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Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to create a City Rainy Day Reserve and a School Rainy Day Reserve out of the existing Rainy Day Reserve at an election to be held on November 4, 2014.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 4, 2014, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Section 9.113.5, to read as follows:

NOTE:

Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text are in plain font.

Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u>.

Deletions are <u>strike-through italics Times New Roman font</u>.

Asterisks (\* \* \* \*) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

#### SEC. 9.113.5. RAINY DAY <u>RESERVES</u><del>RESERVE</del>.

(a) <u>Beginning January 1, 2015, there There</u> shall be a <u>City</u> Rainy Day Reserve (the <u>City</u> Reserve) <u>and a School Rainy Day Reserve (the School Reserve)</u>, <u>collectively referred to as the</u> Rainy Day Reserves which may also be known as an economic stabilization reserve.

#### Allocations to the Reserves Reserve

- (b) If the Controller projects that total General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year will exceed total General Fund revenues for the current year by more than five percent, the budget shall allocate the anticipated General Fund revenues in excess of that five percent growth (the excess revenues) as follows:
- 1. 50 percent of the excess revenues to the <u>Rainy Day Reserves Reserve</u>, with 75 percent of that amount deposited to the City Reserve and 25 percent to the <u>School Reserve</u>;

- 2. 25 percent of the excess revenues to capital and other one-time expenditures; and,
  - 3. 25 percent of the excess revenues to any lawful governmental purpose.
- (c) Total monies in the <u>City</u> Reserve may not exceed 10 percent of actual total general fund revenues, as stated in the City's most recent independent annual audit. The budget shall allocate excess revenues that would otherwise be allocated to the <u>City</u> Reserve above the 10 percent cap instead to capital and other one-time expenditures.
- (d) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may, at any time, appropriate monies from the capital and other one-time expenditures allocation for capital projects or for expenditures such as, but not limited to, acquisition of equipment or information systems.
- (e) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may, at any time, appropriate monies from the general purpose allocation for any lawful governmental purpose.

#### Withdrawals from the <u>City</u> Reserve

- (f) If the Controller projects that total General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year will be less than the current year's total General Fund revenues, or the highest of any other previous year's total General Fund revenues, the budget may appropriate up to 50 percent of the current balance in the <u>City</u> Reserve, but no more than the shortfall in total General Fund revenues, for any lawful governmental purpose in the upcoming budget year.
- 1. If the trigger for withdrawals from the <u>City</u> Reserve was not met in the current year, the Controller shall calculate the shortfall for the upcoming budget year by subtracting the total projected General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year from the total projected General Fund revenues for the current year.
- 2. If the trigger for withdrawals from the <u>City</u> Reserve was met in the current year, the shortfall shall be calculated by subtracting the total projected General Fund revenues

for the upcoming budget year from the highest of any previous year's total General Fund revenues, plus two percent for each intervening year.

#### **Adjustments**

- (g) If the City made appropriations from the <u>City</u> Reserve in the current year and in the immediately preceding budget year pursuant to subsection (f), the City is not required to allocate any anticipated excess revenues to the <u>Rainy Day Reserves</u> or to capital and other one-time expenditures for the upcoming budget year.
- (h) If the Controller projects that the Consumer Price Index for the upcoming budget year shall exceed the index for the current year by more than five percent, the trigger for allocations to the Reserve as set forth in Subparagraph (b) above shall instead be the percentage of growth in the index plus two percent. If the Controller projects that the Consumer Price Index for the upcoming budget year shall be less than the index for the current year, the trigger for withdrawals from the Reserve as set forth in Subparagraph (f) above shall instead be the percentage of negative growth in the index. The Controller shall use for these purposes the San Francisco All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), or its successor, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- (i) If the Board of Supervisors or the voters take an action that changes the amount of total General Fund revenues in any material manner, such as reducing a tax or imposing a new fee, the revenue changes caused by that action will not be counted as part of the triggers for allocations to *the Rainy Day Reserves* or withdrawals from the *City* Reserve during the year or years in which the action is first implemented.
- (j) In conjunction with the year-end close of the budget, the Controller shall reconcile the revenue projections triggering any budgeted allocations to or withdrawals from the <u>Rainy Day</u> <u>Reserves Reserve</u> with actual revenue results, as stated in the City's independent annual audit for

the years in question, and rebalance the <u>Rainy Day Reserves</u>, the capital and other onetime expenditures allocation, and the general purpose allocation accordingly.

## Withdrawals from the School Reserve for the Benefit of the Unified School District

- (k) If the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) projects that inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues for the upcoming fiscal year will be reduced and that a significant number of layoffs would be required to balance its budget, the SFUSD Board of Education may approve, by majority vote, a draw from the School Reserve of up to 50 percent of the current balance in the School Reserve but no more than the shortfall in inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues. Such action shall be transmitted to the Controller, who upon certification of the SFUSD calculation shall transfer such funds to the SFUSD. For purposes of this Section, allocations provided from the City to the SFUSD through the Public Education Enrichment Fund shall not be deemed discretionary.
- (l) If the triggers for withdrawal from the School Reserve were met in the current fiscal year, the decline in per-pupil discretionary spending shall be calculated by subtracting the inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues for the upcoming budget year from the highest of any previous year's inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues.
- (m) In conjunction with the year-end close of the SFUSD budget, the SFUSD shall reconcile the revenue projections triggering a budgeted withdrawal from the School Reserve with actual revenue results, as stated in the SFUSD's independent audit for the years in question. The SFUSD shall rebalance the withdrawal allocation and, if necessary, return funds required to rebalance the Reserve.
- (n) Given possible changes in State school funding formulae, changes in local demographic or economic conditions, or other factors, the SFUSD may for a given fiscal year draw from the School Reserve amounts in excess of the limitations in subsection (k) or to offset revenue losses that are less than those that would otherwise permit a draw under subsections (k)

and (l). Such action shall become operative for that fiscal year following approval of two-thirds of the SFUSD School Board and certification of the School Board's approval by the Controller.

(k) If the Controller projects that inflation adjusted per pupil revenues for the San

Francisco Unified School District will be reduced in the upcoming budget year and the School

District has noticed a significant number of layoffs, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor

may, in their discretion, appropriate funds from the Reserve to the School District to offset the

costs of maintaining education during the upcoming budget year. Such appropriations may not

exceed the dollar value of the total decline in inflation-adjusted per pupil revenues for the year,

or 25 percent of the Reserve balance, whichever is lower. If the triggers for withdrawals from

the Reserve for the benefit of the School District were met in the current year, the decline in per
pupil revenues shall be calculated by subtracting the inflation-adjusted per-pupil revenues for

the upcoming budget year from the highest of any previous year's inflation adjusted per-pupil

revenues, plus two percent for each intervening year.

#### Transition to New Reserve Structure

(o) No later than January 1, 2015, the Controller shall transfers 50 percent of the Rainy

Day Reserve existing as of that date to the City Reserve and 50 percent to the School Reserve.

### **Two-Year Budget**

(p)(1) The Controller shall promulgate procedures modifying the Rainy Day Reserve system, as necessary, to be consistent with the City's adoption of biennial rather than annual budgets.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:

THOMAS J. OWEN

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#### **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Charter Amendment - Rainy Day Reserves]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to create a City Rainy Day Reserve and School Rainy Day Reserve out of the existing Rainy Day Reserve at an election to be held on November 4, 2014.

### **Existing Law**

The City has a Rainy Day Reserve Fund (the "Reserve"). In any year when the City collects over five percent more money than it collected in the previous year, the City deposits half of this money in the Reserve. The City may only take money out of the Reserve when it collects less money than it did in the previous year. The City may give up to one quarter of the Reserve to the San Francisco Unified School District (the "School District") when the District collects less money per student than in the previous year and plans significant layoffs, but the City is not required to do so.

#### Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is a Charter amendment that would divide the existing Rainy Day Reserve into a City Rainy Day Reserve (the "City Reserve") and a School Rainy Day Reserve (the "School Reserve"). In any year when the City collected over 5 percent more money than it collected in the previous year, the City would deposit half of this money in the two reserves, with three quarters of that amount going to the City Reserve and one quarter going to the School Reserve. So in a year when the City's revenues grew by more than 5 percent over the previous year, for every \$100.00 the City collected over that threshold, it would deposit \$37.50 in the City Reserve and \$12.50 in the School Reserve.

Under the proposal, the School District would have the right to withdraw, and the City would be required to pay out, money from the School Reserve in years when the District expected to collect less money per student than in the previous year and would otherwise have to layoff a significant number of employees to balance its budget. Generally, the School District could only withdraw up to half the current balance in the School Reserve but no more than the amount of the anticipated revenue shortfall. But the School District could, by a two-thirds' vote of the School Board, decide to withdraw a larger amount for a given year or to make a withdrawal in a year when there was not a projected revenue shortfall or a significant number of layoffs.

The City would transfer half the balance of the existing Rainy Day Reserve to the City Reserve and half to the School Reserve.

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Sandra Lee Fewer, President, Board of Education

FROM:

Alisa Miller, Clerk, Rules Committee

**Board of Supervisors** 

DATE:

May 28, 2014

SUBJECT:

CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED

November 4, 2014 Election

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment for the November 4, 2014 Election, introduced by Supervisor Avalos on May 20, 2014. This matter is being referred to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.4.

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#### File No. 140554 Charter Amendment - Rainy Day Reserve

Charter amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter to provide for a City Reserve and a School Reserve within the existing Rainy Day Reserve at an election to be held on November 4, 2014.

Please review immediately and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative file.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-4447 or email: <u>alisa.miller@sfgov.org</u>. To submit documentation, please forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department
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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Hon. Jane Kim

Member, Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Thomas J. Owen

**Deputy City Attorney** 

DATE:

May 20, 2014

RE:

Rainy Day Reserves Charter Amendment

First Draft, dated 5/20/2104 (Our File No. 1400498)

Enclosed are the signed original and two copies of the First Draft of the Rainy Day Reserves charter amendment, dated 5/20/2014, as well as a legislative digest. I will also send you electronic copies later today.

Encl.

cc (by e-mail):

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# **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion, or Charter Amendment)  $\boxtimes$ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. inquires" 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor 5. City Attorney request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: ☐ Ethics Commission **Small Business Commission** ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Supervisor Jane Kim Subject: [Charter Amendment - Rainy Day Reserves] The text is listed below or attached: Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to create a City Rainy Day Reserve and a School Rainy Day Reserve out of the existing Rainy Day Reserve at an election to be held on November 4, 2014. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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