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| 1      | [Medical Cannabis Task Force.]   |  |  |  |  |
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| 2      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3      | Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Sections 5.2-1  |  |  |  |  |
| . 4    | through 5.2-6, to establish a Medical Cannabis Task Force to advise the Board of   |  |  |  |  |
| 5      | Supervisors on medical cannabis issues.  |  |  |  |  |
| 6<br>7 | Note: Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman;</u> deletions are <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman</u> . Board amendment additions are <u>double underlined</u> . |  |  |  |  |
| 8      | Board amendment deletions are <u>double underlined.</u> Board amendment deletions are <del>strikethrough normal</del> .  |  |  |  |  |
| 9      | Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:  |  |  |  |  |
| 10     | Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding   |  |  |  |  |
| 11     | Sections 5.2-1 through 5.2-6, to read as follows:  |  |  |  |  |
| 12     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13     | <u>Chapter 5: Committees</u>   |  |  |  |  |
| 14     | Article II: Medical Cannabis Task Force  |  |  |  |  |
| 15     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16     | SEC. 5.2-1. CREATION OF TASK FORCE.  |  |  |  |  |
| 17     | The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a Medical Cannabis Task Force ("the Task   |  |  |  |  |
| 18     | Force") for the City and County of San Francisco.  |  |  |  |  |
| 19     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20     | SEC. 5.2-2. PURPOSE.   |  |  |  |  |
| 21     | The Task Force shall advise the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to medical cannabis.  |  |  |  |  |
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#### SEC. 5.2-3. MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) The Task Force shall consist of 13 members, appointed by the Board of Supervisors as follows:
  - (1) Seat 1: A community organizer representative with a background in organizing neighbors, businesses or organizations around social justice and quality of life issues. This representative should also have a background working on medical cannabis related issues;
  - (2) Seat 2: A representative of a local patient advocacy organization with a background in working to protect the interests of medical cannabis patients;
  - (3) Seat 3: A representative of a local patient advocacy organization with a background in working to protect the interests of medical cannabis patients;
  - (4) Seat 4: A representative of a hospice or a residential care facility with a background as an employee or volunteer in direct services working with medical cannabis patients or as a nurse or physician with a background in working with or treating of medical cannabis patients;
  - (5) Seat 5: A person with a background in the management of a medical cannabis dispensary;
  - (6) Seat 6: A person with a background in the management of a medical cannabis dispensary;
  - (7) Seat 7: A person with a background in the management of a medical cannabis dispensary whose primary mode of operation is delivery;
  - (8) Seat 8: A representative of a drug policy organization working specifically on medical cannabis issues;
  - (9) Seat 9: A licensed California attorney with a background working with San

    Francisco medical cannabis dispensaries and experience with the City's medical cannabis

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- (10) Seat 10: A person with a background in providing medical cannabis to low-income patients;
- (11) Seat 11: A person with a background in providing medical cannabis to permitted medical cannabis dispensaries located in the City and County;
- (12) Seat 12: A person with at least fifteen years of experience working on medical cannabis issues in the City and County; and
- (13) Seat 13: A person with at least fifteen years of experience working on medical cannabis issues.
- (b) All members of the Task Force shall be residents of the City and County, in accordance with Section 4.101 of the Charter. A waiver of the residency requirement may be granted by the Board of Supervisors upon a finding that a resident of the City and County with specific experience, skills or qualifications willing to serve could not be located within the City and County.

#### SEC. 5.2-4. ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

- (a) The term of each member of the Task Force shall be two years; provided, however, that the members first appointed to the even-numbered seats shall serve a one-year term. On the expiration of these and successive terms, their successors shall be appointed for a two-year term. Members may serve multiple terms.
  - (b) The Board of Supervisors may remove any member of the Task Force for cause at any time.
- (c) In the event a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any member, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term of the office vacated.
- (d) At the initial meeting of the Task Force, and annually thereafter, the members of the Task Force shall select two co-chairpersons, and any other officers as deemed necessary by the Task Force.

One co-chairperson selected by Task Force members in seats 2, 3, 4, 12 and 13 shall have at least three years of experience working on medical cannabis patient advocacy issues. One co-chairperson selected by Task Force members in seats 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 shall have at least three years of experience representating a permitted medical cannabis dispensary in the City and County that has been in operation for at least three years. The Task Force shall have a revolving chair. Each member of the Task Force shall serve as chair for one of 13 annual meetings. The order for members serving as chair shall follow the same order of the seats as listed in paragraph (a) above. The co-chairpersons The chair shall fairly chair and facilitate Task Force meetings, coordinate with Task Force members to set the agenda of Task Force meetings, and serves as Task Force's liaisons to the City Attorney and the Board of Supervisors. All Task Force members may submit Task Force meeting agenda items to the Task Force co-chairpersons chair.

- (e) Services of the members of the Task Force shall be voluntary and members will serve without compensation. Any member who misses four regularly scheduled meetings of the Task Force during each two-year term without the express approval of the Task Force at a regularly scheduled meeting will be deemed to have resigned from the Task Force.
  - (f) The Office of the City Administrator shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.
- (g) The Task Force shall establish rules for its own organization and procedures and shall meet when necessary as determined by the Task Force; provided, however that the Task Force shall hold a regular meeting not less than once every month. All meetings shall, except as provided by law, be open to the public.
- (h) All City departments, commissions, boards and agencies shall cooperate with the Task

  Force in conducting its business. The Office of the City Administrator shall provide administrative

  support for the Task Force.

#### SEC. 5.2-5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS TASK FORCE.

- (a) The Task Force shall have the power and duty to:
- (1) Hold hearings and take testimony regarding medical cannabis issues and related
- (3) Review local medical cannabis related laws, and make recommendations for
- (4) Develop and make recommendations for a mediation process to be used by operators of medical dispensaries, patients and neighbors of dispensaries to address community
- (5) Develop and make recommendations regarding medical cannabis cultivation, production and baking guidelines for medical cannabis dispensaries;
- (6) Develop and make recommendations regarding cultivation and distribution of medical cannabis by individual patients, caregivers or small collectives that may fall outside the definition of a medical cannabis dispensary under the City's Health Code;
- (7) Develop and make recommendations regarding the cultivation of medical cannabis, particularly in residential dwellings, that may violate the City's Planning Code or applicable San Francisco or California Building Code requirements; and
- (8) Develop and make recommendations regarding the taxation of medical cannabis lawfully dispensed or cultivated in the City and County.
- (b) During each year of its operation the Task Force shall submit to the Board of Supervisors

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#### SEC. 5.2-6. SUNSET PROVISION.

The Medical Cannabis Task Force shall terminate by operation of law on December 31, 2012, and after that date the City Attorney shall cause this Article to be removed from the Administrative Code.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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By:

Terence Howzell Deputy City Attorney

Supervisors Campos, Mirkarimi, Avalos and Daly BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

[Medical Cannabis Task Force.]

#### LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Sections 5.2-1 through 5.2-6, to establish a Medical Cannabis Task Force to advise the Board of Supervisors on medical cannabis issues.

#### Existing Law

The City does not have a specific body to advise the Board of Supervisors on medical cannabis issues.

### Amendments to Current Law

The proposed amendments would create a Medical Cannabis Task Force to advise the Board of Supervisors. The Task Force would consist of 13 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, with specified areas of experience and expertise. The members would serve for two-year terms. The Task Force would develop and make recommendations in specified areas. The Task Force would submit to the Board of Supervisors an annual report summarizing its recommendations. The Task Force would terminate by operation of law on December 31, 2012.