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Dear Ballot Simplification Committee,

Thank you for the amazing work you do, and thank you especially for letting us both watch and participate in the proceedings. Ballot simplification is truly a democratic process, and I was honored to be there. I am eternally grateful for the fact that my voice will be heard and considered. This is what democracy should look like on all levels.

With that said, I would like to exercise my democratic right to appeal the adopted language of the ballot measure entitled, Reserving the Upper Great Highway as Public Open Recreation Space; specifically, what a NO vote means. As it stands now, the NO section concludes with, "...until the pilot program expires." I am proposing the addition of the following language: "...at which time the Supervisors will determine the future use of the Highway."

It is important that the voters know that when the pilot program expires on December 31, 2025, the Highway does not automatically revert to its original and intended use - a roadway for motor vehicles. This is a decision the Supervisors will have to make. They could choose to let it expire, in which case cars rule the day; conversely, they could choose to close the highway permanently to cars. They could choose to continue the compromise - cars on weekdays, no cars on weekends - for the life of the Highway. The Supervisors are the ones who will make the choice, but a choice will have to be made. There is nothing that happens automatically on December 31, 2025.

As it reads now, it might leave the voter with the question, "And then what?" I know I would ask that question after reading, "...until the pilot program expires."

The Way It Is Now:

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you want the Upper Great Highway to continue to be closed to personal and commercial vehicles only on Friday afternoons, weekends and holidays until the pilot program expires.

With proposed additional language:

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you want the Upper Great Highway to continue to be closed to personal and commercial vehicles only on Friday afternoons, weekends and holidays until the pilot program expires, **at which time the Supervisors will determine the future use of the Highway.**

Thank you for your consideration of the matter.

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