

[Administrative Code - Family Violence Council]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to change the composition of the Family Violence Council; and establishing a sunset date for the Council, unless it is reauthorized by an Ordinance.**

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified 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 ~~strikethrough 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. Chapter 5, Article XIX of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 5.190 through 5.190-5, and adding Sections 5.190-6 and 5.190-7, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XIX:  
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL**

Sec. 5.190. Establishment and Purpose – Family Violence Council.

Sec. 5.190-1. Family Violence Council – Duties.

Sec. 5.190-2. Steering Committee – Composition – Terms of Office.

Sec. 5.190-3. Steering Committee – Duties.

Sec. 5.190-4. Family Violence Council – Composition – Terms of Office.

Sec. 5.190-5. Family Violence Council – Organization.

Sec. 5.190-6. Family Violence Council and Steering Committee – Support, Staffing, and Assistance.

1           Sec. 5.190-7. Family Violence Council – Sunset.

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3           **SEC. 5.190. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE – FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL.**

4           (a)   **Establishment.** A Family Violence Council for the City and County of San  
5 Francisco (referred to *hereafter* in this *Chapter Article XIX* as “Council”) is hereby established  
6 as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors. ~~The Council shall consist of representatives~~  
7 ~~from City agencies, community-based organizations, academia, and the medical and business~~  
8 ~~communities. All City departments, commissions, boards and agencies shall cooperate with the~~  
9 ~~Council in conducting its business.~~

10           ~~The composition of the Council shall broadly represent the ethnic, racial, gender, age and~~  
11 ~~sexual orientation diversity of the City and County.~~

12           (b)   **Purpose.** The Council is established to advise and submit recommendations to  
13 the Board of Supervisors that address the problems of family violence. Family violence  
14 includes child abuse, domestic violence, and elder/dependent adult abuse. The Council may  
15 also advise the courts of the City and County and the Mayor by submitting recommendations  
16 to improve the response by ~~these~~ departments to family violence and abuse. The general  
17 purpose~~s~~ of the Council shall be the following:

18                   (1)   Increase the awareness and understanding of family violence ~~(and its~~  
19 ~~consequences)~~ by establishing a series of roundtables, forums, meetings, or summits that  
20 identify, highlight, and discuss critical issues pertaining to family violence so as to broaden  
21 understanding of family violence and its causes and consequences among the public,  
22 governmental agencies, courts, and community organizations.

23                   (2)   Recommend programs and policies that promote communication and  
24 coordination of City and community-based organizations’ services relating to child abuse,  
25 domestic violence, and elder/dependent adult abuse.

1                   (3)     Recommend programs, policies, and coordination of City services to the  
2 Board of Supervisors and Mayor that may reduce the incidence of family violence in San  
3 Francisco.

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5                   **SEC. 5.190-1. FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL – DUTIES.**

6                   The duties of the Council shall be the following:

7                   ~~(1a)~~    Recommend effective strategies through which public and private agencies that  
8 serve victims of domestic or family violence can identify the existence of family violence;

9                   ~~(2b)~~    Recommend methods of providing public education about family violence and  
10 abuse;

11                  ~~(3c)~~    Facilitate communication between public and private agencies that provide  
12 programs for victims of family violence and programs of family violence intervention;

13                  ~~(4d)~~    Recommend procedures to improve the cooperation and coordination of public  
14 and private agencies with all participants in the justice system who deal with family violence,  
15 including procedures for reviewing fatalities resulting from family violence;

16                  ~~(5e)~~    Recommend a comprehensive and coordinated plan to collect data about family  
17 violence in a manner that protects the identity of victims of family violence, and that would  
18 make the data available to the courts, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and health care  
19 practitioners;

20                  ~~(6f)~~    Recommend ways of responding in a coordinated manner to family violence by  
21 City departments, boards, commissions, and agencies, and the courts that would improve  
22 responsiveness by the City and prevent family violence;

23                  ~~(7g)~~    Collect, compile, and analyze public information regarding arrest and restraining  
24 order enforcement policies; screening and prosecution of cases; issuances of protective  
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1 orders; identifying family violence in other legal proceedings; ~~and~~ monitoring offenders after  
2 judgment; and other relevant data as needed;

3 (8h) Collect, compile, and analyze public information relating to programs for victims  
4 of family violence and services provided for abusers on probation;

5 (9i) Analyze current and projected revenue and funding sources and recommend  
6 other prospective revenue sources for response to family violence; and

7 (10j) Respond to inquiries of the Board of Supervisors made consistent with the duties  
8 imposed by this ~~Ordinance~~ Article XIX.

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10 **SEC. 5.190-2. STEERING COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION – TERMS OF OFFICE.**

11 (a) **Composition of Steering Committee.** The Council members serving in seats 10,  
12 12, and 13 shall serve as the members of the Steering Committee ~~shall be the three and~~ co-chairs  
13 of the ~~Family Violence Council, who shall be selected from among the members of the Family~~  
14 ~~Violence Council. One co-chair will be selected from an agency or organization that specializes in~~  
15 ~~domestic violence; one co-chair shall be selected from an agency or organization that specializes in~~  
16 ~~child abuse; and one co-chair shall be selected from an agency or organization that specializes in~~  
17 ~~elder/dependent adult abuse. A representative from the Department on the Status of Women shall~~  
18 ~~provide support to the Steering Committee in scheduling meetings, developing meeting agendas, and~~  
19 ~~performing such other functions as are necessary to promote the work of the Family Violence Council.~~

20 (b) **Meetings.** The Steering Committee shall meet regularly at such times and  
21 places as the members of the Committee shall determine.

22 (c) **Rules and Regulations.** The Steering Committee may adopt reasonable rules  
23 and regulations not inconsistent with the Charter or this ~~Ordinance~~ Article XIX for the conduct  
24 of its affairs and for the ~~distribution and~~ performance of its business.

1           **SEC. 5.190-3. STEERING COMMITTEE – DUTIES.**

2           The Steering Committee shall serve as the policy setting body of the Council. Duties  
3 of the Steering Committee shall include the establishment of the organization and structure of  
4 the Council, creation of working groups when necessary to implement the objectives of the  
5 Council, and oversight of the operations of the Council.

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7           **SEC. 5.190-4. FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL – COMPOSITION – TERMS OF**  
8 **OFFICE.**

9           (a)   **Composition.** The composition of the Council shall broadly represent the ethnic,  
10 racial, gender, age, and sexual orientation diversity of the City and County. ~~The Family Violence~~  
11 ~~Council shall consist of the following individuals~~ or their respective designees:

- 12           (1)   Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, ~~or his/her designee;~~
- 13           (2)   Mayor, ~~or his or her designee;~~
- 14           (3)   President of the Board of Supervisors, ~~or his/her designee;~~
- 15           (4)   District Attorney, ~~or his/her designee;~~
- 16           (5)   Chief of Police, ~~or his/her designee;~~
- 17           (6)   Sheriff, ~~or his or her designee;~~
- 18           (7)   President of the Commission on the Status of Women, ~~or his/her designee;~~
- 19           (8)   Chief of Adult Probation, ~~or his/her designee;~~
- 20           (9)   ~~Chief~~ Executive Director of Department of Emergency Management, ~~or~~  
21 ~~his/her designee;~~
- 22           (10)  Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Consortium, ~~or his/her~~  
23 ~~designee;~~
- 24           (11)  Executive Director of Human Service Agency, ~~or his or her designee;~~
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- 1 (12) Executive Director of the Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention, ~~or~~  
2 ~~his/her designee;~~
- 3 (13) Executive Director of the San Francisco Child Abuse Council, ~~or his/her~~  
4 ~~designee;~~
- 5 (14) Director of the Department of Public Health, ~~or his/her designee;~~
- 6 (15) Director of the Department of Adult and Aging Services, ~~or his/her~~  
7 ~~designee;~~
- 8 (16) Director of the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, ~~or~~  
9 ~~his/her designee;~~
- 10 (17) Chair of the Consortium of Batterer's Intervention Programs, ~~or his/her~~  
11 ~~designee;~~
- 12 (18) Director of the Department of Child Support Services, ~~or his or her designee.;~~
- 13 (19) Chief of Juvenile Probation;
- 14 (20) Public Defender;
- 15 (21) Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control;
- 16 (22) Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District;
- 17 (23) Human Resources Director; and
- 18 (24) Chief of the Fire Department.

19 If at any time an agency responsible for designating a member to Seat 1, 10, 12, 13, 17, or 22  
20 declines to designate a member and leaves the seat vacant for 60 days or longer, the Board of  
21 Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until such time as the agency designates  
22 a member.

23 The Steering Committee shall have the authority to appoint up to three *at-large*  
24 members to the ~~Family Violence~~ Council. Each such member shall have an interest in family  
25 violence prevention and experience working in academia or the non-profit, medical, or business

1 community. Each of these members shall serve for a term of one-year at the pleasure of the  
2 Steering Committee.

3 (b) Limitations on Service in Community-Based Organization Seats. No individual may serve  
4 as a Council member in seat 10, 12, 13, or 17, either as a named member or as a designee, for more  
5 than six years out of any nine-year period. For the purpose of calculating the number of years of  
6 service, any service prior to May 1, 2015 shall not count.

7 (bc) Assistance of the City Attorney. The Council may request the City Attorney's  
8 Office or his or her designee may be requested to provide advice and legal counsel to the Council.

9 (ed) Meetings. The Family Violence Council shall meet at least once a quarter at  
10 such times and places as the Council shall designate.

## 12 SEC. 5.190-5. FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL – ORGANIZATION.

13 (a) **Removal of Council Members.** If ~~an at-large~~ member of the Council appointed  
14 by the Steering Committee misses three regularly scheduled meetings of the Council in any 12-  
15 month period without the express approval of the Council, the Steering Committee may  
16 appoint a new ~~at-large~~ member to fill his/her seat on the Council. If a ~~public or private official,~~  
17 ~~or his or her designee, who occupies an ex-officio member in seats 1 through 24~~ on the Council who  
18 has been designated by the named member to fill the seat misses three regularly scheduled  
19 meetings of the Council in any 12-month period without the express approval of the Council,  
20 the Steering Committee may ask the ~~ex-officio-named~~ member to designate another individual  
21 to occupy that ~~ex-officio~~ seat.

22 (b) **Compensation.** Members of the Council shall not be compensated, nor shall  
23 they be reimbursed for expenses.

24 (c) **Annual Report.** The Council ~~may~~ shall submit an annual report of its  
25 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, and may present that report at a hearing at the

1 Board's request. The Council also ~~and~~ may submit recommendations to the courts and the  
2 Mayor. ~~The Council may conclude that the work of the Council has been completed and request the~~  
3 ~~Board of Supervisors to abolish the Council.~~

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5 **SEC. 5.190-6. FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL AND STEERING COMMITTEE –**  
6 **SUPPORT, STAFFING, AND ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) The Department on the Status of Women shall provide support to the Council and the  
8 Steering Committee in scheduling meetings, developing meeting agendas, and performing such other  
9 functions as are necessary to promote the work of the Council.

10 (b) All City departments, commissions, boards and agencies shall cooperate with the Council  
11 in conducting its business.

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13 **SEC. 5.190-7. FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL – SUNSET.**

14 Unless the Board of Supervisors by ordinance extends the term of the Family Violence Council,  
15 this Article XIX shall expire by operation of law, and the Committee shall terminate, on May 1, 2018.  
16 After that date, the City Attorney shall cause this Article to be removed from the Administrative Code.

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18 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
19 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
20 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
21 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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23 Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
24 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
25 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal



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Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

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March 26, 2015 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 07, 2015 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING


Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

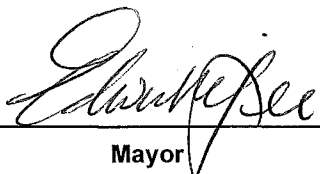
April 14, 2015 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED


Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on  
4/14/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of  
the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor

  
Date Approved