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ORDINANCE NO.

1 [Food Security Task Force.]
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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Health Code by amending Section 470.1, to**
4 **modify the membership of the Food Security Task Force and to direct the Task Force to**
5 **prepare an annual assessment of the state of hunger and food insecurity in San**
6 **Francisco, and by amending Section 470.2, to extend the term of the Task Force.**

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8 deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.
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Board amendment deletions are ~~strike-through-normal~~.

10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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12 **Section 1. Findings.**

13 (a) Since 2005, the San Francisco Food Security Task Force has successfully
14 provided leadership to the City to decrease hunger and improve food security.

15 (b) The San Francisco Food Security Task Force has developed a strategic plan to
16 address hunger, and has worked to increase participation in federally funded food programs.

17 (c) Since 2005, the San Francisco Food Security Task Force has achieved many
18 accomplishments including a \$1 million grant that was awarded the USDA awarded the San
19 Francisco Human Service Agency for Food Stamp Access and Participation Grant to San
20 Francisco, and during the grant period there has been a 45 percent increase in the Food
21 Stamp caseload

22 (d) Due to economic decline, food insecurity and hunger in San Francisco continue to
23 be critical problems requiring increased coordination and advocacy among City agencies and
24 community organizations.
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1 (e) Community partners play an essential role in addressing the food needs of San
2 Francisco residents.

3 (f) Additional community partners are needed to join the San Francisco Food Security
4 Task Force to provide essential leadership and expertise in coordinating efforts to end hunger
5 and maximize usage of federally funded nutrition programs.

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7 Section 2. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by amending
8 Sections 470.1 and 470.2, to read as follows:

9 **SEC. 470.1. ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE.**

10 (a) **Food Security Task Force.** There is hereby established a Food Security Task
11 Force of the City and County of San Francisco. Food security, for purposes of this ordinance,
12 shall mean the state in which all persons obtain a nutritionally adequate, culturally acceptable
13 diet at all times through local non-emergency sources.

14 (b) **Membership.** The Task Force shall consist of up to 15 ~~12~~ members as provided
15 below. Voting members, other than department representatives and the School District
16 representative, shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

17 (1) **Voting Members.** The Board of Supervisors shall appoint one voting
18 member from: the Department of Human Services of the Human Service Agency, the
19 Department of Aging and Adult Services of the Human Services Agency, the Department of
20 Public Health—Nutrition Services, the Department of Public Health—Office of Food Systems,
21 the Department of Children, Youth and their Families, ~~the Mayor's Office on Community~~
22 ~~Development, and~~ the Recreation and Park Department, and the Economic and Workforce
23 Development Department. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall invite the San Francisco
24 Unified School District to submit a representative for appointment by the Board as a voting
25 member of the Task Force.

1 In addition, the Board may appoint as voting members of the Task Force up to seven
2 ~~four~~ representatives of community-based organizations that provide nutritional support and
3 increase the food security of San Francisco residents. Such community members shall be
4 nominated by the Task Force and may include but are not limited to representatives from
5 organizations serving food in the following program types: home-delivered meals; congregate meals
6 for seniors; food bank; free dining room; multi-service agency serving families and youth; shelter
7 meals; and faith-based organizations the San Francisco Food Bank or St. Anthony's Foundation. No
8 organization shall have more than one representative on the Task Force.

9 Members other than department representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the
10 Board of Supervisors.

11 (2) **Non-Voting Members.** The Task Force shall invite a member of the public
12 ~~federal agencies, such as the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, to~~
13 ~~send a representative~~ to sit as a non-voting member of the Task Force representing San Francisco
14 residents.

15 (c) **Staffing.** The Department of Public Health, ~~Nutrition Services,~~ shall provide clerical
16 assistance and logistical support to the Task Force and its committees.

17 (d) **Purposes of Task Force; Strategic Plan.** The Food Security Task Force shall
18 recommend to the Board of Supervisors legislative action and city-wide strategies that would
19 increase participation in federally funded programs such as the Food Stamp program,
20 Summer Food Service, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Homeless Children
21 Nutrition Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and
22 Children (WIC), the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast
23 Program. The Task Force shall also provide general advice and assistance to the Board of
24 Supervisors with regard to funding priorities, legislative action, and city policies on addressing
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1 hunger and enhancing the food security of San Francisco residents in addition to any other
2 issues within the Task Force's expertise.

3 To accomplish these goals, the Food Security Task Force shall prepare an annual
4 assessment of the state of hunger and food insecurity in San Francisco with recommendations for
5 funding, programs, and policy ~~a written, comprehensive, and coordinated strategic plan setting forth its~~
6 ~~recommendations and suggestions on implementation.~~ The Task Force shall submit the hunger and
7 food insecurity assessment plan to the Board of Supervisors ~~within twelve months after the first~~
8 ~~meeting of the Task Force.~~ The Board of Supervisors may adopt legislation to implement the
9 recommendations ~~support the plan.~~

10 Thereafter, the Task Force shall submit status reports on progress toward
11 implementing the recommendations plan and meeting the plan's goals to the Board bi-
12 annually.

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14 **SEC. 470.2. SUNSET PROVISION.**

15 One year after the passage of this ordinance, the Food Security Task Force shall
16 submit a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on whether the Task Force should
17 continue in operation. Unless the measure creating the Task Force is reauthorized and
18 extended by the Board by resolution prior to January 30, 2012 ~~January 31, 2009~~, Sections 470.1
19 and 470.2 shall expire by operation of law and the City Attorney shall cause those sections to
20 be removed from future editions of the Code.

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Food Security Task Force.]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Health Code by amending Section 470.1, to modify the membership of the Food Security Task Force and to direct the Task Force to prepare an annual assessment of the state of hunger and food insecurity in San Francisco, and by amending Section 470.2, to extend the term of the Task Force.

Existing Law

The City has a Food Security Task Force ("the Task Force") charged with studying and advising the Board of Supervisors on issues related to hunger and food security as they affect San Francisco residents.

The ordinance creating the Task Force provides that the Task Force would expire on January 31, 2009, unless extended by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The Board has already extended the term of the Task Force once by resolution to January 30, 2010.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would amend the Health Code to make certain technical changes in the Task Force's membership:

- The overall membership would be increased from a maximum of 12 to a maximum of 15.
- Certain City departments have seats on the Task Force. The proposal would: substitute the Economic and Workforce Development Department for the Mayor's Office on Community Development; specify that the Department of Public Health representative will come from the Nutrition Services division; and, add an additional Department of Public Health representative from the Office of Food Systems.
- The Board of Supervisors appoints representatives from community-based organizations that help feed San Francisco residents. The proposal would increase the number of such representatives from a maximum of 4 to a maximum of 7. The proposal would also add a requirement that such representatives be nominated to the Board by the Task Force.

The current legislation lists the San Francisco Food Bank and St. Anthony's Foundation as examples of such organizations. The proposal would substitute a functional description of the types of organizations that would qualify and the services they provide.

- The current legislation authorizes the Task Force to invite federal agencies, such as the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, to send a representative to sit as a non-voting member. The proposal would delete that provision and authorize the Task Force to invite a member of the public to sit as a non-voting member representing San Francisco residents.

The current legislation requires the Task Force, within 12 months of its creation, to submit a strategic plan for addressing hunger and food security in the City. The proposal would replace that directive with a requirement that the Task Force prepare an annual assessment of the state of hunger and food insecurity in San Francisco, with recommendations for funding, programs, and policy.

Finally, the proposal would amend the sunset clause contained in the ordinance to extend the term of the Task Force three years, from January 31, 2009 to January 30, 2012, which would extend the term of the Task Force two years beyond the date last set by the Board of Supervisors by resolution (January 31, 2010).