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MUNICIPAL FINES AND FEES TASK FORCE

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Authority:

Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Article XXX, Sections 5.30-1 through 5:30-6; Ordinance No. 93-16 (File No. 160359).

Board Qualifications:

The Board of Supervisors established the Municipal Fines and Fees Task Force of the City and County of San Francisco.

The general purpose of the Task Force is to provide advice to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and City departments regarding the financial and criminal impacts on low-income San Franciscans of municipal fines and fees, court-ordered debt, suspended driver's licenses, and collection policies and practices related to these fines and fees, and regarding potential policies that could mitigate those impacts.

The Task Force shall consist of the following eleven voting members:

- ☐ Seat 1 shall be held by an employee of the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, appointed by the Treasurer-Tax Collector.
- Seat 2 shall be held by an employee in the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, appointed by the Director of that department.
- Seat 3 shall be held by an employee of the Human Services Agency, appointed by the Director of that department.
- Seat 4 shall be held by an employee of the Public Defender's Office, appointed by the Public Defender.
- Seat 5 shall be held by an employee of the District Attorney's Office, appointed by the District Attorney.
- Seat 6 shall be held by an employee of the Municipal Transportation Agency, appointed by the

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Director of Transportation.

- Seat 7 shall be held by an employee of the San Francisco Superior Court, appointed by the Presiding Judge. If at any time the Presiding Judge declines to appoint a member and leaves the seat vacant for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until such time as the Presiding Judge appoints a member.

- Seats 8 through 11 shall be held by persons with lived experience as, or experience providing services or assistance to, low-income people regarding court-ordered debt, suspended driver's licenses, or payment of municipal fines or fees, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities and may be removed by the appointing authorities at any time. Each member may remain on the Task Force until the termination of the Task Force under Section 5.30-6, unless removed by his or her appointing authority. A seat that is vacant on the Task Force shall be filled by the appointing authority for that seat.

Any member who misses three regular meetings of the Task Force within a six-month period without the express approval of the Task Force at or before each missed meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Task Force 10 days after the third unapproved absence. The Task Force shall inform the appointing authority of any such resignation.

Report: No later than six months after its inaugural meeting, the Task Force shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a report evaluating and recommending policy options to (1) reduce municipal fines and fees for low-income people, (2) reduce the rate at which low-income people are cited for municipal violations, (3) offer debt relief for low-income people facing significant debt arising from municipal fines, fees, and court-ordered debt, and (3) implement the Statewide Traffic Tickets/Infraction Amnesty Program based on California Vehicle Code Section 42008.8.

Sunset: Unless the Board of Supervisors by ordinance extends the term of the Task Force, this Article XXX shall expire by operation of law, and the Task Force shall terminate, two years after the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 160359 enacting this Article--June 26, 2018. After that date, the City Attorney shall cause this Article XXX to be removed from the Administrative Code.