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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Brent Jalipa, Assistant Clerk, Budget and Finance Committee

DATE: April 29, 2024

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Mayor London Breed:

File No. 240440

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Downtown University Attraction and Retention Fund to provide financial incentives to attract public colleges or universities interested in having a physical location in the South of Market, Union Square, and Financial District neighborhoods, and to purchase or lease property for public college or university campuses in those neighborhoods.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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1 [Administrative Code - Downtown University Attraction and Retention Fund]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Downtown University**
4 **Attraction and Retention Fund to provide financial incentives to attract public colleges**
5 **or universities interested in having a physical location in the South of Market, Union**
6 **Square, and Financial District neighborhoods, and to purchase or lease property for**
7 **public college or university campuses in those neighborhoods.**

8 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
9 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
10 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
11 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
12 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
13 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
14 subsections or parts of tables.

15 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

16 Section 1. Article XIII of Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by
17 adding Section 10.100-65, to read as follows:

18 **SEC. 10.100-65. DOWNTOWN UNIVERSITY ATTRACTION AND RETENTION FUND.**

19 *(a) Establishment of Fund. The Downtown University Attraction and Retention Fund (the*
20 *“Fund”) is hereby established as a category four fund to receive any monies appropriated or donated*
21 *for the following purposes: (1) to provide financial incentives to attract public colleges or universities*
22 *interested in having a physical presence in the South of Market, Union Square, and Financial District*
23 *neighborhoods (“Campus Neighborhoods”), and (2) to purchase or lease property that is 100,000*
24 *square feet or larger for use as campuses (including classrooms, housing, administrative space, and/or*
25 *other uses) for public colleges or universities in those neighborhoods. For the purposes of this Section*
10.100-65, a “public college or university” is an accredited college or university operated by a State,

1 subdivision of a State, or governmental agency within a State, including but not limited to universities
2 in the University of California and California State University systems and community colleges.

3 **(b) Use and Administration of the Fund.**

4 (1) The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (“OEWD”) shall approve all
5 expenditures from the Fund, consistent with subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this Section 10.100-65.

6 (2) OEWD may use monies in the Fund to provide financial incentives to attract public
7 colleges or universities interested in having a physical presence in the Campus Neighborhoods.

8 OEWD shall promulgate rules defining the types and amounts of incentives that are available, the
9 eligibility criteria for public colleges or universities to receive those incentives, and OEWD’s criteria
10 for deciding which applicants will receive incentives. In developing these rules, OEWD shall consult
11 with other City agencies, including but not limited to the Real Estate Division of the City
12 Administrator’s Office, the Planning Department, and the Controller’s Office. OEWD shall publish on
13 its website rules it adopts and shall submit a copy of the rules to the Board of Supervisors and the
14 Mayor within 30 days after promulgating the rules.

15 (3) With the consent of OEWD and subject to the applicable provisions of Chapter 23 of
16 this Code, and any required approvals thereunder, including Board of Supervisors approval, the Real
17 Estate Division may use monies in the Fund to purchase or lease property that is 100,000 square feet
18 or larger if the Real Estate Division and OEWD have a written plan describing the City’s intention to
19 lease or otherwise convey the property as a campus for a public college or university in those
20 neighborhoods.

21 **(c) Sunset and Termination.** Any monies in the Fund that the City has not expended or
22 encumbered by July 31, 2034 shall be returned to the General Fund, and thereafter the City Attorney is
23 authorized to cause this Section 10.100-65 to be removed from the Administrative Code unless the City
24 enacts an ordinance extending it beyond that date.

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Downtown University Attraction and Retention Fund]

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Existing Law

There is currently no City fund focused on providing financial incentives to attract colleges or universities to the City.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would establish the Downtown University Attraction and Retention Fund for money appropriated by the Board of Supervisors in the future or donated to the City. Money appropriated or donated to the fund could be used for two purposes: (1) to provide financial incentives to attract public colleges or universities interested in having a physical presence in the South of Market, Union Square, and Financial District neighborhoods, and (2) to purchase or lease property that is 100,000 square feet or larger for use as campuses for public colleges or universities in those neighborhoods. The Office of Economic and Workforce Development would approve all expenditures from the fund.

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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 _____ inquires..."
- 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):

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Subject:

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Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

