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Dear Ballot Simplification Committee,

Thank you for your hard work on this. As an attorney, I am concerned that the lively meeting yesterday resulted in a less simple and more confusing digest, so I make the following proposal. I believe it is critical to get it right because this will negatively impact tens of thousands of San Franciscans, but will be voted on by the entire city who might be misled into believing this creates a park.

The digest is currently quite confusing. This proposal is factual and straightforward.

Appeal PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

The Way It Is Now:

The Upper Great Highway, commonly referred to as the Great Highway, running North-South, adjacent to Ocean Beach, has been a major thoroughfare on the West side of San Francisco for 91 years. In response to the pandemic, while most people were working from home, the Great Highway was closed for recreational use. Currently the Great Highway is open to vehicles during the week and closed on Friday afternoons, weekends and holidays. This community compromise is set to continue until December 31, 2025, unless the City extends it.

The Proposal:

Proposition ___ is an ordinance that would, if it passes, allow the City to immediately close the Upper Great Highway to personal and commercial motor vehicles seven days a week with limited exceptions. It would continue to allow emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, intra-park transit shuttle buses and similar authorized vehicles to access the Upper Great Highway at all times. The General Manager of the Recreation and Parks Department would have the authority to determine an emergency exists and allow personal and commercial motor vehicles to use the Upper Great Highway.

The future goal would be to create a recreation area if appropriate approvals can be secured and adequate funds can be raised. In the meantime it would be a closed road that people can use for recreation.

Proposition ___ would require, within 180 days of voter approval of this measure, the City to seek any other approvals necessary to permanently close the Upper Great Highway to personal and commercial motor vehicles. Those approvals may include amendments to the City's General Plan and approvals under the California Coastal Act.

A "YES" Vote Means: that you want the City to permanently close the Upper Great Highway to personal and commercial motor vehicles seven days a week, with limited exceptions.

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

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