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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 24, 2024
To: Planning Department / Commission
From: Victor Young, Clerk of the Rules Committee *Victor Young*
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 240692
Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination
(*California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.*)
 - Ordinance / Resolution
 - Ballot Measure

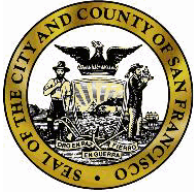
- Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:
(*Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review*)
 - General Plan Planning Code, Section 101.1 Planning Code, Section 302

- Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning
(*Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review*)

- General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments
(*Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53*)
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- Historic Preservation Commission
 - Landmark (*Planning Code, Section 1004.3*)
 - Cultural Districts (*Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23*)
 - Mills Act Contract (*Government Code, Section 50280*)
 - Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (*Planning Code, Article 11*)

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to Victor Young at Victor.Young@sfgov.org.



City and County of San Francisco

Master Report

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File Number: 240692 **File Type:** Motion **Status:** 30 Day Rule

Enacted: **Effective:**

Version: 1 **In Control:** Rules Committee

File Name: Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund **Date Introduced:** 06/18/2024

Requester: **Cost:** **Final Action:**

Comment: **Title:** Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, an Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund for the purpose of paying outstanding student loans, and job-related educational and training expenses incurred while employed by the City, for employees who are sworn members of the Police Department, Fire Department, or Sheriff's Department; paramedics; registered nurses; or 911 dispatchers, supervisors, or coordinators.

Sponsors: Safai; Walton

History of Legislative File 240692

Ver	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Result
1	Clerk of the Board	06/13/2024	RECEIVED			
1	President	06/18/2024	ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE	Rules Committee	07/18/2024	

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9 (d) Amendments. Notwithstanding the provisions of Charter Section 14.101, the Board of
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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
13 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney
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15 By: /s/ _____
16 JON GIVNER
17 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund]

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Existing Law

The City currently does not have a specific fund into which the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor can appropriate money, or receive donations, to support the costs of a program to provide payments to cover City employees' student loans or job-related educational and training expenses, except where those expenses are reimbursable under labor agreements with employee unions or under existing City reimbursement policies. Current labor agreements between the City and employee labor organizations, which govern City employee benefits, do not require the operation of such a program.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed initiative ordinance would establish a new fund. The Board of Supervisors and the Mayor could appropriate money into the fund in the future, or the City could receive donations to the fund in the future. Once the fund contains \$1,000,000, and after any necessary amendments to the City's labor agreements with employee unions, the Department of Human Resources could make payments from the fund to cover outstanding student loans or reimburse the costs of job-related education and training for the following City employees: sworn members of the Police Department, Fire Department, or Sheriff's Department; paramedics; registered nurses; and 911 dispatchers, supervisors, or coordinators. The Department of Human Resources could adopt rules and procedures for the program, but payments would be limited to a maximum of \$25,000 per employee.

The initiative ordinance does not create or require a loan forgiveness program or an education and training payment program, and it does not appropriate money for such a program. Any such program would need to be consistent with the terms of any labor agreements between the City and employee unions.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



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

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquiries..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

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

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:



From: [Carrillo, Lila \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FOR INTRODUCTION: Safai - Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:26:26 PM
Attachments: [Introduction Form -Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund.pdf](#)
[Initiative ordinance - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund \(Final\).docx](#)
[Leg Digest - Initiative ordinance - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund.docx](#)
Importance: High

Dear Clerk Staff,

Attached please find **Safai - Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund** for introduction at the June 18th Board of Supervisor's meeting.

I am copying Natalie Gee from Supervisor Walton's office to confirm co-sponsorship.

Kindly,
Lila

Lila Carrillo, Legislative Aide
Supervisor Ahsha Safai, District 11
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Office: 415.554.6975

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Cc: [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#); [PEARSON, ANNE \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOR INTRODUCTION: Safai - Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - First Responder Student Loan Forgiveness Fund
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:32:56 PM

I approve as to form.

Jon

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We are seeking the approval from Deputy City Attorney Jon Givner, for use of his electronic signature and approval as to form for the proposed Initiative Ordinance, by reply to this email. Thank you.

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Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:43:44 AM

Confirming for Supervisor Walton. Thank you!

Natalie Gee 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff

Supervisor Shamann Walton, District 10

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