Proposition B

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 2019, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to change the name of the Aging and Adult Services Commission to the Disability and Aging Services Commission, and establish qualifications for three of the Commission seats; change the name of the Department of Aging and Adult Services to the Department of Disability and Aging Services; and to change the name of the Aging and Adult Services Community Living Fund to the Disability and Aging Services Community Living Fund.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2019, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections 4.120, 16.128-1, 16.128-4, 16.128-6, and 16.128-11, and adding new Section 16.128-13, to read as follows:

NOTE: Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text are in plain font. Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions are strike-through italics Times New Roman font. Asterisks (*** *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

SEC. 4.120. DISABILITY AND AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION.

(a) The Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor. The Commission shall oversee the Department of Disability and Aging and Adult Services, including the functions of the Public Guardian/Administrator, as well as carry out any additional duties and functions assigned to the Commission by ordinance or pursuant to Section 4.132.
(b) As of January 15, 2020, Seat 1 on the Commission shall be held by a person who is 60 years old or older; Seat 2 shall be held by a person with a disability, as defined under the Americans With Disabilities Act, who is 18 years old or older; and Seat 3 shall be held by a person who served in the United States military and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Seats 4, 5, 6, and 7, shall have no required qualifications in addition to those set forth in Section 4.101.

(c) For the purpose of calculating the terms of particular seats on the Commission, Seats 1, 2, and 3 are hereby designated as the seats with terms ending on January 15, 2020. Notwithstanding Charter Section 4.101.5, members in those seats who do not as of January 15, 2020 hold the qualifications set forth in subsection (b) respectively may no longer serve in those seats.

SEC. 16.128-1. DIGNITY FUND; PREAMBLE.

(a) There is hereby established a fund, which shall be called the Dignity Fund (“Fund”), to be administered by the Department of Disability and Aging and Adult Services (“DAAS”), or any successor agency. Monies in the Fund shall be used or expended by DAAS, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, solely to help Seniors and Adults with Disabilities secure and utilize the services and support necessary to age with dignity in their own homes and communities. For purposes of Section 16.128-1 through 16.128-2, “Senior” shall mean a person 60 years old or older, and “Adult with a Disability” shall mean a person 18 years old or older with a disability as defined under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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SEC. 16.128-4. ELIGIBLE SERVICES.

The City shall only use monies from the Fund for the following categories of services and purposes, to benefit Seniors and Adults with Disabilities:
(a) Home and Community Based Long Term Care and Support: Home care, adult day health care, adult social day care, IHSS emergency homecare, short term interim housing options, housing stabilization and support services, respite care, transitional housing for those leaving institutional care, related transportation (not already mandated or funded), accessible transportation programs, and other similar services funded through the City’s Disability and Aging and Adult Services Community Living Fund, or any successor legislation.

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(h) Funding for the Department of Disability and Aging and Adult Services to staff the Oversight and Advisory Committee created in Section 16.128-11 (“Oversight and Advisory Committee”), and to support planning and evaluation processes, and facilitate funding allocation;

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SEC. 16.128-6. PLANNING CYCLE.

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(b) Year 1 – Community Needs Assessment. Beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018 and during every fourth fiscal year thereafter, DAAS shall conduct a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to identify services to receive monies from the Fund. The CNA shall include qualitative and quantitative data sets collected through interviews, focus groups, surveys, or other outreach mechanisms to determine service gaps and unmet needs. In conducting the CNA, DAAS shall also review needs assessments prepared by community and other governmental entities. Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, DAAS may contract with consultants and outside experts for such services as it may require to prepare the CNA. DAAS shall undertake a robust community process to solicit input from Seniors and Adults with Disabilities, in consultation with the Mayor’s Office on Disability or any successor agency.

DAAS shall, in consultation with the Oversight and Advisory Committee, develop a plan for how to conduct the CNA with the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The CNA shall
include a gap analysis comparing actual performance with potential or desired performance and an equity analysis of services and resources for Seniors, Adults with Disabilities, and their caregivers.

DAAS shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to establish a baseline of existing services and resources for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities in low-income neighborhoods and disadvantaged communities, compared to services and resources available in the City as a whole. This equity analysis shall include an examination of eligibility for existing programs and will seek to provide more services and support for those low and modest income residents who are not currently eligible for assistance with home and community-based services.

The outreach for the CNA shall create opportunities for a robust cross-section of stakeholders, including Seniors, Adults with Disabilities, their caregivers, nonprofit agencies, and other members of the public, to provide input. By September 1, DAAS shall provide its plan for conducting the CNA to the Oversight and Advisory Committee, the Service Provider Working Group created in Section 16.128-11(e), the Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The plan shall be a public document.

By March 1, DAAS shall complete a draft CNA and provide this draft to the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Service Provider Working Group for review. DAAS shall also provide the draft CNA to interested City departments and commissions, including but not limited to the Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission, the Mayor’s Office on Disability, the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, the Human Services Commission, the Health Commission, the Recreation and Park Commission, the Adult Probation Department, the Veterans Affairs Commission, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Police Commission, the Library Commission, and the Arts Commission. The CNA shall include an Executive Summary and clear description of the categories of services provided and unmet needs to be addressed.
By April 1, DAAS shall submit a final version of the CNA to the Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission and the DAAS Advisory Council. The final version of the CNA may incorporate any comments or suggestions made by the Oversight and Advisory Committee, the public, or the agencies that received copies of the draft CNA. The Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission and the Oversight and Advisory Committee shall hold a joint public hearing to review the CNA.

By May 1, the Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission shall provide input on and approve or disapprove the CNA. If the Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission disapproves the report, DAAS may modify and resubmit the report.

By June 1, the Board of Supervisors shall consider and approve or disapprove, or modify, the CNA. If the Board disapproves the CNA, DAAS may modify and resubmit the CNA, provided, however, that the City may not expend monies from the Fund until the Board of Supervisors has approved the CNA.

(c) Year 2 – Services and Allocation Plan. Beginning in fiscal year 2018-2019 and during every fourth fiscal year thereafter, DAAS, in consultation with the Oversight and Advisory Committee, shall prepare a Services and Allocation Plan ("SAP") to determine services that will receive monies from the Fund. All services identified in Section 16.128-4 are potentially eligible to receive funding, but DAAS is not required to classify allocations according to the service categories in that section. DAAS shall use the following process to prepare the SAP:

(1) DAAS shall disseminate a draft SAP to interested City departments and commissions, including but not limited to the Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission, the Mayor’s Office on Disability, the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, the Human Services Commission, the Health Commission, the Recreation and Park Commission, the Adult Probation Department, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Police Commission, the Library Commission, and the Arts Commission. In preparing the draft SAP, DAAS shall confer with the
Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to coordinate funding for services for Transitional-Aged Youth, as defined in Charter Section 16.108(e), with Disabilities from both the Dignity Fund and the Children and Youth Fund.

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(d) Years 3 and 4 – Selection of Contractors. Beginning with Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 and during every fourth fiscal year thereafter, DAAS shall conduct competitive solicitations for services to be funded from the Fund. Requests for proposals will be grouped by issue area and spread out on a schedule known in advance to provide for a smooth and efficient timeline. The Human Services Agency and the Department of Disability and Aging and Adult Services shall work together and manage resources so that the RFP process will keep to the schedule and contract awards will be made within a reasonable time.

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SEC. 16.128-11. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) Creation. There shall be a Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee (“Oversight and Advisory Committee”) to monitor and participate in the administration of the Dignity Fund as provided in Charter Sections 16.128-1 et seq., and to take steps to ensure that the Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.

(b) Responsibilities.

(1) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall develop recommendations for DAAS and the Fund regarding outcomes for services to Seniors and Adults with Disabilities, the evaluation of services, common data systems, a process for making funding decisions, program improvement and capacity-building of service providers, community engagement in planning and evaluating services, leveraging dollars of the Fund, and the use of the Fund as a catalyst for innovation. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall promote and facilitate transparency and accountability in the administration of the Fund and in the planning and allocation process.
(2) As provided in Section 16.128-6, the Oversight and Advisory Committee shall provide input into the planning process for the Community Needs Assessment (“CNA”) and the final CNA, the Services and Allocation Plan, and the over-all spending plan for the Fund to be presented to the Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission, and shall review the annual Data and Evaluation Report. Nothing in this Section 16.128-11 shall limit the authority of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to propose, amend, and adopt a budget under Article IX of the Charter.

(3) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall establish and maintain a Service Provider Working Group as provided in subsection (e).

(4) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall meet at least six times a year.

(c) Composition. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall have 11 members. The Disability and Aging and Adult Services Commission shall appoint two of its members to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Advisory Council to the Department of Disability and Aging and Adult Services shall appoint three of its members to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. And the Long Term Care Council shall appoint three of its members to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Mayor shall appoint the remaining three at-large members of the Oversight and Advisory Committee, subject to rejection by the Board of Supervisors within 30 days following transmittal of the Notice of Appointment.

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SEC. 16.128-13. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) The City Attorney shall cause all references in the Municipal Code to the Aging and Adult Services Commission, the Department of Aging and Adult Services, and the Aging and Adult Services Community Living Fund to be amended to refer to the Disability and Aging Services Commission, the Department of Disability and Aging Services, and the Disability and Aging Services Community Living Fund, respectively.
(b) Upon completion of the amendments required by subsection (a), the City Attorney shall cause this Section 16.128-13 to be removed from the Charter.