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Dear Ballot Simplification Committee Members:

I have been closely following the Great Highway issue as a resident of District 4. My neighbor told me about changes to the ballot digest, and I wanted to share my concern over the way the question is phrased for voters. I do not support this proposition, and don't believe the majority of my neighbors do either. The Great Highway is a lifeline for commuters getting in and out of our city, and we would like to see it reopened so thousands of cars do not drive on our neighborhood streets. I think voters like me will be confused by the wording your committee has proposed.

Namely, a "no" vote says that "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." I plan to vote against this measure, but do not agree with this "no" vote description which supports the weekend closures, including Friday afternoons which are a huge disservice to working class commuters.

Why does the "no" vote not simply say that I do not want the Great Highway turned into a park? It is a roadway, and I want to vote to keep it that way. I am gravely concerned that this phrasing will confuse many of my neighbors, who I believe will want to vote "no" but also do not support the weekend promenade.

Thank you for fixing this confusing sentence so the real voice of voters can be heard.

Sincerely,

David Connelly