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To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: 11/14/25 Meeting/Item 8 Public Comment
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From: Mary Scheib
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Item #8 Ordinance No. 250947: Behested Payment Waiver-Oppose.
Date: Friday, November 14, 2025 9:24:14 AM

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PUBLIC COMMENT: SF ETHICS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Friday, November 14, 2025 10:00AM

ITEM 8. Discussion and possible action re: Behested Payment Waiver.

My name is Mary Scheib. Thank you for holding this meeting and for taking my testimony. I hope to give comment remotely at the meeting and am also submitting in writing. I'm a member or Indivisible SF Local and State Action team. We are joining in coalition with California Clean Money Campaign and California Common Cause to oppose Ordinance No. 250947, item #8 on the Agenda.

Indivisible's mission is to hold our local officials accountable to extend democracy, fairness, transparency and progress towards a political culture that serves the will of all the people. As our democratic process is under threat nationally, it is especially important to hold on to and cherish it locally, as the Ethics Commission has done in the past.

Therefore, ISF opposes the Behested Payment Waiver, ordinance allowing the Board of Supervisors to grant themselves waivers to the San Francisco's prohibition on soliciting payments from parties who have business with the City. San Francisco voters passed Proposition E by nearly 70% in 2022 expressly to prohibit this kind of corruption. Even if unintentional or for worthy causes, the waiver of Behested Payments would nullify the will of the voters, be a conflict of interest and return to a past culture of corruption, ripe for Pay to Play and distrust.

As stated in our letter to the SF Ethics Commission, as the Board of Supervisors conducts the peoples' business, they can adopt simple rules and practices to help them comply with the law, support transparency and the public's right to know, as we've suggested.

I was struck by the discussion, in your agenda document, of the City's Sunshine ordinance assuring that deliberations of the all of government are conducted before the people and open to their review. I also appreciate your past leadership in behested payment restrictions. In that light, I urge the Ethics Commission to stand firm and deny ordinance No.250947.

Thank you again.

From: Robert Thomas
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
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From: Joel Messerer
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
Date: Friday, November 14, 2025 4:27:27 AM

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From: Paula McNamee
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From: Kathryn Bender
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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San Francisco, California 94110

From: J. Barry Gurdin
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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From: David Hoffman
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
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San Francisco, California 94117-1319

From: Sayuri Falconer
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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San Francisco, California 94118

From: Patricia Avery
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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From: Elizabeth Darr
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
Date: Friday, November 14, 2025 10:31:57 AM

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From: Dyan Garza
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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From: Patricia Hinds Curren
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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From: Ronda Calef
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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From: Nicolette Brannan
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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From: Harriet Leff
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Please REJECT Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 9:01:26 PM

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From: Todd
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Reject Item 8 behested payment waiver
Date: Friday, November 14, 2025 7:52:22 AM

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As a stakeholder and resident of San Francisco, I strongly oppose ordinance # 250947 allowing Pay to Play conditions on the Board of Supervisors.

From: Leon Van Steen
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: Reject the Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
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Leon Van Steen
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154 Dwight St
San Francisco , California 94134

From: Linda Howard
To: Ethics Commission, (ETH)
Subject: The people have voted - please reject Behested Payments Waivers Ordinance – Item 8, File No. 250947
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 6:22:24 PM

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