



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Executive Summary Planning Code Text Change

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### PLANNING CODE AMENDMENT

The proposed Ordinance would amend Sections 24.8, 10.100-110, 10.100-370, and 43.3.4 of the Administrative Code and Planning Code Sections 413.10 (Citywide Affordable Housing Fund), 415.5 (Affordable Housing Fee), 415.6 (On-Site Affordable Housing Alternative), and 415.7 (Off-Site Affordable Housing Alternative), to define and establish a preference in all affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City, to certain tenants evicted under the Ellis Act as defined in California Government Code Section 101.1.

#### The Way It Is Now:

San Francisco's Affordable Housing programs are defined in both the Administrative Code and the Planning Code. In each Code, preference in occupying units or in receiving assistance is given to Residential Certificate of Preference (COP) holders who meet all of the qualifications for the unit, or for the assistance; in the case of HOPE SF funded projects, first preference is given to occupants of existing housing, and second preference to COP holders.<sup>1</sup>

#### Administrative Code

**Section 24.8: Preference in all City Affordable Housing Programs for Certificate Preference Holders.** This section of the Administrative Code defines the preference for COP holders in occupying units or receiving assistance in all City affordable housing units or programs.

**Section 10.100-110 (Mayor's Housing Affordability Fund), Section 10.100-370 (San Francisco HOPE SF Fund), and Section 43.3.4 (Proposed Use of Bond Proceeds).** These three sections of the Administrative Code establish the Mayor's Housing Affordability Fund, the HOPE SF Fund, and the formula for the use of bond proceeds related to affordable housing development and down payment

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<sup>1</sup>A Certificate of Preference is a document originally issued by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to residents displaced by the Agency in the 1960s as a result of federally funded urban renewal programs. With the 2012 dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, the Mayor's Office of Housing has taken over the administration and management of the COP program. Information is available online at: [http://www.sfredevelopment.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/Programs/COP\\_FAQs-Revised\\_March\\_2009.pdf](http://www.sfredevelopment.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/Programs/COP_FAQs-Revised_March_2009.pdf) (November 4, 2013)

assistance, and require that projects funded by either fund or the bonds give preference in occupying units or receiving assistance to COP holders and/or to existing residents.

### Planning Code

Article 4 of the Planning Code defines and outlines development impact fees and fee programs, including the Jobs-Housing Linkage Program (Section 413) and Housing Requirements for Development Projects (Section 415). As in the Administrative Code, preference in occupying units or in receiving assistance is given to COP holders.

**Section 413.10. (Citywide Affordable Housing Fund), Section 415.5 (Affordable Housing Fee), Section 415.6 (On-Site Affordable Housing), and Section 415.7 (Off-Site Affordable Housing).** Each of these funds, fees, and programs require that preference in occupying units or in receiving assistance be given to COP holders.

### The Way It Would Be:

The **Administrative Code** would be amended to define the term “Displaced Tenant,” to define the duration of the preference, to identify a timeline for implementation, and to add the new preference to each affordable housing program section. The **Planning Code** would be amended to add the preference to each defined affordable housing fund, fee, or alternative identified in Articles 413 and 415. Specific amendments are as follows:

### Administrative Code

**Section 24.8: Preference in all City Affordable Housing Programs for Certificate Preference Holders.** This section would be amended to define “Displaced Tenant,” to create a preference for occupying affordable housing for the new category, to develop a timeline for implementation, to add specific limits to the preference, and to add a one-time report as follows:

- **Definition.** “Displaced Tenant” is defined as any tenant residing in San Francisco who on or after January 1, 2012 has received a notice that the landlord plans to withdraw the tenant’s unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, and who has:
  - Resided in the unit for a minimum of ten years; or,
  - Resided in the unit for a minimum of five years if the tenant is suffering life-threatening illness verified by the tenant’s primary care physician.
- **Duration of Preference.** The Displaced Tenant preference may be applied for three years from the date of filing a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant’s unit from the rental market for *existing, currently occupied developments* (emphasis added), or six years for *new developments going through the initial occupancy period* (emphasis added). In new and existing developments, the Displaced Tenant preference applies even if a unit has been offered through the preference and declined; however, the preference terminates when a unit is occupied.
- **Cap on Displaced Tenants Occupying Units in New Development.** The Displaced Tenant preference would apply to a maximum of 20% of units in the initial occupancy period in new developments.
- **Verification.** In order to confirm status as a Displaced Tenant, the following information would be submitted to and verified by MOHCD:
  - Proof that a notice of intent to withdraw the unit from the rental market has been filed with the Rent Board;
  - Proof that the tenant meets the five- or ten-year residency required, as applicable;

- Proof that the tenant is listed on the notice to withdrawal, on the lease for the unit in question, or other information that establishes residency in the unit for the duration required.
- **Timeline for Implementation.** The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) would develop procedures for implementing the COP preference and the Displaced Tenant preference within 90 days of the effective date of the Ordinance.
- **Reporting.** The Board of Supervisors would hold a hearing to assess the impact of the Displaced Tenant preference within one year of the effective date of the Ordinance.

**Section 10.100-110 (Mayor's Housing Affordability Fund), and Section 43.3.4 (Proposed Use of Bond Proceeds).** These sections are each amended to add a preference, second to the existing COP preference, for Displaced Tenants to occupy units in projects receiving MOHCD funds for affordable housing or for down payment assistance, subject to the limits and cap described above.

**Section 10.100-370 (San Francisco HOPE SF Fund).** This section is amended to add a third preference, after the existing first preference to current occupants of a housing development receiving HOPE SF Funds and the existing second preference to COP holders, for Displaced Tenants to occupy units in projects receiving HOPE SF Funds, subject to the limits and the cap described above.

#### Planning Code

**Section 413.10 (Citywide Affordable Housing Fund), Section 415.5 (Affordable Housing Fee), Section 415.6 (On-Site Affordable Housing), and Section 415.7 (Off-Site Affordable Housing).** Each of these sections would be revised to add a second preference, after the existing preference of COP holders, to Displaced Tenants (as defined above) in occupying units or in receiving assistance from any of the funds, fees, or alternatives associated with affordable housing.

#### REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may recommend adoption, rejection, or adoption with modifications to the Board of Supervisors.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Commission recommend *approval with modifications* of the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect. The Department recommends the following specific modifications to the draft Ordinance:

1. Reduce the eligibility for the preference in new developments to from six years to three years, which is consistent with the proposed eligibility period for existing units that are available for re-sale or re-rental;
2. For existing units that become available for re-sale or re-rental, cap the total number of units reserved for the new preference holders at 20% of the previous year's total number of available re-sale and re-rental units. This cap would be adjusted annually;
3. Require that the preference system be reviewed before a committee of the Board three years after the effective date of the Ordinance, including a report by the Mayor's Office of Housing and the Rent Board on the demographics and income levels of beneficiaries of the new preference

system. Based on this review and report, the Board would decide to extend, modify, or cancel this system.

## BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department is supportive of efforts to support tenants who have faced residential evictions, which have increased across categories in the last year. The three proposed modifications recommended by the Department are intended to balance the clear need for assistance and support for tenants displaced through the Ellis Act, with the ongoing needs of other vulnerable groups who participate in the affordable housing lottery system.

In order to better understand implications of the proposed legislation, staff has examined both the current eviction landscape in San Francisco and the existing lottery process for San Francisco's affordable housing programs.

### Increase in Eviction Rates of All Types: No-Fault and For-Cause Evictions

The focus of the draft Ordinance is on ameliorating the displacement impacts caused by one form of no-fault eviction: the Ellis Act. However, it is important to note that displacement through eviction can and does occur through other processes, including other categories of **no-fault eviction**, such as owner move-ins, demolition, and condominium conversion, as well as so-called "**just-causes**," or tenant defaults, including breach of rental agreement, non-payment or habitual late payment of rent, and committing a nuisance.

The Annual Statistical Report 2012-2013 from the Rent Board states, "Total eviction notices filed with the Board increased by 36% from 1,421 to 1,934, while the number of tenant reports of alleged wrongful eviction decreased by 13% from 570 to 497. The number of units withdrawn from the rental market under the Ellis Act increased from 121 to 192 units."<sup>2</sup>

This Table highlights statistics from the Rent Board Fiscal Year 2012-2013<sup>3</sup>:

Eviction Type	Petitions by Building Owners	Units Impacted
Ellis Act	57	192
Development Agreements		232
Owner Move-Ins		234
Nuisance		350
Breach of Lease		510
Other Eviction Types		416
<b>Total Eviction Notices</b>		1934

<sup>2</sup> San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board Annual Statistical Report 2012-2013. Available online at <http://www.sfrb.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=2660> (November 12, 2013).

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

As has been widely reported, the total number of evictions in San Francisco – both for-cause and no-fault – have increased not only in the last year, but also significantly since 2010. The recently released report “Analysis of Tenant Displacement in San Francisco,” by the Budget and Legislative Analyst notes a 38.2% increase in all types of evictions while Ellis Act evictions increased by a dramatic 169.8%. This report further highlights that there are specific neighborhoods in which evictions have been especially prevalent: in the five years between 2009-2013, the Inner Mission and Russian Hill/Polk Gulch neighborhoods had among the highest numbers of Ellis Act evictions (117) and among the highest numbers of for-cause evictions (825).<sup>4</sup>

### **Inclusionary Housing Lotteries**

The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development manages the San Francisco Inclusionary Housing Program, and uses a lottery system to allocate opportunities to apply for available units in rental or in ownership properties developed with or supported by funds from one of the city’s affordable housing programs, including project-based inclusionary housing fees or alternatives. MOHCD conducts lotteries for available units in both newly developed properties in their initial occupancy phase, as well as units in existing buildings as units are vacated.

MOHCD’s procedures require that tenants who were displaced in the 1960s by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) when it implemented its federally funded urban renewal program receive first preference to apply for affordable housing units. This existing preference, called the Certificate of Preference Program, is tied to displacement by the Redevelopment Agency in the Western Addition and in Hunters Point, and applies to the head of households displaced by the Agency, eligible family members residing in the household at the time of displacement, and to households displaced by the Agency after 2008. The Certificate of Preference Program is scheduled to expire in 2016, unless the Board of Supervisors renews it with an Ordinance.<sup>5</sup>

As of November 5, 2013, MOHCD has conducted 7 lotteries in 2013, including three rental lotteries and four ownership lotteries, with 3,048 applicants, among which only 17 were COP holders, all for rental units.

Data related to the inclusionary housing lottery indicates that the impact of the proposed new preference program would be most significant on re-rental and resale units: only 29 resale ownership units and 10 re-rental units have become available in the last year (and 105 resale units and 50 re-rental units in the last five years) – the low available inventory combined with the increased Ellis Act evictions means that most, if not all, existing re-rental and re-sale units would go to the new Displaced Tenant preference holders. This would likely be the case whether the Ellis Act evictions numbers are relatively high, such as in 2001 when there are 318 Ellis evictions, or whether the numbers are relatively low, such as in 2010, when there were 43 Ellis evictions.

### **Basis for Recommendation #1: Create a Consistent Three-Year Period of Eligibility**

As proposed, the draft Ordinance would create two separate eligibility periods for preference holders: one for new development in the initial occupancy stage, and a second, shorter period, applicable to units

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<sup>4</sup> Pages 14-25, “Memo to Supervisor Campos: Analysis of Tenant Displacement in San Francisco,” Budget and Legislative Analyst, October 30, 2013. Available online at: <http://www.sfbos.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=47040> (November 5, 2013). Please note that the difference in reported percent increase in evictions between the Rent Board’s Annual Report and the Budget Analyst’s report is due to the difference in their respective reporting calendars.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.sf-moh.org/index.aspx?page=268> (November 13, 2013).

that exist and become available for re-sale and re-rental. New development represents the overwhelming majority of units available for the inclusionary program: in the past year, there have been 175 units made available through new development, as compared to 39 units that have become available for re-sale or re-rental. The Department believes that creating a separate eligibility period for a relatively small number of potentially available units would create unnecessary complexity for implementation. In addition, the Department views the program as an emergency response to a volatile housing situation that may change dramatically, again, over the course of three years. The Department recommends a three-year eligibility period for both existing units and for new units that come online through new development.

**Basis for Recommendation #2: Cap the Re-sale and Re-rental Units Available to New Preference Holders**

The current inclusionary program lotteries are popular: 3,048 applicants have participated in the last year. As drafted, the Ordinance limits the application of the preference to 20% of all units available through new construction. The Department recommends extending a similar limit to units made available for re-sale or re-rental, specifically to limit the preference to 20% of the previous year's total number of available existing units. In the last year, there have been re-rental opportunities for ten units and 29 units available for re-sale. Using the 20% preference limit methodology proposed by the Department, the first year's preference would be limited to 2 re-rental units and six units for re-sale. This cap would serve to preserve opportunities to occupy existing units for other vulnerable groups, while ensuring a preference for tenants evicted through the Ellis Act.

**Basis for Recommendation #3: Review of the Preference Program by the Board in Three Years**

The existing inclusionary housing allocation program functions as a nearly pure lottery system, given the very low impact of the existing COP program (as noted above, there have been only 17 COP applicants in the last five years, all of which were for rental units). The proposed legislation would transform the lottery system to a ranking system, giving preference to one particularly vulnerable group: long term tenants evicted from rent controlled buildings by the Ellis Act.

As proposed, the draft Ordinance is supported by several General Plan Policies and Objectives that aim to protect and increase access to housing, to provide a range of housing for residents who need support, and to reduce the risk of homelessness. However, it is important to note that there are also General Plan Objectives and Policies that specifically call for equal access among groups for subsidized housing and available units. The draft Ordinance conflicts with these policies, in that it creates a ranking system that gives preference to one vulnerable group (tenants evicted by the Ellis Act), over others (such as the elderly, rent-challenged, disabled, and victims of disasters such as earthquake or fire). General Plan Objectives and Policies that **support** the draft Ordinance include Objective 4, Policy 4.2 ("Provide a range of housing options for residents with special needs for housing support and services"), Objective 5, Policy 5.2 ("Increase access to housing, particularly for households who might not be aware of their housing choices"), and, to some extent, Objective 6, Policy 6.2 (Prioritize the highest incidences of homelessness, as well as those most in need, including families and immigrants"). General Plan Objectives and Policies that appear to **conflict** with the draft Ordinance are Objective 5, Policy 5.1 ("Ensure all residents of San Francisco have equal access to subsidized housing"), and, to some extent, Objective 6, Policy 6.2 ("Prioritize the highest incidences of homelessness, as well as those most in need, including families and immigrants").

This tension between General Plan Objectives and Policies is the basis of the Department's recommendation that the Board of Supervisors evaluate the preference program and its impacts in three years. The proposed modification is intended to allow for a timely response to the current eviction

climate without creating a permanent preference for one vulnerable class of tenants among others and to provide a means to rescind the program in three years if the crisis has subsided. Further, the provision would mirror the sunset provision of the existing COP program.

While the Rent Board does not typically report demographic data related to eviction filings, the Department recommends that MOHCD provide demographic information related to the preference program in its report to the Board of Supervisors.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposal would result in no physical impact on the environment. The proposed amendments described in the draft Ordinance are exempt from environmental review under Section 15060(c)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, as determined on October 10, 2013.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

As of the date of this report, the Planning Department has no public comment on this item.

<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<b>Recommendation of Approval with Modifications</b>
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### **Attachments:**

Exhibit A: Draft Planning Commission Resolution  
Exhibit B: Board of Supervisors File No. 13-0968



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## Planning Commission Draft Resolution

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**RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT WITH MODIFICATIONS A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND PLANNING CODE SECTIONS 413.10, 415.5, 415.6, AND 415.7 TO DEFINE AND ESTABLISH A PREFERENCE IN ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED OR FUNDED BY THE CITY TO CERTAIN TENANTS EVICTED UNDER THE ELLIS ACT; ADOPTING FINDINGS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, PLANNING CODE SECTION 302 FINDINGS, AND FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1.**

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, Supervisors Chiu, Campos, Kim, Mar, and Breed introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 13-0968, which would amend Sections 413.10, 415.5, 415.6, and 415.7 of the Planning Code to establish a preference in all affordable housing programs funded or administered by the City for certain tenants displaced under the Ellis Act;

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on November 21, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15060(c); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and



MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors **approve with modifications** the proposed ordinance. Specifically, the Commission recommends the following modifications:

1. Reduce the eligibility for the preference in new developments to from six years to three years, which is consistent with the proposed eligibility period for existing units that are available for re-sale or re-rental;
2. For existing units that become available for re-sale or re-rental, cap the total number of units reserved for the new preference holders at 20% of the previous year's total number of available re-sale and re-rental units. This cap would be adjusted annually;
3. Require that the preference system be reviewed before a committee of the Board three years after the effective date of the Ordinance, including a report by the Mayor's Office of Housing and the Rent Board on the demographics and income levels of beneficiaries of the new preference system. Based on this review and report, the Board would decide to extend, modify, or cancel this system.

## FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. All types of evictions increased from 1,242 in Rent Board Year 2010 to 1,716 in Rent Board Year 2013, an increase of 38.2 percent. Ellis Act evictions, however, increased by 169.8 percent from 43 in Rent Board Year 2010 to 116 in Rent Board year 2013.
2. The existing inclusionary housing program runs on a lottery system but also provide a Certificate of Preference which is tied to displacement by the Redevelopment Agency in the Western Addition and in Hunters Point, and applies to the head of households displaced by the Agency, eligible family members residing in the household at the time of displacement, and to households displaced by the Agency after 2008.
3. As of November 5, 2013, MOHCD has conducted 7 lotteries in 2013, including three rental lotteries and four ownership lotteries, with 3,048 applicants, among which only 17 were COP holders, all for rental units. Therefore, The existing inclusionary housing allocation program functions as a nearly pure lottery system
4. Conditions that have caused the surge in evictions in the last year can change again in the very near future. Proposed solutions to such emergency issue should allow for a timely response to the current eviction climate without creating a permanent preference for one vulnerable class of residents among others.
5. **General Plan Compliance.** The proposed Ordinance and the Commission's recommended modifications are, *on balance*, consistent with the Objectives and Policies of the General Plan (Staff discussion is added in *italic font* below):

## HOUSING ELEMENT

**OBJECTIVE 4**

**Foster a housing stock that meets the needs of all residents across lifecycles.**

**POLICY 4.2**

**Provide a range of housing options for residents with special needs for housing support and services.**

*The proposed legislation would offer an affordable housing option long-term residents evicted from rent controlled housing. The current housing market and surge in evictions put such residents at special need for housing assistance.*

**OBJECTIVE 5**

**Ensure that all residents have equal access to available units.**

*The proposed legislation would preference one group of residents to address a recent increase in Ellis Act evictions. There are additional groups who are vulnerable and will not have the first preference for available affordable housing units. As drafted, the legislation would cap the percentage of newly available affordable housing units allocated to the new preference group. With the proposed modifications, that 20% cap on the allocation of units to the preference group would be extended to apply to units available for re-sale and re-rental in addition to newly developed units. Further, the proposed modifications would ensure that the preference program be evaluated in three years to determine whether the eviction climate has changed and the program remains necessary.*

**POLICY 5.1**

**Ensure all residents of San Francisco have equal access to subsidized housing units.**

*The proposed legislation would preference one group of residents to address a recent increase in Ellis Act evictions. As noted above, there groups in addition to those evicted by the Ellis Act who are vulnerable and are eligible for affordable housing. The proposed modifications would ensure that the preference program be evaluated in three years to determine whether the eviction climate has changed and the program remains necessary.*

**POLICY 5.2**

**Increase access to housing, particularly for households who might not be aware of their housing choices.**

*Residents losing their rent-controlled housing due to Ellis Act have a narrow range of options affordable to their income in the existing market. The proposed legislation would provide priority to these residents for affordable housing to help them in an emergency crisis.*

**OBJECTIVE 6**

**Reduce homelessness and the risk of homelessness.**

**POLICY 6.2**

**Prioritize the highest incidences of homelessness, as well as those most in need, including families and immigrants.**

*As long time residents of rent-controlled units, residents recently evicted due to Ellis Act will be at risk of homelessness. The proposed legislation will help keep these residents from facing homelessness due to a*

*sudden increase in housing costs which they would not afford. However, without demographic information, it is difficult to determine whether those evicted with the Ellis Act are those “most in need,” or most likely to become homeless. The draft Ordinance does not specifically address families and immigrants, but focuses instead on the type of eviction invoked to displace the tenants.*

8. **Planning Code Section 101 Findings.** The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are consistent with the eight Priority Policies set forth in Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code in that:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;

*The proposed amendments will not have a negative impact on neighborhood serving retail uses and will not impact opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of neighborhood-serving retail.*

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;

*The amendments will not impact existing housing and neighborhood character.*

3. That the City’s supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;

*The proposed amendments will not affect the supply of affordable housing.*

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;

*The proposed amendments will not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.*

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;

*The proposed amendments would not cause displacement of the industrial or service sectors due to office development, and future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors would not be impaired.*

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;

*The proposed ordinance would not negatively impact preparedness in the case of an earthquake.*

7. That the landmarks and historic buildings be preserved;

*Landmarks and historic buildings would not be negatively impacted by the proposed amendments.*

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development;

*The City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas would be unaffected by the proposed amendments.*

8. **Planning Code Section 302 Findings.** The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby recommends that the Board ADOPT the proposed Ordinance with modifications as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on November 21, 2013.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(11/5/2013, Substituted)

[Administrative, Planning Codes - Ellis Act Displaced Emergency Assistance Ordinance]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative and Planning Codes to provide a preference in occupying units or receiving assistance under all affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City, including all former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City, to certain tenants being evicted under the Ellis Act, California Government Code, Section 7060 et seq.; and making environmental findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

Existing Law

State and City law govern the right of owners of residential rental units to evict tenants in order to go out of the rental business. Chief among these laws is the Ellis Act (Government Code Section 7060 et seq.) and the corresponding provisions of the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance ("Rent Ordinance").

City law currently establishes a preference in all affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City only for Residential Certificate of Preference Holders under the former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency's Property Owner and Occupant Preference Program. Neither State nor City law establishes a preference in these affordable housing programs for tenants displaced due to Ellis Act evictions.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance proposes to establish a new preference for certain tenants who are subject to an Ellis Act eviction. The preference would apply in all affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City, including all former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency housing programs administered or funded by the City, and is intended to apply after the preference for Certificate of Preference holders. To qualify for the new preference, a tenant must be someone residing in San Francisco who on or after January 1, 2012 has received a notice that his or her landlord plans to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, and, who, as of the date of receipt of the notice of withdrawal from the rental market, has resided in his or her unit continuously for: (i) at least ten years; or (ii) at least five years, if the tenant can verify that he or she is suffering from a life threatening illness as certified by his or her primary care physician (a "Displaced Tenant"). The proposed ordinance places the following limitations on the preference:

(i) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to existing, currently-occupied developments only for three years from the date the landlord filed with the Residential Rent

Stabilization and Arbitration Board (“Rent Board”) a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant’s unit pursuant to the Ellis Act;

(ii) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to new developments going through the initial occupancy process only for six years from the date the landlord filed with the Rent Board a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant’s unit pursuant to the Ellis Act; and

(iii) for any new residential development going through the initial occupancy process, the preference shall apply only to twenty percent (20%) of the units in such development.

The preference continues to apply even if a Displaced Tenant declines a unit offered through application of the preference, but once a Displaced Tenant accepts and occupies a unit obtained using the preference, such Displaced Tenant’s preference terminates.

In addition, the proposed ordinance requires the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development to develop procedures and regulations to implement the new preference, which will be subject to review and approval by the Board of Supervisors, and requires a Board of Supervisors hearing to assess the impact of the preference one year after the effective date of the proposed ordinance.

#### Background Information

There is an urgent need to assist San Francisco residents who are presently being displaced by Ellis Act evictions and facing, even by San Francisco standards, an unusually extreme housing shortage and crisis. While a longer term solution to the negative impacts of the Ellis Act is important, today’s victims need help now. The intention of the new Displaced Tenant preference is to provide greater, and faster, access to the City’s existing affordable housing programs for those tenants affected directly by an Ellis Act eviction.

This Legislative Digest accompanies the substitute ordinance introduced to the Board of Supervisors on November 5, 2013, which provides the following material changes to the proposed ordinance originally introduced on October 9, 2013:

(i) clarifying that if at any time prior to moving out of his or her unit, a tenant’s landlord rescinds the notice of withdrawal from the rental market, such tenant shall no longer qualify as a “Displaced Tenant”;

(ii) establishing a tenant’s right to a hearing conducted by a Rent Board Administrative Law Judge, with MOHCD as the responding party, in the event that a person disputes a MOHCD determination that he or she does not qualify as a “Displaced Tenant”; and

(iii) amending the Rent Ordinance to establish the Rent Board’s authority to hear such disputes.

[Administrative, Planning Codes - Ellis Act Displaced Emergency Assistance Ordinance]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative and Planning Codes to provide a preference in occupying units or receiving assistance under all affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City, including all former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City, to certain tenants being evicted under the Ellis Act, California Government Code, Section 7060 et seq.; and making environmental findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncoded text** are in plain Arial font.  
**Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
**Deletions to Codes** are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.  
**Board amendment additions** are in **double-underlined Arial font**.  
**Board amendment deletions** are in ~~**Arial font**~~.  
**Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Findings.

(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 130968 and is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) On \_\_\_\_\_, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board

1 adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the  
2 Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, and is incorporated herein by reference.

3 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that these Planning Code  
4 Amendments will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set  
5 forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Board incorporates such  
6 reasons herein by reference. A copy of Planning Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ is on  
7 file with the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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9 Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 24.8 and  
10 37.6, to read as follows:

11 **SEC. 24.8. PREFERENCE IN ALL CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS**  
12 **FOR CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE HOLDERS AND DISPLACED TENANTS.**

13 This Section shall apply to all programs related to the provision of affordable housing,  
14 unless specified otherwise. To the extent permitted by law, the Mayor's Office of Housing and  
15 Community Development ("MOHCD") or its successor shall give, or require project sponsors or  
16 their successors in interest funded through MOHCD to give, preference in occupying units or  
17 receiving assistance under all City affordable housing programs, including all former San  
18 Francisco Redevelopment Agency affordable housing programs administered or funded by the City,  
19 first to Residential Certificate of Preference Holders under the San Francisco Redevelopment  
20 Agency's Property Owner and Occupant Preference Program, as reprinted September 11,  
21 2008 and effective October 1, 2008 and on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No.  
22 080521, who meet all of the qualifications for the unit or assistance; and second to any Displaced  
23 Tenant, as defined herein, who meets all of the qualifications for the unit or assistance, provided that  
24 the following limitations shall apply to the Displaced Tenant preference: (i) a Displaced Tenant may  
25 apply the preference to existing, currently-occupied developments only for three years from the date the



1 landlord filed with the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board ("Rent Board") a notice of  
2 intent to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, California  
3 Government Code Section 7060 et seq. and the corresponding provisions of the San Francisco Rent  
4 Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance ("Rent Ordinance"), Administrative Code Sections 37.9(a)(13)  
5 and 37.9A; (ii) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to new developments going through the  
6 initial occupancy process only for six years from the date the landlord filed with the Rent Board a  
7 notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, cited  
8 above, and the corresponding provisions of the Rent Ordinance; and (iii) for any new residential  
9 development going through the initial occupancy process, the Displaced Tenant preference shall apply  
10 only to twenty percent (20%) of the units in such development. The Displaced Tenant's preference  
11 shall still apply even if such Displaced Tenant declines a unit offered through application of the  
12 preference, but upon accepting and occupying a unit obtained using the preference, such Displaced  
13 Tenant's preference terminates.

14 ~~The Mayor's Office of Housing shall develop procedures and amend its regulations within 90~~  
15 ~~days of the effective date of this legislation to implement the requirements of this Section~~ MOHCD shall  
16 implement the Certificate of Preference Holder requirements of this Section by developing procedures  
17 and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the effective date of Ordinance No. 232-08,  
18 and MOHCD shall implement the Displaced Tenant preference requirements of this Section by  
19 developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the effective date of  
20 the ordinance creating the Displaced Tenant preference. Said procedures and regulations shall be  
21 subject to approval by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The requirements of this  
22 paragraph are directory rather than mandatory.

23 For purposes of this Section, "Displaced Tenant" shall mean any tenant residing in San  
24 Francisco who on or after January 1, 2012 has received a notice that his or her landlord plans to  
25 withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, cited above, and the

1 corresponding provisions of the Rent Ordinance, cited above, and, who, as of the date of receipt of the  
2 notice of withdrawal from the rental market, has resided in his or her unit continuously for: (i) at least  
3 ten years; or (ii) at least five years, if the tenant can verify that he or she is suffering from a life  
4 threatening illness as certified by his or her primary care physician. MOHCD shall establish a process  
5 for a tenant to verify his or her status as a "Displaced Tenant," which, at a minimum, shall require a  
6 tenant to show: (i) the landlord filed with the Rent Board a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit  
7 from the rental market; (ii) the tenant meets the ten or five year residency requirement stated above;  
8 and (iii) the tenant either: (A) is listed on the notice of withdrawal; (B) is listed on the lease for the unit  
9 in question; or (C) has other evidence sufficient to establish, in MOHCD's reasonable discretion, that  
10 he or she has lived in the unit for the required five or ten year period, as applicable. If at any time prior  
11 to moving out of his or her unit, a tenant's landlord rescinds the notice of withdrawal from the rental  
12 market, such tenant shall no longer qualify as a "Displaced Tenant". Additionally, if a person disputes  
13 a MOHCD determination that he or she does not qualify as a "Displaced Tenant" under this Section,  
14 such person shall have the right to a hearing conducted by a Rent Board Administrative Law Judge (as  
15 defined in Administrative Code Section 37.2(f)), with MOHCD as the responding party.

16 The Board of Supervisors shall hold a hearing on the status of this ~~Section~~<sup>legislation</sup>  
17 within 2 years of the effective date of ~~Ordinance 232-08~~<sup>this legislation</sup> to assess its impact, or at  
18 such time as the ~~Mayor's Office of Housing~~<sup>MOHCD</sup> certifies to the Board of Supervisors that, in  
19 any one fiscal year, the percent of Residential Certificate of Preference holders obtaining an  
20 affordable housing unit by taking advantage of the applicable preferences in this  
21 ~~Section~~<sup>legislation</sup> in all of the City's affordable housing programs combined exceeds 50% of  
22 the total number of units made available through the City's affordable housing programs in  
23 that year.

1           The Board of Supervisors shall hold a hearing to assess the impact of the Displaced Tenant  
2 preference within one year of the effective date of the ordinance creating the Displaced Tenant  
3 preference.

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5           **SEC. 37.6. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

6           In addition to other powers and duties set forth in this Chapter, and in addition to  
7 powers under the Charter and under other City Codes, including powers and duties under  
8 Administrative Code Chapter 49 (“Interest Rates on Security Deposits”), the Board shall have  
9 the power to:

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11           (o) As provided by Administrative Code Section 24.8, utilize Administrative Law Judges to  
12 hear and decide petitions from persons who dispute the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community  
13 Development’s determination that such person does not qualify as a “Displaced Tenant” (as defined in  
14 Administrative Code Section 24.8).

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16           Section 3. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 10.100-  
17 110, 10.100-370, and 43.3.4 to read as follows:

18           **SEC. 10.100-110. MAYOR'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FUND.**

19           (a) Establishment of Fund. The Mayor's Housing Affordability Fund is created as a  
20 category two fund to receive any prior legally binding obligations, any grants, gifts, bequests  
21 from private sources for the purposes cited in subsection (b), any monies repaid to the City as  
22 a result of loans made by the City to developers to assist in the development of affordable  
23 housing, any repayments of monies to the City where the City is beneficiary under a  
24 promissory note which was acquired as a result of the City's housing affordability assistance,  
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1 any repayments of loans made from this fund and any monies otherwise appropriated to the  
2 fund.

3 (b) Use of Fund. The fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing  
4 financial assistance to for-profit and nonprofit housing developers, where the contribution of  
5 monies from the fund will allow units in a project to be affordable to persons and families of  
6 low and moderate income. City departments may recover any costs of administering any  
7 project receiving funds from the Mayor's Housing Affordability Fund. The Mayor's Office of  
8 Housing and Community Development ("MOHCD") shall develop procedures and amend its  
9 regulations such that, for all projects funded by this fund, it requires the project sponsor or its  
10 successor in interest to give preference in occupying units or receiving assistance first to  
11 Residential Certificate of Preference Holders under the San Francisco Redevelopment  
12 Agency's Property Owner and Occupant Preference Program, as reprinted September 11,  
13 2008 and effective October 1, 2008 and on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 080521,  
14 who meet all of the qualifications for the unit or assistance; and second to any Displaced Tenant,  
15 as defined in Administrative Code Section 24.8, who meets all of the qualifications for the unit or  
16 assistance, provided that the following limitations shall apply to the Displaced Tenant preference: (i) a  
17 Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to existing, currently-occupied developments only for three  
18 years from the date the landlord filed with the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board  
19 ("Rent Board") a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the  
20 Ellis Act, California Government Code Section 7060 et seq. and the corresponding provisions of the  
21 San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance ("Rent Ordinance"), Administrative Code  
22 Sections 37.9(a)(13) and 37.9A; (ii) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to new developments  
23 going through the initial occupancy process only for six years from the date the landlord filed with the  
24 Rent Board a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis  
25 Act, cited above, and the corresponding provisions of the Rent Ordinance; and (iii) for any new

1 residential development going through the initial occupancy process, the Displaced Tenant preference  
2 shall apply only to twenty percent (20%) of the units in such development. The Displaced Tenant's  
3 preference shall still apply even if such Displaced Tenant declines a unit offered through application of  
4 the preference, but upon accepting and occupying a unit obtained using the preference, such Displaced  
5 Tenant's preference terminates. ~~The Mayor's Office of Housing shall develop procedures and amend~~  
6 ~~its regulations within 90 days of the effective date of this legislation to implement the requirements of~~  
7 ~~this Section.~~

8 MOHCD shall implement the Certificate of Preference Holder requirements of this Section by  
9 developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the effective date of  
10 Ordinance No. 232-08, and MOHCD shall implement the Displaced Tenant preference requirements of  
11 this Section by developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the  
12 effective date of the ordinance creating the Displaced Tenant preference. Said procedures and  
13 regulations shall be subject to approval by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The  
14 requirements of this paragraph are directory rather than mandatory.

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17 **SEC. 10.100-370. SAN FRANCISCO HOPE SF FUND.**

18 (a) Establishment of Fund. The HOPE SF Fund is hereby established as a category  
19 four fund for the purpose of assisting in the replacement and/or rehabilitation of distressed  
20 public housing projects in the City and County of San Francisco.

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22 (d) Administration of Fund. The fund shall be administered by the Mayor's Office of  
23 Housing and Community Development ("MOHCD"). The Director of MOHCD~~the Mayor's Office of~~  
24 ~~Housing~~ shall promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she may deem appropriate to  
25 carry out the provisions of the fund. Such rules and regulations shall be developed in

1 consultation with any appropriate agencies or organizations with which the Director, or his or  
2 her designee, may choose to consult. The rules and regulations shall be subject to a public  
3 hearing and approved by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. ~~The Mayor's Office of Housing~~  
4 MOHCD shall develop procedures such that, for all projects funded by the HOPE SF Fund,  
5 MOHCD ~~the Mayor's Office of Housing~~ requires the project sponsor or its successor in interest to  
6 give preference in occupying units first to any current occupants of a housing development  
7 receiving Funds, ~~and~~ second to Residential Certificate of Preference Holders under the San  
8 Francisco Redevelopment Agency's Property Owner and Occupant Preference Program, as  
9 reprinted September 11, 2008 and effective October 1, 2008 and on file with the Clerk of the  
10 Board in File No. 080521, who meet all of the qualifications for the unit; and third to any  
11 Displaced Tenant, as defined in Administrative Code Section 24.8, who meets all of the qualifications  
12 for the unit or assistance, provided that the following limitations shall apply to the Displaced Tenant  
13 preference: (i) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to existing, currently-occupied  
14 developments only for three years from the date the landlord filed with the Residential Rent  
15 Stabilization and Arbitration Board ("Rent Board") a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit  
16 from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, California Government Code Section 7060 et seq. and  
17 the corresponding provisions of the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance  
18 ("Rent Ordinance"), Administrative Code Sections 37.9(a)(13) and 37.9A; (ii) a Displaced Tenant may  
19 apply the preference to new developments going through the initial occupancy process only for six  
20 years from the date the landlord filed with the Rent Board a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's  
21 unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, cited above, and the corresponding provisions of  
22 the Rent Ordinance; and (iii) for any new residential development going through the initial occupancy  
23 process, the Displaced Tenant preference shall apply only to twenty percent (20%) of the units in such  
24 development. The Displaced Tenant's preference shall still apply even if such Displaced Tenant  
25 declines a unit offered through application of the preference, but upon accepting and occupying a unit

1 obtained using the preference, such Displaced Tenant's preference terminates.~~The Mayor's Office of~~  
2 ~~Housing and Community Development shall develop procedures and amend its regulations within 90~~  
3 ~~days of the effective date of this legislation to implement the preference described in this Section.~~

4 MOHCD shall implement the Certificate of Preference Holder requirements of this Section by  
5 developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the effective date of  
6 Ordinance No. 232-08, and MOHCD shall implement the Displaced Tenant preference requirements of  
7 this Section by developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the  
8 effective date of the ordinance creating the Displaced Tenant preference. Said procedures and  
9 regulations shall be subject to approval by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The  
10 requirements of this paragraph are directory rather than mandatory.

#### 12 **SEC. 43.3.4. PROPOSED USE OF BOND PROCEEDS.**

13 Following payment of costs of issuance, 85 percent of the bond proceeds will be used  
14 for the development of affordable rental housing through the development account described  
15 in the regulations, and 15 percent of the bond proceeds will be used for downpayment  
16 assistance for low and moderate income first-time homebuyers through the downpayment  
17 assistance loan account described in the program regulations; including all legally permissible  
18 administrative costs related to the program. The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community  
19 Development ("MOHCD") shall develop procedures and amend its regulations such that, for all  
20 projects funded by this affordable housing and home ownership bond program, including  
21 multifamily rental projects and down payment assistance to individual households, it requires  
22 the project sponsor or its successor in interest to give preference in occupying units or  
23 receiving assistance first to Residential Certificate of Preference Holders under the San  
24 Francisco Redevelopment Agency's Property Owner and Occupant Preference Program, as  
25 reprinted September 11, 2008 and effective October 1, 2008 and on file with the Clerk of the

1 Board in File No. 080521, who meet all of the qualifications for the unit or assistance; and  
2 second to any Displaced Tenant, as defined in Administrative Code Section 24.8, who meets all of the  
3 qualifications for the unit or assistance, provided that the following limitations shall apply to the  
4 Displaced Tenant preference: (i) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to existing, currently-  
5 occupied developments only for three years from the date the landlord filed with the Residential Rent  
6 Stabilization and Arbitration Board ("Rent Board") a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit  
7 from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, California Government Code Section 7060 et seq. and  
8 the corresponding provisions of the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance  
9 ("Rent Ordinance"), Administrative Code Sections 37.9(a)(13) and 37.9A; (ii) a Displaced Tenant may  
10 apply the preference to new developments going through the initial occupancy process only for six  
11 years from the date the landlord filed with the Rent Board a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's  
12 unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, cited above, and the corresponding provisions of  
13 the Rent Ordinance; and (iii) for any new residential development going through the initial occupancy  
14 process, the Displaced Tenant preference shall apply only to twenty percent (20%) of the units in such  
15 development. The Displaced Tenant's preference shall still apply even if such Displaced Tenant  
16 declines a unit offered through application of the preference, but upon accepting and occupying a unit  
17 obtained using the preference, such Displaced Tenant's preference terminates. ~~The Mayor's Office of~~  
18 ~~Housing shall develop procedures and amend its regulations within 90 days of the effective date of this~~  
19 ~~legislation to implement the requirements of this Section.~~

20 MOHCD shall implement the Certificate of Preference Holder requirements of this Section by  
21 developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the effective date of  
22 Ordinance No. 232-08, and MOHCD shall implement the Displaced Tenant preference requirements of  
23 this Section by developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the  
24 effective date of the ordinance creating the Displaced Tenant preference. Said procedures and  
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1 regulations shall be subject to approval by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The  
2 requirements of this paragraph are directory rather than mandatory.

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4 Section 4. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 413.10, 415.5,  
5 415.6 and 415.7 to read as follows:

6 **SEC. 413.10. CITYWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND.**

7 All monies contributed pursuant to Sections 413.6 or 413.8 or assessed pursuant to  
8 Section 413.9 shall be deposited in the special fund maintained by the Controller called the  
9 Citywide Affordable Housing Fund ("Fund"). The receipts in the Fund are hereby appropriated  
10 in accordance with law to be used solely to increase the supply of housing affordable to  
11 qualifying households subject to the conditions of this Section. The Mayor's Office of Housing  
12 and Community Development ("MOHCD") ~~MOH~~ shall develop procedures such that, for all  
13 projects funded by the Citywide Affordable Housing Fund, MOHCD requires the project  
14 sponsor or its successor in interest to give preference in occupying units first to Residential  
15 Certificate of Preference Holders under the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency's Property  
16 Owner and Occupant Preference Program, as reprinted September 11, 2008 and effective  
17 October 1, 2008 and on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 080521, who meet all of the  
18 qualifications for the unit; and second to any Displaced Tenant, as defined in Administrative Code  
19 Section 24.8, who meets all of the qualifications for the unit or assistance, provided that the following  
20 limitations shall apply to the Displaced Tenant preference: (i) a Displaced Tenant may apply the  
21 preference to existing, currently-occupied developments only for three years from the date the landlord  
22 filed with the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board ("Rent Board") a notice of intent to  
23 withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, California Government  
24 Code Section 7060 et seq. and the corresponding provisions of the San Francisco Rent Stabilization  
25 and Arbitration Ordinance ("Rent Ordinance"), Administrative Code Sections 37.9(a)(13) and 37.9A;

1 (ii) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to new developments going through the initial  
2 occupancy process only for six years from the date the landlord filed with the Rent Board a notice of  
3 intent to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, cited above, and  
4 the corresponding provisions of the Rent Ordinance; and (iii) for any new residential development  
5 going through the initial occupancy process, the Displaced Tenant preference shall apply only to  
6 twenty percent (20%) of the units in such development. The Displaced Tenant's preference shall still  
7 apply even if such Displaced Tenant declines a unit offered through application of the preference, but  
8 upon accepting and occupying a unit obtained using the preference, such Displaced Tenant's  
9 preference terminates.~~The Mayor's Office of Housing shall develop procedures and amend its~~  
10 ~~regulations within 90 days of the effective date of this legislation to implement the requirements of this~~  
11 ~~Section.~~

12 MOHCD shall implement the Certificate of Preference Holder requirements of this Section by  
13 developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the effective date of  
14 Ordinance No. 232-08, and MOHCD shall implement the Displaced Tenant preference requirements of  
15 this Section by developing procedures and amending its applicable regulations within 90 days of the  
16 effective date of the ordinance creating the Displaced Tenant preference. Said procedures and  
17 regulations shall be subject to approval by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The  
18 requirements of this paragraph are directory rather than mandatory.

19 The Fund shall be administered and expended by the Director of MOHCD, who shall  
20 have the authority to prescribe rules and regulations governing the Fund which are consistent  
21 with Section 413.1et seq. No portion of the Fund may be used, by way of loan or otherwise, to  
22 pay any administrative, general overhead, or similar expense of any entity.

## 24 **SEC. 415.5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE.**

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1 (f) Use of Fees. All monies contributed pursuant to this Section shall be deposited in  
2 the special fund maintained by the Controller called the Citywide Affordable Housing Fund.  
3 ~~MOH~~ The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development ("MOHCD") shall use the funds  
4 in the following manner:

5 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) below, the receipts in the Fund are  
6 hereby appropriated in accordance with law to be used to:

7 (~~Aa~~) increase the supply of housing affordable to qualifying households subject  
8 to the conditions of this Section; and

9 (~~Bb~~) provide assistance to low and moderate income homebuyers; and

10 (~~Cc~~) pay the expenses of MOHCD in connection with monitoring and  
11 administering compliance with the requirements of the Program. MOHCD is authorized to use  
12 funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 every 5 years to conduct follow-up studies under  
13 Section 415.9(e) and to update the affordable housing fee amounts as described above in  
14 Section 415.5(b). All other monitoring and administrative expenses shall be appropriated  
15 through the annual budget process or supplemental appropriation for MOHCD. The fund shall  
16 be administered and expended by MOHCD, which shall have the authority to prescribe rules  
17 and regulations governing the Fund which are consistent with this Section.

18 (2) "Small Sites Funds."

19 (A) Designation of Funds. MOHCD shall designate and separately account for  
20 10% percent of all fees that it receives under Section 415.1et seq., excluding fees that are  
21 geographically targeted such as those in Sections 415.6(a)(1) and 827(b)(C), to support  
22 acquisition and rehabilitation of Small Sites ("Small Sites Funds"). MOHCD shall continue to  
23 divert 10 percent of all fees for this purpose until the Small Sites Funds reach a total of \$15  
24 million at which point, MOHCD will stop designating funds for this purpose. At such time as  
25 designated Small Sites Funds are expended and dip below \$15 million, MOHCD shall start

1 designating funds again for this purpose, such that at no time the Small Sites Funds shall  
2 exceed \$15 million. When the total amount of fees paid to the City under Section 415.1 et seq.  
3 totals less than \$10 million over the preceding 12 month period, MOHCD is authorized to  
4 temporarily divert funds from the Small Sites Fund for other purposes. MOHCD must keep  
5 track of the diverted funds, however, such that when the amount of fees paid to the City under  
6 Section 415.1 et seq. meets or exceeds \$10 million over the preceding 12 month period,  
7 MOHCD shall commit all of the previously diverted funds and 10 percent of any new funds,  
8 subject to the cap above, to the Small Sites Fund.

9 (B) Use of Small Sites Funds. The funds shall be used exclusively to acquire or  
10 rehabilitate "Small Sites" defined as properties consisting of less than 25 units. Units  
11 supported by monies from the fund shall be designated as housing affordable to qualifying  
12 households as defined in Section 415.1 for no less than 55 years. Properties supported by the  
13 Small Sites Funds must be either

- 14 (i) rental properties that will be maintained as rental properties;  
15 (ii) vacant properties that were formerly rental properties as long as those  
16 properties have been vacant for a minimum of two years prior to the effective date of this  
17 legislation,  
18 (iii) properties that have been the subject of foreclosure or  
19 (iv) a Limited Equity Housing Cooperative as defined in Subdivision Code  
20 Sections 1399.1 et seq. or a property owned or leased by a non-profit entity modeled as a  
21 Community Land Trust.

22 (C) Initial Funds. If, within 18 months from the date of adoption of this ordinance,  
23 MOHCD dedicates an initial one-time contribution of other eligible funds to be used initially as  
24 Small Sites Funds, MOHCD may use the equivalent amount of Small Sites Funds received  
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1 from fees for other purposes permitted by the Citywide Affordable Housing Fund until the  
2 amount of the initial one-time contribution is reached.

3 (D) Annual Report. At the end of each fiscal year, MOHCD shall issue a report to  
4 the Board of Supervisors regarding the amount of Small Sites Funds received from fees under  
5 this legislation, and a report of how those funds were used.

6 (E) Intent. In adopting this ordinance regarding Small Sites Funds, the Board of  
7 Supervisors does not intend to preclude MOHCD from expending other eligible sources of  
8 funding on Small Sites as described in this Section, or from allocating or expending more than  
9 \$15 million of other eligible funds on Small Sites.

10 (3) For all projects funded by the Citywide Affordable Housing Fund, MOHCD requires the  
11 project sponsor or its successor in interest to give preference in occupying units first to Residential  
12 Certificate of Preference Holders under the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency's Property Owner  
13 and Occupant Preference Program, as reprinted September 11, 2008 and effective October 1, 2008 and  
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22 Ordinance ("Rent Ordinance"), Administrative Code Sections 37.9(a)(13) and 37.9A; (ii) a Displaced  
23 Tenant may apply the preference to new developments going through the initial occupancy process only  
24 for six years from the date the landlord filed with the Rent Board a notice of intent to withdraw the  
25 tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, cited above, and the corresponding

1 provisions of the Rent Ordinance; and (iii) for any new residential development going through the  
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3 the units in such development. The Displaced Tenant's preference shall still apply even if such  
4 Displaced Tenant declines a unit offered through application of the preference, but upon accepting and  
5 occupying a unit obtained using the preference, such Displaced Tenant's preference terminates.  
6 Otherwise, it is the policy of the City to treat all households equally in allocating affordable units under  
7 this Program.

#### 8 9 **SEC. 415.6. ON-SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALTERNATIVE.**

10 If a project sponsor is eligible and elects to provide on-site units pursuant to Section  
11 415.5(g), the development project shall meet the following requirements:

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13 (d) Marketing the Units: ~~MOH~~ The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development  
14 ("MOHCD") shall be responsible for overseeing and monitoring the marketing of affordable  
15 units under this Section. In general, the marketing requirements and procedures shall be  
16 contained in the Procedures Manual as amended from time to time and shall apply to the  
17 affordable units in the project. MOHCD may develop occupancy standards for units of different  
18 bedroom sizes in the Procedures Manual in order to promote an efficient allocation of  
19 affordable units. MOHCD may require in the Procedures Manual that prospective purchasers  
20 complete homebuyer education training or fulfill other requirements. MOHCD shall develop a  
21 list of minimum qualifications for marketing firms that market affordable units under Section  
22 415.5et seq., referred to the Procedures Manual as Below Market Rate (BMR units). No  
23 developer marketing units under the Program shall be able to market affordable units except  
24 through a firm meeting all of the minimum qualifications. The Notice of Special Restrictions or  
25 conditions of approval shall specify that the marketing requirements and procedures

1 contained in the Procedures Manual as amended from time to time, shall apply to the  
2 affordable units in the project.

3 (1) Lottery: At the initial offering of affordable units in a housing project and when  
4 ownership units become available for re-sale in any housing project subject to this Program  
5 after the initial offering, MOHCD must require the use of a public lottery approved by MOHCD  
6 to select purchasers or tenants.

7 (2) Preferences: MOHCD shall create a lottery system that gives the following  
8 preferences: (A) first to Residential Certificate of Preference Holders under the San Francisco  
9 Redevelopment Agency's Property Owner and Occupant Preference Program, as reprinted  
10 September 11, 2008 and effective October 1, 2008 and on file with the Clerk of the Board in  
11 File No. 080521, who meet the qualifications of the Program; ~~(B), and~~ second to any Displaced  
12 Tenant, as defined in Administrative Code Section 24.8, who meets all of the qualifications for the unit  
13 or assistance, provided that the following limitations shall apply to the Displaced Tenant preference:  
14 (i) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to existing, currently-occupied developments only for  
15 three years from the date the landlord filed with the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration  
16 Board ("Rent Board") a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market pursuant  
17 to the Ellis Act, California Government Code Section 7060 et seq. and the corresponding provisions of  
18 the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance ("Rent Ordinance"), Administrative  
19 Code Sections 37.9(a)(13) and 37.9A; (ii) a Displaced Tenant may apply the preference to new  
20 developments going through the initial occupancy process only for six years from the date the landlord  
21 filed with the Rent Board a notice of intent to withdraw the tenant's unit from the rental market  
22 pursuant to the Ellis Act, cited above, and the corresponding provisions of the Rent Ordinance; and  
23 (iii) for any new residential development going through the initial occupancy process, the Displaced  
24 Tenant preference shall apply only to twenty percent (20%) of the units in such development; and (C)  
25 third to people who live or work in San Francisco who meet the qualifications of the Program.

1 The Displaced Tenant's preference shall still apply even if such Displaced Tenant declines a unit  
2 offered through application of the preference, but upon accepting and occupying a unit obtained using  
3 the preference, such Displaced Tenant's preference terminates. MOHCD shall propose policies and  
4 procedures for implementing these preferences to the Planning Commission for inclusion in  
5 the Procedures Manual. Otherwise, it is the policy of the ~~Board of Supervisors~~ City to treat all  
6 households equally in allocating affordable units under this Program.

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8 **SEC. 415.7. OFF-SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALTERNATIVE.**

9 If the project sponsor is eligible and selects pursuant to Section 415.5(g) to provide off-  
10 site units to satisfy the requirements of Section 415.1et seq., the project sponsor shall notify  
11 the Planning Department and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development  
12 ("MOHCD") ~~MOH~~ of its intent as early as possible. The Planning Department and MOHCD  
13 shall provide an evaluation of the project's compliance with this Section prior to approval by  
14 the Planning Commission or Planning Department. The development project shall meet the  
15 following requirements:

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17 (e) Marketing the Units: MOHCD shall be responsible for overseeing and monitoring  
18 the marketing of affordable units under this Section. In general, the marketing requirements  
19 and procedures shall be contained in the Procedures Manual as amended from time to time  
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6 (1) Lottery: At the initial offering of affordable units in a housing project and when  
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11 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
12 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
13 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
14 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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16 Section 6. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
17 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
18 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
19 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
20 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
21 the official title of the ordinance.

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