

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Grant Agreement - Planned Parenthood Northern California - Security Services - Not to Exceed \$456,000 - Waiver of Competitive Solicitation Requirement]

Ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Health (“Department”) to award a one-time grant to Planned Parenthood Northern California (“Planned Parenthood NC”) by waiving the competitive solicitation requirements of Administrative Code, Chapter 21G, for the purpose of funding security personnel to support access to family planning and other sexual and reproductive healthcare services in an amount not to exceed \$456,000 for a term not to exceed two years; and requiring the Department to provide an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the security personnel selected by Planned Parenthood NC and security incidents experienced by Planned Parenthood NC.

Existing Law

Chapter 21G of the Administrative Code requires granting agencies to award grants through an open and competitive process with certain exceptions for governmental entities, as required to comply with applicable laws, contracts, or funding source, for improvements to property, or on a sole source basis.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed uncodified ordinance would waive the competitive solicitation requirements of the Administrative Code, Chapter 21G, to authorize the Department of Public Health to enter into a grant agreement with Planned Parenthood Northern California (“Planned Parenthood NC”) in an amount not to exceed \$456,000 and a term not to exceed two years, for the purpose of funding security personnel to support access to healthcare services at Planned Parenthood NC’s primary San Francisco location.

Background Information

Planned Parenthood NC is a nonprofit organization that provides critical reproductive healthcare services and maintains healthcare centers in San Francisco and other locations in Northern California and is affiliated with other Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide. Planned Parenthood NC’s primary location, in San Francisco, provides expert comprehensive sexual and reproductive healthcare. Abortion and reproductive healthcare providers, such as Planned Parenthood, and people who use their services are the targets of anti-abortion threats, disruption, and violence. Absent adequately trained security personnel, patients seeking care may be deterred from doing so by threats of intimidation and violence and may be subject to harassment, intimidation, or violence if they choose to come to a provider.