

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[General Obligation Bond Election – Public Health and Safety - \$350,000,000]

Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur the following bonded debt of the City and County: \$350,000,000 to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement, seismic strengthening and betterment of critical community and mental health, emergency response and safety, and homeless shelter and service facilities related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants in accordance with Administrative Code, Chapter 37; finding that the estimated cost of such proposed project is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City and County and will require expenditures greater than the amount allowed therefor by the annual tax levy; reciting the estimated cost of such proposed project; fixing the date of election and the manner of holding such election and the procedure for voting for or against the proposition; fixing the maximum rate of interest on such bonds and providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest; prescribing notice to be given of such election; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), CEQA Guidelines, and Administrative Code, Chapter 31; finding that the proposed bond is in conformity with the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b), and with the General Plan, consistency requirement of Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53; consolidating the special election with the general election; establishing the election precincts, voting places and officers for the election; waiving the word limitation on ballot propositions imposed by Municipal Elections Code, Section 510; complying with the restrictions on the use of bond proceeds specified in California Government Code, Section 53410; incorporating the provisions regarding the citizens' bond oversight committee in Administrative Code, Sections 5.30-5.36; and waiving the time requirements specified in Administrative Code, Section 2.34.

Existing Law

This is new legislation.

Background Information

The proposed Ordinance calls for a general obligation bond election to be held on June 7, 2016. The general obligation bonds are authorized in an amount up to \$350,000,000 for the construction, acquisition, improvement and betterment of critical community health, emergency response and safety, and animal care facilities for earthquake safety.

A portion of the general obligation bond proceeds (i.e. \$272 million) will be used to fund essential seismic retrofits and fire response system improvements at the Pricilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center campus, including the

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renovation and addition to the Southeast Health Center and the improvement of high-demand community health centers with the expansion of access to mental health, urgent care, substance abuse, dental and social services (referred to in the Ordinance as the “Public Health Projects”).

A portion of the general obligation bond proceeds (i.e. \$58 million) will be used for the construction, acquisition, improvement, retrofitting and upgrade the San Francisco Fire Department Ambulance Deployment Facility, which includes the construction of a modern, seismically safe ambulance and paramedic deployment facility, including the repair and modernization of neighborhood fire stations Citywide (referred to in the Ordinance as the “Safety Project.”).

Finally, a portion of the general obligation bond (i.e. \$20 million) will be used for the construction, acquisition, improvement of facilities to better serve homeless individuals and families at homeless shelters and homeless service sites, and the acquisition and construction of related facilities (referred to in the Ordinance as the “Homeless Health and Safety Project”

The proposed ballot measure must be approved by two-thirds of all the voters voting on the measure to pass. If passed the proposed bond funds will be subject to oversight of the Citizen’s General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee. In addition, the City will create and maintain a web page describing the bond program, progress, and activity updates. The City will also hold an annual public hearing and reviews on the bond program and its implementation before the Capital Planning Committee, the relevant City commissions, and the Citizen’s General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee.