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Supervisor Mandelman Unveils November 2024 Charter Reform Package for ‘Effective Governance’

Reforms will clarify the Mayor’s role as the City’s Chief Executive, streamline commissions, and increase accountability at City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO — Today San Francisco Supervisor Rafael Mandelman unveiled a charter reform package for the November 2024 ballot to deliver accountable decision-making at City Hall and bring more effective administration of the city’s departments.

“San Franciscans are proud of their city but increasingly frustrated with their local government,” said **District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman**. “The same San Francisco that’s home to unmatched economic and cultural diversity advantages is also beset with one of the nation’s worst housing affordability crises, a lagging post-pandemic downtown recovery, and heartbreaking rates of drug overdose deaths.”

“These common-sense reforms will help City government act more like a unified whole rather than a collection of loosely affiliated departments,” **Mandelman** continued. “I’m introducing today’s Charter Amendment over a year before next November’s election to work with my colleagues on the Board to put before the voters a package of common sense reforms to meaningfully improve how City Hall governs and delivers for the people of San Francisco.”

Supervisor Mandelman’s proposed Charter Amendment includes [six concepts](#) for voters to weigh in November 2024:

1. Repeal the prohibition on Deputy Mayors.
2. Allow the Mayor authority to fire directors of executive departments overseen by commissions.
3. Allow the Mayor to veto Board of Supervisors appointments to commissions with split appointments where the Board has authority to reject Mayoral appointments.
4. Eliminate the authority of the Mayor and Board of Supervisor to place initiative ordinances on the ballot.
5. Authorize a ‘Commission Streamlining Taskforce (COST)’ to consolidate or eliminate commissions, boards, and advisory bodies.
6. Expand ‘Local Emergency’ powers to expedite contracting, procurement, and hiring to more effectively address longstanding crises, such as homelessness and drug overdoses.

Read the [Policy Brief](#) for more information about Supervisor Mandelman’s ‘Effective Governance’ Charter Amendment for the November 5, 2024, ballot.

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