Number of Signatures Required to Qualify a Recall Petition for a Member of the Board of Supervisors

THE WAY IT IS NOW:

The Charter allows voters to recall elected City officials, including members of the Board of Supervisors, before their terms end. Voters may also recall the City Administrator, Controller, and members of certain boards and commissions.

To recall an official, signatures must first be collected on a recall petition. For recall of an official holding City-wide office, the Charter requires that the petition be signed by at least 10% of the City's registered voters. For a recall of a member of the Board of Supervisors, the petition must be signed by 10% of the registered voters in the supervisor's district.

The Charter provides for an election to recall an official when the Director of Elections receives a recall petition with a sufficient number of signatures. The election must take place within 120 days.

THE PROPOSAL:

Proposition ___ is a Charter Amendment that would adopt the signature requirements set by state law to recall an official.

State law establishes a sliding scale for the number of signatures required based on the total number of registered voters. Under this scale, the number of signatures required on a recall petition for a City-wide office holder would continue to be 10% of City registered voters.

Adopting the state law scale would increase the number of signatures required to recall a supervisor. Most supervisorial districts have at least 10,000 but fewer than 50,000 registered voters. For a district of this size, state law requires signatures from 20% of the district's registered voters. One district, District 8, currently has more than 50,000 registered voters. For a district of this size, state law requires signatures from 15% of the district's registered voters.

Under Proposition ___, if the state law requirements for signatures for recall elections change, the signature requirements for the recall of City officers would also change.

A "YES" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "yes," you want to change the Charter to adopt the state law signature requirements for recall petitions.

A "NO" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes to the Charter.

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