

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended 11/13/2023)

[Charter Amendment - Establishing the Department of Emergency Management in the Charter]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to establish within the Charter the Department of Emergency Management, the position of the Director of the Department, and the Director's qualifications and appointing authority.

Background Information

The second draft of the Charter Amendment has been updated to change the election date from March 5, 2024 to November 5, 2024.

Existing Law and Amendments to Current Law

The Department of Emergency Management was created via ordinance and is codified in Administrative Code Section 2A.200. Administrative Code Section 2A.200 (a) established the Department, the Department Director position, required qualifications for the Director, and the Director's appointing authority. Subsections (b) – (d) include additional Department requirements.

Amendments to Current Law

The Charter amendment does not make substantive changes to the Department of Emergency Management nor to the Department Director position. The Charter amendment essentially replicates the language in Administrative Code Section 2A.200 (a) in order to establish the Department and the position of Department Director within the Charter. The Charter amendment does not incorporate Administrative Code Section 2A.200 (b) – (d). Those sub-sections remain in the Administrative Code.

The Charter amendment also establishes that the individual serving as Department Director, or acting Department Director, on the date the Charter Amendment language is added to the Charter, can continue to serve in that capacity.

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