

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Composition and Sunset Date - Family Violence Council]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to change the composition of the Family Violence Council and extend the sunset date for the Council to May 1, 2021.

Existing Law

The Family Violence Council is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Superior Court, and City departments regarding prevention and treatment of child abuse, domestic violence, and elder/dependent adult abuse. Among other duties, the Council recommends strategies to serve survivors of family violence, recommends methods of educating the public about family violence, compiles relevant data, and facilitates communication and cooperation between public and private agencies.

The Council has 24 designated seats: 18 local government officials or their designees and the heads of four community-based organizations or their designees. Three of the members representing community-based organizations serve as the co-chairs of the Council and also serve as the members of the Steering Committee, a three-person committee that sets policy for the Council. The Steering Committee has discretion to appoint three additional members to the Council.

The Council is currently scheduled to terminate on May 1, 2018.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would add seats on the Council for the City's Medical Examiner and the Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. The ordinance would also reflect that the San Francisco Child Abuse Council, which has a seat on the Family Violence Council, is now known as Safe & Sound.

Under Board of Supervisors Rules of Order, Rule 2.21, the ordinance would also provide that the Council will automatically sunset on May 1, 2021 unless extended in a subsequent ordinance.

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