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San Francisco (CA)

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera has reviewed and accepted "*Regulation of Navigation Centers*", our initiative ordinance, and issued the legal title and summary.

This clears the way for our public notification and signature gathering phase.

Larry Marso and I, co-proponents, are building a broad and diverse coalition of concerned citizens, business owners, the formerly homeless, drug addicts in recovery, addiction counselors, neighborhood associations and civic leaders who share our vision: Make Navigation Work.

Over the past 5 years, City Hall's approach to Navigation Centers has been erratic. The latest proposals would inflict suffering on the City's unsheltered homeless, forcibly relocating them across the city or denying services. A Navigation Centers in every District would delay centers coming online and exhaust homeless budgets. A 90 day minimum changes the nature of the centers, ends "Homeward Bound", shrinks turnover.

Navigation Centers should be regulated, strictly limited: pop-up, hyperlocal emergency shelters that move the unsheltered indoors, navigate to services, jobs, and housing in 60 days, move them up and out. Whether by a bus ticket home, mental health hospitalization, addiction rehab, or housing. We close centers after two years, to keep staff focused on improving a neighborhood, with outreach and consultation, and imposing temporary--not permanent--inconvenience.

San Francisco is rocked by scandals, FBI probes, arrests, palpable and pervasive corruption and cronyism, mismanagement and fiscal irresponsibility, reaching deep into homeless services and navigation centers. Too many people are making too much money off the system.

Without standards, there is no control. "*Regulation of Navigation Centers*" closes loopholes, adds accountability and imposes standards, much-needed changes for the better of our city.

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Dept of Elections UPDATED Legal Text FEB 25th:

https://sfelections.sfgov.org/sites/default/files/Documents/candidates/2020Nov/20200225_RegulationOfNavigationCenters_TS.pdf

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