

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - San Francisco Special Tax Financing Law - Central SoMa]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code Special Tax Financing Law, constituting Article 43.10, to authorize special tax financing of certain facilities and services related to the Central SoMa Plan Area and to make other necessary amendments.

Existing Law

The Board of Supervisors has previously established various community facilities districts in the City under the Mello-Roos Act, and under the City's Special Tax Financing Law, constituting Article 43.10 of the Administrative Code ("Code"). Community facilities districts or special tax districts are formed for the purpose of financing and refinancing the acquisition, installation and improvement of certain capital improvements or to real property and in buildings, whether such real property or buildings are privately or publicly owned.

This Board of Supervisors is currently considering the establishment of City and County of San Francisco Special Tax District No. 2018-1 (Central SoMa) ("Special Tax District") pursuant to Chapter 43, Article X of the San Francisco Administrative Code (the "Code"), which Code incorporates the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended ("Act"). The Special Tax District is being formed for the purpose of financing costs of public infrastructure and other authorized facilities and services necessary or incident to development of the Central SoMa Plan Area.

The Special Tax District will be located in the Central SoMa planning area. The Central SoMa Plan is to create a sustainable neighborhood by 2040. The Central SoMa Plan will accommodate development capacity for up to 33,000 jobs and 8,300 housing units by removing much of the Plan Area's industrially protective zoning and increasing height limits on many of the Plan Area's parcels.

The Central SoMa Plan and accompanying Public Benefits Program describe special tax financing for certain facilities and services. In order to establish the legal authority for special tax financing of the facilities and services described in the Central SoMa Plan, the Board of Supervisors must make certain amendments to the Code.

Background Information

The proposed Ordinance would amend Article 43.10 of the Administrative Code to allow financing by the Central SoMa Special Tax District of facilities and services supporting the Public Benefits Program.

As well, the amendments to the Code would permit the Board of Supervisors to approve other facilities and services identified in formation proceedings of other special tax districts to be established and located in the City from time to time.