

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Public Health and Safety General Obligation Bond Election]

Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur the following bonded debt of the City and County: \$350,000,000 to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement, and betterment of critical community health, emergency response and safety, and animal care facilities for earthquake safety and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants in accordance with Chapter 37 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; finding that the estimated cost of such proposed project is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy; reciting the estimated cost of such proposed project; fixing the date of election and the manner of holding such election and the procedure for voting for or against the proposition; fixing the maximum rate of interest on such bonds and providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest; prescribing notice to be given of such election; finding that a portion of the proposed bond is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and adopting findings under CEQA, CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31 for the remaining portion of the proposed bond; finding that the proposed bond is in conformity with the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1(b) and with the General Plan consistency requirement of Charter Section 4.105 and Administrative Code Section 2A.53; consolidating the special election with the general election; establishing the election precincts, voting places and officers for the election; waiving the word limitation on ballot propositions imposed by San Francisco Municipal Elections Code Section 510; complying with the restrictions on the use of bond proceeds specified in Section 53410 of the California Government Code; incorporating the provisions of the San Francisco Administrative Code, Sections 5.30 – 5.36; and waiving the time requirements specified in Section 2.34 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

Existing Law

This is new legislation.

Background Information

The proposed Ordinance calls for a general obligation bond election to be held on June 7, 2016. The general obligation bonds are authorized in an amount up to \$350,000,000 for the construction, acquisition, improvement and betterment of critical community health, emergency response and safety, and animal care facilities for earthquake safety.

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A portion of the general obligation bond proceeds will be used to fund essential seismic retrofits and improvements at the Pricilla and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General campus and neighborhood clinic, including but not limited to the modernization of fire response systems and the renovation and addition to the Southeast Health Center (referred to in the Ordinance as the “Public Health Project”).

A portion of the general obligation bond proceeds will be used for the construction, acquisition, improvement, retrofitting and upgrade the San Francisco Fire Department Ambulance Deployment Facility, which includes the construction of a modern, seismically safe ambulance and paramedic deployment facility (referred to in the Ordinance as the “Safety Project.”).

Finally, a portion of the general obligation bond will be used for the construction, acquisition, improvement, retrofitting and upgrading the San Francisco Animal Shelter, which includes the construction of a modern, seismically safe building to care for displaced animals to prevent the spread of communicable diseases in the event of an earthquake (referred to in the proposed Ordinance as the “Animal Rescue Project”).

The proposed ballot measure must be approved by two-thirds of all the voters voting on the measure to pass. If passed the proposed bond funds will be subject to oversight of the Citizen’s General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee. In addition, the City will .create and maintain a web page describing the bond program, progress, and activity updates. The City will also hold an annual public hearing and reviews on the bond program and its implementation before the Capital Planning Committee, the Police and Fire Commissions, and the Citizen’s General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee.