LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - African American Arts and Cultural District]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to modify the number and qualifications of members of the African American Arts and Cultural District Community Advisory Committee; to extend the sunset date of the Committee to January 2023; and to extend to July 2021 the deadlines for the written reports and recommendations from City departments describing the cultural attributes of the District and proposing strategies to acknowledge and preserve the cultural legacy of the District.

Existing Law

In 2018, the Board of Supervisors establishes the African American Arts and Cultural District in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. Under that ordinance, several City departments must prepare and submit reports to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) by July 2019. The reports will assess the assets and needs in the District, and will recommend programs, policies, and funding sources that could benefit the District and preserve its cultural legacy. After these reports are complete, MOHCD will prepare a Culture, History, Housing, and Economic Sustainability Strategy Report (CHHESS Report). The CHHESS Report will include a demographic and economic profile of the District, including past, current, and future trends; analyze and record the District's cultural heritage; identify areas of concern that could inhibit the preservation of the District's unique culture; and propose legislative, economic, and other solutions and strategies to support the District. By October 8, 2019, MOHCD will submit the report to the Board of Supervisors for the Board's consideration and possible approval. MOHCD will prepare additional progress reports every three years thereafter.

The 2018 ordinance also established the African American Arts and Cultural District Community Advisory Committee to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and MOHCD regarding strategies to support and preserve the culture and heritage of the African American Arts and Cultural District. The Advisory Committee is a 15-member body with members nominated by the District 10 Supervisor and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Advisory Committee was set to sunset in January 2020.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would change the size of the Advisory Committee so it will have 7 members instead of 15. The Advisory Committee would include an owner of a business located in the District, an employee of a nonprofit organization in the District, a person with knowledge or expertise regarding the history or culture of the District, a youth between ages of 14 to 24, and three other at-large members.

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The proposed ordinance would extend the sunset date of the Advisory Committee to January 2023.

The proposed ordinance also would change the deadline for departments to submit reports to MOHCD to July 2021, and would extend the deadline for MOHCD to submit the initial CHHESS Report to December 2021.

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