[Municipal Elections Code - Disclosure Regarding Ballot Measures Involving Port Public Trust Property]

Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to require a notice in the voter information pamphlet for measures that would approve a development project or a substantial land use or zoning change on land held subject to the public trust by the City, acting by and through the Port Commission.

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. The Municipal Elections Code is hereby amended by revising Section 500, to read as follows:

SEC. 500. VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET; CONTENTS; FORMAT.

With respect to any election to be held in the City and County, the Director of Elections shall prepare a voter information pamphlet. The voter information pamphlet shall contain, in addition to any other material required by the Charter or by general law, the following materials:

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(c) Contents as to measures:

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(9) The following statement for each measure that would approve a development project or substantial land use or zoning changes on land transferred in trust to the City, acting by and
through the Port Commission, under the Burton Act, Chapter 1333 of the Statutes of 1968, as it has
been amended and may be amended in the future: “Measure _____ involves the San Francisco
waterfront, which includes sovereign lands that the State of California has legislatively granted to the
City. These waterfront lands and their resources are protected by the common law public trust
doctrine and the City holds them in trust on behalf of all the People of California.”

Measures, and the material specified in this Section relating to said measures, shall be
printed in the voter information pamphlet in the same order in which designated upon the
ballot.

If space allows, the items specified in Subsections (c)(1) to (c)(5) of this Section shall be
printed together on the same page of the voter information pamphlet. This page shall be
known as the "ballot measure title page." The ballot measure title page shall also indicate: the
page number at which the arguments for or against the measure are printed; and, if applicable
the page number at which the definitions of terms appearing on ballot measure title page are
printed.

The item specified in subsection (c)(9) shall be printed immediately preceding the legal text for
the measure.

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: JON GIVNER
Deputy City Attorney
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April 25, 2018 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 01, 2018 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

May 08, 2018 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 5/8/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mark E. Farrell
Mayor

Date Approved
5/8/18