

[Funding for Affordable Housing Programs]

CHARTER AMENDMENT

PROPOSITION ____

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by adding Section 16.127 to appropriate funds for affordable housing programs.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 6, 2007, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by adding Section 16.127 to read as follows:

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SEC. 16.127. FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS.

(a) Establishment of Funding. To the extent allowed by law, for each fiscal year starting with the 2007-08 fiscal year, the City and County shall appropriate from the general funds of the City and County, an amount equivalent to the fiscal year's revenues from the Real Property Transfer Tax (Article 12-C of the Business and Tax Regulations Code) in excess of the Real Property Transfer Tax revenues projected in the final budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year (the "Funds").

(b) Uses of Funds. The Funds appropriated under paragraph (a) above shall be used for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of housing affordable to households of low and median incomes. The Funds may also be used to support the leasing of rental housing to households earning no more than 30% of San Francisco median income. The Funds may be disbursed by loans or grants or other types of payments. At least 75% of the Funds shall be used for housing units affordable to households earning no more than 60% of the San Francisco median income ("household of low income" as defined in San Francisco Planning

Code Section 315.1). No Funds shall be used for units affordable to households earning more than 100% of San Francisco median income ("household of median income" as defined in San Francisco Planning Code Section 315.1). The San Francisco Housing Authority is eligible to receive Funds. Up to 25% of the Funds appropriated each year may be used to assist first time homebuyers.

(c) Budgeting and Planning. No later than August 15, 2008 and thereafter no later than August 15th every third year, the Mayor's Office shall prepare a general plan for affordable housing that identifies priority populations and program expenditures for affordable housing. Each year, the Mayor's Office shall prepare a budget for the expenditure of the Funds that is consistent with the affordable housing plan.

(d) Rainy Day Reserve. Funds set aside under this Section will not be included in total General Fund revenues used to calculate the allocation to the Rainy Day Reserve under Charter Section 9.113.5(b).

(e) No Limit on Additional Funding for Affordable Housing. This Section shall not limit the ability of the Board of Supervisors, by ordinance and to the extent allowed by law, to dedicate additional revenues to affordable housing programs.

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