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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Arntz, Director of Elections
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Jenica Maldonado
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DATE: November 27, 2019

RE: Election Results and Effective Dates of Ballot Measures

In this memorandum, consistent with our past practice, we summarize the process for reporting election results and the effective dates of ballot measures submitted to the voters at the November 5, 2019 election. Dates provided in this memorandum are only estimates; further action by the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") and the Secretary of State, will determine the effective dates of measures adopted by the voters. Interested third parties should not rely on this memorandum as a substitute for consulting with their own attorney.

Final Election Results

- The Department of Elections ("Department") must complete the final official canvass of votes and certify the election results within 30 days after the election. *See* Cal. Elec. Code § 15372. The Department submits the certified results to the Board, which must then adopt a resolution declaring the results of the election. *See id.* §§ 9269, 15400. On November 26, the Department certified the results of the November 5, 2019 election.

Effective Date of Ballot Measures

- *Local initiative ordinances* – Unless the text of the measure provides otherwise, local ordinances adopted by the voters go into effect ten days after the Board declares the results of the election. *See* S.F. Mun. Elec. Code § 380; Cal. Elec. Code §§ 9122, 9217. The Board will likely declare the results of this election on December 10, 2019, which means that local initiative ordinances adopted at this election would likely become effective on December 20, 2019.
- *Charter amendments* – After the Board declares the election results, the Director of Elections must submit to the Secretary of State a copy of any Charter amendment adopted by the voters. *See* Cal. Elec. Code § 9269. The amendment becomes effective when the Secretary of State accepts and files it. *See* S.F. Mun. Elec. Code § 380; Cal. Gov. Code §§ 34459, 34460. We estimate that Charter amendments adopted at this election will become effective in late December.

November 6, 2019 Local Measures

We list below the date each local measure will become effective. Except where specifically noted, a measure becomes operative on the date it becomes effective. For some measures, the operative date is different from the effective date. In those instances, the operative date is the date the City may actually implement the measure, and the effective date is the date when the measure becomes law.

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General Obligation Bond Measure

A: Affordable Housing Bond

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.

Charter Amendment

B: Department of Disability and Aging Services

- Effective when the Secretary of State files the Charter amendment.

Ordinances

D: Traffic Congestion Mitigation Tax

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.
- Operative on January 1, 2020.

E: Affordable Housing and Educator Housing

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.

F: Campaign Contributions and Campaign Advertisements

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.