work on these digests and your dedication to the voters of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "GM" or similar initials.

Gordon Mar,
District 4 Supervisor