

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Membership and Functions of the Our Children, Our Families Council]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the membership of the Our Children, Our Families Council; and to address its structure and functions as provided in Charter, Section 16.127-7.

Existing Law

Charter Sections 16.127-1 *et seq.*, adopted by the voters as part of Proposition C at the November 2014 election, establish an Our Children, Our Families Council (“the Council”) to advise the City on the unmet needs of children and families in San Francisco and on priorities, program goals, and best practices for addressing those needs through the creation of a Children and Families Plan for the City. The Mayor will chair the Council, and the Superintendent of the School District is invited to serve as co-chair. Other members of the Council are to include the heads of City and School District departments, and members of the community.

No later than July 1, 2016, and every fifth year after that, the Council must prepare and adopt a Children and Families Plan for the City, which is to include a comprehensive assessment of City policies and programs, both public and private, addressing the needs of children and families in San Francisco, and policy level recommendations for making the City more supportive of children and families.

Charter Section 16.127-7 states that the Board of Supervisor shall, by ordinance, further provide for the membership, structure, functions and support of the Council.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code under Charter Section 16.127-7 to set the membership of the Our Children, Our Families Council.

The Mayor would appoint up to 18 City members, including the heads of the following City departments:

- Children, Youth and Their Families;
- Public Health;
- Public Works;
- General Services Agency;
- Human Services Agency;
- Juvenile Probation;
- Mayor’s Office of Early Care and Education;
- Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development;

- Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development;
- Municipal Transportation Authority;
- Planning;
- Police;
- Public Library;
- Public Utilities; and,
- Recreation and Parks.

The Superintendent of Schools for the San Francisco Unified School District ("the School District") would nominate, and the Mayor would appoint, up to 18 School District members, including the heads of the following divisions:

- Student Family and Community Support;
- Early Education;
- Elementary Schools;
- Middle Schools;
- High Schools;
- Chief Academic Officer;
- Special Education Services;
- Policy and Operations; and,
- Instruction, Innovation and Social Justice.

And the Mayor would appoint 18 public members as follows:

- A member of the Department of Youth, Children, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee recommended by the Committee;
- A member of the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens Advisory Committee recommended by the Committee;
- A member of the Board of Education's Public Education Enrichment Fund Citizen Advisory Committee recommended by the Committee;
- A youth 19 years old or younger recommended by the Youth Commission;
- A youth 19 years old or younger recommended by the School District Student Advisory Council;
- A person who is a Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth, 18 through 24 years of age, who is familiar with the issues and challenges faced by Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth and with services, programs, and systems for them;
- A parent or guardian of a youth under the age of 5 years and receiving child care services;
- A parent or guardian of a youth under the age of 18 years and enrolled in the School District. This member shall have a connection with a parent group or advocacy network, or have demonstrated commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth, and families;
- A parent or guardian of a youth under the age of 18 years and enrolled in a school in San Francisco. This member shall have a connection with a parent

group or advocacy network, or have demonstrated commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth, and families;

- A person with expertise or substantial experience working with low-income families and children from low-income families;
- A person who works as a service provider delivering services to children, youth, and families in San Francisco;
- A person representing a philanthropic organization, foundation, or network;
- A person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of housing development in San Francisco;
- A person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of economic and workforce development in San Francisco;
- A person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of transportation access and equity issues in San Francisco;
- An executive of an institution of higher education;
- A person representing a business community or network, which business community or network has demonstrated a commitment to solving issues related to children and families in San Francisco; and,
- A person representing the interfaith community with expertise or substantial experience working on issues related to children and families in San Francisco.

The term for public members would be two years, except that half of the members initially appointed would serve for three years in order to stagger terms. The Mayor's appointments of public members shall take effect 30 days after transmittal of a notice of appointment to the Board of Supervisors; the Board could hold a public hearing on the appointments, but not reject them. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms as a public member on the Council.

The proposal would require the Mayor to appoint the initial members of the Council by May 1, 2015, and invite the Superintendent to nominate the initial School District members by April 1, 2015. Groups given the authority to recommend public members would be required to make their initial recommendations by April 1, 2015.

The Council would meet at least three times a year. It would establish working groups in areas such as: closing the achievement gap; increasing economic mobility; transit and street safety; housing and sustainability; and open space and land use. And it would be required, in preparing and updating the Children and Families Plan, to use relevant success indicators, such as: the number of children in San Francisco; the number of School District graduates who continue on to higher education or the workforce; the number of family housing units in San Francisco; and, the number of families that transition out of poverty in San Francisco.