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Ballot Simplification Council
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RE: Request for Reconsideration – “Contributions to the Housing Trust Fund” Approved Digest

Dear Chair Packard and Council Members Wong, Bella, Paxton, and Pon,

Thank you for your time and dedication ensuring that voters are provided with understandable ballot digests. I am grateful for the clarifications and context the Council included in the approved digest for the Housing Trust Fund Charter Amendment. After further review, I would like to respectfully request for consideration an additional sub-bullet to clarify how the Housing Trust Fund will expand affordable housing programs and additional language regarding increased funding. As the digest is currently drafted, it is unclear that the Proposal expands the *existing* uses of the Fund namely the creation or preservation of more affordable housing in addition to the changes to the eligibility for downpayment assistance program.

In the section after “The Proposal,” under the bullet “Expand affordable housing programs by:” I would like to request including “increasing funding to create and to preserve more affordable housing” as a sub-bullet. Since contributions to the Housing Trust Fund would be increased, there will be more affordable housing units built, preserved, and acquired. The suggested language ties back to the description under “The Way It Is Now”.

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- **Expand affordable housing programs by:**
 - **increasing funding to create and to preserve more affordable housing;**
 - raising the household income limit for downpayment assistance loans from 120% to 200% of AMI, and allow the Board of Supervisors to change that limit by ordinance;
 - replacing the grant program for specific types of neighborhood improvements by authorized spending on affordable housing-related infrastructure such as sidewalks, streets and utilities;
 - extending the Fund’s expiration date from 2043 to 2058.
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Under “A “YES” Vote Means,” I would like to request a similar change to clarify that there is an increase in resources by adding the word “funding” after “expand affordable housing.” As the section currently reads, it conveys that there are expanded programs, but not necessarily a growth or expansion in funding.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to amend the Charter to change how the City’s annual contributions to the Housing Trust Fund are set, expand affordable housing **funding and** programs, and extend the Fund to 2058.

While the eligible uses for the Housing Trust Fund remain largely the same, the most important point for the voter to understand is that the Charter Amendment would adjust the contribution to the Fund so that it could support more affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration and diligent attention to this important process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'mmelgar', with a stylized, cursive script.

Myrna Melgar
Member, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
District 7