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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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POLICE COMMISSION

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Charter, Sections 4.109 and 4.127 (Proposition H, November 4, 2003)

Board Qualifications:

The Police Commission shall consist of seven (7) members:

- > Three (3) members shall be nominated by the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors; and
- > Four (4) members nominated by the Mayor, at least one (1) shall be a retired judge or an attorney with trial experience.

Each nomination shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The Mayor's nominations shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors rejects the Mayor's nomination to fill the seat designated for a retired judge or attorney with trial experience, the Mayor shall nominate a different person with such qualifications. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a mayoral nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed.

To stagger the terms of the seven members, of the first four members nominated by the Mayor, two members shall serve two year terms and two members shall serve terms of four years; and of the three members nominated by the Rules Committee, one member shall serve a term of one year, one member shall serve a term of two years, and one member shall serve a term of three years. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall designate such initial terms by lot. All subsequent appointments to the commission shall be for four-year terms.

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The tenure of each member shall terminate upon the expiration of the member's term. The Mayor shall transmit a nomination or re-nomination to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the term of a member nominated by the Mayor. For vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a member's term, within 60 days following the creation of such vacancy, the Mayor shall nominate a member to fill such vacancy if the vacancy is for a seat filled by nomination of the Mayor.

The District Attorney, Sheriff, and Public Defender may recommend persons to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for nomination or appointment to the Commission.

The Mayor, with the consent of the Board, may remove a member the Mayor has nominated. The Board of Supervisors may remove a member the Rules Committee has nominated.

The Police Commission oversees the Police Department and the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC). The OCC investigates complaints of police misconduct and neglect of duty. The Director of the OCC may verify and file disciplinary charges with the Police Commission against members of the Police Department arising out of citizen complaints that are sustained by the OCC after meeting and conferring with the Chief of Police.

Reports: None

Sunset Date: None
