

Eliminating Department of Sanitation and Streets *

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Merrill, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: 4:30pm Tuesday August 2, 2022

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

In November 2020, the voters approved a Charter amendment authorizing creation of a new Department of Sanitation and Streets. This department does not yet exist.

The Charter amendment also required the City to create two new 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 the Sanitation and Streets Commission. The Sanitation and Streets Commission would hold public hearings and set policies on these 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.