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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Bradley Russi
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DATE: March 21, 2024

RE: Election Results and Effective Dates of Ballot Measures for the March 5, 2024
Election

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 March 5, 2024 election. Dates provided in this memorandum are only estimates; further action by the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) 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

- California Elections Code section 15372 requires the Department of Elections (the “Department”) to complete the final official canvass of votes and to certify the election within 30 days after the election. 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. *Id.* at §§ 9269, 15400. The Department anticipates it will certify the results of the March 5, 2024 election on March 22, 2024. We anticipate that the Board will approve a resolution declaring the results of this election at its meeting on April 2, 2024.

Effective Date of Ballot Measures

- Local initiative ordinances (including local bond measures) and declarations of policy* – Unless the text of the measure provides otherwise, local measures other than Charter amendments 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 April 2, 2024, which means that local initiative measures adopted at this election would likely become effective on April 12, 2024.

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March 5, 2024 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.

General Obligation Bond Measure

A: Affordable Housing Bonds

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

Ordinances

C: Real Estate Transfer Tax Exemption and Office Space Allocation

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

D: Changes to Local Ethics Laws

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.
- Operative 6 months after the effective date.

E: Police Department Policies and Procedures

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.
- To the extent the new Police Department policies mandated by Chapter 96I conflict with existing department policies, the existing policies remain operative until the Police Commission adopts revised policies to comply with the measure or October 1, 2024, whichever occurs sooner.

F: Illegal Substance Dependence Screening and Treatment for Recipients of City Public Assistance

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.
- Operative January 1, 2025.

Declaration of Policy

G: Offering Algebra 1 to Eighth Graders

- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election.
- Within 90 days of the effective date, the Board of Supervisors shall take any action within its power to carry the declaration into effect.