

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Establishing the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force to advise City departments and policymakers on methods to reduce gun violence in the City; and setting forth the membership and duties of the Task Force.

Existing Law

There is currently no task force or other City advisory body dedicated to advising the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor and City departments regarding strategies and practices designed to prevent gun violence.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would create a Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. The Task Force would hold hearings and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and other City officers and departments on best practices, policies, and strategies to reduce gun violence in the City. After a year, the Task Force would submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a set of policy recommendations for reducing gun violence in the City. After the first year, the Task Force could issue additional reports and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, or other City agencies. The Task Force would terminate two years after the effective date of the ordinance unless the Board re-authorizes it in a subsequent ordinance.

The Task Force would have 13 members. The Board of Supervisors would appoint seven members, including:

- A current or former resident of a property owned or operated by the Housing Authority;
- A current or former employee of a community-based organization working with a population affected by gun violence;
- A clinician who has worked with victims of violence;
- A parent who has been affected by gun violence;
- A person who has engaged in gun violence;
- A member of the general public with no required qualifications; and
- A registered nurse who works with victims or perpetrators of gun violence.

The other six seats would be held by:

- A current employee of the District Attorney's Office, appointed by the District Attorney;

- A current employee of the Department of Public Health with a background in providing mental health treatment, appointed by the Director of Public Health;
- A current employee of the Human Services Agency, appointed by the Executive Director of the Human Services Agency;
- A current or retired employee of the Police Department, appointed by the Chief of Police;
- A current employee of the Adult Probation Department, appointed by the Chief Adult Probation Officer; and
- A current employee of the San Francisco Unified School District who has experience identifying and working with at-risk youth, appointed by the Board of Education; or if the Board of Education declines to make an appointment, an individual with experience identifying and working with at-risk youth, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

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