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[Requiring that Census Workers be Allowed Access to Residential Hotels to Engage in Census Activities]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by amending Section 41D.4, to add a new goal to the Uniform Visitor Policy and any Supplemental Visitor Policies to ensure that census workers engaged in census activities are allowed access to Residential Hotels, and requesting the Rent Board to amend the Uniform Visitor Policy to incorporate this addition.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 41D.4, to read as follows:

SEC. 41D.4. REQUIRED GOALS FOR THE UNIFORM VISITOR POLICY AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL VISITOR POLICIES.

(a) The Uniform Visitor Policy and any Supplemental Visitor Policies shall meet the following goals:

- (1) To enhance the safety and welfare of guests and occupants of Residential Hotels;
- (2) To ensure the dignity and personal freedom of guests and occupants of Residential Hotels and their visitors by eliminating unnecessary restrictions on the ability of guests and occupants of Residential Hotels to conduct their personal and social lives in the manner that they choose.

1 (3) To prevent harassment or other inappropriate interference by Residential Hotel
2 operators, employees or agents with the personal and social lives of Residential Hotel guests
3 and occupants and their visitors.

4 (4) To respect the privacy rights and right to quiet enjoyment of other Residential
5 Hotel guests and occupants.

6 (5) To recognize the obligation of SRO operators to maintain the safety of the
7 premises.

8 (6) To incorporate and to be consistent with the provisions of Police Code Section
9 919(a).

10 (7) To ensure that a SRO guest or occupant may bring on the premises visitors to
11 assist the SRO guest or occupant with "get out the vote activities" on the same basis as any
12 other visitor under the Uniform Visitor Policy. For the purposes of this subsection, the term
13 "get out the vote activities" means any activity that has as its primary purpose encouraging
14 SRO guests and occupants to exercise their right to vote, including but not limited to
15 distributing handbills, door hangers and flyers, as well as providing assistance with
16 transportation to the polls.

17 (8) To ensure that census workers be allowed access to Residential Hotels during the hours of 9
18 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the purpose of census activities. For the purposes of this subsection, the term
19 "census activities" means any activity that has as its primary purpose encouraging SRO occupants to
20 participate in the census, including but not limited to conducting surveys and distributing handbills,
21 door hangers and flyer related to the census. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "census
22 worker" means an official employee of the U.S. Census Bureau or of an organization contracted by
23 the City and County of San Francisco to perform Census outreach and education. Census
24 employees shall present valid identification issued by the Bureau to a front desk clerk or
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1 property management staff. Employees of City-funded census outreach organizations shall
2 present documentation from the Office of Citizen Engagement and Immigrant Affairs
3 confirming that they are contracted with the City for Census outreach, who possesses valid
4 identification issued by the Bureau and has announced himself or herself to a front desk clerk
5 or property management staff.

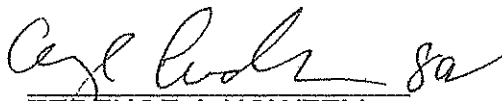
6 (b) However, nothing in the Uniform Visitor Policy or any Supplemental Visitor Policy
7 shall encourage or allow any hotel to exceed its approved maximum occupancy under state or
8 local fire safety laws.

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10 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Administrative Code
11 Section 41D.6(c), requests that the Rent Board amend the Uniform Visitor Policy and the
12 criteria and procedures for approval of Supplemental Visitor Policies to incorporate the new
13 subsection (a)(8) of Section 41D.4.

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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Existing Law

Existing law sets forth the " Required Goals For The Uniform Visitor Policy And Any Supplemental Visitor Policies." The goals include "ensuring the dignity and personal freedom of guests and occupants of Residential Hotels and their visitors by eliminating unnecessary restrictions on the ability of guests and occupants of Residential Hotels to conduct their personal and social lives in the manner that they choose; and the prevention of harassment or other inappropriate interference by Residential Hotel operators, employees or agents with the personal and social lives of Residential Hotel guests and occupants and their visitors. There are no existing provisions to allow access by census workers engaged in census activities.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed amendment would add a new goal to the Uniform Visitor Policy and any Supplemental Visitor Policies to ensure that census workers engaged in census activities are allowed access to Residential Hotels from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. . For the purposes of this subsection, the term "census activities" means any activity that has as its primary purpose encouraging SRO occupants to participate in the census, including but not limited to conducting surveys and distributing handbills, door hangers and flyers. The proposed amendment would also request the Rent Board to amend the Uniform Visitor Policy to add the new goal.