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Do you support the mayor's proposition to raise the threshold for putting measures on the ballot? Why or why not?

I strongly oppose this measure because it is profoundly undemocratic.

This measure doesn't fix anything besides effectively killing citizen-led initiatives and grassroots campaigns, diminishing accountability from the Board of Supervisors, and institutionalizing a "pay-to-play" system.

This measure will be a disaster and it is designed to ensure that only the wealthy have a say in our city's future. For example, in 2015, my students and I led a successful effort to gather over 30,000 signatures for Proposition E (November 2015), the San Francisco Requirements For Public Meetings of Local Policy Bodies Initiative. *[Note: Proponents of 2015 Prop. E submitted 16,653 signatures, according to the Department of Elections]*

The measure was designed to enhance public participation and access by requiring the live streaming of and virtual public testimony for all city meetings. Measures like Prop. E would be impossible to get on the ballot under the Mayor's current proposal.

We should be prioritizing transparency, easier accessibility, and equality in our government system. This measure fails to provide that in our system and it's why I'm opposing it.