

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Composition and Sunset Date of Family Violence Council]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to change the composition of the Family Violence Council and extend the sunset date for the Council to May 1, 2024.

Existing Law

The Family Violence Council is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Superior Court, and City departments regarding prevention and treatment of child abuse, domestic violence, and elder/dependent adult abuse. Among other duties, the Council recommends strategies to serve survivors of family violence, recommends methods of educating the public about family violence, compiles relevant data, and facilitates communication and cooperation between public and private agencies.

The Council has 26 designated seats, including three members representing community-based organizations who serve as the co-chairs of the Council and also serve as the members of the Steering Committee, a three-person committee that sets policy for the Council. The Steering Committee has discretion to appoint three additional members to the Council.

The Council is currently scheduled to terminate on May 1, 2021.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would add seats on the Council for the Director of the Department of Police Accountability and the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. The proposed ordinance would also authorize the Steering Committee to appoint up to six additional members to the Council, which members would be required to have professional and/or lived experience in issues of family violence prevention and represent the diversity of the communities most impacted by family violence.

Under Board of Supervisors Rules of Order, Rule 2.21, the ordinance would also provide that the Council will automatically sunset on May 1, 2024 unless extended in a subsequent ordinance.