

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Acceptance of Gifts - SFO Museum]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize the Airport Commission to accept certain gifts, devises, and bequests of objects or other articles for the SFO Museum collection.

Existing Law

Administrative Code Section 10.100-305 allows designated departments, boards, or commissions, including the Airport Commission, to accept, receive, and administer gifts bequeathed for the benefit of said departments, boards, or commissions. However, the Board of Supervisors must approve any gift with a market value greater than \$10,000.

Amendments to Current Law

By adding clause (d) to Administrative Code Section 10.100-305, the proposed ordinance would allow the Airport Commission to accept gifts with a market value greater than \$10,000 for the SFO Museum collection without action from the Board of Supervisors when such acceptance entails no expense on the part of the Airport Commission beyond the ordinary care and maintenance of such gifts.

Background Information

The Airport Commission established the SFO Museum on October 15, 1991. The SFO Museum manages a permanent collection and conducts ongoing collection development through acquisitions by purchase and gifts of objects appropriate to the collection focus. Periodically, gifts valued at greater than \$10,000 are offered for donation to the SFO Museum collection. All gifts are reviewed for compliance with the SFO Museum Collection Management Policy and are presented for approval by the SFO Museum Collection Review Committee. SFO Museum has stated that the proposed ordinance would support its efforts to execute appropriate deeds of gift in a prompt manner that preserves productive donor relations.

Under Charter Section 5.100, the governing boards of the Arts Commission, the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center may accept loans, gifts, devises, bequests, or agreements donating works of art or other assets to their respective departments without action of the Board of Supervisors, so long as acceptance of the same entails no expense for the City beyond ordinary care and maintenance. Therefore, the proposed ordinance would align SFO Museum with these other City-owned museums that are authorized to accept gifts valued at greater than \$10,000 without Board approval.

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