

RE: Feedback from the San Francisco Human Services Network (HSN) on Proposed Business Tax Reforms in 2024

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Attn: Controller Ben Rosenfield

The San Francisco Human Services Network (HSN) prefers that revenue adjustments have a goal beyond revenue neutrality. The revenue-neutral target is particularly concerning due to its selection of a post-pandemic year (2022) as the base.

As always, HSN stands for a reasonably progressive tax structure that ensures essential services can continue, including current priorities for people who are unhoused, behavioral health clients, and other vulnerable populations in our community.

Beyond that, a revenue-neutral model combined with a higher threshold to place future revenue measures on the ballot is unacceptably limiting. By closing off traditional San Francisco avenues for ballot access, the proposal will create barriers should the revenue model require corrections to prevent future service reductions.

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