

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[General Plan Amendment - Community Safety Element]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco General Plan by amending the Community Safety Element to reference the most recent Hazard Mitigation Plan; and making findings, including findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1, and environmental findings.

Existing Law

The Community Safety Element is a required element of the General Plan, addressing the City's risk of natural or technological disasters, particularly seismic hazards. The existing Community Safety Element was approved by the Planning Commission in April 1997 and was adopted by Board of Supervisors on August 15, 1997. The Community Safety element consists of two parts, an *Introduction* section, and an *Objectives and Policies* section. There are also two documents related to the Community Safety Element: a *Summary Background Report* describing the natural hazards facing San Francisco and the programs currently in place to address them; and an *Implementation Program* describing current and proposed projects to carry out the Objectives and Policies contained here.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed amendments revise the reference in the Community Safety Element of the General Plan to refer to the current San Francisco Hazard Mitigation Plan and better describe the role of the Hazard Mitigation Plan as an Implementation Program of the Community Safety Element. The Hazard Mitigation Plan describes the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction; describes the jurisdiction's vulnerability to these hazards; includes a mitigation strategy that provides the jurisdiction's blueprint for reducing the potential losses; and, contains a plan maintenance process.

Background Information

Amending the Community Safety Element to reference the most recent Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow the City and County of San Francisco to qualify for additional funding for certain disaster recovery projects.