LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[General Plan - Environmental Justice Framework and General Plan Introduction]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco General Plan by adopting the San Francisco Environmental Justice Framework and amending the Introduction to the General Plan; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and general welfare under Planning Code, Section 340, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

<div align="center">Existing Law</div>

The San Francisco General Plan currently includes an Introduction, 10 elements, and several Area Plans.

<div align="center">Amendments to Current Law</div>

This ordinance would repeal the current Introduction to the San Francisco General Plan and replace it with a new, updated Introduction, one which reflects current values and themes from public engagement and the Planning Commission's and Historic Preservation Commission's resolutions centering the Department's work in racial and social equity.

The ordinance would also adopt an Environmental Justice Framework (EJ Framework), which outlines a set of policy priorities to be incorporated into the General Plan, in strong alignment with citywide racial and social equity goals. The EJ Framework includes an Environmental Justice Communities Map (EJ Communities Map), which identifies areas of the city that face disproportionate burden of environmental health challenges, informed by state and local data. Rather than a standalone Environmental Justice Element, the ordinance incorporates the EJ Framework by reference in the General Plan Introduction, to ensure that environmental justice is integrated throughout the General Plan.

<div align="center">Background Information</div>

The current Introduction to the General Plan was last amended in 1996.

The EJ Framework is a state-mandated component of the General Plan, in accordance with Government Code §65302(h).

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