

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

## CHARTER AMENDMENT

## PROPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Sections 9.103 and 9.104 to allow the Board of Supervisors to mandate the expenditure of identified appropriations for particular programs or activities, requiring the relevant City departments to report to the Board on their plans for expenditure of the money appropriated, and allowing the Mayor to reject or reduce an appropriation identified as mandatory, and to reject the designation of the appropriation as mandatory with or without reducing the amount of the appropriation.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 3, 2009, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Sections 9.103 and 9.104 to read as follows:

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

**SEC. 9.103. ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.**

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

1. After review of the Controller's analysis of the Mayor's revenue estimates, the Board of Supervisors may reduce estimated revenues;
2. The Board of Supervisors may increase or decrease any proposed expenditure in the General Fund or any special, sequestered or other fund so long as the aggregate changes do

not cause the expenditures from each fund to exceed the amount proposed for expenditures by the Mayor from any such fund; ~~and~~

3. The Board of Supervisors may increase or decrease any proposed expenditure for Capital Improvements; and

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

#### SEC. 9.104. VETO OF APPROPRIATIONS.

By exercising a veto, ~~T~~the Mayor may reduce or reject any expenditure authorized by the Board of Supervisors, except appropriations for bond interest, redemption or other fixed charges, within ten days after the Board of Supervisors' adoption of a final annual or supplemental appropriations ordinance. The designation of an appropriation as a mandatory expenditure under Section 9.103(4) shall not affect the Mayor's ability to reduce or reject the underlying expenditure. In particular, the Mayor may reject the Board of Supervisors' designation of the appropriation as a mandatory expenditure in conjunction with exercise of a veto reducing or rejecting the underlying appropriation, or the Mayor may reject such designation alone, without reducing or rejecting the underlying appropriation. Within ten days of receipt of the Mayor's veto message, the Board of Supervisors may, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, reinstate, (i) in whole or in part, any expenditure reduced or rejected by the Mayor and (ii) any designation of an appropriation as a mandatory expenditure rejected by the Mayor. ~~by a vote of two-thirds of its members.~~ In overriding any Mayoral veto, the Board of Supervisors shall not cause the

aggregate expenditures for the General Fund or any special, sequestered or other fund in the appropriation ordinances to exceed the Mayor's revenue estimate as allocated to such funds.

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