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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Attached is the City Attorney's summary and title for a proposed local initiative measure.¹ In preparing this title, the City Attorney makes no representation regarding the merits or legality of the proposed legislation. Nor does the City Attorney verify or confirm any factual or legal assertion made in the proposal. The title is presented as a "true and impartial statement of the purpose of the proposed measure." Elections Code § 9203.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mollie Lee".

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¹ The subject matter of this memorandum indirectly involves the Mayoral election. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the City Attorney's August 27, 2010 memorandum regarding legal advice on matters concerning the Mayor's race, City Attorney Dennis J. Herrera took no part in preparing or reviewing this advice. The August 27 memorandum is available in the list of public opinions on the City Attorney Office's website, at <http://www.sfcityattorney.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=669>.

MALE CIRCUMCISION

Currently, San Francisco does not prohibit male circumcision.

The proposed measure would amend the San Francisco Police Code to make it a misdemeanor to circumcise, excise, cut, or mutilate the foreskin, testicles, or penis of another person who is not at least 18 years old.

The proposed measure includes an exception for cases of clear and immediate medical need, if there is no less-destructive alternative. But the measure states there is no exception for persons who believe circumcision is required as a matter of custom or ritual.

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