

[Allowing the Board of Supervisors to designate certain appropriations as mandates to expend the money appropriated.]

CHARTER AMENDMENT

PROPOSITION _____

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 9.103 to allow the Board of Supervisors to mandate the expenditure of identified appropriations for particular programs or activities, and requiring the relevant City departments to report to the Board on their plans for expenditure of the money appropriated.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 3, 2009, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Section 9.103 to read as follows:

NOTE: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman*~~.

SEC. 9.103. ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

The Board of Supervisors may amend the annual proposed budget and appropriation ordinances as follows:

1. After review of the Controller's analysis of the Mayor's revenue estimates, the Board of Supervisors may reduce estimated revenues;
2. The Board of Supervisors may increase or decrease any proposed expenditure in the General Fund or any special, sequestered or other fund so long as the aggregate changes do not cause the expenditures from each fund to exceed the amount proposed for expenditures by the Mayor from any such fund; ~~and~~
3. The Board of Supervisors may increase or decrease any proposed expenditure for Capital Improvements; and

4. An appropriation is an authorization, but not a mandate, to expend money. Nevertheless, the Board of Supervisors may identify those appropriations for specific programs or activities that the relevant department or office of the City must expend or commit to expend no later than the end of the fiscal year. With respect to any such appropriation, the department or office to which the appropriation is made must, no later than 45 days after the adoption of the annual appropriation ordinance or amendment thereto, report to the Board on its plan for expenditure of the money appropriated.

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