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Honorable City Council Members
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Dear Council Members:

At its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 7th the TRUE Commission made the following recommendations regarding legislation pending before the City Council:

2012-730 (RFP for design and construction of new Supervisor of Elections operations center): the TRUE Commission unanimously recommended that the City evaluate the feasibility and desirability of constructing a new publicly-owned Supervisor of Elections operations center rather than leasing such a facility, and recommends that the feasibility study analyze the comparative advantages of new construction versus leasing by amortizing the cost of a newly-constructed building over the full expected useful lifespan of the building (at least 20-25 years) rather than some artificially shorter time period.

2013-92 (appropriating \$898,105 of Supervisor of Elections Office FY12 budgetary savings to pay down the office's Banking Fund debt): the TRUE Commission unanimously recommended approval of this bill and applauds the Supervisor of Elections for achieving the cost savings and applying it to debt reduction purposes rather than to additional expenditures.

2013-94 (mobility fee 3-year moratorium): a motion proposed by the commission's Legislative Tracking Committee to oppose the moratorium failed by a vote of 2-13, therefore the TRUE Commission expressed support for the adoption of the bill and the imposition of a temporary moratorium on mobility fee collections.

2013-116 (amending the Ordinance Code to revise the Public Service Grant scoring and ranking process): the TRUE Commission unanimously recommended passage of the bill.

The TRUE Commission thanks you for your consideration of the Commission's opinions on these important matters. As always, the Commission stands ready to be of assistance in any way. Please feel free to call on us at any time.

Sincerely,



Marc El Hassan
Chairman