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Completed by: Victor Young Date June 7, 2019

Completed by: Linda Wang Date June 18, 2019

1 [General Obligation Bond Election - Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response - Not to  
2 Exceed \$628,500,000]

3 **Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County**  
4 **of San Francisco on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to**  
5 **San Francisco voters a proposition to incur the following bonded debt of the City and**  
6 **County: \$628,500,000 to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement,**  
7 **renovation, and seismic retrofitting of the Emergency Firefighting Water System,**  
8 **firefighting facilities and infrastructure, police facilities and infrastructure, facilities for**  
9 **the Department of Emergency Management's 911 Call Center, and other disaster**  
10 **response facilities and infrastructure for earthquake and public safety and related**  
11 **costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; authorizing landlords to**  
12 **pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants in**  
13 **accordance with Administrative Code, Chapter 37; finding that the estimated cost of**  
14 **such proposed project is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual**  
15 **income and revenue of the City and County and will require expenditures greater than**  
16 **the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy; reciting the estimated cost of such**  
17 **proposed project; fixing the date of election and the manner of holding such election**  
18 **and the procedure for voting for or against the proposition; fixing the maximum rate of**  
19 **interest on such bonds and providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both**  
20 **principal and interest; prescribing notice to be given of such election; finding that a**  
21 **portion of the proposed bond is not a project under the California Environmental**  
22 **Quality Act (CEQA) and adopting findings under CEQA for the remaining portion of the**  
23 **proposed bond; finding that the proposed bond is in conformity with the eight priority**  
24 **policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b), and is consistent with the General Plan;**  
25 **consolidating the special election with the general election; establishing the election**

1 precincts, voting places, and officers for the election; waiving the word limitation on  
2 ballot propositions imposed by Municipal Elections Code, Section 510; complying with  
3 the restrictions on the use of bond proceeds specified in California Government Code,  
4 Section 53410; incorporating the provisions of Administrative Code, Sections 5.30-5.36;  
5 and waiving the time requirements specified in Administrative Code, Section 2.34.

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12 subsections or parts of tables.

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

14 Section 1. Findings.

15 A. This Board of Supervisors (this "Board") recognizes the need to safeguard and  
16 enhance the City's earthquake safety and emergency response and recovery by rehabilitating  
17 critical facilities that support the City's first responders.

18 B. The Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond (the "Bond") will  
19 provide funding to construct, improve and rehabilitate earthquake safety and emergency  
20 responsiveness facilities and infrastructure (as described below in Section 3).

21 C. This Board now wishes to describe the terms of a ballot measure seeking  
22 approval for the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance all or a portion of the City's  
23 earthquake safety and response needs as described below.

24 Section 2. A special election is called and ordered to be held in the City on Tuesday,  
25 the 3rd day of March, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City a  
proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of the City for the project described in the amount

1 and for the purposes stated:

2 "SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE BOND,  
3 2020. \$628,500,000 of bonded indebtedness to improve fire, earthquake, and emergency  
4 response by improving, constructing, and/or replacing: deteriorating cisterns, pipes, and  
5 tunnels, and related facilities to ensure firefighters a reliable water supply for fires and  
6 disasters; neighborhood fire and police stations and supporting facilities; the City's 911 Call  
7 Center; and other disaster response and public safety facilities, and to pay related costs, with  
8 a duration up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated average tax rate of  
9 \$0.015/\$100 of assessed property value, and projected average annual revenues of  
10 \$40,000,000, subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits; and authorizing  
11 landlords to pass-through to residential tenants in units subject to Chapter 37 of the  
12 Administrative Code (the "Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance") 50% of  
13 the increase in the real property taxes attributable to the cost of the repayment of the bonds."

14 The special election called and ordered shall be referred to in this ordinance as the  
15 "Bond Special Election."

16 Section 3. PROPOSED PROGRAM. All contracts that are funded with the proceeds of  
17 bonds authorized hereby shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 83 of the Administrative  
18 Code (the "First Source Hiring Program"), which fosters construction and permanent  
19 employment opportunities for qualified economically disadvantaged individuals. In addition,  
20 all contracts that are funded with the proceeds of bonds authorized hereby also shall be  
21 subject to the provisions of Chapter 14B of the Administrative Code (the "Local Business  
22 Enterprise and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance"), which assists small and micro  
23 local businesses to increase their ability to compete effectively for the award of City contracts.

24 The proposed program can be summarized as follows:

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1           A.     EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTING WATER SYSTEM. A portion of the Bond shall  
2 be allocated to the construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation, retrofitting, completion  
3 and seismic upgrading of the emergency firefighting water system (the "EFWS") and related  
4 facilities, including but not limited to cisterns, pipes and tunnels, and related facilities  
5 (collectively, the "EFWS Project").

6           B.     FIREFIGHTING FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. A portion of the Bond  
7 shall be allocated to the construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation, retrofitting and  
8 completion of critical firefighting facilities and infrastructure for earthquake safety and  
9 emergency response, including without limitation, neighborhood fire stations, a Fire  
10 Department training facility and supporting facilities (collectively, the "Firefighting Facilities  
11 and Infrastructure").

12           C.     POLICE FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. A portion of the Bond shall be  
13 allocated to the construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation, retrofitting and completion  
14 of police facilities and infrastructure for earthquake safety and emergency response, including  
15 without limitation, neighborhood police stations and supporting facilities (collectively, the  
16 "Police Facilities and Infrastructure").

17           D.     911 CALL CENTER. A portion of the Bond shall be allocated to the construction,  
18 improvement, renovation, retrofitting and completion of capital improvements to the City's 911  
19 Call Center (the "911 Call Center").

20           E.     DISASTER RESPONSE FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. A portion of the  
21 Bond shall be allocated to the construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation, retrofitting  
22 and completion of seismically unsafe public facilities and infrastructure needed for effective  
23 disaster response (collectively, the "Disaster Response Facilities and Infrastructure").

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1 F. CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. A portion of the Bond shall be used to  
2 perform audits of the Bond, as further described in Section 15.

3 The proposed uses and amounts described in this Section 3 are estimates only and,  
4 with the exception of Section 3F above, are subject, without limitation, to review and revision  
5 by resolution by the Mayor and the Board.

6 Section 4. BOND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

7 The Bond shall include the following administrative rules and principles:

8 A. OVERSIGHT. The proposed bond funds shall be subjected to approval  
9 processes and rules described in the Charter and Administrative Code. Pursuant to  
10 Administrative Code Section 5.31, the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight  
11 Committee shall conduct an annual review of bond spending and shall provide an annual  
12 report of the bond program to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

13 B. TRANSPARENCY. The City shall create and maintain a Web page outlining and  
14 describing the bond program, progress, and activity updates. The City shall hold an annual  
15 public hearing and review on the bond program and its implementation before the Capital  
16 Planning Committee. The City shall also hold periodic public hearings and reviews on the  
17 bond program and its implementation before the Police and Fire Commissions and the  
18 Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee.

19 Section 5. The estimated cost of the bond financed portion of the project described in  
20 Section 2 above was fixed by the Board by the following resolution and in the amount  
21 specified below:

22 Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, \$628,500,000.

23 Such resolution was passed by two-thirds or more of the Board and approved by the  
24 Mayor of the City (the "Mayor"). In such resolution it was recited and found by the Board that  
25 the sum of money specified is too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and

1 revenue of the City in addition to the other annual expenses or other funds derived from taxes  
2 levied for those purposes and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed by  
3 the annual tax levy.

4 The method and manner of payment of the estimated costs described in this ordinance  
5 are by the issuance of bonds of the City not exceeding the principal amount specified.

6 Such estimate of costs as set forth in such resolution is adopted and determined to be  
7 the estimated cost of such bond financed improvements and financing, as designed to date.

8 Section 6. The Bond Special Election shall be held and conducted and the votes  
9 received and canvassed, and the returns made and the results ascertained, determined and  
10 declared as provided in this ordinance and in all particulars not recited in this ordinance such  
11 election shall be held according to the laws of the State of California (the "State") and the  
12 Charter of the City (the "Charter") and any regulations adopted under State law or the Charter,  
13 providing for and governing elections in the City, and the polls for such election shall be and  
14 remain open during the time required by such laws and regulations.

15 Section 7. The Bond Special Election is consolidated with the General Election  
16 scheduled to be held in the City on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The voting precincts, polling  
17 places and officers of election for the March 3, 2020 General Election are hereby adopted,  
18 established, designated and named, respectively, as the voting precincts, polling places and  
19 officers of election for the Bond Special Election called, and reference is made to the notice of  
20 election setting forth the voting precincts, polling places and officers of election for the March  
21 3, 2020 General Election by the Director of Elections to be published in the official newspaper  
22 of the City on the date required under the laws of the State of California.

23 Section 8. The ballots to be used at the Bond Special Election shall be the ballots to  
24 be used at the March 3, 2020 General Election. The word limit for ballot propositions imposed  
25 by Municipal Elections Code Section 510 is waived. On the ballots to be used at the Bond

1 Special Election, in addition to any other matter required by law to be printed thereon, shall  
2 appear the following as a separate proposition:

3 "SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE BOND,  
4 2020. To improve fire, earthquake, and emergency response by improving, constructing,  
5 and/or replacing: deteriorating cisterns, pipes, and tunnels, and related facilities to ensure  
6 firefighters a reliable water supply for fires and disasters; neighborhood fire and police stations  
7 and supporting facilities; the City's 911 Call Center; and other disaster response and public  
8 safety facilities, and to pay related costs, shall the City and County of San Francisco issue  
9 \$628,500,000 in general obligation bonds, with a duration up to 30 years from the time of  
10 issuance, an estimated average tax rate of \$0.015/\$100 of assessed property value, and  
11 projected average annual revenues of \$40,000,000, subject to citizen oversight and regular  
12 audits?

13 The City's current debt management policy is to keep the property tax rate for City  
14 general obligation bonds below the 2006 rate by issuing new bonds as older ones are retired  
15 and the tax base grows, though this property tax rate may vary based on other factors."

16 Each voter to vote in favor of the issuance of the foregoing bond proposition shall mark  
17 the ballot in the location corresponding to a "YES" vote for the proposition, and to vote against  
18 the proposition shall mark the ballot in the location corresponding to a "NO" vote for the  
19 proposition.

20 Section 9. If at the Bond Special Election it shall appear that two-thirds of all the voters  
21 voting on the proposition voted in favor of and authorized the incurring of bonded  
22 indebtedness for the purposes set forth in such proposition, then such proposition shall have  
23 been accepted by the electors, and bonds authorized shall be issued upon the order of the  
24 Board. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding applicable legal limits.

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1           The votes cast for and against the proposition shall be counted separately and when  
2 two-thirds of the qualified electors, voting on the proposition, vote in favor, the proposition  
3 shall be deemed adopted.

4           Section 10. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds, the  
5 Board shall, at the time of fixing the general tax levy and in the manner provided by law, levy  
6 and collect annually each year until such bonds are paid, or until there is a sum in the  
7 Treasury of said City, or other account held on behalf of the Treasurer of said City, set apart  
8 for that purpose to meet all sums coming due for the principal and interest on the bonds, a tax  
9 sufficient to pay the annual interest on such bonds as the same becomes due and also such  
10 part of the principal thereof as shall become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the  
11 time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of such  
12 principal.

13           Section 11. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with any State law  
14 requirements, and such publication shall constitute notice of the Bond Special Election and no  
15 other notice of the Bond Special Election hereby called need be given.

16           Section 12. The Board, having reviewed the proposed legislation, makes the following  
17 findings in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), California  
18 Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq., the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of  
19 Regulations Sections 15000 et seq., ("CEQA Guidelines"), and Administrative Code Chapter  
20 31 ("Chapter 31"):

21           A.     Emergency Firefighting Water System (EFWS) Project. For the reasons set  
22 forth in the letter from the Environmental Review Officer of the Planning Department, dated  
23 May 8, 2019, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 190494 and  
24 incorporated by reference, the Board finds that the bond proposal as it relates to funds for the  
25 EFWS Project is not subject to CEQA because as the establishment of a government

1 financing mechanism that does not involve any commitment to specific projects to be  
2 constructed with the funds, it is not a project as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.  
3 The use of bond proceeds to finance any project or portion of any project with funds for the  
4 EFWS Project portion of the Bond will be subject to approval of the Board upon completion of  
5 planning and any further required environmental review under CEQA for the individual EFWS  
6 projects.

7 B. Firefighting Facilities and Infrastructure. For the reasons set forth in the letter  
8 from the Environmental Review Officer of the Planning Department, dated May 8, 2019, a  
9 copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 190494 and incorporated by  
10 reference, the Board finds that the bond proposal as it relates to funds for Critical Firefighting  
11 Facilities and Infrastructure is not subject to CEQA because as the establishment of a  
12 government financing mechanism that does not involve any commitment to specific projects to  
13 be constructed with the funds and no site has yet been identified for a training facility, it is not  
14 a project as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. The use of bond proceeds to  
15 finance any project or portion of any project with funds for the Critical Firefighting Facilities  
16 and Infrastructure portion of the Bond will be subject to approval of the Board upon completion  
17 of planning and any further required environmental review under CEQA for the individual  
18 Firefighting Facilities and Infrastructure projects.

19 C. Police Facilities and Infrastructure. For the reasons set forth in the letter from  
20 the Environmental Review Officer of the Planning Department, dated May 8, 2019, a copy of  
21 which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 190494 and incorporated by reference,  
22 the Board finds that the bond proposal as it relates to funds for Police Facilities and  
23 Infrastructure is not subject to CEQA because as the establishment of a government financing  
24 mechanism that does not involve any commitment to specific projects to be constructed with  
25 the funds, it is not a project as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. The use of bond

1 proceeds to finance any project or portion of any project with funds for the Police Facilities  
2 and Infrastructure portion of the Bond will be subject to approval of the Board upon completion  
3 of planning and any further required environmental review under CEQA for the individual  
4 Police Facilities and Infrastructure projects.

5 D. 911 Call Center. The Environmental Review Officer in the Planning Department  
6 determined that the 911 Call Center project is exempt from environmental review as a Class 1  
7 Categorical Exemption, existing facilities, in a written determination dated May 8, 2019, and  
8 contained in Planning Department File No. 2019-005262EEC and this Board's File No.  
9 190494.

10 E. Disaster Response Facilities and Infrastructure. For the reasons set forth in the  
11 letter from the Environmental Review Officer of the Planning Department, dated May 8, 2019,  
12 a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 190494 and incorporated by  
13 reference, the Board finds that the bond proposal as it relates to funds for Disaster Response  
14 Facilities and Infrastructure is not subject to CEQA because as the establishment of a  
15 government financing mechanism that does not involve any commitment to specific projects to  
16 be constructed with the funds, it is not a project as defined by CEQA and the CEQA  
17 Guidelines. The use of bond proceeds to finance any project or portion of any project with  
18 funds for the Disaster Response Facilities and Infrastructure portion of the Bond will be  
19 subject to approval of the Board upon completion of planning and any further required  
20 environmental review under CEQA for the individual Disaster Response Facilities and  
21 Infrastructure projects.

22 Section 13. The Board finds and declares that the proposed Bond is (i) in conformity  
23 with the priority policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code, (ii) in accordance with  
24 Section 4.105 of the Charter and Section 2A.53(f) of the Administrative Code, and (iii)  
25 consistent with the City's General Plan, and adopts the findings of the Planning Department,

1 as set forth in the General Plan Referral Report dated May 8, 2019, a copy of which is on file  
2 with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 190494 and incorporates such findings by reference.

3 Section 14. Under Section 53410 of the California Government Code, the bonds shall  
4 be for the specific purpose authorized in this ordinance, and the proceeds of such bonds will  
5 be applied only for such specific purpose. The City will comply with the requirements of  
6 Sections 53410(c) and 53410(d) of the California Government Code.

7 Section 15. The Bonds are subject to, and incorporate by reference, the applicable  
8 provisions of Administrative Code Sections 5.30 – 5.36 (the "Citizens' General Obligation  
9 Bond Oversight Committee"). Under Section 5.31 of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond  
10 Oversight Committee, to the extent permitted by law, one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the  
11 gross proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited in a fund established by the Controller's  
12 Office and appropriated by the Board of Supervisors at the direction of the Citizens' General  
13 Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to cover the costs of such committee.

14 Section 16. The time requirements specified in Section 2.34 of the Administrative  
15 Code are waived.

16 Section 17. The City hereby declares its official intent to reimburse prior expenditures  
17 of the City incurred or expected to be incurred prior to the issuance and sale of any series of  
18 the Bonds in connection with the Project. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares the City's  
19 intent to reimburse the City with the proceeds of the Bonds for expenditures with respect to  
20 the Project (the "Expenditures" and each, an "Expenditure") made on and after that date that  
21 is no more than 60 days prior to the passage of this Ordinance. The City reasonably expects  
22 on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Bonds.

23 Each Expenditure was and will be either (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital  
24 account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date  
25 of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Bonds, (c) a nonrecurring item

1 that is not customarily payable from current revenues, or (d) a grant to a party that is not  
2 related to or an agent of the City so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or  
3 condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the City. The  
4 maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is  
5 \$628,500,000. The City shall make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation  
6 by the City that evidences the City's use of proceeds of the applicable series of Bonds to  
7 reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the  
8 Expenditure is paid or the related portion of the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but  
9 in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The City  
10 recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of  
11 issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of  
12 issuance and not the year of expenditure) and Expenditures for construction projects of at  
13 least 5 years.

14 Section 18. The appropriate officers, employees, representatives and agents of the  
15 City are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary or desirable to accomplish  
16 the calling and holding of the Bond Special Election, and to otherwise carry out the provisions  
17 of this ordinance.

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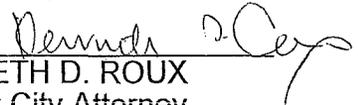
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Section 19. Documents referenced in this ordinance are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190494, which is hereby declared to be a part of this ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**  
(Amended in Committee, 6/6/2019)

[General Obligation Bond Election - Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response - Not to Exceed \$628,500,000]

**Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur the following bonded debt of the City and County: \$628,500,000 to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation, and seismic retrofitting of the Emergency Firefighting Water System, firefighting facilities and infrastructure, police facilities and infrastructure, facilities for the Department of Emergency Management's 911 Call Center, and other disaster response facilities and infrastructure for earthquake and public safety and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants in accordance with Administrative Code, Chapter 37; finding that the estimated cost of such proposed project is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy; reciting the estimated cost of such proposed project; fixing the date of election and the manner of holding such election and the procedure for voting for or against the proposition; fixing the maximum rate of interest on such bonds and providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest; prescribing notice to be given of such election; finding that a portion of the proposed bond is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopting findings under CEQA for the remaining portion of the proposed bond; finding that the proposed bond is in conformity with the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b), and is consistent with the General Plan; consolidating the special election with the general election; establishing the election precincts, voting places, and officers for the election; waiving the word limitation on ballot propositions imposed by Municipal Elections Code, Section 510; complying with the restrictions on the use of bond proceeds specified in California Government Code, Section 53410; incorporating the provisions of Administrative Code, Sections 5.30-5.36; and waiving the time requirements specified in Administrative Code, Section 2.34.**

Existing Law

General Obligation Bonds of the City and County of San Francisco may be issued only with the assent of two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition.

Ballot Proposition

This ordinance authorizes the following ballot proposition to be placed on the March 3, 2020 ballot:

"SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE BOND, 2020. To improve fire, earthquake and emergency response by improving, constructing, and/or replacing: deteriorating cisterns, pipes, and tunnels, and related facilities to ensure firefighters a reliable water supply for fires and disasters; neighborhood fire and police stations and supporting facilities; the City's 911 Call Center; and other disaster response and public safety facilities, and to pay related costs, shall the City and County of San Francisco issue \$628,500,000 in general obligation bonds, with a duration up to 30 years from the time of issuance, an estimated average tax rate of \$0.015/\$100 of assessed property value, and projected average annual revenues of \$40,000,000, subject to citizen oversight and regular audits?"

The ordinance fixes the maximum rate of interest on the Bonds, and provides for a levy and collection of taxes to repay both the principal and interest on the Bonds. The ordinance also describes the manner in which the Bond Special Election will be held, and the ordinance provides for compliance with applicable state and local laws. The proposed ordinance includes accountability and transparency measures.

#### Background Information

A large magnitude earthquake would damage critical City and County of San Francisco (the "City") facilities and infrastructure, thereby compromising the capacity of first responders, including fire and police personnel, to respond effectively.

With adequate funding the City can (i) construct, acquire, improve, renovate, retrofit and complete and seismically upgrade the emergency firefighting water system (the "EFWS") and related facilities, including but not limited to cisterns, pipes and tunnels, and related facilities (collectively, the "EFWS Project"); (ii) construct, acquire, improve, renovate, retrofit and complete critical firefighting facilities and infrastructure for earthquake safety and emergency response including without limitation, neighborhood fire stations, a Fire Department training facility and related facilities (collectively, the "Firefighting Facilities and Infrastructure"); (iii) construct, acquire, improve, renovate, retrofit and complete police facilities and infrastructure for earthquake safety and emergency response including without limitation, neighborhood police stations and related facilities (collectively, the "Police Facilities and Infrastructure"); (iv) construct improve, renovate, retrofit and complete needed improvements to the City's 911 Call Center (the "911 Call Center"); and, (v) construct, acquire, improve, renovate, retrofit and complete critical disaster response facilities and infrastructure for greater earthquake safety and more effective emergency response (collectively, the "Disaster Response Facilities and Infrastructure").

The bond will provide funding for the EFWS, Firefighting Facilities and Infrastructure, Police Facilities and Infrastructure, the 911 Call Center, and Disaster Response Facilities and Infrastructure (all as further described in the ordinance).

The Board of Supervisors found that the amount of money specified for this project is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City, and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy.

FILE NO. 190494

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<b>Item 1</b> <b>File 19-0494</b> <i>(Continued from the June 6, 2019)</i>	<b>Department:</b> Office of Public Finance (OPF)
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Legislative Objectives

**File 19-0494** is an ordinance calling and providing for a special election on March 3, 2020, to submit a proposition to San Francisco voters to incur \$628,500,000 of general obligation bonded indebtedness to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation, and seismic retrofitting of the Emergency Firefighting Water System, firefighting facilities and infrastructure, police facilities and infrastructure, facilities for the Department of Emergency Management's 9-1-1 Call Center, and other disaster response infrastructure and facilities.

**File 19-0500** is a resolution determining and declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation, and seismic retrofitting of the Emergency Firefighting Water System, firefighting facilities and infrastructure, police facilities and infrastructure, facilities for the Department of Emergency Management's 911 Call Center, and other disaster response infrastructure and facilities; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the bond principal and interest; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and waiving time limits in Administrative Code, Section 2.34.

### Key Points

- In June 2010, voters approved Proposition B, which authorized the issuance of \$412,300,000 of Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) general obligation bonds to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement, and retrofitting of police and fire facilities and replacement of the Emergency Firefighting Water System.
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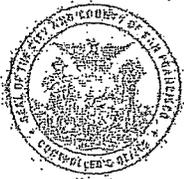
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June 4, 2019

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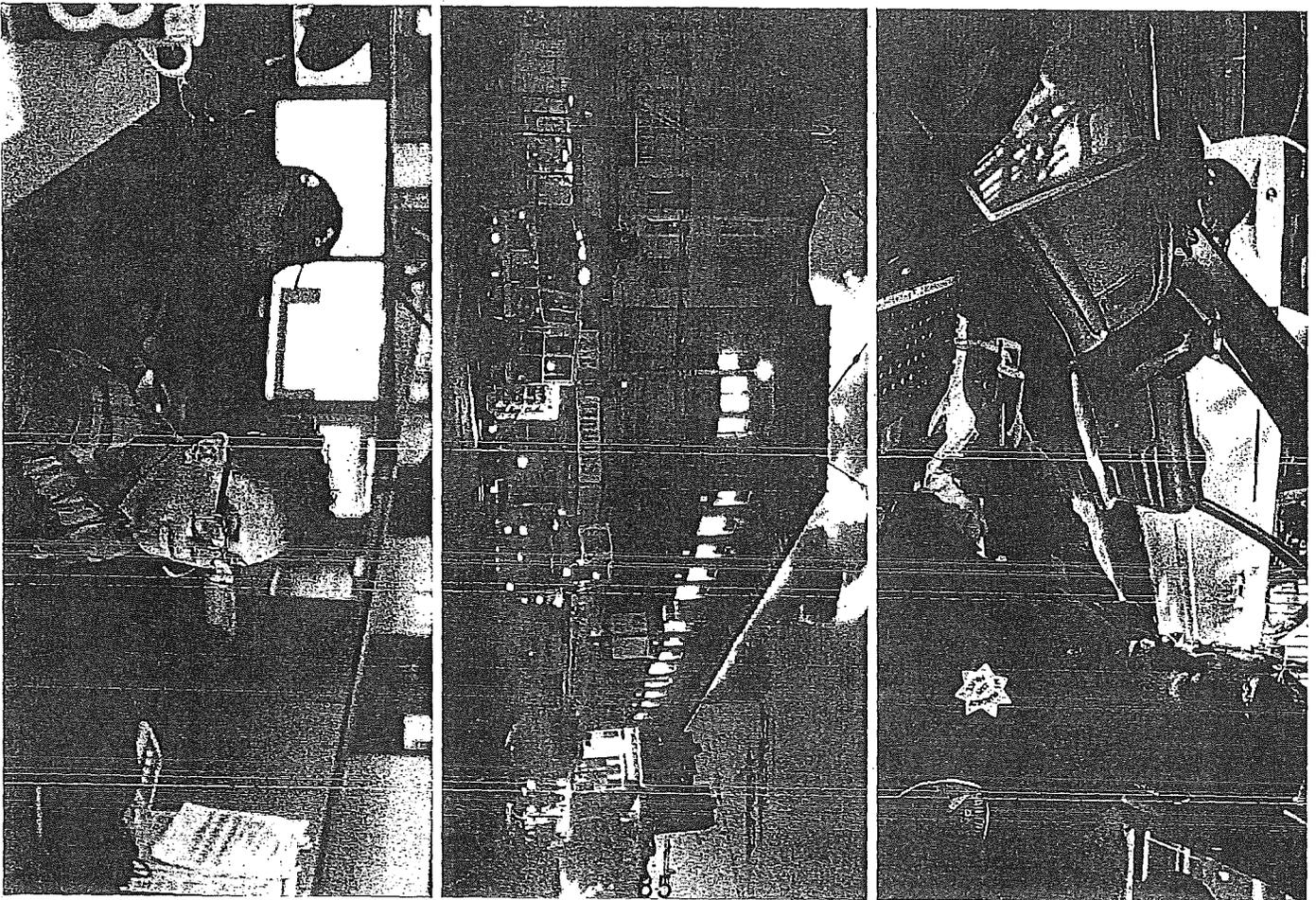
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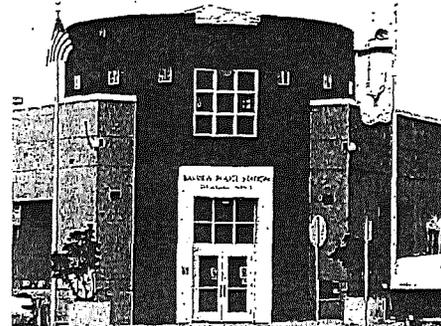
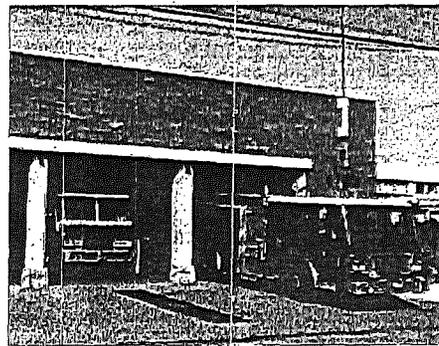
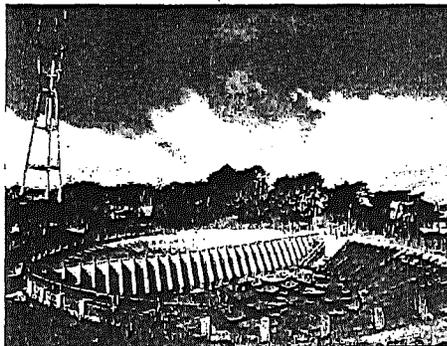


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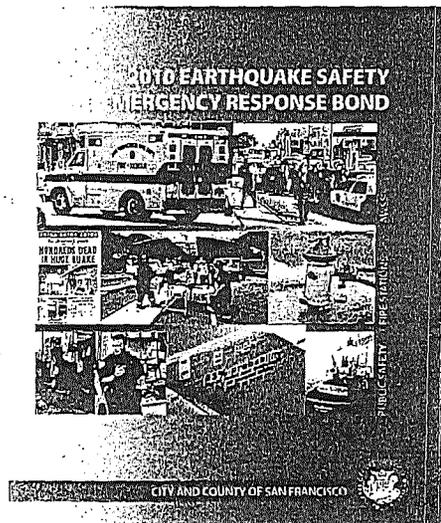
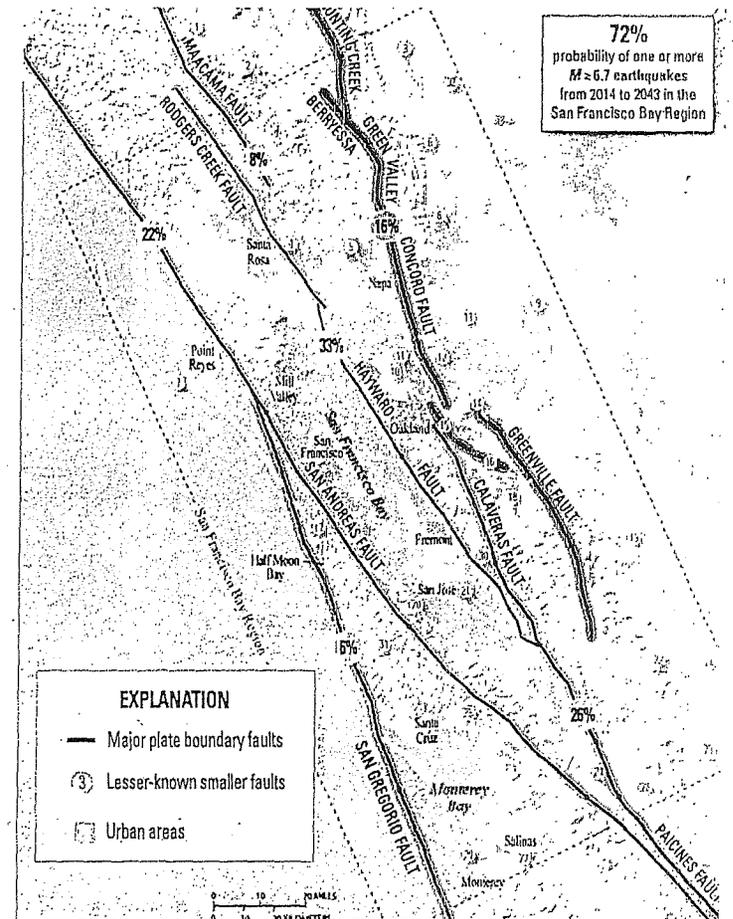
# ESER 2020: Bond Breakdown

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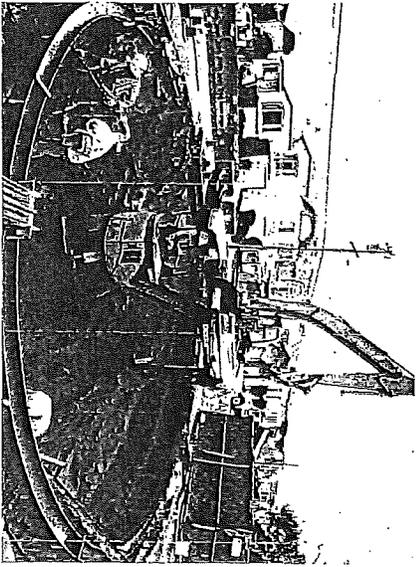
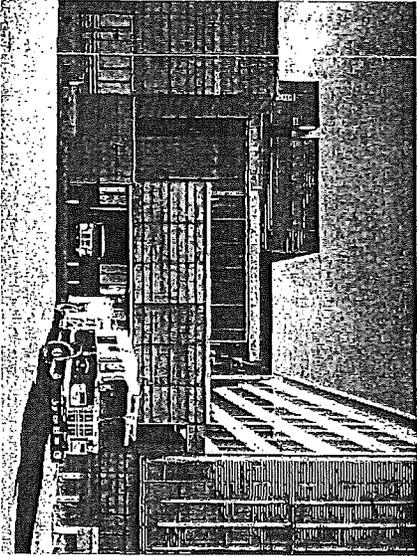
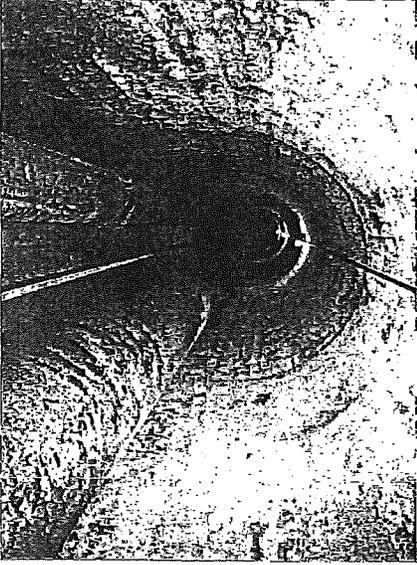
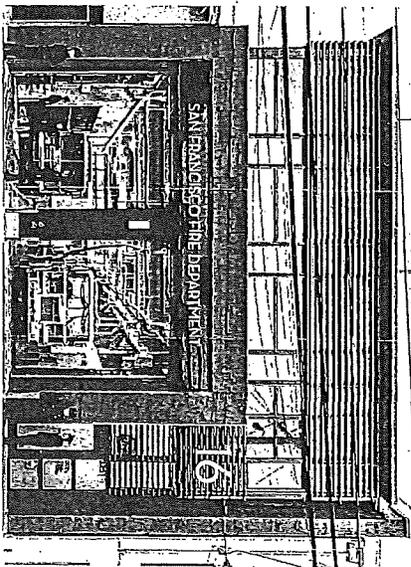
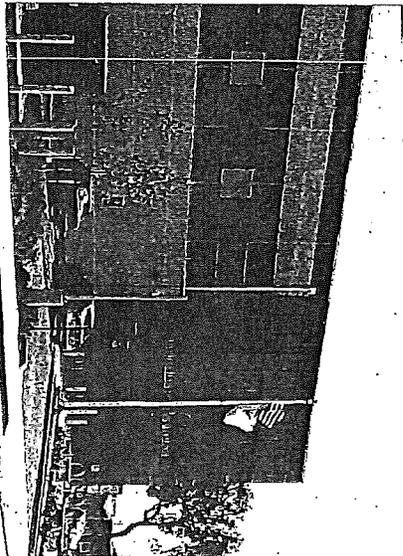
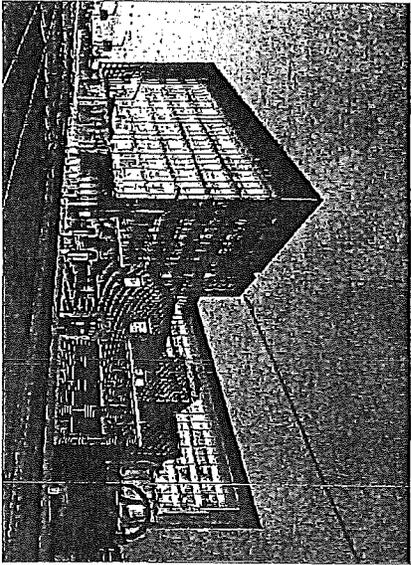


# Act Now for a Safer Tomorrow

- 72 percent chance of a 6.7 or greater magnitude earthquake striking the Bay Area in the next 20 years
- Previous ESER bonds (2010 and 2014) received overwhelming support from San Francisco voters

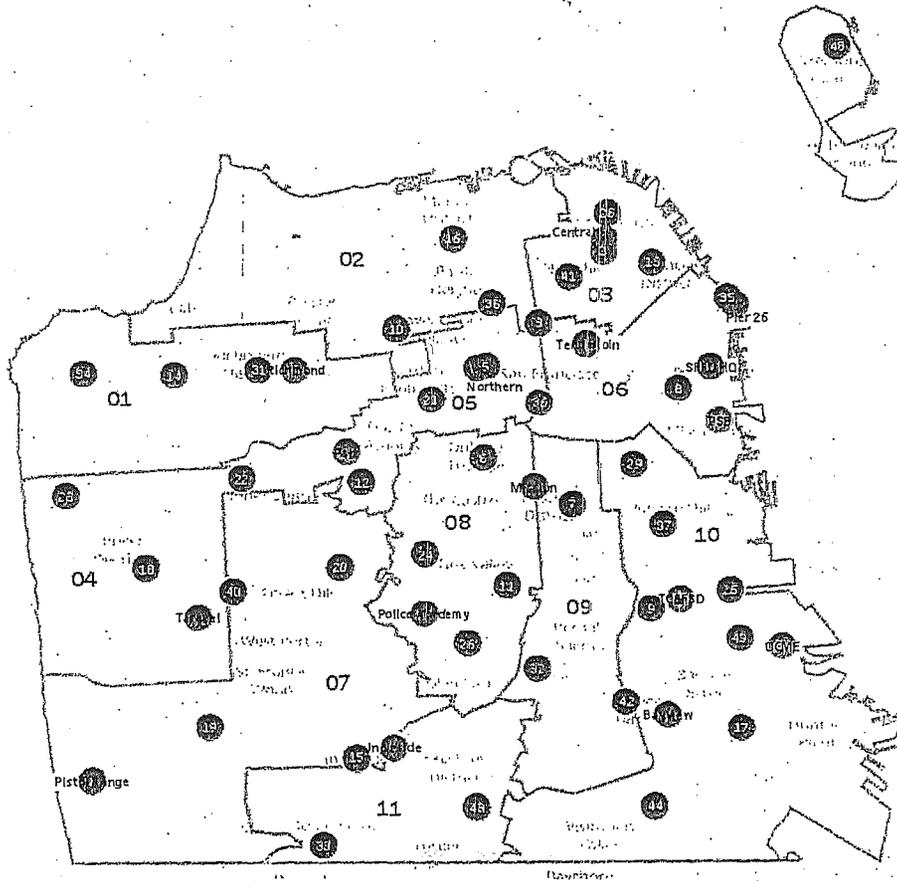


# ESER 2010 and 2014 Accomplishments



# Previous ESER Project Locations

## First Response Facilities

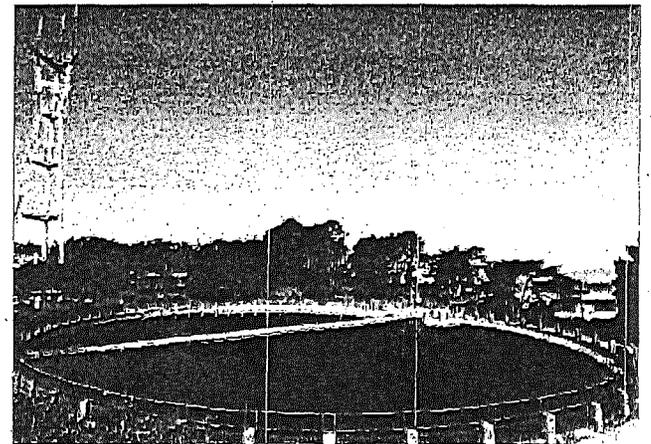
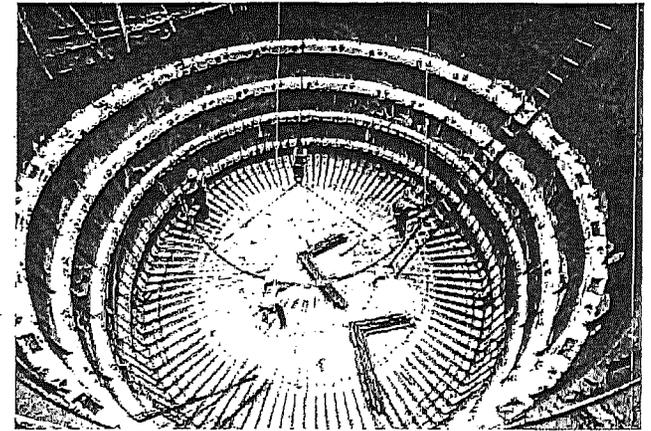
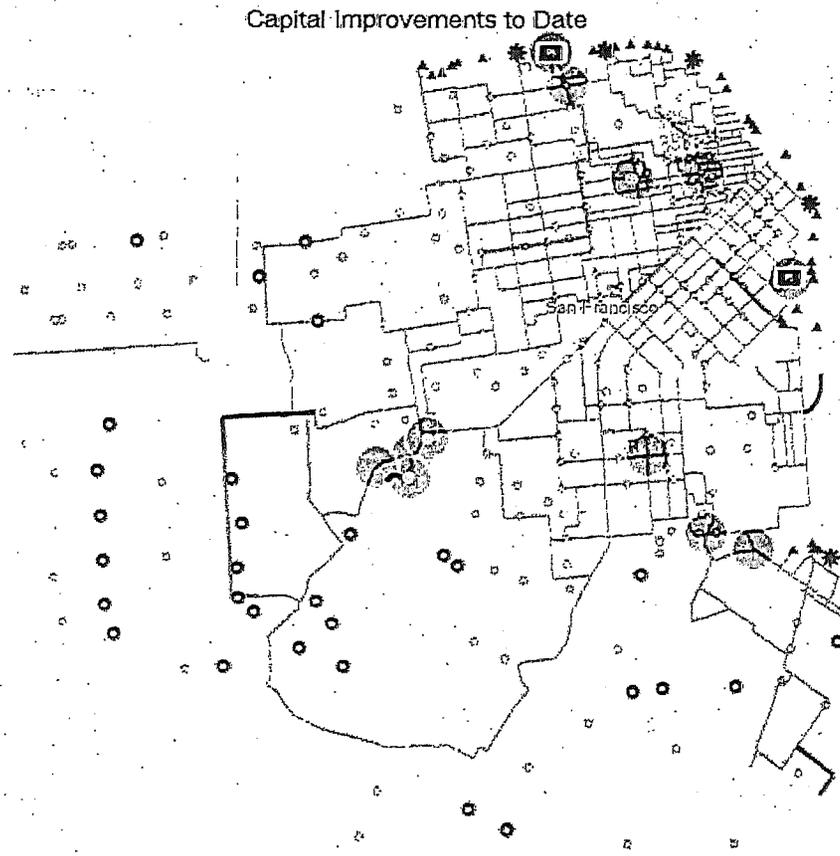


- Neighborhood Fire Stations
- District Police Stations
- Public Safety Building
- Motorcycle Police and Crime Lab
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

- Previous ESER work touches every San Francisco neighborhood
- More work is needed to further strengthen these facilities

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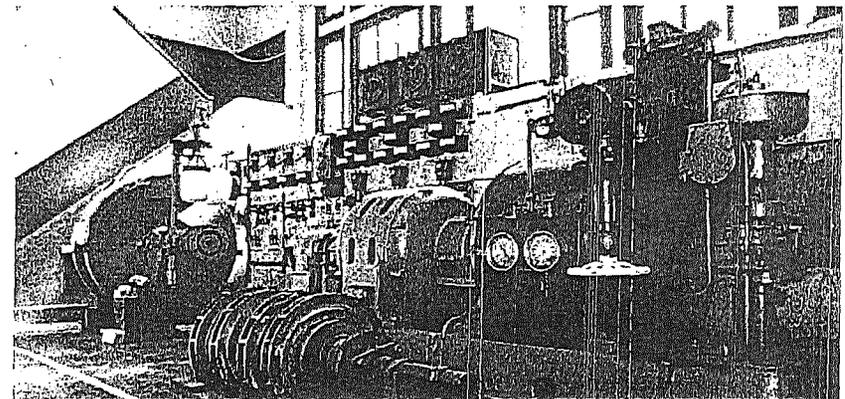
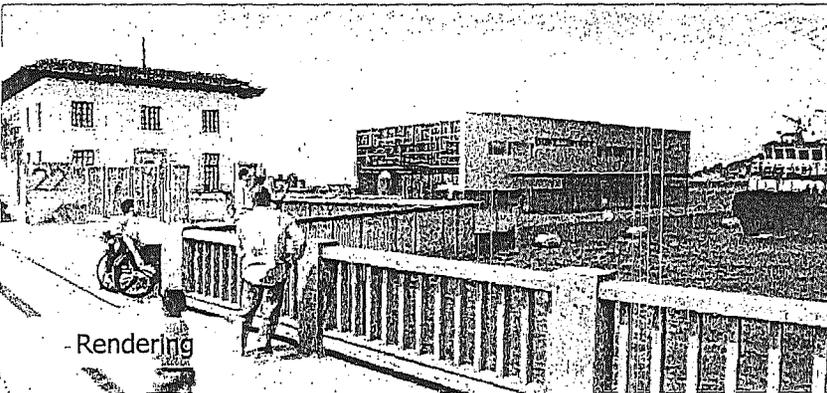
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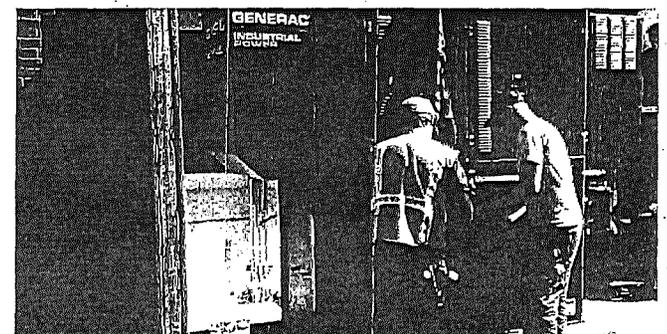
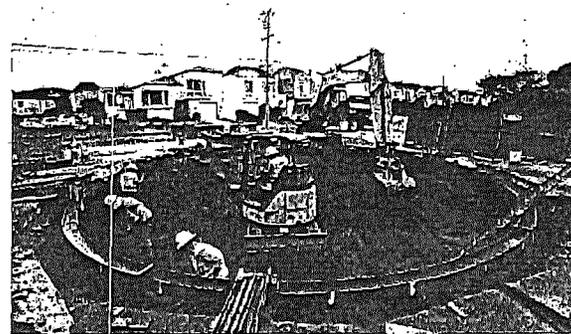
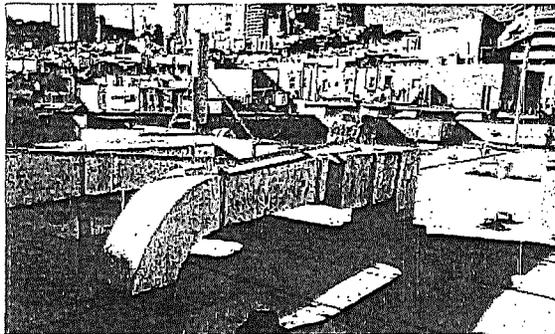
- **Motorcycle Police and Crime Lab:** construction scheduled to begin in summer 2019
- **Fireboat Station at Pier 22 ½:** construction scheduled to run through the end of 2020
- **Pump Station No. 2 (EFWS):** upgrades to be complete in 2020



# Scope of Work Overview

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- **Emergency Firefighting Water System:** focusing on the City's western neighborhoods
- **Neighborhood Fire Stations and Support Facilities:** seismic upgrades, comprehensive renovations and focused scope improvements; building a new, resilient training facility at a site to be determined
- **District Police Stations and Support Facilities:** seismic upgrades, comprehensive renovations and focused scope improvements
- **Disaster Response Facilities:** retrofitting and renovating infrastructure that can be used for shelter and recovery
- **9-1-1 Call Center:** increasing the number of dispatch stations and the amount of training space



# ESER 2020 Prioritization: Facilities

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Criteria spelled out in the bond report:

## **Fire and Police Stations**

Similar to ESER 2010 and 2014, facilities projects at public safety stations will be selected based on the relative seismic risk, renewal need, and operational and tactical importance of the facilities to ensure effective deployment of first responders in the event of a major earthquake or disaster.

## **Disaster Response Facilities**

City-owned buildings with sufficient capacity to serve multiple disaster response functions that pose serious risk of casualties and/or significant financial impact will be prioritized.

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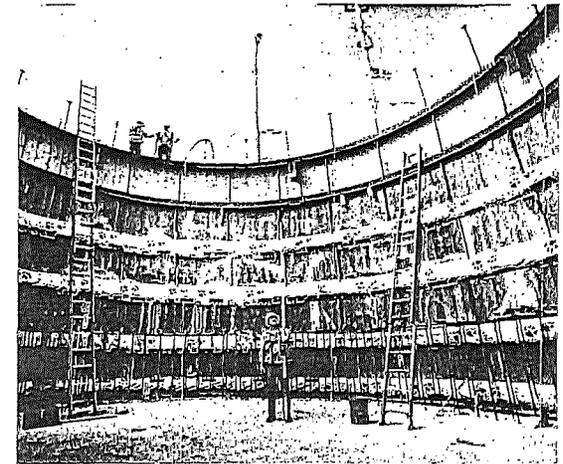
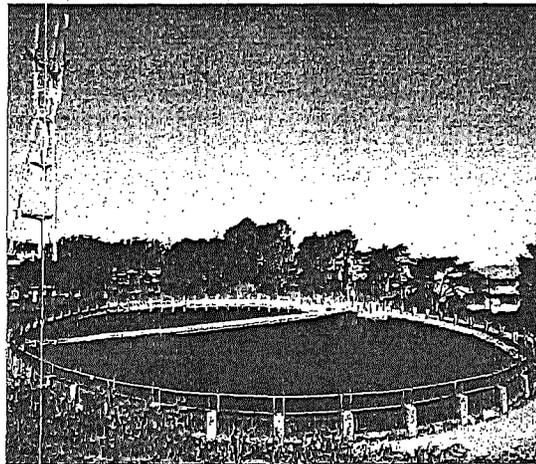
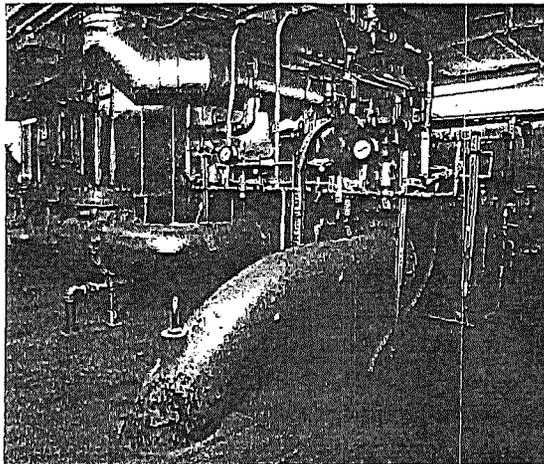
# ESER 2020 Prioritization: EFWS

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## Focusing on the City's western neighborhoods

- Phase 1 funded through a combination of ESER 2020 and SFPUC revenue bonds
- Phase 2 to be constructed in the next ESER bond

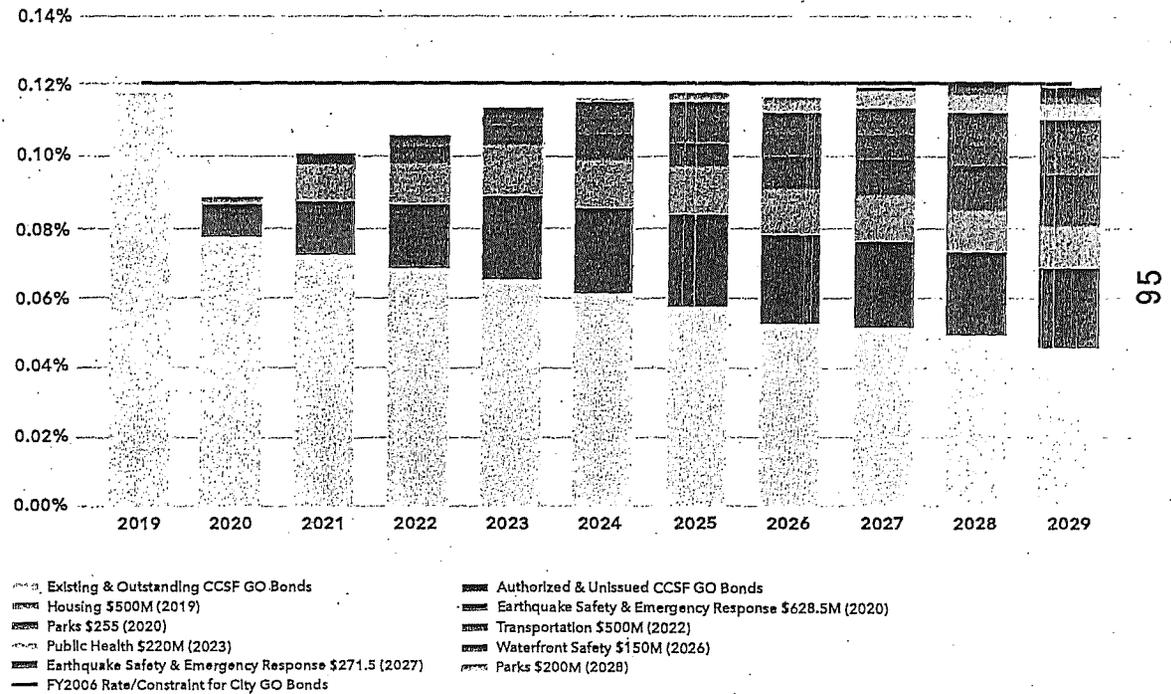
## Manifold Projects



# The Ten-Year Capital Plan

- The City's commitment to strategic, long-term planning to address infrastructure needs
- Prioritizes seismic and safety projects
- Does not raise property tax rate
- Strong accountability and oversight measures
- [onesanfrancisco.org](http://onesanfrancisco.org)

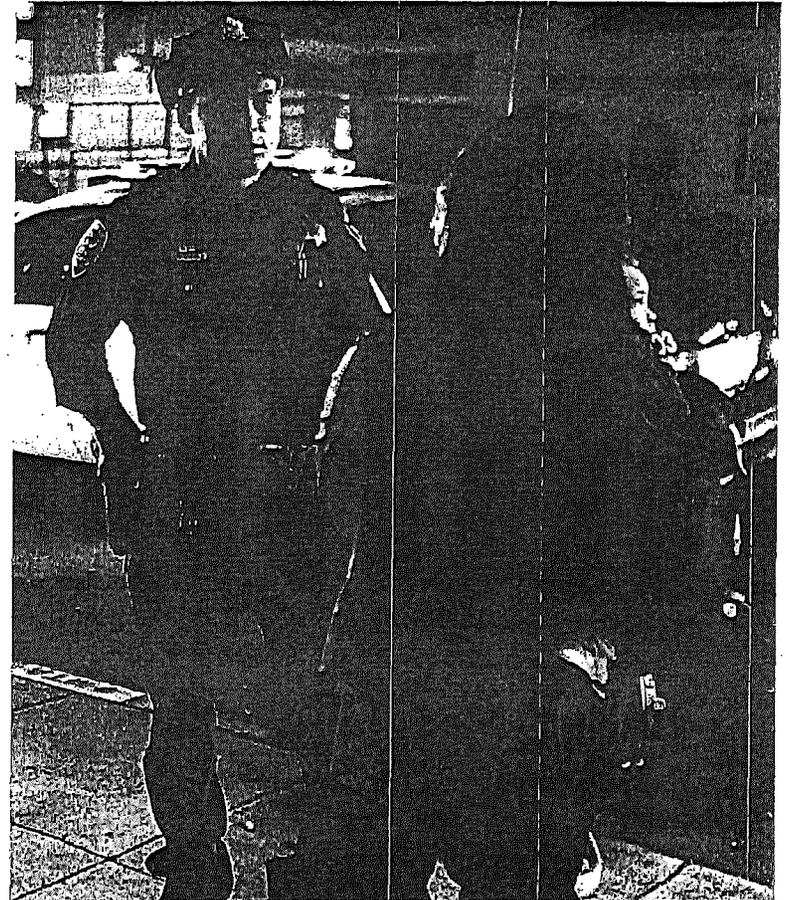
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# Keeping Up with a Growing City

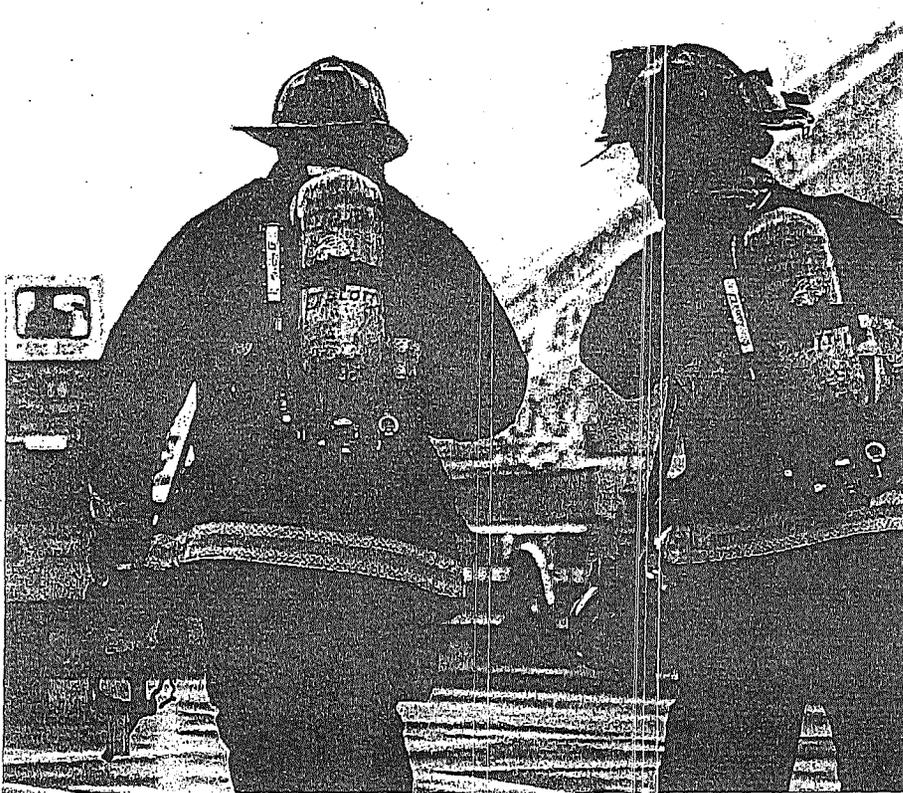
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- ESER 2020 will allow us too act now for a safer tomorrow
- With a growing population comes an increase in calls for emergency response
- Responding quickly in an emergency reduces the number of injuries, deaths and damage done to people and property



# ESER: Safeguarding San Francisco

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This bond is vital to ensure our public safety systems are ready for the next major earthquake, fire or other disaster and to build a resilient San Francisco.

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Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. Any physical change would require separate environmental review.

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# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## General Plan Referral

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ESER 2020 Bond

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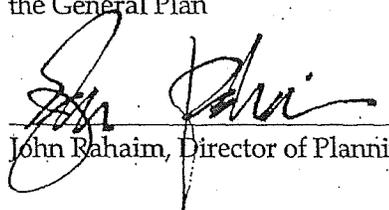
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*Recommendation:* Finding the project, on balance, is in conformity with the General Plan

*Recommended By:*   
John Rahaim, Director of Planning

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is the City's proposed Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond for the November 2019 ballot, the purpose of which is to fund repairs and improvements that would allow San Francisco to more quickly and effectively respond to a major earthquake or other disaster. The City Administrator, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco is proposing a \$622.5 million Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond for the November 2019 ballot. The purpose of the ESER 2020 Bond is to fund repairs and improvements that would allow San Francisco to more quickly and effectively respond to a major earthquake or other disaster. The ESER 2020 Bond program would build on the 2014 Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond that funded a wide range of projects.

The ESER 2020 bond proposal consists of the following program components. Specific projects under these program components will be identified and evaluated according to established criteria that prioritizes enhancements to public safety. All projects will be subject to environmental review.

1. Replace or relocate the firefighting training facility on Treasure Island and strengthen, improve and rehabilitate neighborhood fire stations throughout the City;
2. Renovate, expand, and seismically upgrade the City's aging Emergency Firefighting Water System;
3. Make seismic, safety and programmatic improvements to outdated district police stations and support facilities;
4. Expand the City's 9-1-1 Call Center within the existing building at 1011 Turk Street to make way for more dispatchers, new technologies and increased efficiencies; and
5. Upgrade or replace critical City-owned disaster response facilities throughout the City to assure the City can deploy aid, provide emergency shelter, and coordinate emergency response and recovery activities.

The submittal is for a General Plan Referral to recommend whether the Project is in conformity with the General Plan, pursuant to Section 4.105 of the Charter, and Section 2A.52 and 2A.53 of the Administrative Code.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Bond proposals for Emergency Firefighting Water System (EFWS); Firefighting Facilities and Infrastructure; Police Facilities and Infrastructure; and Disaster Response Capable Facilities and Infrastructure:

- Not a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c) and 15378 because there is no direct or indirect physical change in the environment. The Bond proposal is not subject to CEQA because it establishes a government financing mechanism that does not involve any commitment to specific projects to be constructed with the funds, and it is not a project as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. Any future projects that receive funding from the 2020 ESER Bond would be subject to environmental review.

Bond proposal for 911 Call Center (1011 Turk Street):

- The planning department determined that the 911 Call Center (1011 Turk Street) project is exempt from environmental review as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, existing facilities, in a written determination dated MAY 3, 2019 and contained in Planning Department File No. 2019-005262ENV.

### GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE AND BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT**

**OBJECTIVE 1**

**REDUCE STRUCTURAL AND NONSTRUCTURAL HAZARDS TO LIFE SAFETY AND  
MINIMIZE PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM FUTURE DISASTERS**

**POLICY 1.3**

Assure that new construction meets current structural and life safety standards.

**POLICY 1.12**

Ensure that new development on Treasure Island, Yerba Buena Island and Hunters Point Shipyard are resistant to natural disasters.

**POLICY 1.15**

Abate structural and non-structural hazards in City-owned structures.

**POLICY 1.18**

Identify and replace vulnerable infrastructure and critical service lifelines in high-risk areas.

**POLICY 1.19**

Mitigate against damage to City systems and infrastructure through awareness of threats posed by new forms of hazards such as terrorism and communication failures.

*The proposed bond measure would provide funding for seismic upgrades to the City's aging Emergency Firefighting Water System, improvements to outdated district police stations and support facilities, and upgrades to critical City-owned disaster response facilities.*

**OBJECTIVE 2**

**BE PREPARED FOR THE ONSET OF DISASTER BY PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING ABOUT EARTHQUAKES AND OTHER NATURAL AND MAN-MADE  
DISASTERS, BY READING THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE, AND BY ENSURING THE  
NECESSARY COORDINATION IS IN PLACE FOR A READY RESPONSE**

**POLICY 2.7**

Continue to expand the City's fire department prevention and firefighting capability with sufficient personnel and training

**POLICY 2.8**

Ensure potable water is available in an emergency

**POLICY 2.14**

Support the Emergency Operations Center, and continue maintenance of alternative operations centers in the case of an emergency

**POLICY 2.16**

Plan to address security issues that may arise post-disaster, and balance these issues with the other demands that will be placed on public safety personnel as emergency response providers

**POLICY 2.19**

Seek funding for preparedness projects.

**POLICY 2.20**

Enhance communications with nearby jurisdictions.

**POLICY 3.6**

Support the ability to shelter-in-place for residents

*The proposed bond measure would provide funding for seismic upgrades and new infrastructure for public safety and emergency services, including a firefighting training facility on Treasure Island, thereby improving the City's fire prevention and firefighting capability and assuring an adequate water supply to fight fires. The proposed bond measure would also provide funding for City-owned disaster response facilities throughout the City to assure the City can deploy aid, provide emergency shelter, and coordinate emergency response and recovery activities. The project would help enhance communications with nearby jurisdictions by providing funding for the City's 9-1-1 Call Center expansion.*

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ELEMENT**

**OBJECTIVE 5**

**ASSURE A PERMANENT AND ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER TO MEET THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

**POLICY 5.5**

Improve and extend the Auxiliary Water Supply system of the Fire Department for more effective fire fighting.

*The proposed bond measure would provide funding for seismic upgrades to the City's Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS).*

COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1

DISTRIBUTE, LOCATE, AND DESIGN POLICE FACILITIES IN A MANNER THAT WILL ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT AND RESPONSIVE PERFORMANCE OF POLICE FUNCTIONS.

POLICY 1.3

Provide the number of district stations that balance service effectiveness with community desires for neighborhood police facilities.

*The proposed bond measure would provide funding for seismic, safety and programmatic improvements to outdated district police stations and support facilities, which would enhance the performance and efficiency of public safety agencies.*

*In summary, the proposed ESER Bond is, on balance, in conformity with the General Plan. However, individual projects of the bond will require project-level General Plan referrals and Environmental Review.*

PROPOSITION M FINDINGS – PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1

Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes Eight Priority Policies and requires review of discretionary approvals and permits for consistency with said policies. The Project is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies as set forth in Planning Code Section 101.1 for the following reasons:

**Eight Priority Policies Findings**

The subject project is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 in that:

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1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced.

*The Project would have no adverse effect on neighborhood serving retail uses or opportunities for employment in or ownership of such businesses.*

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhood.

*The Project would have no adverse effect on the City's housing stock or on neighborhood character. The existing housing and neighborhood character will be not be negatively affected.*

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced.

*The Project would have no adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.*

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

*The Project would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI's transit service, overburdening the streets or altering current neighborhood parking.*

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for residential employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

*The Project would not affect the existing economic base in this area.*

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

*This Project would make seismic improvements to existing infrastructure and would create new public safety buildings in accordance with applicable building codes; hence, the project would improve preparedness for earthquakes and other emergencies.*

7. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

*This project does not affect landmarks and historic buildings.*

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

*The Project would have no adverse effect on parks and open space or their access to sunlight and vista.*

<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Finding the Project, on balance, in-conformity with the General Plan
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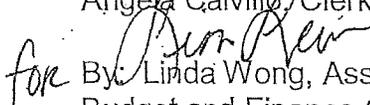
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The proposed legislations are being transmitted to the Planning Department for review and determination regarding consistency with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. These legislations are pending before the Budget and Finance Committee and will be scheduled for hearing following receipt of your response.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

for  By: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

Attachment

- c: Jonas Ionin, Director of Commission Affairs
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- Aaron Starr, Manager of Legislative Affairs
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM:  Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk, Budget and Finance Committee  
Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 21, 2019

SUBJECT: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND INTRODUCED  
March 3, 2020 Election

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Please review and prepare a financial analysis of the proposed measures prior to the first Budget and Finance Committee hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7719 or email: [linda.wong@sfgov.org](mailto:linda.wong@sfgov.org). To submit documentation, please forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller  
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Maura Lane, Committee Staff, Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee

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LONDON N. BREED  
MAYOR

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Sophia Kittler  
RE: General Obligation Bond Election - Earthquake Safety and Emergency  
Response - Not to Exceed \$628,500,000  
DATE: May 7, 2019

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Please note that Supervisors Fewer and Stefani are co-sponsors of this legislation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sophia Kittler at 415-554-6153.

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**Lew, Lisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lew, Lisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:08 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Lisa (CPC)  
**Cc:** Navarrete, Joy (CPC); Lynch, Laura (CPC); Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** BOS Referral: File Nos. 190494 and 190500 - General Obligation Bond Election - Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response - Not to Exceed \$628,500,000  
**Attachments:** 190494\_190500 CA CEQA.pdf

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Please be advised that there are various programs within the legislation that requires environmental review. Sent on behalf of Linda Wong, Budget and Finance Committee. Please respond directly to Linda Wong.

Regards,

**Lisa Lew**

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