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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code – Information from Project Sponsors Regarding Their Anti-Discriminatory Housing Policies]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Planning Department to ask, and project sponsors to answer, on the application for specified residential and mixed-used projects, informational questions regarding their anti-discriminatory housing policies based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and to require an annual report from the Human Rights Commission on the data collected from such applications; and affirming the Planning Department's California Environmental Quality Act determination.

Existing Law

Both California and San Francisco laws prohibit discrimination in the sale, leasing, or financing of housing based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to require the Planning Department to ask, and project sponsors to answer, informational questions regarding their antidiscriminatory policies in the sale, lease, or financing of housing based on sexual orientation and gender identity that apply nationally and/or in other jurisdictions or states. This requirements would apply to specified permit applicants and sponsors of developments involving 10 or more dwelling units. The Planning Department would not deem an application complete unless the project sponsor answers the questions and submits copies of any such policies; however, the Planning Department's and Planning Commission's processing of and recommendations or determinations regarding an application shall be unaffected by the applicant's answers to the questions. The legislation would require the Planning Department to compile the information that the abovementioned questions generate and submit this to the Human Rights Commission. Within 90 days of receiving this information, the Human Rights Commission would prepare and submit a report to the Board of Supervisors on such information. The ordinance would provide that the requirements of the legislation apply when the Planning Department starts operation and implementation of the Permit and Project Tracking System, which is anticipated in the fall of 2014.

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