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Public Employment - Amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance for the Office of Public 1 Defender - Legal Unit to Defend Immigrants from Deportation - FYs 2016-2017 2 and 2017-20181 3 4 Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 146-16 (Annual Salary Ordinance FYs 2016-2017) 5 and 2017-2018) to reflect the addition of 47 13 new positions in FY2016-17 and 6 additional 2 new positions in FY2017-18 (7.08 3.25 FTEs in FY2016-17 and 47 15 FTEs in 7 FY2017-18) at Office of the Public Defender for establishing a legal unit to defend 8 immigrants from deportation. 9 Note: Additions are single-underlined italics Times New Roman; 10 11 deletions are strikethrough italics Times New Roman. Board amendment additions are double underlined. 12 Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal. 13 14 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco: 15 16 Section 1. The hereinafter designated section and item of Ordinance No. 146-16 17 (Annual Salary Ordinance, FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018) in FY 2016-17 FTE is hereby 18 amended as follows: 19 20 Department: PDR 21 Program: AIB 22 Subfund: 1G AGF AAA 23 Index Code: 055300 24 25

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Human Resources Director

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Files 16-1288 and 16-1289

(Continued from February 16, 2017)

Department:

Office of the Public Defender (OPD)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Legislative Objectives

• <u>File 16-1288</u> appropriates \$2,241,797 of General Reserve to the Public Defender's Office to create a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18; and <u>File 16-1289</u> amends the Annual Salary Ordinance to add 13 new positions in FY 2016-17 increasing to 15 positions in FY 2017-18 in the Public Defender's Office.

Key Points

- The Board of Supervisors previously approved an appropriation of \$1.5 million to fund legal services to immigrants provided by community based organizations in FY 2016-17.
- The Public Defender is requesting 13 new positions in FY 2016-17 and 15 positions in FY 2017-18 to process an estimated 400 to 600 cases annually, providing legal services to immigrants facing detention and deportation.

Fiscal Impact

• The Budget and Legislative Analyst estimates that the Public Defender's Office will not be able to hire new positions in FY 2016-17 prior to May 1, 2017, therefore, the number of FTEs in FY 2016-17 should be reduced from 3.25 to 2.17.

Policy Consideration

- The Administrative Code provides for a General Reserve equal to 2.25 percent of General Fund revenues in FY 2017-18. According to the Five-Year Plan Update, projected deposits to the General Reserve are \$14.6 million in FY 2017-18.
- The Board of Supervisors previously appropriated \$1.5 million from the General Reserve in FY 2016-17 to fund community based organizations to provide legal services to immigrants, and the proposed ordinance would appropriate \$2.1 million from the General Reserve in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, totaling \$3.6 million. In order to comply with requirements of the Administrative Code, the City will need to increase the FY 2017-18 deposit to the General Reserve by \$3.6 million, from \$14.6 million to \$18.2 million. The City will need to identify revenue increases or expenditure savings in order to increase the deposit to the General Reserve by \$3.6 million in FY 2017-18.

Recommendations

- Amend File 16-1288 to reduce the appropriation by (a) \$139,368 from \$2,241,797 to \$2,102,429; and (b) place FY 2017-18 salaries and fringe benefits of \$301,098 on Budget and Finance Committee reserve pending submission of detailed caseload information by the Public Defender.
- Amend File 16-1289 to (a) reduce the FY 2016-17 FTE from 3.25 FTE to 2.17 FTE (see Tables 3 and 4 above); and (b) designating seven of the 15 new positions (four 8177 Attorneys, two 8173 Legal Assistants, and one 8108 Senior Legal Process Clerk) as limited tenure for three years.
- Approval of the proposed ordinances, as amended, is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.

MANDATE STATEMENT

City Charter Section 9.105 states that amendments to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance, after the Controller certifies the availability of funds, are subject to Board of Supervisors approval by ordinance.

BACKGROUND

There are approximately 115,000 non-citizen residents of San Francisco¹ of which 44,000 are estimated to be undocumented immigrants². Based on Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) fingerprint data, since 2010, an average of approximately 7,000 immigrants were deported each year from the San Francisco Immigration Court, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Executive Office for Immigration Review under the U.S. Department of Justice. The numbers of individuals who actually appear before the San Francisco Immigration Court are lower because many deportations occur without due process and without an opportunity to appear before a judge at a hearing in order to defend against removal. Based on the stated intent of the administration of President Trump, detentions and deportations are expected to expand in 2017.

In FY 2015-16, approximately 2,200 immigrants were detained during their deportation proceedings in the San Francisco Immigration Court, which is the only immigration court in Northern California. Immigration courts across the country have substantial backlogs, and San Francisco is no exception, with processing time for all cases averaging 704 days, or nearly two years, for cases completed in FY 2015-16. Immigrant detainees waited an average of 107 days, or approximately three months, for their case to be heard in San Francisco in FY 2015-16. While in detention, individuals are separated from their families and unable to access materials and evidence to prepare for their cases.

The vast majority of individuals who are deported are not represented by an attorney in their immigration court proceedings. An analysis of immigration court records, conducted by the California Coalition for Universal Representation, found that 67 percent of detained immigrants in San Francisco lacked representation by an attorney over a three-year period from 2012 to 2015. The analysis found that only 5 percent of unrepresented detainees obtained relief (i.e., asylum, cancellation of removal, or termination of case) compared to 35 percent of represented detainees as a result of their proceedings in the San Francisco Immigration Court.

Funding to Community-Based Organizations to Provide Legal Services

In January 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a supplemental appropriation of \$1,500,000 to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), the City Administrator's Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA), and the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to fund legal representation, pathways to citizenship, public outreach,

¹ U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2014 (5-Year Estimates)

² Migration Policy Institute (MPI) analysis of 2014 ACS

³ TRAC Immigration, Syracuse University (http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/)

and rapid response social services to be provided by community-based organizations in FY 2016-17 (File No. 16-1344).

The Public Defender's Office New Legal Unit for Immigration Services

The Public Defender's Office currently has one attorney dedicated to handle immigration cases, including some cases in immigration court. The Public Defender is proposing to create a new legal unit staffed with 15 new positions of 9 attorneys, 4 paralegals, and 2 senior legal process clerks to handle cases of detained immigrants in immigration court. The new legal unit would also handle some impact litigation cases⁴. In addition to handling detained deportation cases, the Public Defender will work with community-based organizations in the following:

- Advise non-citizens of the immigration consequences of criminal convictions.
- Create a standard referral form to refer cases between the Public Defender and the collaborative community-based organization members, and refer cases where appropriate.
- Begin working on clients' immigration matters while they are still in county custody to maximize the efficiency of the immigration cases.
- Collaborate on post-conviction relief, where appropriate.
- Assist community-based organizations in obtaining criminal court documents, where relevant.

The 9 attorneys are expected to handle a total of 400 to 600 detainee cases per year. According to Ms. Angela Auyong, Public Defender Office Manager, the average time expected to be spent on each detained immigrant case will be approximately 30 attorney hours, 17 paralegal hours, and 7 legal process clerk hours.

The Public Defender proposes to provide universal representation for detainees with proceedings at the San Francisco Immigration Court. As noted above, there were approximately 2,200 proceedings for detained immigrants at the San Francisco Immigration Court in FY 2015-16, and approximately two-thirds of detained immigrants at the San Francisco Immigration Court lack legal representation, so approximately 1,500 detained immigrants were unrepresented in FY 2015-16. The Public Defender's Office will establish criteria to determine which cases it will take, and estimates representation by the Public Defender's Office for up to 600 detainee cases per year.⁵

DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

File 16-1288: Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$2,241,797 of General Reserve to the Public Defender's Office to create a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, as shown in Table 1 below. The appropriation amount for:

⁴ Impact litigation cases are typically class action lawsuits or individual claims with broader significance intended to influence public policy.

⁵ According to the Public Defender's Office, three community based organizations (Dolores Street Community Services, Pangea, and Asian Law Caucus, Asian Americans Advancing Justice) currently handle approximately 60 to 80 cases per year.

- FY 2016-17 of \$218,105 partially funds 13 positions with total salary and fringe benefits of \$418,105. The balance of \$200,000 is funded from salary savings in the Public Defender's FY 2016-17 budget; and
- FY 2017-18 funds 15 positions with salary and fringe benefits of \$2,023,692.

Table 1: Sources and Uses of Funds

Source of Funds	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	Total
General Reserve (File 16-1288)	\$218,105	\$2,023,692	\$2,241,797
Uses of Funds			
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$218,105	\$2,023,692	\$2,241,797

File 16-1289: Annual Salary Ordinance Amendment

The proposed ordinance would amend the Annual Salary Ordinance to add 13 new positions in the Public Defender's Office, equal to 3.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2016-17 and 15 new positions in FY 2017-18 equal to 15.00 FTE positions, as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Proposed New Positions in the Public Defender's Office

		Number of Positions	FY 2016-17 FTEs	Number of Positions	FY 2017-18 FTEs
8182	Head Attorney	1	0.25	1	1.00
8177	Attorneys	6	1.5	8	8.00
8173	Legal Assistant	4	1.0	4	4.00
8108	Senior Legal Process Clerk	2	0.5	2	2.00
Total		13	3.25	15	15.00

FISCAL IMPACT

New Positions in the Public Defender's Office

The supplemental appropriation ordinance appropriates \$2,241,797 to create 13 new positions in the Public Defender's Office in FY 2016-17, increasing to 15 positions in FY 2017-18, as shown in Table 2 above.

Timeline to Hire New Positions

Since the Public Defender's Office cannot begin the hiring process until the requested appropriation is approved by the Board of Supervisors, and approval would occur on March 14, 2017, at the earliest, the Budget and Legislative Analyst assumes that all new hires will start on May 1, 2017 rather than April 1, 2017, as provided in the proposed ordinance.

The 8177 Attorney and 8182 Head Attorney positions are at-will positions exempt from the civil service hiring process. In the past, the Public Defender's Office has reported that the department can fill vacant attorney positions within about one month. The 8173 Legal Assistant (paralegal) and 8108 Senior Legal Process Clerk positions are civil service positions. According to

Ms. Auyong, the Public Defender's Office intends to use an existing eligible list to expedite the process of filling those positions.

Immigrant Defense Caseload

As noted above, the Public Defender's Office estimates immigrant defense caseload of 400 to 600 cases per year. The proposed ordinance would fund:

- 13 positions in FY 2016-17 (based on an annual caseload of 400); and
- 15 positions in FY 2017-18 (based on an annual caseload of 500).

As noted above, the Budget and Legislative Analyst estimates that the Public Defender's Office will not be able to hire new positions in FY 2016-17 prior to May 1, 2017, and not on April 1, 2017 as budgeted. Therefore, the Budget and Legislative Analyst recommends reducing the number of FTEs in FY 2016-17 from 3.25 to 2.17, as shown in Table 3 below.

		FY 2016-17	
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	Positions	16-1289	(2 months)
8182 Head Attorney	1.00	0.25	0.17
8177 Attorney	6.00	1.50	1.00
8173 Legal Assistant	4.00	1.00	0.67
8108 Senior Legal Process Clerk	2.00	0.50	0.33
Total FTEs	13.00	3.25	2.17

Table 3: Proposed Reduction in FTEs in FY 2016-17

The Budget and Legislative Analyst's recommendation would result in a reduction in the requested appropriation of \$139,386, as shown in Table 4 below, from \$2,241,797 to \$2,102,429.

FY 2016-17 Total FTE FTE Total Savings 8182 Head Attorney 0.25 \$54,487 0.17 \$36,324 1.50 219,246 1.00 146,164 8177 Attorney 8173 Legal Assistant 1.00 103,385 0.67 68,923 8108 Senior Legal Process Clerk 40,988 0.50 0.33 27,325 3.25 \$418,105 2.17 \$278,737 Total Salary Savings in FY 2016-17 (200,000)(200,000)Total 218,105 78,737 \$139,368

Table 4: Budget and Legislative Analyst's Recommendation

Because the actual number of cases for detained immigrants to be handled by the Public Defender's Office is not known, the Budget and Legislative Analyst recommends placing FY 2017-18 salaries and fringe benefits of \$301,098 for the two additional 8177 Attorney positions to be added in FY 2017-18 on Budget and Finance Committee reserve pending submission of detailed caseload information by the Public Defender. Additionally, because the ongoing need

for the new legal unit to represent detained immigrants in deportation proceedings is not known, the Budget and Legislative Analyst recommends approving seven of the 15 new positions (four attorneys, two legal assistants, and one senior legal process clerk) as limited tenure for three years.

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Administrative Code Section 10.60(b) provides for a General Reserve of 2.25 percent of General Fund revenues in FY 2017-18. According to the Five-Year Plan Update, prepared jointly by the Mayor's Office, Controller's Office, and Budget and Legislative Analyst Office in December 2016, projected deposits to the General Reserve are \$14.6 million in FY 2017-18.

The Board of Supervisors previously appropriated \$1.5 million from the General Reserve in FY 2016-17 to fund community based organizations to provide legal services to immigrants, and the proposed ordinance would appropriate \$2.1 million from the General Reserve in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, totaling \$3.6 million. In order to comply with requirements of the Administrative Code, the City will need to increase the FY 2017-18 deposit to the General Reserve by \$3.6 million, from \$14.6 million to \$18.2 million. The City will need to identify revenue increases or expenditure savings in order to increase the deposit to the General Reserve by \$3.6 million in FY 2017-18.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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February 16, 2017

Budget and Finance Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Item 161289 [Public Employment - Amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance for the Office of Public Defender - Legal Unit to Defend Immigrants from Deportation]—Support

To Supervisors Cohen, Tang, and Yee,

I am the Immigration Attorney at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. I apologize that I am unable to attend today's Budget hearing. I was previously scheduled to speak at a training entitled: *Preparing for a New Phase in Immigration Enforcement* at the Bar Association of San Francisco. In my absence, I write in support of Item 161289—which would expand the Public Defender's capacity to represent detained non-citizens in immigration court in these incredibly trying times.

The Trump Administration, fanning xenophobic flames of hate, is planning for a program of mass deportation—which necessarily entails a plan for mass detention. The President has already ordered the construction of new immigration detention facilities, the hiring of thousands of new immigration officers, and the prioritizing of *all* undocumented people for arrest, detention, and deportation. Just this week, ICE agents raided neighborhoods in California, arbitrarily rounding up people and holding them for deportation.

In the midst of these unparalleled attacks, San Francisco must act decisively. It must take steps to assure that detained non-citizens have basic rights, including the right to an attorney if they cannot afford one. In high-stakes deportation proceedings, a non-citizen's life, family, and livelihood is at stake. While most detained non-citizens have viable claims for relief, most waive those claims because they do not have a lawyer, and are unaware that they have a chance at obtaining lawful immigration status. However, if non-citizens are represented in a fair, legal proceeding, they will have a better chance at success; and, our communities, and our city, will be a better place.

The city has already funded non-profits to provide rapid response and non-detained representation, but it has yet to address the detained immigrant population in a meaningful way. The Public Defender's Office is the only organization in San Francisco offering to take on hundreds of new detained removal cases. The Public Defender's Office is accustomed to managing a large docket of high stakes detained matters, and has the technical skill, resources

and ancillary capacity to provide high quality representation in all of the cases it handles. The Public Defender will also work with non-profits to accept referrals, and coordinate services regionally with a mutual goal of assuring a true right to counsel for all immigrants facing deportation.

I have spent the last decade defending non-citizens against deportation in the San Francisco Immigration Court. I helped build the city's first immigration Rapid Response Network in 2008, and provided front line deportation defense to non-citizens arrested during illegal immigration raids. Based on my training and experience, I firmly believe that the Public Defender's Office is the organization best equipped to handle a large number of detained deportation cases. I am not alone—the vast majority of immigrant legal service providers in San Francisco also support this initiative—because, quite simply, it is the right thing to do.

By supporting this initiative—the City and County of San Francisco can, once again, make a strong statement in support of immigrant rights amidst a terrifying and xenophobic climate of hate.

Very Truly Yours.

Francisco Ugarte

Immigration Attorney

Wong, Linda (BOS)

From:

Carpenter, Adele

Sent:

Wednesday, December 07, 2016 12:21 PM

To:

Wong, Linda (BOS)

Cc:

Somera, Alisa (BOS); Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Carolyn Goossen; crisplunkett@gmail.com

Subject:

YC Referral Response to File Numbers 161288 and 161289

Attachments:

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Hi, Linda,

I hope that this finds you well. I am writing to share youth commissioners' attached response to the referred legislation file numbers 161288 and 161289. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Thanks,

Adele Failes-Carpenter
Director
San Francisco Youth Commission
Office: (415) 554-7112 | Fax: (415) 554-6140

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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:

Linda Wong, Clerk, Budget & Finance Committee

FROM:

Youth Commission

DATE:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

RE:

Referral response to BOS File Nos. 161289 [Public Employment - Amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance for the Office of Public Defender - Legal Unit to Defend Immigrants from Deportation - FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018] and 161288 [Appropriation - General Reserve - Establishing a Legal Unit to Defend Immigrants from Deportation in FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 - \$6,945,965]

At our **Monday, December 5, 2016 meeting**, the Youth Commission voted to unanimously support the following motions:

To support BOS File No. 161289 - Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 146-16 (Annual Salary Ordinance FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018) to reflect the addition of 17 new positions (7.08 FTEs in FY2016-2017 and 17 FTEs in FY2017-2018) at Office of Public Defender for establishing a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation.

To support BOS File No. 161288 - Ordinance appropriating \$6,945,965 of General Reserve to the Office of Public Defender, to create a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation in FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

The Youth Commission's support for this legislation is based in its past support of sanctuary and due process for all policies, as well as youth commissioners' convictions that the impending threat of deportations constitute a true emergency requiring swift action to protect immigrant families and the wellbeing of 1 in 3 SFUSD students with an immigrant parent and that investments in keeping families together and parents out of detention help our City, school district, and communities avoid paying the long term costs associated with the harms of separation.

Youth Commissioners thank Mayor Lee and the Board of Supervisors for their attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.

Chair, Madeleine Matz

Adopted on December 5, 2016

2016-2017 San Francisco Youth Commission

Wong, Linda (BOS)

From:

Gosiengfiao, Rachel (BOS)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 06, 2016 10:36 AM

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2016-12-06 - Letter to SF Board of Supervisors from NYIFUP .pdf

Hi, Linda

Please place in the file.

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 9:33 AM

To: BOS-Supervisors

bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>

Subject: FW: NYIFUP's letter in support of legal services for people in removal proceedings in San Francisco - File Nos.

161288, 161289

From: Luis Mancheno [mailto:luis.mancheno@yu.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 7:29 AM

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>

Cc: Niloufar Khonsari <nilou@pangealegal.org>; Ugarte, Francisco (PDR) <francisco.ugarte@sfgov.org>; Adachi, Jeff

(PDR) < jeff.adachi@sfgov.org>; FKreimer@dscs.org; Peter L Markowitz < peter.markowitz@yu.edu> Subject: NYIFUP's letter in support of legal services for people in removal proceedings in San Francisco

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Attached to this email you will find a letter from the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP) coalition in New York City in support of Supervisor Campos's proposal to provide legal services to people in removal proceedings in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

The NYIFUP Coalition

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THE NEW YORK IMMIGRANT FAMILY UNITY PROJECT

December 6, 2016

San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

via email: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

All of us, members of the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP) coalition, congratulate the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for your recent reaffirmation of your commitment to stand up for the rights and welfare of all San Francisco residents. In particular, we applaud your promise that San Francisco will remain a sanctuary city, continuing to protect immigrant communities from unjust deportation.

Last week, the Board of Supervisors demonstrated their commitment to justice by proposing to allocate \$5 million to establish a program to provide legal representation to detained immigrants facing deportation in San Francisco. In New York, we have been able to establish the first public defender system for detained immigrants in the nation—NYIFUP. As a result, New Yorkers no longer face deportation without counsel by their side. We speak from experience when we say that providing lawyers for people who face permanent separation from their families and exile from their communities is the most basic way to help them achieve justice.

Unlike criminal proceedings, in which the right to counsel is a recognized constitutional right, indigent immigrants in deportation proceedings appear in immigration court without the right to any legal representation. Many face permanent exile from their families and deportation to countries where they will face extreme hardship and, in many cases, life-threatening persecution. A significant proportion of NYIFUP clients have a legal right to stay in the United States, but they would be unable to defend their rights without a lawyer. The data from a study we conducted in New York demonstrate that, without counsel, it is virtually impossible for detained immigrants to avoid deportation, even when they have a strong claim for relief.

During the past three years, thanks to our strong partnership with the New York City Council, we have successfully designed and implemented the first-in-the-nation public defense system for indigent non-citizens facing deportation: NYIFUP. Today, NYIFUP provides lawyers to every detained immigrant facing deportation in New York City who cannot afford private counsel. NYIFUP has had a dramatic impact, improving immigrants' chance of success in immigration court by as much as 1000%. As a result,

countless New York families have been spared from the devastation of losing a loved one to deportation. We believe that, in the coming years, NYIFUP and initiatives like the one proposed by Supervisor Campos, will play a more important role in preserving immigrant families than ever before.

The New York City NYIFUP Coalition is hopeful, however, that as the federal government transitions into a new administration that has vowed to deport millions of our community and family members, affected communities and their advocates across the country can come together and stand up for what we believe is fair and just. We have learned many lessons as we implemented NYIFUP in New York City during these years and are ready to provide your office with any support you need that builds on those lessons.

Housing the NYIFUP program in existing public defender offices has been the key to the program's rapid success. NYIFUP's experienced attorneys were able to hit the ground running, rapidly turning NYIFUP into a sustainable program because of existing in-house infrastructure and the ability of public defenders to deal with a high volume of cases involving custody and other complex issues. We strongly believe that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' plan to build a model of immigration court representation that relies in part on public defenders will ensure similar results in your city.

The New York City Council's goal of universal immigration representation in New York was ambitious from the start. However, providing representation for every indigent detained immigrant in deportation proceedings in New York has not only allowed our program to stay true to this ideal, but has also allowed it to create stronger partnerships with the immigration courts, other stakeholders, and has ignited similar initiatives across the country. Without universal representation, so many of our community members who would have been turned back after a too-brief assessment of the merits of their claims were actually able to fight their cases and prevail in them. Immigration laws are extremely complex, and only by offering an attorney to every person facing deportation can we ensure that all claims are fully assessed.

Universal representation in our immigration courts has both protected the due process rights of our community members and provided significant cost-savings to our city, to the benefit of our local economy. Employers bear the burden of replacing employees who are detained and deported. Children are forced to drop out of school and often become part of the foster care system because a parent is detained or deported. The city bears the costs of decreased economic activity and reduced tax revenue when longtime community members—workers, business owners, customers, mortgage- and lease-payers—are locked up and deported, and denied the opportunity to regularize their immigration status and continue making long-term contributions to the local economy. When households lose breadwinners to deportation, previously stable self-sufficient families become reliant on government safety-net programs.

The benefits of the initiative that Supervisor Campos has put forward will quickly become evident as the program is implemented in San Francisco. Thousands of New Yorkers have benefited from NYIFUP and we are confident that thousands of families will also benefit in San Francisco once universal representation is provided to every detained indigent immigrant facing deportation. Examples of the success of NYIFUP include Daniel, a gay man from Jamaica who was put into deportation proceedings in New York after fleeing his home country due to his sexual orientation. Thanks to the work of a NYIFUP attorney, Daniel was able to remain in this country and was protected from being deported to Jamaica where he faced likely persecution, including possible torture.¹

A study conducted from 2002 to 2014 found that nationally, only 37% of people fighting deportation have legal representation. This due process crisis will likely get worse under the new administration. That makes programs like the one San Francisco has proposed even more urgently necessary than ever. We are grateful that San Francisco has taken steps toward joining New York in providing universal representation for detained immigrants facing deportation and we offer our full support in the implementation of this initiative. Only legal representation will allow community members to successfully fight for the chance to challenge separation from their families and communities and remain in this country.

Sincerely,

NYIFUP Coalition

Brooklyn Defender Services
The Bronx Defenders
Cardozo Immigration Justice Clinic
Center for Popular Democracy
The Legal Aid Society
Make the Road New York
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Vera Institute for Justice's Center on Immigration and Justice

¹ See Brooklyn Defender Services testimony to New York City Council Committee on Immigration on Oct. 21, 2016, available at http://bds.org/wp-content/uploads/2016.10.21-BDS-testimony-on-Multi-Agency-Support-for-Immigrant-Families.pdf.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Adele Carpenter, Director

Youth Commission

FROM:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

DATE:

December 2, 2016

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following proposed legislation which is being referred to the Youth Commission as per Charter Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 161289

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 146-16 (Annual Salary Ordinance FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018) to reflect the addition of 17 new positions (7.08 FTEs in FY2016-2017 and 17 FTEs in FY2017-2018) at Office of Public Defender for establishing a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Linda Wong,

Wong, Linda (BOS)

From: Sent:

Pagoulatos, Nickolas (BOS)

Friday, January 13, 2017 2:54 PM

To:

BOS-Legislative Services

Subject:

Fwd: Adding Supervisor Fewer As Primary Sponsor

Hello Everyone,

Supervisor Fewer would like to be added as the primary sponsor for the following files:

161288, 161289, 161346 and 170004

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Items 4 and 5	Department:	
Files 16-1288 and 16-1289	Office of the Public Defender (OPD)	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Legislative Objectives

• <u>File 16-1288</u> would appropriate \$6,945,965 of General Reserve to the Public Defender's Office to create a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18; and <u>File 16-1289</u> would amend the Annual Salary Ordinance to create 17 new positions in the Public Defender's Office for the new immigrant defense unit.

Key Points

- The Board of Supervisors previously approved an appropriation of \$1.5 million to fund legal services to immigrants provided by community based organizations in FY 2016-17.
- The Public Defender is requesting 17 new positions to process an estimated 400 to 600 cases annually, providing legal services to immigrants facing detention and deportation.

Fiscal Impact

- Because initial caseload will likely be less than estimated by the Public Defender's Office, the requested number of positions should be reduced from 17 to 13 in FY 2016-17; and to 15 in FY 2017-18.
- Because the Board of Supervisors previously appropriated funding of \$1.5 million, the proposed ordinance should be amended to delete \$3,442,789 allocated to community based organizations in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18.

Policy Consideration

- The Administrative Code provides for a General Reserve equal to 2.25 percent of General Fund revenues in FY 2017-18. According to the Five-Year Plan Update, projected deposits to the General Reserve are \$14.6 million in FY 2017-18.
- The Board of Supervisors previously appropriated \$1.5 million from the General Reserve in FY 2016-17 to fund community based organizations to provide legal services to immigrants, and the proposed ordinance would appropriate \$2.4 million from the General Reserve in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, totaling \$3.9 million. In order to comply with requirements of the Administrative Code, the City will need to increase the FY 2017-18 deposit to the General Reserve by \$3.9 million, from \$14.6 million to \$18.5 million. The City will need to identify revenue increases or expenditure savings in order to increase the deposit to the General Reserve by \$3.9 million in FY 2017-18.

Recommendations

- Amend File 16-1288 to reduce the appropriation by \$4,504,168, from \$6,945,965 to \$2,441,797.
- Amend File 16-1289 to reduce the FY 2016-17 FTE by 3.83, from 7.08 FTE to 3.25 FTE; and the FY 2017-18 FTE by 2.0, from 17.0 FTE to 15.0 FTE.
- Approval of the proposed ordinances, as amended, is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.

MANDATE STATEMENT

City Charter Section 9.105 states that amendments to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance, after the Controller certifies the availability of funds, are subject to Board of Supervisors approval by ordinance.

BACKGROUND

There are approximately 115,000 non-citizen residents of San Francisco¹ of which 44,000 are estimated to be undocumented immigrants². Based on Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) fingerprint data, since 2010, an average of approximately 7,000 immigrants were deported each year from the San Francisco Immigration Court, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Executive Office for Immigration Review under the U.S. Department of Justice. The numbers of individuals who actually appear before the San Francisco Immigration Court are lower because many deportations occur without due process and without an opportunity to appear before a judge at a hearing in order to defend against removal. Based on the stated intent of the administration of President Trump, detentions and deportations are expected to expand in 2017.

Over the past year, approximately 1,500 immigrants were detained during their deportation proceedings in San Francisco. While in detention, individuals are separated from their families and unable to access materials and evidence to prepare for their cases.

The vast majority of individuals who are deported are not represented by an attorney in their immigration court proceedings. An analysis of immigration court records, conducted by the California Coalition for Universal Representation, found that 67 percent of detained immigrants in San Francisco lacked representation by an attorney over a three-year period from 2012 to 2015. The analysis found that only 5 percent of unrepresented detainees obtained relief (i.e., asylum, cancellation of removal, or termination of case) compared to 35 percent of represented detainees as a result of their proceedings in the San Francisco Immigration Court.

Funding to Community-Based Organizations to Provide Legal Services

In January 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a supplemental appropriation of \$1,500,000 to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), the City Administrator's Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA), and the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to fund legal representation, pathways to citizenship, public outreach, and rapid response social services to be provided by community-based organizations in FY 2016-17 (File No. 16-1344).

The Public Defender's Office New Legal Unit for Immigration Services

The Public Defender's Office (Public Defender) currently has one attorney dedicated to handle immigration cases, including some cases in immigration court. The Public Defender is proposing

¹ U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2014 (5-Year Estimates)

² Migration Policy Institute (MPI) analysis of 2014 ACS

to create a new legal unit staffed with 17 new positions of 10 attorneys, 5 paralegals, and 2 senior legal process clerks to handle cases of detained immigrants in immigration court. The new legal unit would also handle some impact litigation cases³. In addition to handling detained deportation cases, the Public Defender will work with community-based organizations in the following:

- Advise non-citizens of the immigration consequences of criminal convictions.
- Create a standard referral form to refer cases between the Public Defender and the collaborative community-based organization members, and refer cases where appropriate.
- Begin working on clients' immigration matters while they are still in county custody to maximize the efficiency of the immigration cases.
- Collaborate on post-conviction relief, where appropriate.
- Assist community-based organizations in obtaining criminal court documents, where relevant.

Each of the 10 attorneys is expected to handle between 40 and 60 detainee cases each year, or a total of 400 to 600 detainee cases per year. According to Ms. Angela Auyong, Public Defender Office Manager, the average time expected to be spent on each detained immigrant case will be approximately 30 attorney hours, 17 paralegal hours, and 7 legal process clerk hours. The Public Defender's Office will establish criteria to determine which cases it will take.

DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

File 16-1288: Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$6,945,965 of General Reserve to the Public Defender's Office to create a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, including 17 new positions and grants to community based organizations. The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$1,938,104 in FY 2016-17 and \$5,007,861 in FY 2017-18, totaling \$6,945,965, shown in Table 1 below. The appropriation amount for FY 2016-17 is prorated for the final five months of the year.

³ Impact litigation cases are typically class action lawsuits or individual claims with broader significance intended to influence public policy.

Table 1: Sources and Uses of Funds

Source of Funds	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	Total
General Reserve	\$1,938,104	\$5,007,861	\$6,945,965
Total Sources	\$1,938,104	\$5,007,861	\$6,945,965
Uses of Funds			
Public Defender Positions			
Permanent Salaries	\$688,361	\$1,876,810	\$2,565,171
Fringe Benefits	<u>237,158</u>	<u>700,847</u>	938,005
Subtotal, Public Defender Positions	\$925,519	<i>\$2,577,657</i>	\$3,503,176
Community-Based Organizations	1,012,585	2,430,204	3,442,789
Total Uses	\$1,938,104	\$5,007,861	\$6,945,965

File 16-1289: Annual Salary Ordinance Amendment

The proposed ordinance would amend the Annual Salary Ordinance to add 17 new positions in the Public Defender's Office, equal to 7.08 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2016-17 and 17.00 FTE positions in FY 2017-18, as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Proposed New Positions in the Public Defender's Office

<u>- </u>		Number of	EV 2016 17 ETE-	EV 2017 10 FTF-
		Positions	FY 2016-17 FTEs	FY 2017-18 FTEs
8182	Head Attorney	1	0.42	1.00
8177	Attorneys	9	3.75	9.00
8173	Legal Assistant	5	2.08	5.00
8108	Senior Legal Process Clerk	2	0.83	2.00
Total		17	7.08	17.00

FISCAL IMPACT

17 New Positions in the Public Defender's Office

The supplemental appropriation ordinance appropriates \$925,519 in FY 2016-17 and \$2,577,657 in FY 2017-18, totaling \$3,503,176 to create 17 new positions in the Public Defender's Office, as shown in Table 1 above.

Timeline to Hire New Positions

Since the Public Defender's Office cannot begin the hiring process until the requested appropriation is approved by the Board of Supervisors, and approval would occur on February 28, 2017, at the earliest, the Budget and Legislative Analyst assumes that all new hires will start on April 1, 2017.

The 8177 Attorney and 8182 Head Attorney positions are at-will positions exempt from the civil service hiring process. In the past, the Public Defender's Office has reported that the department can fill vacant attorney positions within about one month. The 8173 Legal Assistant

(paralegal) and 8108 Senior Legal Process Clerk positions are civil service positions. According to Ms. Auyong, the Public Defender's Office intends to use an existing eligible list to expedite the process of filling those positions.

Immigrant Defense Caseload

As noted above, the Public Defender's Office estimates immigrant defense caseload of 400 to 600 cases per year. The Budget and Legislative Analyst projects that initial caseload will be less than estimated by the Public Defender's Office because federal policy to detain undocumented immigrants is not clear, and that the caseload of the new legal unit will take time to develop. Therefore, the Budget and Legislative Analyst recommends reducing the requested number of positions from 17 to:

- 13 positions in FY 2016-17 (based on an annual caseload of 400); and
- 15 in FY 2017-18 (based on an annual caseload of 500).

The requested number of FTEs in FY 2016-17 would be reduced from 7.08 (as shown in Table 2 above) to 3.25 FTEs to account for a start date of April 1, 2017, as shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Proposed Reduction in Positions

Total Hours for 400 Cases	Hours per FTE b	Annual FTE for 400 Cases 1.00	Annual Positions 1.00	FY 2016-17 FTEs (3 months)
12,000	4000		1.00	0.25
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12,000	1820	6.59	6.00	1.5
6,800	1840	3.70	4.00	1
2,800	1840	1.52	2.00	0.5
		12.81	13.00	3.25
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	Hours per Case ^a	Total Hours for 500 Cases	Hours per FTE ^b	Annual FTE for 500 Cases	Annual Positions	
8182 Head Attorney ^c				1.00	1.00 .	
8177 Attorney	30	15,000	1820	8.24	8.00	
8173 Legal Assistant	17	8,500	1840	4.62	4.00	
Legal Process Clerk	7	3,500	1840	1.90	2.00	
Total FTEs				15.76	15.00	

^a Hours per case are based on information provided by the Public Defender's Office

Salaries and Fringe Benefits

^b Based on collective bargaining agreements for the respective classifications

^c Assumes that Head Attorney has no caseload but can support the work of the Attorneys

⁴ New federal policy on detaining undocumented immigrants will require additional funding appropriations by Congress and may face legal challenges. Implementation of the President's Executive Order on "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvement", issued on January 25, 2017, calls for the hire of 10,000 officials to enforce the order.

The supplemental appropriation ordinance appropriates \$925,519 in FY 2016-17 and \$2,577,657 in FY 2017-18, totaling \$3,503,176 to create 17 new positions in the Public Defender's Office, as noted above. The Budget and Legislative Analyst's recommendation would result in 13 positions (3.25 FTEs with a start date of April 1, 2017) and salary and fringe benefits of \$418,105 in FY 2016-17 and 15 positions (15.0 FTEs) and salary and fringed benefits of \$2,023,692 in FY 2017-18, as shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Budget and Legislative Analyst's Recommendation

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	Total
Ordinance (File 16-1288)	\$925,519	\$2,577,657	\$3,503,176
Budget and Legislative Analyst Recommendation	418,105	<u>2,023,692</u>	<u>2,441,797</u>
Recommended Reduction	\$507,414	\$553,965	\$1,061,379

The Budget and Legislative Analyst's reduction would reduce the appropriation for salaries and fringe benefits from \$3,503,176 to \$2,441,797, a reduction of \$1,061,379.

Appropriation for Community Based Organizations

Because the Board of Supervisors previously appropriated funding of \$1.5 million in January 2017 for community based organizations to provide legal representation and other services to immigrants in FY 2016-17, the proposed ordinance should be amended to delete \$3,442,789 allocated to community based organizations in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18.

Summary

The Budget and Legislative Analyst recommends amending:

- Ordinance 16-1288 to reduce the appropriation amount by \$4,504,168, from \$6,945,965 to \$2,441,797 (see Table 4 above); and
- Ordinance 16-1289 to reduce the FY 2016-17 FTE by 3.83, from 7.08 FTE to 3.25 FTE; and the FY 2017-18 FTE by 2.0, from 17.0 FTE to 15.0 FTE (see Table 3 above).

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Administrative Code Section 10.60(b) provides for a General Reserve of 2.25 percent of General Fund revenues in FY 2017-18. According to the Five-Year Plan Update, prepared jointly by the Mayor's Office, Controller's Office, and Budget and Legislative Analyst Office in December 2016, projected deposits to the General Reserve are \$14.6 million in FY 2017-18.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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