

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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[Administrative Code - Establishing Graffiti Advisory Board]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Graffiti Advisory Board to advise the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on issues relating to graffiti prevention and abatement; and setting forth the membership and duties of the Advisory Board.

Existing Law

Currently, there is no advisory body that advises the Board of Supervisors (Board) or the Mayor on issues relating to graffiti prevention and abatement.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would establish the Graffiti Advisory Board (Advisory Board), which would be responsible for advising the Board and the Mayor on issues relating to graffiti prevention and abatement.

The Advisory Board would consist of 15 members, 11 of whom would be appointed by individual Members of the Board of Supervisors. The remaining four seats would be held by the Mayor, Director of Public Works, Chief of Police, and the Director of Cultural Affairs, or their designees.

By October 2024, and every year thereafter, the Advisory Board would be required to prepare and submit to the Board and the Mayor a report addressing the impacts of graffiti on neighborhoods and the downtown area of San Francisco, reviewing and evaluating the services and programs in place to prevent graffiti and respond to graffiti, and making recommendations for strategies to consolidate public and private anti-graffiti efforts.

Background Information

In 1993, the City established the Graffiti Advisory Board to advise the Board of Supervisors about the problem of graffiti in neighborhoods and the downtown area of San Francisco. The legislation establishing the Advisory Board sunset in March 2022, so as of the introduction of this ordinance, there has been no Graffiti Advisory Board in place for approximately 18 months. Before sunseting in 2022, the Advisory Body consisted of 25 members.

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