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MEMORANDUM

TO: Andrea Ausberry, Assistant Clerk
Land Use and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Joanne Hayes-White, Chief of Department

DATE: January 30, 2014

RE: Legislation Introduced, January 7, 2014
Board of Supervisors File Number 1410021

Dear Ms. Ausberry,

Thank you for forwarding your memo dated January 17, 2014 regarding Legislation introduced by Supervisor Scott Wiener at the Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee on January 7, 2014 (File No. 1410021).

The Department would like to respond to the Legislation as follows:

The Fire Department believes that it may be helpful to include representatives from the Department of Adult Protective Services, the Human Services Agency, and Mental Health Association of San Francisco in the hearing to understand the issues and timeframes regarding the subject of hoarding.

It should be noted that, the Fire Department does not have a mechanism at this time to keep statistics on referrals to other agencies or is there a mechanism for the public to track progress of violations at the current time.

Lastly, it is suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding between all agencies may be easier to institute and amend rather than legislation. This would allow for consistent coordinated enforcement and referrals.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Deputy Chief Michie Wong at 558-3320.

Thank you.