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REENTRY COUNCIL

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Authority:

Administrative Code, Sections 5.1-1 through 5.1-6 (Ordinance Nos. 215-08; 26-09, 44-11; and 83-14)

Board Qualifications:

The Reentry Council was created to coordinate local efforts to support adults exiting San Francisco county jail, San Francisco juvenile justice system out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities.

The Council shall provide the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, the public, and any other appropriate agency with accurate and comprehensive information about programs that serve this population, barriers faced by this population, best practices to meet the needs of this population, and funding sources for programs and practices that address the needs of this population. The Council shall coordinate information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

The Council shall consist of 23 members, seven (7) of whom shall be former inmates in the San Francisco County Jail, a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility, and/or a United States Bureau of Prison facility.

The Mayor, or his designee, shall serve as one (1) member, and shall also appoint three (3) of the members. One (1) of the three (3) members shall be between the ages of 18 and 24 at the time of appointment, and one (1) shall have expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system.

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The Board of Supervisors shall designate one (1) of its members to serve as a member of the Council, and shall appoint four (4) of the seven (7) members who are former inmates (added and revised by Ordinance No. 44-11). Of these four (4) members:

- > One (1) shall have expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system;
- > One (1) must have been released from custody within two years of his/her appointment;
- > One (1) must have served multiple terms of incarceration; and
- > One (1) must self-identify as a survivor of violence or crime.

All members of the Council shall be exempt from the Charter requirement that they be electors of the City and County of San Francisco (added by Ordinance No. 26-09).

The following City departments or agencies shall appoint one (1) member each to the Council: Public Defender's Office; District Attorney's Office; Sheriff's Department; Police Department; Adult Probation Department; Juvenile Probation Department; Department of Economic and Workforce Development; Human Services Agency; Department of Children, Youth and Families; and Department of Public Health (10 total).

In addition, co-chairs shall invite the San Francisco Superior Court, Department of Child Support Services, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Adult Parole Operations, and United States Probation and Pretrial Services System to appoint one (1) member each to the Council. If any of these agencies do not appoint a representative, the co-chairs shall appoint an additional member (4 total).

Members shall serve two-year terms and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Members may serve multiple terms. If any member misses two regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve-month period without prior notice, the Council shall certify that fact in writing to appointing authority and the member shall be deemed to have resigned.

Twelve members of the Council shall constitute a quorum and the Council shall have the authority to act on the vote of the majority of the quorum.

The four members appointed by the Adult Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and Sheriff's Department, respectively, as well as the Mayor or the Mayor's representative, shall co-chair the Council. The Council may establish subcommittees. The Council shall meet in full at least three times per year.

Reports: At least once a year, the Council shall prepare and submit a report that shall include but not be limited to information identifying funding streams; programs serving individuals

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exiting the criminal justice system; needs of reentry population; and barriers to safe and successful reentry. City departments shall respond within 30 days, if mentioned in report. Reports shall be provided to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, City departments identified in the report, and the public.

The Council shall be staffed, subject to fiscal and budgetary provisions of the Charter, by the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Adult Probation Department, and Mayor's Office who shall designate one staff member each.

Sunset: June 1, 2019, unless the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance continuing its existence.