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[Administrative Code - Disclosure of Spending in Retirement Board, Health Service Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board Elections]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require disclosure of candidate and third-party spending in Retirement Board, Health Service Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board elections; set late filing fees and penalties for violations; and specify that the Department of Elections shall conduct these elections and Ethics Commission will enforce the related disclosure requirements; and clarify the confidentiality of eligible voters' names and addresses.

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

Section 1. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising Chapter 16, Article XIII, Sections 16.550, 16.551, 16.553, 16.553-1, 16.553-2, 16.554, ~~16.555, 16.556~~, 16.557, ~~16.558, 16.560~~, 16.561, 16.562, 16.563, 16.563-1, 16.564, and by adding Sections 16.553-3, 16.553-4, and 16.557-1, and ~~16.553-4, 16.557-1, 16.566~~, to read as follows:

SEC. 16.550. PURPOSE.

(a) The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco provides that the trustees of the Retirement Board, who are entrusted with the administration of the San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System ("Retirement System"), shall include three trustees elected from the active and retired members of the Retirement System. As used in this Article XIII, a retired member of the Retirement System shall mean a person who is in receipt of a retirement allowance relating to his or her membership in the ~~#~~Retirement ~~s~~System.

1 (b) The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco provides that the trustees of
2 the Health Service Board, who are entrusted with the administration of the San Francisco City
3 and County Employees' Health Service System ("Health Service System"), shall include four
4 trustees elected from the active and retired members of the Health Service System. For the
5 purposes of a Health Service System election, a retired member of the Health Service System
6 shall mean a person who is a member of the Health Service System retired under the ~~San~~
7 ~~Francisco City and County Employees'~~ Retirement System, State Teachers Retirement System
8 ("STRS"), Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS"), and the surviving spouse of an
9 active employee and the surviving spouse of a retired employee, provided that the surviving
10 spouse and the active or retired employee have been married for a period of at least one year
11 prior to the death of the active or retired employee.

12 (c) The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco provides that the trustees of
13 the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund, who are entrusted with providing a funding source to
14 defray the cost of the City's and Participating Employers' obligations to pay for health
15 coverage for retired persons and their survivors entitled to health care coverage under Charter
16 Section A8.428, shall include two trustees elected from active employees and retired
17 members of the ~~City's~~ Health Service System. One of the elected trustees shall be an active
18 City or Participating Employer employee member and one shall be a retired City or
19 Participating Employer member as of the date of their respective elections. For the purposes of
20 a Retiree Health Care Trust Fund election, an active member of the Health Service System shall mean
21 an active City employee or active employee of a Participating Employer. For the purposes of a
22 Retiree Health Care Trust Fund election, a retired member of the Health Service System shall
23 mean a person who retired from City employment, or from a Participating Employer, and who
24 is a member of the Health Service System retired under the ~~San Francisco City and County~~
25 ~~Employees'~~ Retirement System, ~~the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), or the Public~~

1 ~~Employees Retirement System (PERS)~~, and the surviving spouse or domestic partner of an active
2 employee and the surviving spouse or domestic partner of a retired employee, provided that
3 the surviving spouse or domestic partner and the active or retired employee have been
4 married for a period of at least one year prior to the death of the active or retired employee.

5 ~~For the purposes of a Retiree Health Care Trust Fund election, an active member of the Health Service~~
6 ~~System shall mean an active City employee or an active employee of a Participating Employer.~~ As
7 used in this section, Participating Employer means the San Francisco Unified School District
8 and the San Francisco Community College District, following a resolution by these employers'
9 respective governing boards to participate in the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund.

10 (d) Retirement System and Health Service System members have an interest in knowing who
11 has spent significant amounts of money to support or oppose candidates for the Retirement Board, the
12 Health Service Board, and the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board. In selecting a candidate to
13 represent their interests on these bodies, members will benefit from increased transparency in the
14 election process. Information about the persons or entities who are spending significant funds in
15 support of particular candidates will provide valuable information that will aid members' voting
16 decisions.

17 ~~(d)~~ (e) The failure to abide by election procedure obligations and deadlines in San
18 Francisco Administrative Code Sections ~~16.550-16.565~~ 16.550-16.566 16.550-16.565 shall not
19 invalidate an election if the election has been conducted fairly and in substantial compliance
20 with and conformity to the legal requirements.

21 ~~(e)~~ (f) Whenever the term of office of such an elected trustee expires or whenever a
22 vacancy occurs in such an office so that an election is necessary to fill a present or expected
23 vacancy, the following provisions shall govern the election procedure.

24 **SEC. 16.551. RETIREMENT BOARD, HEALTH SERVICE BOARD OR RETIREE**
25 **HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND BOARD TO ORDER ELECTIONS.**

1 If a vacancy occurs, or will occur, in the office of an elected trustee prior to the date that
2 the term of that office expires, the Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health
3 Trust Fund Board shall order a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of
4 the term of office, unless another election to a Retirement Board, Health Service Board or
5 Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board office is scheduled to be completed within six months
6 after the vacancy has, or shall, occur, in which case the elections shall be combined;
7 provided, however, that a separate special election shall be required if the election which has
8 already been scheduled will occur too soon to nominate and select candidates for the more
9 recent vacancy. Whenever the Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health
10 Care Trust Fund Board orders an election, ~~the respective Board shall specify whether the election is~~
11 ~~to be conducted by the~~ the respective Board shall specify whether the Department of Elections
12 or an unbiased independent contractor ("Contractor") shall conduct the election or by an unbiased
13 ~~independent contractor ("Contractor").~~ Special elections may be held on an expedited basis as
14 determined by the Department of Elections. The first Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board
15 election shall be a special election conducted by the Department of Elections.

16 **SEC. 16.553. NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND RETIRED MEMBERS; NOMINATION OF**
17 **MEMBERS AND RETIRED MEMBERS.**

18 The Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board
19 shall thereafter notify the members ~~and retired members~~ of the Retirement System or Health
20 Service System respectively of the following:

- 21 (a) The necessity for an election;
- 22 (b) The procedure for nomination and selection of candidates to serve on the Board;

23 *and*

24 ~~(c) The candidate and third party disclosure requirements, set forth in Section 16.553-~~
25 ~~2 and 16.553-3; and~~

1 (c) The disclosure requirements set forth in Sections 16.553-1, 16.553-2, 16.553-3,
2 and 16.553-4; and

3 ~~(e)~~ (d) The dates that ballots may be marked and delivered and the procedure for
4 voting.

5 The period of time during which nominations may be made shall be set by the
6 Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board, but in no
7 event shall be less than 31 days. Any person nominated to serve as a trustee of the
8 Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board shall, on
9 forms provided by the respective Board for this purpose, and by the date set by the respective
10 Board, verify acceptance of the nomination and agree to serve if elected before he or she may
11 be listed as a candidate.

12 In any election for membership on the Retirement Board, Health Service Board or
13 Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board, when only one candidate has filed nomination papers,
14 the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor shall not conduct an election and shall
15 declare the sole candidate to be a member of the Retirement Board, Health Service Board or
16 Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board.

17 **SEC. 16.553-1. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION INTENTION STATEMENTS.**

18 Candidates seeking election to the Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree
19 Health Care Trust Fund Board shall file with the Ethics Commission, signed under penalty of
20 perjury, a candidate intention statement in a manner specified, and on a form provided, by the
21 Ethics Commission.

22 ~~(a) **Content and Form of Statement.** Candidates may shall file a candidate~~
23 ~~qualification statement including the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a~~
24 ~~description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications as~~
25 ~~expressed by the candidate. The candidate qualification statement shall also require~~

1 candidates to attest that they have read and understand the procedures and requirements set
2 forth in this Article XIII. To ensure that all statements are filed in a uniform format, the
3 statement shall be in a manner specified, and on a form provided, by the Department of
4 Elections, or Contractor, for this purpose.

5 (b) ~~Deadline for Submission of Statement.~~ Candidates who choose to submit shall
6 file a candidate qualification statement shall file the statement with at the date and time
7 established by the Department of Elections, or Contractor, at the date and time established by
8 that department.

9 (c) ~~Inclusion of Nominators and Supporters.~~ The candidate qualification statement
10 may, but need not, include the names of some or all of the candidate's nominators. The
11 statement may also include the names of individuals and entities which support the candidate
12 but did not serve as nominators. The names of such supporters shall not be published as part
13 of the candidate's qualification statement unless the candidate provides the supporter's written
14 authorization at the time the statement is submitted to the Director of Elections or Contractor.
15 The authorization shall be in a form prescribed by the Director of Elections or Contractor. If
16 the candidate chooses to include the names of nominators, or other supporters in the
17 candidate qualification statement, these names shall be counted toward the 200 word limit.

18 (d) ~~Limitations.~~ The candidate qualification statement shall not include the political
19 party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

20 (e) ~~Withdrawal of Statement.~~ A candidate may withdraw, but not change, his or her
21 candidate qualification statement by filing with the Director of Elections, or Contractor, a
22 signed and sworn statement of withdrawal no later than 5:00 p.m. of the thirtieth day prior to
23 the election.

24 **SEC. 16.553-2. CANDIDATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

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1 (a) Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Each candidate for Retirement Board,
2 Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board elections shall file, by the date
3 set by the respective Board for verifying acceptance of the nomination filing of a candidate
4 intention statement, a ~~statement~~ Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) disclosing the
5 information required by the disclosure category for the *elective* office sought by the candidate
6 established in the Conflict of Interest Code. Candidates shall file such statements with the
7 Ethics Commission ~~respective Board on the same forms as used by filers under Section 3.1-100 et seq.~~
8 ~~of the Conflict of Interest Code.~~ This statement shall not be required if the candidate has filed,
9 within the previous 90 days prior to accepting the ~~nomination, a statement at disclosure category~~
10 ~~(1) with the City and County of San Francisco,~~ a statement at disclosure category one with the
11 Ethics Commission.

12 (b) Reporting by Candidates.

13 (1) Initial Statement of Organization. Any candidate for the Retirement
14 Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board shall file an initial
15 statement of organization with the Ethics Commission.

16 (A) Campaign Bank Account. Upon the filing of an initial statement of
17 organization, the candidate shall establish or identify one campaign bank account at an office
18 of a financial institution located in San Francisco. All contributions made to the candidate, or
19 to a person on behalf of the candidate, shall be deposited in the account. All expenditures
20 made by the candidate in support of his or her election to the Retirement Board, Health
21 Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board shall be made from the account.

22 (2) Semiannual Statements. Candidates shall file semiannual statements that
23 comply with the requirements of California Government Code Section 84211 each year no
24 later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31 for the period
25 ending December 31.

1 (3) Preelection Statements. Candidates shall file preelection statements that
2 comply with the requirements of California Government Code Sections 84200.8 and 84211,
3 and San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.135.

4 (4) Late Contribution Reports. Any candidate that receives a late contribution
5 shall file a late contribution report within 24 hours of receiving the late contribution. For
6 purposes of this Section 16.553-2, "late contribution" shall mean a contribution, including a
7 loan, that totals in the aggregate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more and is made during
8 the period beginning 90 days before the first day on which ballots may be submitted to the
9 Department of Elections or Contractor and ending on the last day on which ballots may be
10 submitted to the Department of Elections or Contractor. The candidate shall report his or her
11 full name and street address, the date and amount of the late contribution, and whether the
12 contribution was made in the form of a loan. The candidate shall also report the full name of
13 the contributor, his or her street address, occupation, and the name of his or her employer, or
14 if self-employed, the name of the business.

15 (5) Termination Statements. Candidates shall be responsible for filing the
16 above statements, until they file a termination statement with the Ethics Commission that
17 indicates they are no longer holding office and have no further financial activity to disclose.

18 (6) Forms and Filing. The Ethics Commission shall specify the forms
19 candidates shall use to file the above statements and the manner in which candidates shall
20 electronically file those statements.

21 (c) Campaign Advertisements Mass Mailings.

22 For the purposes of this Section 16.553-2, "mass mailing" shall be defined as set forth
23 in the California Political Reform Act, California Government Code section 81000 et seq.,
24 provided that the mass mailing advocates for or against one or more candidates for
25 Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board.

1 (1) Filing Requirements. Candidates that pay for campaign advertisements
2 mass mailings shall, within five working days after the distribution of the advertisement mass
3 mailing, file a copy of the advertisement mass mailing and an itemized disclosure statement
4 with the Ethics Commission. Within the final 16 days before the election, candidates that pay
5 for advertisements mass mailing shall file a copy of the advertisement mass mailing and the
6 itemized disclosure statement within 48 hours of the date of the distribution of the
7 advertisement mass mailing.

8 If the advertisement is a telephone call, the candidate shall file a copy of the
9 script and, if the communication is recorded, the recording shall also be provided. If the
10 advertisement is audio or video, the candidate shall file a copy of the script and an audio or
11 video file.

12 (2) Disclaimers. Mass mailings, door hangers, flyers, posters, oversized
13 campaign buttons, bumper stickers, or print advertisements shall include the following
14 disclaimer statements, printed in at least 12-point font: "Paid for by _____ (insert the
15 name of the filer)." and "Financial disclosures are available at sfethics.org."

16 ~~(b) Spending by Candidates.~~

17 ~~(1) Disclosure. Whenever a candidate for the Retirement Board, Health~~
18 ~~Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board spends \$500 or more on~~
19 ~~communications, including but not limited to any broadcast, electronic, social media or~~
20 ~~telephone communication, and any printed mailing, flyer, door hanger, pamphlet, brochure,~~
21 ~~card, sign, or billboard, with persons eligible to participate in elections for the Retirement~~
22 ~~Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board, the candidate shall file~~
23 ~~disclosure statements that include:~~

24 ~~(A) a copy of the communication(s);~~

1 (B) ~~the amount the candidate spent on creating and distributing the~~
2 ~~communication(s);~~

3 (C) ~~the source of the candidate's funds spent on creating and distributing~~
4 ~~the communication(s); and~~

5 (D) ~~the vendor(s) used to create or distribute the communication(s).~~

6 (2) ~~Filing of Disclosures.~~ Candidates shall file the disclosure statements
7 required under this subsection 16.553-2(b) with the Ethics Commission. Candidates shall file
8 these statements within 72 hours of distributing such communications, except that in the 14
9 days prior to the first date on which ballots may be marked and delivered, and continuing
10 through the entire period in which ballots may be marked and delivered, candidates shall file
11 the required disclosure statements within 24 hours of distributing these communications.

12 **SEC. 16.553-3. THIRD-PARTY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

13 **(a) Reporting by Third Parties.**

14 **(1) Initial Statement of Organization.** Any person or entity that makes
15 independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose
16 candidate(s) for the Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust
17 Fund Board, or makes contributions totaling \$1,000 or more to a candidate or a committee
18 required to file under this subsection (a)(1), shall file an initial statement of organization with
19 the Ethics Commission. For the purposes of this Section 16.553-3, an "independent
20 expenditure" shall mean an expenditure made in connection with a communication which
21 expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for the Retirement
22 Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board but which is not made
23 to or at the behest of the affected candidate or committee.

24 **(A) Campaign Bank Account.** Upon the filing of an initial statement of
25 organization, the filer shall establish or identify one campaign bank account at an office of a

1 financial institution located in San Francisco. All contributions made to the filer, or to a person
2 on behalf of the filer, shall be deposited in the account. Any funds spent in support of or
3 opposition to the election of the candidate shall be deposited in the account prior to
4 expenditure. All expenditures made by the filer in support of or opposition to the election of
5 the candidate shall be made from the account.

6 (2) Semiannual Statements. Any person or entity subject to subsection (a)(1),
7 shall file semiannual statements each year no later than July 31 for the period ending June
8 30, and no later than January 31 for the period ending December 31.

9 (3) Preelection Statements. Any person or entity subject to subsection (a)(1)
10 shall file preelection statements that comply with the requirements of California Government
11 Code Sections 84200.8 and 84211, and San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct
12 Code Section 1.135.

13 (4) Late Independent Expenditure Reports. If any person or entity required
14 to file an initial independent expenditure campaign statement under subject to subsection
15 (a)(1) makes independent expenditures that total \$1,000 or more during the period beginning
16 90 days before the first day on which ballots may be submitted to the Department of Elections
17 and ending on the last day on which ballots may be submitted to the Department of Elections
18 or Contractor, such person or entity shall file a late independent expenditure report. Filers
19 shall file late independent expenditure reports within 24 hours of making such independent
20 expenditures.

21 (5) Termination Statements. Any person or entity required to file an initial
22 independent expenditure campaign statement under subject to subsection (a)(1) shall be
23 responsible for filing the above statements and reports, until they file a termination statement
24 with the Ethics Commission that indicates they have no further financial activity to disclose.
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1 (6) Forms and Filing. The Ethics Commission shall specify the forms persons
2 subject to this subsection (a) shall use to file the above statements and the manner in which
3 they shall electronically file those statements.

4 (b) Campaign Advertisements.

5 (1) Filing Requirements. Persons required to file late independent
6 expenditure reports under subsection (a)(4) shall also file with the Ethics Commission on the
7 same date a copy of the associated advertisement(s), and

8 (A) if the advertisement is a telephone call, a copy of the script and, if the
9 communication is recorded, the recording shall also be provided; or

10 (B) if the advertisement is audio or video, a copy of the script and an
11 audio or video file shall be provided.

12 (2) Disclaimers. Mass mailings, door hangers, flyers, posters, oversized
13 campaign buttons, bumper stickers, or print advertisements shall include the following
14 disclaimer statements, printed in at least 12-point font: "Paid for by _____ (insert the
15 name of the filer)." and "Financial disclosures are available at sfethics.org."

16 For the purposes of this Section 16.553-3, "mass mailing," shall be defined as
17 set forth in the California Political Reform Act, California Government Code section 81000 et
18 seq., provided that the mass mailing advocates for or against one or more candidates for
19 Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board.

20 (3) Exception. Employee organizations that represent employees who are
21 eligible to benefit from the Retirement System, Health Service System or Retiree Health Care
22 Trust Fund, are subject to the disclosure and disclaimer requirements established by
23 subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2); provided that, an employee organization whose
24 communications are directed solely to its own members shall not be required to disclose
25 copies of those communications or include any disclaimers.

1 ~~(a) Disclosure.~~ Whenever any person or entity, other than a candidate, spends \$500
2 or more on communications featuring a candidate, including but not limited to any broadcast,
3 electronic, social media or telephone communication, and any printed mailing, flyer, door-
4 hanger, pamphlet, brochure, card, sign, or billboard, with persons eligible to participate in
5 elections for the Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund
6 Board, that person or entity shall file disclosure statements that include:

7 ~~(1) the person or entity's contact information, including the person's name or the~~
8 ~~name of the entity's representative, the person or representative's telephone number, and the~~
9 ~~person or representative's e-mail address;~~

10 ~~(2) a copy of the communication(s);~~

11 ~~(3) the amount the person or entity spent on creating and distributing the~~
12 ~~communication(s);~~

13 ~~(4) the source of the person's or entity's funds spent creating and distributing~~
14 ~~the communication(s); and~~

15 ~~(5) the vendor(s) used to create or distribute the communication(s).~~

16 ~~(b) Filing of Disclosures.~~ Persons or entities shall file the statements required by this
17 Section 16.553-3 with the Ethics Commission. These persons or entities shall file the required
18 disclosure statements within 72 hours of distributing such communications, except that in the
19 14 days prior to first date on which ballots may be marked and delivered, and continuing
20 through the entire period in which ballots may be marked and delivered, persons and entities
21 shall file the required disclosure statements within 24 hours of distributing these
22 communications.

23 ~~(c) Exception.~~ Employee organizations that represent employees who are eligible to
24 benefit from the Retirement System, Health Service System or Retiree Health Care Trust
25 Fund, are subject to the disclosure requirements established by subsections (a) and (b);

1 provided that, an employee organization whose communications are directed solely to its own
2 members shall not be required to disclose copies of those communications.

3 **SEC. 16.553-4. TRAININGS; AUDITS; ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES;**

4 **SUBPOENAS.**

5 **(a) Training for Candidates.** Every candidate for Retirement Board, Health Service
6 Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board shall attend a training program conducted or
7 sponsored by the Ethics Commission within one year prior to any election for the office sought
8 by the candidate.

9 **(b) Audits; Retention of Records.** The Executive Director of the Ethics Commission
10 may initiate audits of any candidate or any person who made independent expenditures in
11 support of or opposition to any candidate. All candidates and persons who are required to file
12 statements under Sections 16.553-1, 16.553-2, and 16.553-3 shall maintain detailed
13 accounts, records, bills, and receipts as necessary to prepare those statements for a period of
14 four years following the election for which they filed those statements.

15 **(c) Enforcement and Penalties.**

16 **(1) Administrative Enforcement.** Any person who intentionally or negligently
17 violates Sections 16.553-1, 16.553-2, and 16.553-3 shall be liable in an administrative
18 proceeding before the Ethics Commission held pursuant to the Charter for any penalties
19 authorized therein.

20 **(2) Statute of Limitations.** Ethics Commission investigations must be
21 commenced within four years after the date on which the violation occurred.

22 **(3) Late Filing Fees.**

23 **(A) Late Fee.** In addition to any other penalty, any person who files a
24 paper copy of any statement required by Sections 16.553-1, 16.553-2, and 16.553-3 after the
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1 deadline imposed by this Chapter shall be liable in the amount of \$10 per day after the
2 deadline until the statement is filed.

3 (B) Limitation on Liability. Liability imposed by subsection (c)(3)(A)
4 shall not exceed the cumulative amount stated in the late statement, or \$100, whichever is
5 greater.

6 (C) Reduction or Waiver. The Executive Director may reduce or waive
7 a fee imposed by this subsection if the Commission determines that the late filing was not
8 willful and that enforcement will not further the purposes of this Chapter.

9 (4) Provision of False or Misleading Information to the Ethics
10 Commission; Withholding of Information. Any person who knowingly or willfully furnishes
11 false or fraudulent evidence, documents, or information to the Ethics Commission under this
12 Chapter, or misrepresents any material fact, or conceals any evidence, documents, or
13 information, or fails to furnish to the Ethics Commission any records, documents, or other
14 information required to be provided under this Chapter shall be subject to the penalties
15 provided in this subsection 16.553-4(c).

16 (d) Subpoenas. The Executive Director of the Ethics Commission may issue
17 subpoenas in furtherance of her duties under the Chapter including, but not limited to, audits
18 and enforcement of its provisions.

19 **SEC. 16.554. NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS OR CONTRACTOR.**

20 The Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board
21 shall notify the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor at least 120 days prior to
22 the first day that ballots may be marked and delivered (hereafter referred to as the "First
23 Voting Day") that an election shall be held.

24 **SEC. 16.557. DELIVERY OF BALLOTS AND NAMES OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO**
25 **DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS ~~OR CONTRACTOR~~ OR CONTRACTOR.**

1 The Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board
2 shall furnish the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor with the names of the
3 eligible nominees at least 35 days prior to the First Voting Day.

4 The Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board
5 shall also furnish the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor with a list of the
6 members and retired members of the Retirement System or Health Service System
7 respectively eligible to vote ("voters") in the election at the same time that it furnishes the
8 names of the eligible nominees. A supplemental list shall be furnished to the Department of
9 Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor within two days of the First Voting Day, which list shall
10 provide the names of eligible voters not included on the original list. These lists shall be in the
11 format required by the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor. These lists shall
12 include the last known addresses for the members and retired members. For the active
13 members, at the election of the entity conducting the election the department address shall be
14 provided as an alternative.

15 Upon request, the City's Health Service System shall provide all information to
16 ~~Contractor, or Contractor, or~~ the Department of Elections, necessary to conduct the Retiree
17 Health Care Trust Fund Board nomination and election process including, but not limited to,
18 information regarding voter lists, voter contact information and Health Service System
19 membership status.

20 ~~SEC. 16.557-1. CONFIDENTIALITY OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELIGIBLE~~
21 ~~VOTERS.~~

22 ~~The disclosure of the names, addresses, and other personal information of eligible~~
23 ~~voters in the custody and control of the Department of Elections shall not be subject to the~~
24 ~~California Elections Code, including Section 2194. Any potential disclosure of names,~~
25 ~~addresses, and other personal information of eligible voters shall be subject to the California~~

1 Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250, et seq.) and the San
2 Francisco Sunshine Ordinance (Administrative Code Section 67.1, et seq.).

3 **SEC. 16.557-1. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.**

4 Any person seeking the disclosure of the names, addresses, and other personal
5 information of eligible voters for the purpose of a Retirement Board, Health Service Board or
6 Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board election, may request such information from either the
7 San Francisco Employees' Retirement System or the San Francisco Health Service System.

8 **SEC. 16.561. DUTIES OF ELECTION OFFICERS.**

9 Each Election Officer shall:

10 (a) Prior to the date that ballots are delivered, inform the department or employee
11 responsible for distributing paychecks to employees of the department of the dates during
12 which ballots are to be distributed to employees and of the responsibility of the Payroll
13 Department to make arrangements to distribute a ballot with each paycheck by a date that will
14 allow each voter at least three days to mark and deliver the ballot;

15 (b) Upon receipt of the ballots, coordinate his or her efforts and those of the Payroll
16 Department to insure that the ballots are ready to be distributed along with paychecks by a
17 date that will allow each voter at least three days to mark and deliver the ballot;

18 (c) Provide notice to employees who are in the Retirement System or Health Service
19 System but would not be likely to receive ballots along with their paychecks, such as
20 employees on the temporary payroll, that ballots are available;

21 (d) Provide ballots to employees who did not, or would not, receive them along with
22 their paychecks pursuant to the procedure established by the Department of Elections ~~or~~
23 Contractor or Contractor;

1 (e) Establish and maintain a collection procedure so that employees have a
2 convenient method of returning ballots, which method shall, where possible, make use of at
3 least one container in which ballots can be placed; and

4 (f) Return the ballots which have been received or otherwise collected according to the
5 collection procedure established by such officer to the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~
6 or Contractor, either personally or by the inter-office mail system, in a timely manner so that
7 the ballots will be delivered to the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor by the
8 date established by the Retirement Board, the Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care
9 Trust Fund Board as the final date for such delivery.

10 **SEC. 16.562. DUTY OF PAYROLL DEPARTMENT.**

11 ~~The Payroll Department shall provide cooperation and assistance in sorting the ballots~~
12 ~~or performing other tasks necessary to insure that the ballots are distributed along with~~
13 ~~paychecks by a date that will allow each voter at least three days to mark and deliver the~~
14 ~~ballot.~~

15 **SEC. 16.563. COUNTING OF BALLOTS AND CERTIFICATION OF NEW TRUSTEE.**

16 (a) The Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor shall thereafter count the
17 ballots in such a manner that the identity of the individual casting any particular ballot will not
18 be disclosed. Each ballot shall be counted so long as it has been properly marked, signed
19 and delivered. The Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor shall certify the new
20 Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board trustee.

21 (b) Within five days of the close of voting and prior to certification, the Retiree Health
22 Care Trust Fund Board secretary shall attest to the Department of Elections ~~or contractor~~ or
23 Contractor that there is one retired member trustee and one active member trustee candidate
24 to fill the two elected Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board trustee positions. For purposes of
25 Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board elections, the date of the election shall be the day the

1 election is certified by the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor. In the event
2 that the active member candidate with the highest number of votes is no longer an active
3 member on the day the election is certified, the Department of Elections or Contractor shall
4 certify the active member candidate with the next highest number of votes. In the event that
5 the retired member candidate with the highest number of votes is no longer a retired member
6 on the day the election is certified, the Department of Elections or Contractor shall certify the
7 retired member candidate with the next highest number of votes.

8 (c) Within five days of the close of voting and prior to certification, the Executive
9 Director of the Retirement System shall attest to the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or
10 Contractor whether there is a retired member serving as trustee on the Retirement Board:

11 (i) (1) If, at that time, there is no retired member serving as trustee, the
12 Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor shall certify the individual receiving the
13 highest number of votes as the newly elected trustee of the Retirement Board.

14 (ii) (2) If, at that time, there is a retired member serving as trustee, the
15 Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor shall certify the member (not a retired
16 member) receiving the highest number of votes as the newly elected trustee of the Retirement
17 Board.

18 Where there is no vacancy, the Department of Elections ~~or Contractor~~ or Contractor
19 shall certify the new Retirement Board trustee as close to the expiration of the term as
20 reasonably possible.

21 **SEC. 16.563-1. CHANGE IN STATUS FOR ELECTED RETIREE HEALTH CARE**
22 **TRUST FUND BOARD MEMBERS.**

23 (a) If, after a Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board election has been certified by the
24 Department of Elections ~~or the Contractor~~ or the Contractor, the active Retiree Health Care
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1 Trust Fund Board member retires, then that Board member's seat shall be deemed vacant
2 and shall remain vacant until the Board can hold a special election under Section 16.551.

3 (b) If, after a Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board election has been certified by the
4 Department of Elections ~~or the Contractor~~ or the Contractor, the retired Retiree Health Care
5 Trust Fund Board member returns to active status, then that Board member's seat shall be
6 deemed vacant and shall remain vacant until the Board can hold a special election under
7 Section 16.551.

8 **SEC. 16.564. RETIREMENT BOARD, HEALTH SERVICE BOARD OR RETIREE**
9 **HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND BOARD TO REIMBURSE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS.**

10 The Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board
11 shall reimburse the Department of Elections for the actual expenses incurred by it in
12 conducting Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board
13 elections respectively. ~~The Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Trust Fund~~
14 ~~Board shall pay all Contractor expenses when the respective Board specifies that a Contractor conduct~~
15 ~~a Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Trust Fund Board election. The~~
16 Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board shall pay
17 all Contractor expenses when the respective Board specifies that a Contractor conduct a
18 Retirement Board, Health Service Board or Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board election.

19 **~~SEC. 16.566. ENFORCEMENT; PENALTIES AND LATE FILING FEES.~~**

20 (a) ~~Enforcement.~~ Any person who believes that a violation of Sections 16.553-2 and
21 16.553-3 has occurred may file a complaint with the Ethics Commission. ~~The Ethics~~
22 ~~Commission shall investigate such complaints pursuant to its enforcement regulations for~~
23 ~~complaints filed under Charter Section C3.699-13.~~

24 (b) ~~Statute of Limitations.~~ Ethics Commission investigations must be commenced
25 within four years after the date on which the violation occurred.

1 (c) ~~Penalties.~~ Any person who intentionally or negligently violates Sections 16.553-2
2 and 16.553-3 shall be liable in an administrative proceeding before the Ethics Commission for
3 an amount up to \$5,000 for each violation.

4 (d) ~~Late Filing Fees.~~

5 (1) ~~Late Fees.~~ In addition to any other penalty, any person who files any
6 statement required by Sections 16.553-2(b) and 16.553-3 after the deadline imposed by these
7 Sections shall be liable in the amount of twenty five dollars (\$25) per day after the deadline
8 until the statement is filed.

9 (2) ~~Limitation on Liability.~~ Liability imposed by subsection (d)(1) shall not
10 exceed the cumulative amount stated in the required disclosure statement, or two hundred
11 fifty dollars (\$250), whichever is greater.

12 (3) ~~Reduction or Waiver.~~ The Executive Director of the Ethics Commission may
13 reduce or waive a fee imposed by this subsection if she determines that the late filing was not
14 willful and that enforcement will not further the purposes of Sections 16.553-2(b) and 16.553-
15 3.

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17 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
18 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
19 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
20 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

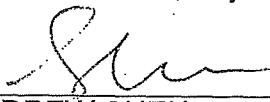
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22 Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
23 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
24 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
25 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment

1 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under
2 the official title of the ordinance.

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4 Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word
5 of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be
6 invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision
7 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the ordinance. The
8 Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and
9 every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or
10 unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this ordinance or application
11 thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
14 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

15 By:


16 ANDREW SHEN
17 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Revised 07/25/18)

[Administrative Code - Disclosure of Spending in Retirement Board, Health Service Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board Elections]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require disclosure of candidate and third-party spending in Retirement Board, Health Service Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board elections; set late filing fees and penalties for violations; and specify that the Ethics Commission will enforce the related disclosure requirements.

Existing Law

Chapter 16, Article XIII of the Administrative Code governs elections for members of the Retirement Board, Health Service Board, and the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board (collectively "Boards"). Each Board consists of appointed and elected members. In general, only current and retired City employees can participate in these elections.

Article XIII does not require any reporting of expenditures made in support of or in opposition to candidates seeking election to these Boards.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance requires persons seeking election to the Boards to comply with disclosure (of contributions and expenditures) and disclaimer requirements similar to those that apply to candidates for City elective office:

- filing of candidate intention statements;
- establishing a single bank account for all election-related activity;
- filing of initial statements of organization, semiannual statements, preelection statements, late contribution reports, and termination statements;
- filing of mass mailings with the Ethics Commission; and
- including disclaimer statements on campaign advertisements.

Likewise, the proposed ordinance imposes disclosure (of contributions and expenditures) and disclaimer requirements on third-parties that support or oppose such candidates:

- establishing a single bank account for all election-related activity;
- filing of initial statements of organization, semiannual statements, preelection statements, late independent expenditure reports, and termination statements;
- filing of campaign advertisements with the Ethics Commission; and
- including disclaimer statements on campaign advertisements.

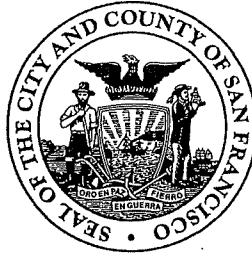
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The proposal would also require candidates seeking election to the Boards to attend trainings to be conducted by the Ethics Commission.

The proposals also provides the Ethics Commission with the authority to conduct audits, impose late filing fees, levy penalties on persons who fail to file the required statements, and issue subpoenas in connection with such audits and enforcement actions.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Huish, Director, Retirement Board
Mitchell Griggs, Acting Director, Health Service System
Mark Morewitz, Health Commission
John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections
Ben Rosenfield, City Controller

FROM: *DE* Derek Evans, Clerk, Rules Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 21, 2017

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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File No. 170738

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require disclosure of candidate and third-party spending in Retirement Board, Health Service Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board elections; set late filing fees and penalties for violations; specify that the Department of Elections shall conduct these elections; and clarify the confidentiality of eligible voters' names and addresses.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: derek.evans@sfgov.org.

c: Norm Nickens, Retirement Board
Lani Scott, Health Service Board
Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller
Natasha Mihal, Office of the Controller


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MEMORANDUM

TO: LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director, Ethics Commission

FROM:  Derek Evans, Clerk, Rules Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 22, 2017

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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c: Kyle Kundert, Ethics Commission

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Vivian Imperiale <zizivaga@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 7:25 PM
To: Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS)
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (ECN); Kim, Jane (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Hilary.Ronen@sfgov.org; Cohen, Malia (BOS)
Subject: Rules Committee 7/25 Item #11 re: campaign financial disclosure for several boards

Honorable Supervisors:

I strongly support an ordinance requiring candidates for the Retirement Board, Health Service Board, and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board to submit campaign financial disclosures to the Ethics Commission.

Transparency is an important element in elections.

Sincerely,

Vivian Imperiale

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July 22, 2018

Board of Supervisors Rules Committee,
The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Chair
The Honorable Norman Yee, Vice Chair
The Honorable Catherine Stefani, Member

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Testimony on Disclosure of Spending in Retirement Board, Health Service Board, and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board Elections**

Dear Chair Safai and Members of the Rules Committee,

I strongly support the proposed Ordinance at agenda item # 11 on the Rules Committee’s July 25 meeting agenda to require candidates running for elected seats on the boards of SFERS, the Health Services, and the Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund disclose campaign finance disclosure statements with the Ethics Commission to report all campaign donations and expenditures made.

I urge the Rules Committee to advance this legislation with a strong, unanimous Recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors indicating the Rules Committee fully supports passage and rapid enactment by Mayor Breed.

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During the last election to SFERS’ Board held between January 16 and February 3, 2017 candidate Al Casciato — a retired SFPD police captain — bragged during one union endorsement meeting that the POA was donating \$100,000 to his election campaign, and the IFPTE Local 21 was expected to donate an additional \$85,000 to his campaign, for a total of \$185,000. A *San Francisco Examiner* article reported¹ on January 15, 2017 that Casciato stated he had spent “about” \$40,000, but refused to disclose how much he had raised. If he had raised \$185,000, what happened to the other \$145,000 of his expected campaign contributions? Where did that money go?

The *Examiner’s* January 2017 article indicated Supervisor Malia Cohen — who may have heard about Casciato’s bragging about how much he hoped to raise — would submit a “drafting request for legislation” to require campaign finance file transparency in elections to SFERS’ Board. Cohen submitted her legislation drafting request to the City Attorney on January 18, even before the February 3, 2017 closing date of SFERS’s last election.

It took until June 2017 for the legislation to be drafted by the City Attorney. The Board of Supervisors Rules Committee’s legislative record shows Cohen introduced this Ordinance as its sponsor on June 13. She should be commended for having done so.

Cohen’s legislation rightfully notes that the Retirement System and Health Service System members have an interest in knowing which candidates and third-party organizations backing them have spent significant amounts of money to support or oppose candidates for the Retirement Board, the Health Service Board, and the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board. The proposed Ordinance also notes those members will benefit from increased transparency in the election process by providing campaign finance disclosures about the persons, candidates, or entities that are spending significant funds in support or opposition of particular candidates. The increased transparency from campaign finance disclosure will provide valuable information to aid members’ voting decisions.

Per SFERS’ FY 2016–2017 annual report and San Francisco Elections Department data, there are approximately 62,600 retirees and active-duty employees covered by the now \$24+ billion Pension Fund who are eligible to vote in SFERS’s Board elections. There’s another 38,000 employees and retirees who are enrolled in SFERS’ separate \$3.4 billion Deferred Compensation Plan who are keenly interested in oversight of the deferred comp plan monitored by SFERS’ Board of Trustees.

July 22, 2018

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After Cohen introduced this legislation on June 13 it was assigned to the Rules Committee. Three months later, Rules held a hearing on September 13, 2017. Rules chairman Safai moved that the Ordinance be continued to call of the chair; his motion carried unanimously, and the Ordinance has languished at his discretion to pull it for a hearing.

It languished for *another* six months, until Supervisor Cohen requested on April 2, 2018 that her proposed legislation remain active for an additional six months — through October 2, 2018. Action was taken April 2 to have Cohen’s Ordinance “remain active.”

The *Examiner’s* January 2017 article also reported Casciato attempted to raise a false-equivalency claim, saying:

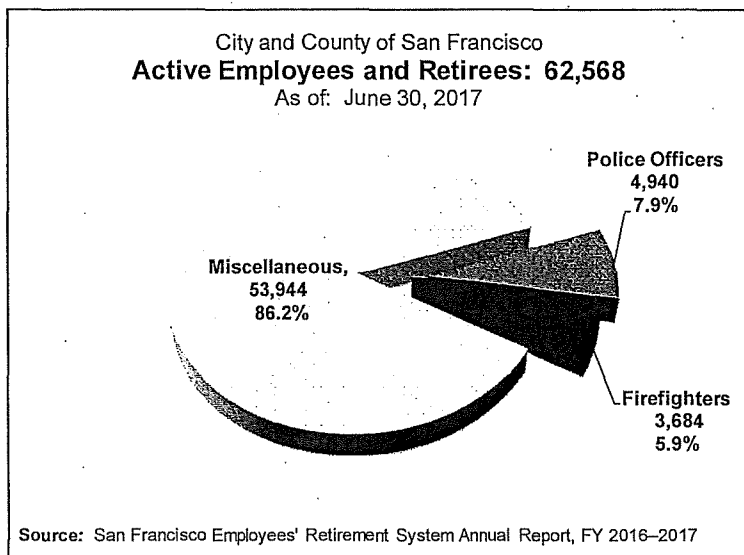
“ *It’s a very false argument to say that this is a public safety take over and that [public] safety will have an undue influence,*’ said Casciato.”

Casciato was spouting absolute nonsense. Of the 62,568 retirees and active-duty employees, fully 86.2% of them are “miscellaneous” employees — that is, everyone else who are *not* police officers or firefighters.

When Casciato ran for election to SFERS Board in January 2017, he had to have known that if he won, public safety would control all three of the elected seats on SFERS’ Board.

Worse, two of the three mayoral appointees — Wendy Paskin-Jordan and now Carmen Chu — are both married to public safety employees or retirees. Both women are essentially public safety beneficiaries via community property tax law marriages to public safety officers.

That gives public safety a five-member monopoly on SFERS’ seven-member Board of Trustees. That’s clearly “undue influence,” even if Casciato doesn’t understand it.



Casciato clearly bought himself a seat on SFERS Board. The 62,568 members of SFERS — and the plan participants in the Health Service system and the Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund — deserve being provided campaign finance disclosures about the candidates and entities that spend significant funds in support or opposition of particular candidates.

Please unanimously Recommend this Ordinance to the full Board of Supervisors for passage and immediate implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw, *Columnist/Reporter, Westside Observer Newspaper*

- cc: The Honorable Sandra Lee Fewer, Supervisor, District 1
- The Honorable Aaron Pekin, Supervisor, District 3
- The Honorable Katy Tang, Supervisor, District 4
- The Honorable Vallie Brown, Supervisor, District 5
- The Honorable Jane Kim, Supervisor, District 6
- The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, Supervisor, District 8
- The Honorable Hillary Ronen, Supervisor, District 9
- The Honorable Malia Cohen, Supervisor, District 10
- Alisa Somera, Rules Committee Clerk and Legislative Deputy Director to Clerk of the Board
- Suhagey Sandoval, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Ahsha Safai
- Jen Low, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Norman Yee
- Sophia Kittler, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Malia Cohen
- Lee Hepner, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Aaron Peskin

¹ <http://www.sfexaminer.com/divisive-election-sf-retirement-board-election-highlights-transparency-concerns/>

170738 (V2) Ethics Comments

16.553-2 (Candidate Disclosure Requirements)

(a)

- SEI (Form 700) - should be filed with Elections, not Ethics.
 - All other candidates' Form 700s are filed with elections. For purposes of consistency, these candidates should also file it there.

(b)(1)

- Statement of organization - should only be required once candidates raise or spend \$2,000. This is the rule for the statement of organization for all other candidates.

(b)(3)

- Preelection statements – reference to CA Gov. Code 84200.8 needs to be added to provide the reporting periods for preelection statements.

(b)(6)

- Forms and Filings – this section should cover all filings required of candidate, not just statements (should also include late contribution reports and campaign advertisements). Electronic filings should also be explicitly mentioned, as it is in CFRO § 1.112.
 - Most likely, this subsection should be moved to a new subsection (d), and the wording should be changed to "The Ethics Commission shall specify the forms candidates shall use to file the ~~above statements~~ disclosures required by this section and the manner in which candidates shall file those ~~statements~~ disclosures, including in an electronic format."

(c)

- "Campaign advertisement" disclosure – it is not clear what a campaign advertisement is (not defined). This disclosure is too broad and should be limited to mass mailings only (and that term defined). This is what is required of other candidates.
 - References to CFRO §§ 1.104 & 1.161(b)(2) (mass mailing disclosure) would be sufficient.

16.553-3 (Third Party Disclosure Requirements)

(a)(3)

- Preelection statements – reference to CA Gov. Code 84200.8 needs to be added to provide the reporting periods for preelection statements.

(a)(4), (a)(5)

- "Initial independent expenditure campaign statement" is a holdover term from the last version.
 - instead, these subsections should refer to "any person or entity subject to subsection (a)(1) of this section"

(a)(6)

- Forms and Filings – this section should cover all filings required of IE committees, not just statements (should also include late IE reports and campaign advertisements). Electronic filings should also be explicitly mentioned, as it is in CFRO § 1.112.
 - Most likely, this subsection should be moved to a new subsection (c), and the wording should be changed to “The Ethics Commission shall specify the forms persons subject to this subsection (a) shall use to file the ~~above statements~~ disclosures required by this section and the manner in which they shall file those ~~statements~~ disclosures, including in an electronic format.”

(b)(2)

- Independent expenditure disclaimers – the draft requirements are not in line with current state and local rules for IE disclaimers. They should be the same.
 - Add reference to (or copy) CA Gov. Code § 84503 to require “committee major funding” disclaimer with top three contributors giving over \$20,000.
 - Add reference to (or copy) CA Gov. Code § 84506.5 to require a non-coordination statement.
 - Add requirement that disclaimer formatting conform to the requirements of CFRO and the CA Gov. Code for IE disclaimers.

16.553-3 (Trainings; Audits; Enforcement And Penalties; Subpoenas)

(c)(3)

- Late Filing Fees – this needs to also include the \$25-per-day late fee for electronic filings, limitation, and waiver.
 - A reference to CFRO § 1.170(d) would be sufficient.

General

- Deadlines – a provision should be added to delay deadlines that fall on weekends on holidays until the next business day.

Evans, Derek

From: Patrick Monette-Shaw <pmonette-shaw@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:11 PM
To: Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS)
Cc: Cohen, Malia (BOS); Evans, Derek
Subject: Testimony to Rules Committee: Strong Support for Supervisor Malia Cohen's Campaign Finance Disclosure for Retirement Board, Health Services Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board Elections

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September 12, 2017

Rules Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Chair, Rules Committee
The Honorable Sandra Lee Fewer, Member
The Honorable Norman Yee, Member
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Support for Supervisor**

Cohen's Legislation on Campaign Finance Disclosure

Dear Chair Safai and Rules Committee Members,

I strongly support Supervisor Malia Cohen's proposed Ordinance at agenda item #3 on the Rules Committee's September 13 agenda to require campaign finance disclosure from candidates and their third-party backers of spending in San Francisco Employees' Retirement System Board, Health Service Board, and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board elections. This legislation is long overdue. Many heartfelt kudos to Supervisor Cohen for having introduced this legislation!

Leading up to the SFERS Board election last December and January, then-candidate for election "Al" Casciato reportedly noted during an endorsement meeting of the Veteran's Police Officer Association (VPOA) that one organization was donating \$80,000 to his election campaign, and in another venue Casciato reportedly asserted that another organization was going to donate an additional \$100,000.

Candidates for any of these three Boards should not be spending \$180,000 — or more — to in effect buy themselves seats on any of these three Boards, without full campaign finance disclosure requirements. City employees and retirees are not for sale to those who raise the most money to influence the outcome of elections to these three Boards, and we deserve to know who is funding

and contributing to each candidate.

As it turned out, Casciato did not advertise that he was a retired Police Captain, and the 85% of “miscellaneous” (i.e., non-public safety) current and retired City employees had no forewarning that public safety — police and firefighters — were aiming to take control of all three of the elected seats to SFERS Board of Trustees. Now, the miscellaneous members and beneficiaries have no representation on SFERS’ Board and no seat at the table, effectively disenfranchised from representation on the Board.

I urge the Rules Committee to support Supervisor Cohen’s proposed legislation, with the Rules Committee submitting the strongest possibly-worded recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors to pass this Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist

Westside Observer Newspaper

cc: Supervisor Malia Cohen, District 10
Derek Evans, Rules Committee Clerk

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor [] inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
- 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

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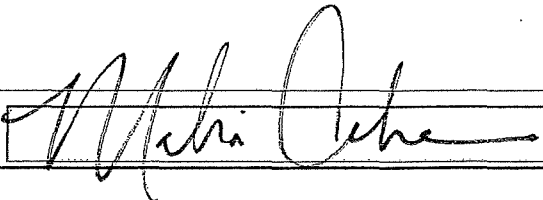
Subject:

Administrative Code - Disclosure of Spending in Retirement Board, Health Service Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board Elections

The text is listed:

Attached

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:



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