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MEMORANDUM

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

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DATE: December 4, 2024

RE: Election Results and Effective Dates of Approved Ballot Measures

Consistent with our usual practice following the certification of election results by the Department of Elections (the “Department”), in this public memorandum, we summarize the process for the City, through the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”), to declare election results for local ballot measures and the dates measures approved by the voters in the November 5, 2024 election will become effective (that is, the date the measures will “go on the books” as law).

In many instances, the effective dates that we identify are estimates; further action that the Board and the Secretary of State must take will determine the actual effective dates of those measures, as we describe below. In any instance where an approved ballot measure provides that it or any significant part of it becomes operational after the measure’s effective date, we also identify the later operational date (that is, the date the City may actually implement the measure). And finally, as to this election one of the tax measures that passed had a so-called “poison pill” provision invalidating another tax measure that passed with fewer votes, as we explain below.

Interested third parties should not rely on this memorandum regarding effective and operative dates for particular measures as a substitute for consulting with their own attorneys.

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. On December 3, 2024, the Department certified the results of the November 5, 2024 election. We anticipate that the Board will approve a resolution declaring the results of this election at its meeting on December 10, 2024.

Effective Date of Ballot Measures

- 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

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by the voters. Cal. Elec. Code § 9269. The amendment becomes effective when the Secretary of State accepts and files it. S.F. Mun. Elec. Code § 380; Cal. Gov. Code §§ 34459, 34460. In the past, the Secretary of State has accepted and filed adopted Charter amendments within approximately 30 days of submission by the City.

- *Local initiative ordinances* – Unless the text of the measure provides otherwise, local ordinances adopted by the voters go into effect 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election. S.F. Mun. Elec. Code § 380; Cal. Elec. Code §§ 9122, 9217. Assuming the Board declares the results of this election on December 10, 2024, the local initiative ordinances adopted at this election will become effective on December 20, 2024.

November 4, 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. As mentioned above, in those instances, the operative date is the date the City may actually implement the measure as provided in the text of the measure, and the effective date is the date when the measure becomes law.

General Obligation Bond Measures

A: Schools Improvement and Safety Bond

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

B: Community Health and Medical Facilities, Street Safety, Public Spaces, and Shelter to Reduce Homelessness Bond

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

Charter Amendments

C: Inspector General

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

E: Creating a Task Force to Recommend Changing, Eliminating, or Combining City Commissions

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

G: Funding Rental Subsidies for Affordable Housing Developments Serving Low Income Seniors, Families, and Persons with Disabilities

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

H: Retirement Benefits for Firefighters

- Effective when the Secretary of State files the Charter Amendment.
- Operative January 1, 2025, for applicable members of the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System.

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I: Retirement Benefits for Nurses and 911 Operators

- Effective when the Secretary of State files the Charter Amendment.
- Operative January 4, 2025 for applicable public safety communications personnel.

J: Funding Programs Serving Children, Youth, and Families

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

Ordinances

K: Permanently Closing the Upper Great Highway to Private Vehicles to Establish a Public Open Recreation Space

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

L: Additional Business Tax on Transportation Network Companies and Autonomous Vehicle Businesses to Fund Public Transportation

- Proposition M (below) expressly provides that if it receives more votes than any other measure imposing a tax based on gross receipts, then the two measures are deemed to conflict and the other measure fails. Proposition L is another measure besides Proposition M imposing a tax on gross receipts.
- Because Propositions L and M both passed and Proposition M received more votes than Proposition L, by Proposition M's express terms, Proposition L will not go into effect.

M: Changes to Business Taxes

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

N: First Responder Student Loan and Training Reimbursement Fund

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

O: Supporting Reproductive Rights

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