

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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[Charter Amendment - Affordable Housing and Community Development Hearings and Reports]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, to require the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) and the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) to propose five-year strategic plans for consideration and approval by the Board of Supervisors; to require OEWD and MOHCD to report to the Board of Supervisors regarding their annual work plans at least two times each fiscal year; and to provide that ordinances adopted under the processes set forth in the Charter regarding inclusionary housing requirements and regarding competitive selection for the expenditure of affordable housing funds and for the development of affordable housing on City-owned property under the jurisdiction of MOHCD shall supersede ordinances and rules adopted by the Board of Supervisors or the voters prior to March 1, 2017.

Existing Law

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) generally oversees programs related to coordinating private workforce development and job training, attracting and retaining businesses in the City, including international businesses, managing public-private development projects, and facilitating the revitalization of commercial corridors in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) provides financing for the development, rehabilitation, and purchase of affordable housing in the City; administers programs to finance the development of affordable housing; administers programs to finance housing rehabilitation costs for low-income homeowners; administers the City’s below-market-rate inclusionary housing program; and administers grants programs to support community development and economic infrastructure.

Amendments to Current Law

By December 31, 2017, and at least once every five years thereafter, the Directors of MOHCD and OEWD would be required to present five-year strategic plans for their respective agencies to the Board of Supervisors, who could either approve or ask staff to consider changes.

By March 31, 2017, the Director of MOHCD would be required to present to the Board of Supervisors for adoption a proposed set of rules to create competitive selection processes for the development of affordable housing on city-owned real property under MOHCD jurisdiction as well as MOHCD expenditure of the City’s affordable housing funds. An ordinance adopted

by the Board would supersede any ordinance, rule, process or regulation enacted by the City or adopted by the voters before March 1, 2017, relating to a competitive bid process for the City's development of affordable housing.

Starting by February 1, 2017, and not less than once every six months thereafter, the director of MOHCD would be required to attend a hearing at committee of the Board of Supervisors to present an annual work plan and a list of surplus properties that MOHCD proposes to convey in the next fiscal year.

Starting by February 1, 2017, and not less than every six months thereafter, the director of OEWD would be required to attend a hearing at committee of the Board of Supervisors to present an annual work plan and discuss potential development agreements.

The Charter Amendment would also require the Director of MOHCD to provide recommendatinos to the Board of Supervisors regarding possibly setting or changing inclusionary housing requirements for housing developments. Any ordinance adopted following that report would supersede any conflicting provisions in ordinances enacted by the City or adopted by the voters before March 1, 2017, relating to inclusionary housing requirements.

Background Information

This Legislative Digest reflects amendments adopted by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee on June 30, 2016 and July 14, 2016.

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