

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Extending Single Room Occupancy Task Force]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to codify the Single Room Occupancy Task Force and extend its sunset date by three years to December 31, 2018.

Existing Law

The Board of Supervisors created the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Health, Stabilization and Safety Task Force Task Force in 1999. The Task Force has been renamed, reconfigured, and extended by resolution several times since it was created. In Resolution No. 09-13, the Board extended the sunset date of the now-named SRO Task Force to December 31, 2015.

The membership of the SRO Task Force currently consists of 14 voting members. The Board of Supervisors appoints nine members. The Director of the Department of Public Health appoints two members. The Director of the Human Services Agency, the Director of the Department of Building Inspection, and the City Attorney each appoint one member.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance establishes the SRO Task Force by ordinance and extends its sunset date to December 31, 2018. It reduces the number of voting members to thirteen and requires the City Attorney to assign a representative to advise the Task Force rather than to appoint a member of the Task Force.

Background Information

The Board of Supervisors created a 32-member SRO Health, Stabilization and Safety Task Force in 1999 in response to a rash of fires that had resulted in over 900 SRO units being eliminated from the housing market due to fire since 1988. The Task Force was successful in fulfilling its original mission of preventing SRO fires and improving the City's response to fires, and in 2003 expanded its goals to include families living in SROs and quality of life issues faced by residents of SRO hotels. In 2006, the Board of Supervisors renamed the Task Force, reduced its membership from 32 to 13 voting members and a Chair who votes only in case of a tie, and extended its term until December 31, 2009. In 2010, the Board amended the membership to delete the non-voting Chair and in 2013 extended the sunset date to December 31, 2012. The Task Force's current expiration date is December 31, 2015.

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