

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Amended in Committee, 5/10/2010)

[Neighborhood Community Justice Task Force.]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Sections 5.70 through 5.75, to create a Neighborhood Community Justice Task Force to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the creation of restorative and community justice programs; provide for the Task Force's membership, organization, and duties; and set a sunset date for the Task Force.

Existing Law

City law does not currently provide for the systematic study of neighborhood-based community justice programs

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to create a seven-member Neighborhood Community Justice Task Force to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the creation of neighborhood-based restorative and community justice programs.

The Task Force would initially focus on the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. It would then consider other neighborhoods and commercial corridors chosen by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The Board could change the Task Force membership as programs for these new neighborhoods are studied.

The seven voting members of the Task Force, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, would consist of:

- A tenant in the neighborhood;
- An owner of residential property in the neighborhood;
- An owner of a business located in the neighborhood;

- A person with expertise in and practical experience with restorative justice models;
- A person recommended by a neighborhood-based organization that provides outreach or drop-in services for youth;
- A person recommended by a community-based organization that works with homeless individuals; and,
- A person nominated by the Supervisor in whose district the neighborhood is located.

Representatives from the Small Business Commission, Human Services Agency, Department of Public Health, Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Tenderloin's Community Justice Center, Police Department, District Attorney, and Public Defender, would serve as non-voting members of the Task Force. The City would also invite the Superior Court to send a representative to participate as a non-voting member of the Task Force.

The term of office of voting members of the Task Force would be one year, and they would serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. The Human Services Agency would provide administrative support for the Task Force.

The Task Force would hold meetings and hearings, including at least two meetings in the neighborhood under consideration, assessing the service needs for the neighborhood, evaluating public safety in the neighborhood, and evaluating restorative and other justice models. The Task Force would submit its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, including recommendations regarding social and health services that should be provided in conjunction with a justice program.

The ordinance would automatically expire July 1, 2015, unless the Board of Supervisors by resolution extended its term.