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11                  (1) Laws that require disabled persons to prove their disability when voting.

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14                  (1) Laws that remove the secretary of state from the state election board, or otherwise  
15 take away the power of the state's chief elections officer to remedy election problems.

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17                  (3) Laws that allow the state legislature to override or disregard local voting returns  
18 and declare their own election results.

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20 **SEC. 12X.24. COVERED STATE LIST.**

21                  (a) The City Administrator shall create and maintain the Covered State List. A state shall be  
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23 the Director of Elections and the City Attorney, it meets the definition of a Covered State.

24                  (b) A state shall be removed from the Covered State List where the law or laws that caused the  
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3 (c) The Covered State List shall be posted on the website of the City Administrator, and shall be  
4 reviewed, and updated as appropriate, by the City Administrator at least semiannually.

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6 **SEC. 12X.25. TRAVEL.**

7 (a) The City shall not:

8 (1) Require any of its employees or officers to travel to a state on the Covered State  
9 List; or

10 (2) Approve a request for City-funded travel to a state on the Covered State List.

11 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to travel that is:

12 (1) necessary for the enforcement of any state or City law;

13 (2) necessary for the defense of any legal claim against the City;

14 (3) required by law;

15 (4) required to meet contractual obligations incurred by the City; or

16 (5) necessary for the protection of public health, welfare, or safety.

17 (c) For purposes of this Section 12X.25, “travel” does not include landing in a state by plane  
18 to make a connecting flight to a destination outside that state, or traversing a state by automobile,  
19 train, bus, or otherwise, to reach a destination outside that state.

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21 **SEC. 12X.26. CONTRACTING.**

22 (a) The City shall not enter into any Contract with a Contractor that has its United States  
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1 provide services to the City, to a state on the Covered State List, such a move shall not constitute  
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3 (b) Nonapplicability, Exceptions, and Waivers. Subsection (a) shall not apply to Contracts in  
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5 (1) The Contracting Department determines that needed services under the applicable  
6 Contract are available only from one source pursuant to applicable provisions of the Administrative  
7 Code; or

8 (2) The Contracting Department determines, pursuant to applicable provisions of the  
9 Administrative Code, that the Contract is necessary to respond to an emergency which endangers the  
10 public health or safety; and no entity that complies with subsection (a) and is capable of responding to  
11 the emergency is immediately available to perform the required services; or

12 (3) The Contracting Department determines that there are no qualified responsive  
13 bidders or prospective vendors that comply with the requirements of subsection (a); and the Contract is  
14 for a service, project, or property that is essential to the City or the public; or

15 (4) The Contracting Department determines that the public interest warrants the  
16 granting of a waiver because application of this Section 12X.26 would have an adverse impact on  
17 services or a substantial adverse financial impact on the City; or

18 (5) The Contracting Department determines that the services to be purchased are  
19 available under a bulk purchasing arrangement with a federal, state, or local governmental entity or a  
20 group purchasing organization; purchase under such arrangement will substantially reduce the City's  
21 cost of purchasing such services; and purchase under such an arrangement is in the best interest of the  
22 City; or

23 (6) The Contracting Department determines that the requirements of this  
24 Section 12X.26 will violate or are inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant, subvention, or  
25 agreement with a public agency or the instructions of an authorized representative of any such agency



1 with respect to any such grant, subvention, or agreement, provided that the contracting officer has  
2 made a good faith attempt to change the terms or conditions of any such grant, subvention, or  
3 agreement to authorize application of this Section; or

4 (7) The General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission may waive the  
5 requirements of this Section 12X.26 where the Contractor is providing wholesale or bulk water, power,  
6 or natural gas, the conveyance or transmission of same, or ancillary services such as spinning reserve,  
7 voltage control, or loading scheduling, as required for assuring reliable services in accordance with  
8 good utility practice, to or on behalf of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; provided that  
9 the purchase of same may not practically be accomplished through the City's standard competitive  
10 bidding procedures; and further provided that this waiver provision shall not apply to Contractors or  
11 franchisees providing direct, retail services to end users within the City.

12 (c) For any determination of nonapplicability, exception, or waiver pursuant to subsection (b),  
13 the Contracting Department shall maintain a record documenting the basis for such decision. Each  
14 Contracting Department that makes a determination of nonapplicability, exception, or waiver pursuant  
15 to subsection (b) shall submit a report to the City Administrator summarizing the Contract and the  
16 basis for inapplicability. Such reports shall be submitted annually within 30 days of the end of the  
17 fiscal year.

18 (d) The requirements of this Section 12X.26 shall apply to Contracts first advertised, solicited,  
19 or initiated on or after the Operative Date.

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21 **SEC. 12X.27. RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPORTING.**

22 (a) The City Administrator may adopt rules, regulations, and guidelines to implement this  
23 Article III of Chapter 12X.

24 (b) By January 1, 2023, the Controller shall conduct an evaluation and submit a report to the  
25 Board of Supervisors regarding the economic impact of this Article III of Chapter 12X on the City.

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2 **SEC. 12X.28. PREEMPTION.**

3 *Nothing in this Article III, Chapter 12X shall be interpreted or applied so as to create any*  
4 *requirement, power, or duty in conflict with any federal or State of California law. In Contracts that*  
5 *involve the use of any funds furnished, given, or loaned by the Government of the United States or the*  
6 *State of California, all laws, rules, and regulations of the United States or California or of any federal*  
7 *or State departments relative to the performance of such work and the conditions under which the work*  
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11 **SEC. 12X.29. UNDERTAKING FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

12 *In enacting and implementing this Article III, Chapter 12X, the City is assuming an undertaking*  
13 *only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and*  
14 *employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims*  
15 *that such breach proximately caused injury.*

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17 **SEC. 12X.30. SEVERABILITY.**

18 *If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Article III, Chapter 12X, or*  
19 *any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a*  
20 *decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining*  
21 *portions or applications of the Article or Chapter. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it*  
22 *would have passed this Article and Chapter and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause,*  
23 *phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion*  
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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Ban on City-Funded Travel to and City Contracts Involving States with Voter Suppression Laws]

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### Existing Law

The City does not have any existing law addressing the expenditure of City funds in states that have adopted laws restricting voting right.

### Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to prevent the expenditure of City funds on travel in states that have enacted laws restricting voting rights or on contracts with businesses headquartered or performing contractual services in such states.

The ordinance would require the City Administrator to create and maintain a list of states that have adopted Voter Suppression Laws on or after January 1, 2021. A “Voter Suppression Law” is a state law that, on balance, makes it harder to register to vote, harder to stay on the voter registration rolls, or harder to vote, or a state law that reallocates responsibility for the processing, tabulation, or determination of votes and/or election results in a manner that presents a danger that the will of the voters as expressed in their votes will be overridden.

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Under the proposal, the City would not require or pay for any of its employees or officers to travel to a state on the list, subject to certain exceptions necessary to enforce or comply with the City’s legal or contractual obligations or to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

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#### Background Information

The City has adopted laws prohibiting City-funded travel or contracting in states that allow discrimination against LGBT individuals (Administrative Code Chapter 12X, Article I) or that have restrictive abortion laws (Administrative Code Chapter 12X, Article II).

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All City Department Heads via Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Office

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: July 20, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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c. Andres Power, Mayor's Office



# City and County of San Francisco

## Master Report

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**File Number:** 210811      **File Type:** Ordinance      **Status:** 30 Day Rule

**Enacted:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Effective:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Version:** 1      **In Control:** Rules Committee

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**Requester:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Action:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsors:** Walton; Safai, Haney, Melgar, Stefani and Preston

### History of Legislative File 210811

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2 ballots or absentee ballot applications to all voters.

3                   (5) Laws that remove voters as absentee voters if they failed to vote absentee in two or  
4 more consecutive state or federal election cycles.

5                   (6) Laws barring persons other than the individual voter or their families from turning  
6 in an absentee ballot.

7                   **(e) Laws Restricting Elections by Mail:**

8                   (1) Laws that prevent mail-in ballots from being counted in a presidential election.

9                   (2) Laws that ban pre-paid postage for mail-in ballots.

10                  **(f) Laws Restricting Voting by Persons with Disabilities:**

11                  (1) Laws that require disabled persons to prove their disability when voting.

12                  **(g) Laws Reallocating Responsibility for Processing, Tabulation, or Determination of Votes**

13 **or Results:**

14                  (1) Laws that remove the secretary of state from the state election board, or otherwise  
15 take away the power of the state's chief elections officer to remedy election problems.

16                  (2) Laws that undermine the power of local officials to conduct fair elections.

17                  (3) Laws that allow the state legislature to override or disregard local voting returns  
18 and declare their own election results.

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20 **SEC. 12X.24. COVERED STATE LIST.**

21                  (a) The City Administrator shall create and maintain the Covered State List. A state shall be  
22 included in the Covered State List when, in the judgment of the City Administrator, in consultation with  
23 the Director of Elections and the City Attorney, it meets the definition of a Covered State.

24                  (b) A state shall be removed from the Covered State List where the law or laws that caused the  
25 state to meet the definition of a Covered State have been repealed or found to be unenforceable by a

1 court of competent jurisdiction. A decision to remove a state from the Covered State List shall be  
2 made by the City Administrator, in consultation with the Director of Elections and the City Attorney.

3 (c) The Covered State List shall be posted on the website of the City Administrator, and shall be  
4 reviewed, and updated as appropriate, by the City Administrator at least semiannually.

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6 **SEC. 12X.25. TRAVEL.**

7 (a) The City shall not:

8 (1) Require any of its employees or officers to travel to a state on the Covered State  
9 List; or

10 (2) Approve a request for City-funded travel to a state on the Covered State List.

11 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to travel that is:

12 (1) necessary for the enforcement of any state or City law;

13 (2) necessary for the defense of any legal claim against the City;

14 (3) required by law;

15 (4) required to meet contractual obligations incurred by the City; or

16 (5) necessary for the protection of public health, welfare, or safety.

17 (c) For purposes of this Section 12X.25, “travel” does not include landing in a state by plane  
18 to make a connecting flight to a destination outside that state, or traversing a state by automobile,  
19 train, bus, or otherwise, to reach a destination outside that state.

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21 **SEC. 12X.26. CONTRACTING.**

22 (a) The City shall not enter into any Contract with a Contractor that has its United States  
23 headquarters in a state on the Covered State List or where any or all of the work on the Contract will  
24 be performed in a state on the Covered State List. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if, during  
25 the term of a Contract, the Contractor moves its headquarters, or the location from which it will

1 provide services to the City, to a state on the Covered State List, such a move shall not constitute  
2 grounds to terminate the Contract.

3 (b) Nonapplicability, Exceptions, and Waivers. Subsection (a) shall not apply to Contracts in  
4 the following circumstances:

5 (1) The Contracting Department determines that needed services under the applicable  
6 Contract are available only from one source pursuant to applicable provisions of the Administrative  
7 Code; or

8 (2) The Contracting Department determines, pursuant to applicable provisions of the  
9 Administrative Code, that the Contract is necessary to respond to an emergency which endangers the  
10 public health or safety; and no entity that complies with subsection (a) and is capable of responding to  
11 the emergency is immediately available to perform the required services; or

12 (3) The Contracting Department determines that there are no qualified responsive  
13 bidders or prospective vendors that comply with the requirements of subsection (a); and the Contract is  
14 for a service, project, or property that is essential to the City or the public; or

15 (4) The Contracting Department determines that the public interest warrants the  
16 granting of a waiver because application of this Section 12X.26 would have an adverse impact on  
17 services or a substantial adverse financial impact on the City; or

18 (5) The Contracting Department determines that the services to be purchased are  
19 available under a bulk purchasing arrangement with a federal, state, or local governmental entity or a  
20 group purchasing organization; purchase under such arrangement will substantially reduce the City's  
21 cost of purchasing such services; and purchase under such an arrangement is in the best interest of the  
22 City; or

23 (6) The Contracting Department determines that the requirements of this  
24 Section 12X.26 will violate or are inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant, subvention, or  
25 agreement with a public agency or the instructions of an authorized representative of any such agency

1 with respect to any such grant, subvention, or agreement, provided that the contracting officer has  
2 made a good faith attempt to change the terms or conditions of any such grant, subvention, or  
3 agreement to authorize application of this Section; or

4 (7) The General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission may waive the  
5 requirements of this Section 12X.26 where the Contractor is providing wholesale or bulk water, power,  
6 or natural gas, the conveyance or transmission of same, or ancillary services such as spinning reserve,  
7 voltage control, or loading scheduling, as required for assuring reliable services in accordance with  
8 good utility practice, to or on behalf of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; provided that  
9 the purchase of same may not practically be accomplished through the City's standard competitive  
10 bidding procedures; and further provided that this waiver provision shall not apply to Contractors or  
11 franchisees providing direct, retail services to end users within the City.

12 (c) For any determination of nonapplicability, exception, or waiver pursuant to subsection (b),  
13 the Contracting Department shall maintain a record documenting the basis for such decision. Each  
14 Contracting Department that makes a determination of nonapplicability, exception, or waiver pursuant  
15 to subsection (b) shall submit a report to the City Administrator summarizing the Contract and the  
16 basis for inapplicability. Such reports shall be submitted annually within 30 days of the end of the  
17 fiscal year.

18 (d) The requirements of this Section 12X.26 shall apply to Contracts first advertised, solicited,  
19 or initiated on or after the Operative Date.

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21 **SEC. 12X.27. RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPORTING.**

22 (a) The City Administrator may adopt rules, regulations, and guidelines to implement this  
23 Article III of Chapter 12X.

24 (b) By January 1, 2023, the Controller shall conduct an evaluation and submit a report to the  
25 Board of Supervisors regarding the economic impact of this Article III of Chapter 12X on the City.

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2 **SEC. 12X.28. PREEMPTION.**

3 *Nothing in this Article III, Chapter 12X shall be interpreted or applied so as to create any*  
4 *requirement, power, or duty in conflict with any federal or State of California law. In Contracts that*  
5 *involve the use of any funds furnished, given, or loaned by the Government of the United States or the*  
6 *State of California, all laws, rules, and regulations of the United States or California or of any federal*  
7 *or State departments relative to the performance of such work and the conditions under which the work*  
8 *is to be performed, shall prevail over the requirements of this Article III, Chapter 12X when such laws,*  
9 *rules, or regulations are in conflict.*

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11 **SEC. 12X.29. UNDERTAKING FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

12 *In enacting and implementing this Article III, Chapter 12X, the City is assuming an undertaking*  
13 *only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and*  
14 *employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims*  
15 *that such breach proximately caused injury.*

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17 **SEC. 12X.30. SEVERABILITY.**

18 *If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Article III, Chapter 12X, or*  
19 *any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a*  
20 *decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining*  
21 *portions or applications of the Article or Chapter. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it*  
22 *would have passed this Article and Chapter and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause,*  
23 *phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion*  
24 *this Article or Chapter or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or*  
25 *unconstitutional.*





## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Ban on City-Funded Travel to and City Contracts Involving States with Voter Suppression Laws]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit City-funded travel to states that have adopted laws on or after January 1, 2021, suppressing voting rights, and to prohibit City contracting with companies headquartered in states that have enacted such laws, or where work on the contract would be performed in such states, and setting an operative date of December 1, 2021.**

### Existing Law

The City does not have any existing law addressing the expenditure of City funds in states that have adopted laws restricting voting right.

### Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to prevent the expenditure of City funds on travel in states that have enacted laws restricting voting rights or on contracts with businesses headquartered or performing contractual services in such states.

The ordinance would require the City Administrator to create and maintain a list of states that have adopted Voter Suppression Laws on or after January 1, 2021. A “Voter Suppression Law” is a state law that, on balance, makes it harder to register to vote, harder to stay on the voter registration rolls, or harder to vote, or a state law that reallocates responsibility for the processing, tabulation, or determination of votes and/or election results in a manner that presents a danger that the will of the voters as expressed in their votes will be overridden.

Examples of voter suppression laws include:

- Laws that do not allow same-day voting at a polling place if a voter goes to the wrong polling location.
- Laws that prevent voters without photo IDs from satisfying an identification requirement in some other manner, such as by submitting a signed and sworn affidavit.
- Laws limiting or prohibiting local election departments from mailing absentee ballots or absentee ballot applications to all voters.
- Laws that ban pre-paid postage for mail-in ballots.
- Laws that prohibit extension of voting hours if election problems arise.

Under the proposal, the City would not require or pay for any of its employees or officers to travel to a state on the list, subject to certain exceptions necessary to enforce or comply with the City’s legal or contractual obligations or to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

And the City would not enter into any contract with a contractor that has its headquarters in a state on the list or where any or all of the work on the contract will be performed in a state on the list. The ordinance would have limited exceptions for situations such as: the needed services are available only from one source; the contract is necessary to respond immediately to an emergency threatening the public health or safety; or, no bidders or prospective vendors comply with the ordinance and the contract is for a service, project, or property that is essential to the City or the public.

#### Background Information

The City has adopted laws prohibiting City-funded travel or contracting in states that allow discrimination against LGBT individuals (Administrative Code Chapter 12X, Article I) or that have restrictive abortion laws (Administrative Code Chapter 12X, Article II).

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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor  inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
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- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.**

Sponsor(s):

Walton, Safai, Haney, Melgar, Stefani

Subject:

Administrative Code - Ban on City-Funded Travel to and City Contracts Involving States with Voter Suppression Laws

The text is listed:

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit City-funded travel to states that have adopted laws on or after January 1, 2021 suppressing voting rights, and to prohibit City contracting with companies headquartered in states that have enacted such laws, or where work on the contract would be performed in such states, and setting an operative date of December 1, 2021.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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Good afternoon Clerk team,

Attached is President Walton's introduction, ordinance, and legislative digest with co-sponsors Supervisors Ahsha Safai, Matt Haney, Myrna Melgar, and Catherine Stefani to amend the Administrative Code to prohibit City-funded travel to states that have adopted laws on or after January 1, 2021 suppressing voting rights, and to prohibit City contracting with companies headquartered in states that have enacted such laws, or where work on the contract would be performed in such states, and setting an operative date of December 1, 2021.

I've CC'ed President Walton to confirm his signature and Deputy City Attorney Tom Own has confirmed his signature below.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,  
Natalie

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Supervisor Walton and Natalie,

Attached please find Word versions of the following ordinance and legislative digest for submission to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors upon introduction:

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit City-funded travel to**

**states that have adopted laws on or after January 1, 2021 suppressing voting rights, and to prohibit City contracting with companies headquartered in states that have enacted such laws, or where work on the contract would be performed in such states, and setting an operative date of December 1, 2021.**

Please note that my electronic signature at the end of the ordinance reflects that I have approved this ordinance as to form. Let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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Please note I work Monday through Wednesday.