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Ms. Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689 July 10, 2024

RE: File 240705 – Initiative Ordinance to Protect Reproductive Rights

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

The cost of the proposed ordinance, should it be approved by the voters, is dependent on decisions that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors make through the budget process, as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors and Boards of Supervisors to provide funding for this or any other purpose. In my opinion, the cost of fully funding the program created in the proposed measure, should future policymakers do so, is likely to be minimal.

The proposed Initiative Ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to take various actions to protect reproductive rights in San Francisco. These actions include the creation of a Reproductive Freedom Fund that can receive private dollars and City appropriations for the City to spend on reproductive health (Fund), a declaration of policy on reproductive health, requirements for the Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide information to the public on reproductive health, a prohibition on City funded pregnancy centers from increasing qualification requirements on abortion providers, and a prohibition on City employees from cooperating with another jurisdiction's law enforcement in certain circumstances. The ordinance also amends the Planning Code to create a new definition of "Reproductive Health Clinic" to make it easier to site such clinics in various residential and non-residential areas across the City.

To the extent that future City funds are appropriated to the Fund, it may impact the cost of government but at a level that cannot be determined at this time. Depending on future budget decisions made by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors and operational decisions made by the Department of Public Health, there may be costs due to installation of signage, maintenance of a phone line, public information campaigns and other administrative costs.

Sincerely,

Greg Wagne Controller Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.