

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Charter Amendment - Housing and Community Development Commission and Department]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters, at an election to be held on November 8, 2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, to create the Housing and Community Development Commission to oversee the Housing and Community Development Department, and to establish the Housing and Community Development Department as a City department to succeed to the powers and duties of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development.

Existing Law

The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (“MOHCD”) provides financing and administers programs for the development, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing in the City; provides financing and administers programs to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners purchase homes; administers the City’s below-market-rate inclusionary housing program; and administers grant programs to support community development. The Mayor appoints and may remove the head of MOHCD. MOHCD is not subject to direct oversight by a City commission.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed Charter amendment would create the Housing and Development Commission (the “Commission”). The Commission would have seven members, three appointed by the Mayor, three appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and one appointed by the Treasurer. The Mayor’s and Treasurer’s nominees would be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors within 60 days of the appointment. The appointing authorities could remove commissioners only for official misconduct through the process provided in the Charter for removal of members of other commissions. Commissioners would serve four-year terms (except for three commissioners serving initial two-year terms).

The Commission would oversee a newly formed department—the Housing and Community Development Department—which would generally take over the powers and duties of MOHCD. The Commission would have the power to appoint, review, and remove the director of the new Department.

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