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File No. 171307

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Dear Ms. Gibson:

On December 12, 2017, Supervisor Peskin introduced legislation for the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 5, 2018, Election:

File No. 171307 Charter Amendment - Retirement Board

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to reduce the Mayoral appointments to the Retirement Board from three to two members and to require that the City Attorney appoint one member; to require that the appointments of the Mayor and City Attorney be subject to a hearing and Board of Supervisors' approval within 60 days, but that if not acted upon become effective on the 61st day; to require that the term of any member appointed by the Mayor between December 1, 2014, and January 1, 2018, expire on September 1, 2018, with the City Attorney appointing a member to fill such a vacancy; and to require that the Retirement Board disclose certain investment information on a biannual basis; at an election to be held on June 5, 2018.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

for By:  Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director
Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planner
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planner

1 [Charter Amendment - Retirement Board]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 5,**

4 **2018, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to reduce the Mayoral**

5 **appointments to the Retirement Board from three to two members and to require that the**

6 **City Attorney appoint one member; to require that the appointments of the Mayor and**

7 **City Attorney be subject to a hearing and Board of Supervisors' approval within 60 days,**

8 **but that if not acted upon become effective on the 61st day; to require that the term of any**

9 **member appointed by the Mayor between December 1, 2014, and January 1, 2018, expire**

10 **on September 1, 2018, with the City Attorney appointing a member to fill such a vacancy;**

11 **and to require that the Retirement Board disclose certain investment information on a**

12 **biannual basis.**

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14 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City

15 and County, at an election to be held on June 5, 2018, a proposal to amend the Charter of the

16 City and County by revising Section 12.100, to read as follows:

17 NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.

18 **Additions** are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.

19 **Deletions** are *strike-through italics Times New Roman font*.

20 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Charter

21 subsections.

22 **SEC. 12.100. RETIREMENT BOARD.**

23 *(a)* The Retirement Board shall consist of seven members as follows: one member of the

24 Board of Supervisors appointed by the President, ~~three~~ two public members to be ~~appointed~~

25 ~~nominated~~ by the Mayor ~~pursuant to Section 3.100~~, one public member to be nominated by the

1 City Attorney, and three members elected by the active members and retired persons of the
2 Retirement System from among their number. The nominations of public members by the Mayor
3 and the City Attorney shall be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the
4 subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a
5 nomination by the Mayor or City Attorney within 60 days of the date the nomination is
6 transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed approved.
7 Appointments of the three public members to the Retirement Board shall become effective on the
8 date the Board of Supervisors adopts a motion approving the nomination or on the 61st day
9 following the date the nomination was transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors if the
10 Board of Supervisors fails to act upon the nomination prior to such date. The public members
11 appointed by the Mayor and the City Attorney shall be experienced in life insurance, actuarial
12 science, employee pension planning, or investment portfolio management, or hold a degree of
13 doctor of medicine. There shall not be, at any one time, more than one retired person on the
14 Board.

15 (b) The term of the members, other than the Board of Supervisors member, shall be five
16 years, one term expiring on February 20th of each year. The three elected members need not be
17 residents of the City and County. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the appointing
18 authority ~~Mayor~~ for the remainder of the unexpired term, except that in the case of elected
19 employee members, a vacancy shall be filled by a special election within 120 days after the
20 vacancy occurs unless the next regularly scheduled employee member election is to be held
21 within six months after such vacancy occurred. Elections shall be conducted by the Director of
22 Elections in a manner prescribed by ordinance.

23 Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section 12.100, the term of office of any seat on
24 the Retirement Board to which the Mayor appointed a member between December 1, 2014, and
25 January 1, 2018, shall expire at noon on September 1, 2018, and the City Attorney shall appoint

1 a member to serve in that seat following the procedures set forth in subsection (a). The initial
2 term of any City Attorney appointee under this second paragraph of subsection (b) shall begin at
3 noon on September 1, 2018, and shall expire on February 20, 2019. Thereafter, the City
4 Attorney shall appoint members to the same seat as provided in subsection (a). The terms of all
5 other seats on the Retirement Board on June 5, 2018, shall continue uninterrupted.

6 (c) The Board shall appoint and may remove an executive director and an actuary. The
7 Board may employ a consulting actuary.

8 (d) In accordance with Article XVI, Section 17, of the California Constitution, the
9 Retirement Board shall have plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility for investment of
10 monies and administration of the Retirement System.

11 The Board shall be the sole authority and judge, consistent with this Charter and
12 ordinances, as to the conditions under which members of the Retirement System may receive and
13 may continue to receive benefits under the Retirement System, and shall have exclusive control
14 of the administration and investment of such funds as may be established.

15 The Retirement Board shall discharge its duties with respect to the system with the care,
16 skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person
17 acting in a like capacity and familiar with these matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise
18 of a like character and with like aims.

19 The Board shall determine City and County and District contributions on the basis of a
20 normal contribution rate which shall be computed as a level percentage of compensation which,
21 when applied to the future compensation of the average new member entering the System,
22 together with the required member contribution, will be sufficient to provide for the payment of
23 all prospective benefits of such member. The portion of liability not provided by the normal
24 contribution rate shall be amortized over a period not to exceed twenty years.

1 (e) The Retirement Board shall require that each alternative investment vehicle in which
2 it invests disclose to the Retirement Board the information set forth in California Government
3 Code section 7514.7 on a biannual basis. The Retirement Board shall publish on its website and
4 report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors the information disclosed under this subsection (e)
5 within 30 days of the disclosure.

6 (f) The Board may act by a majority of the members present at a meeting so long as a
7 quorum is in attendance.

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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
10 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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12 JANA CLARK
13 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(First Draft, 12/12/2017)

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Existing Law

Existing law establishes a seven member Retirement Board with authority to exercise plenary and fiduciary responsibility for investment of monies and in the administration of the Retirement System. Under existing law, the President of the Board of Supervisors appoints one member, the Mayor appoints three members, and three members are elected by members of the Retirement system from their membership.

Amendments to Current Law

This Charter amendment reduces the Mayoral appointments from three to two and requires that the City Attorney appoint one member. In addition, this Charter amendment requires that the Mayoral and City Attorney appointments be subject to a hearing and Board of Supervisors' approval within 60 days, but that if not acted on become effective on the 61st day. This Charter amendment also requires that the term of members appointed between December 1, 2014 and January 1, 2018 expire and that the City Attorney fill those seats. Finally, this Charter amendment requires that the Retirement Board report on its website and to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors certain investment information on a biannual basis.

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