Proposition C

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to: 1) extend the Children’s Fund for 25 years and increase the set-aside from three cents to four cents over a four-year period; 2) extend the Public Education Enrichment Fund for 26 years; 3) create an Our Children, Our Families Council and require preparation of a Children and Families Plan; 4) create a City Rainy Day Reserve and a School Rainy Day Reserve out of the existing Rainy Day Reserve; and 5) make various technical and administrative changes to the Funds, at an election to be held on November 4, 2014.


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Section 1. Children and Families First Initiative; General Preamble.

(a) We introduce this “Children and Families First Initiative” as an integrated effort to reauthorize both the Children and Youth Fund (formerly called the Children’s Fund) and the Public Education Enrichment Fund (“PEEF”), establish the Our Children, Our Families Council, and create a City Rainy Day Reserve and a School Rainy Day Reserve out of the existing Rainy Day Reserve.

(b) To ensure the health and success of every San Francisco child, it is imperative for San Francisco to invest further in the children and families of our City.

(c) In order to advance a Citywide vision and long-term set of goals to support the growing needs of children and families, City leaders, departments, the San Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD”), and community partners must come together to align practices; strengthen access to services; coordinate across agencies; and develop a unified strategy.

(d) The people of the City and County of San Francisco previously supported the passage of the Children’s Fund Amendment in 1991 and 2001 in addition to overwhelmingly approving PEEF in 2004 with over 70 percent of the vote.

(e) While these initiatives dedicated funding for vital services both in school and outside of school, the State of California remains 49th in per-pupil spending and addressing the level of unmet needs remains a significant challenge. One-third of San Francisco’s African American and Latino children live below the poverty line. And the number of San Francisco children living in poverty increased by 14 percent over the past 5 years.

(f) SFUSD schools and San Francisco nonprofit community-based organizations are the City’s most valuable public assets in terms of supporting children, youth, and their families. Every San Francisco student has the right to a quality public education and necessary support services that prepare them to pursue higher education, be competitive in a diversity of job markets and ultimately contribute to the future health and vitality of San Francisco.

(g) San Francisco is experiencing a renaissance. However, economic inequity continues to grow, causing displacement and hardship for families with the most need.

(h) The percentage of children under the age of 18 in San Francisco has steadily declined. As of 2010, 13.4 percent of our total population was under the age of 18, the lowest of any major city nationwide. Additionally, over 10 percent of 1-4 year olds leave the City in any given year with far fewer children of that age bracket moving in.

(i) The decline in children impacts the cultural and ethnic diversity that once made San Francisco a sanctuary for all, regardless of age, race, or economic background.

(j) The loss of children and families also amounts to lost revenue from less money spent on the local economy and a declining workforce.

(k) With the Children and Youth Fund and PEEF scheduled for reauthorization through the unified Children and Families First Initiative, the City must seize this opportunity to build on the previous success of these funds and strengthen their capacity for the future.

(l) The previous investment of the Children and Youth Fund allowed for the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families to serve over 56,000 youth in FY 2012-2013, focusing on the children with the most need, and with programs including child care, after school academic and enrichment programs, violence prevention, wellness centers, and youth workforce development programs.

(m) In the last decade, critical PEEF Sports, Libraries, Arts and Music funding ensured that every San Francisco public school has a librarian, every elementary school offers art classes and engagement opportunities, physical education classes are equipped and staffed by credentialed instructors, and sports teams have more coaches and officials, along with upgraded uniforms and equipment.

(n) The Preschool for All program, initially established by the PEEF in 2004, successfully served over 18,000 children. Studies have shown that children who participated in Preschool for All demonstrated significantly higher academic achievement than children who did not participate.

(o) PEEF also enabled the Human Capital Support program to recruit and retain a diversity of quality teachers to SFUSD. In the year the program began, there were approximately 46 teacher vacancies on the first day of school, whereas there were only three teacher vacancies on the first day of school in FY 2012-2013.

(p) The reauthorization of the Children and Youth Fund and PEEF through the unified Children and Families First Initiative is an important step in pushing for a cultural and priority shift in our City.

(q) We have seen how increased investment and efficiency can maximize results. With this in mind, this Charter Amendment also establishes the “Our Children, Our Families Council” to bring together department heads from the City and the SFUSD, and community stakeholders in order to build a platform that will place the needs of children and families first in every policy decision.

(r) Collectively, we aim to put the needs and success of our children and families at the center of our City’s growth and ensure that those with the most need are given the best opportunity to thrive.


SEC. 16.108. CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND CHILDREN’S FUND.
(b) **Preamble.**

(1) By overwhelmingly reauthorizing the Children’s Fund in 2000 with 74 percent approval, the people of the City and County of San Francisco found and declared that the Children’s Fund (now to be known as the Children and Youth Fund) is essential in ensuring the health and success of every San Francisco child.

(2) The previous investment of the Children and Youth Fund allowed for the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families to serve over 66,000 youth in FY 2012-2013, focusing on the children with the most need.

(3) The Fund successfully stabilized and expanded services for children, youth, and their families, while leveraging other resources.

(4) Addressing the level of unmet need among children and youth remains a significant challenge. The needs of San Francisco’s children have been increasing:

   (A) One-third of San Francisco’s African American and Latino children live below the poverty line. The number of San Francisco children in poverty has increased by 14% in the past 5 years.

   (B) The federal poverty level for a family of four is $23,000; adjusted to San Francisco, it is $35,000. Self-sufficiency in San Francisco for a family of four is three times that amount, and over half of all families cannot meet the self-sufficiency standard. The Children and Youth Fund provides services that support families and opportunities for children and youth that are essential to meeting their needs and providing pathways out of poverty.

   (C) State and federal cuts have significantly reduced children and youth services in San Francisco, including funding for child care, youth employment and high need transitional-aged youth.

(5) The reauthorization of the Children and Youth Fund will enable the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) to build on the previous success of the Fund and strengthen DCYF’s capacity for the future, while fostering innovation and improving transparency and accountability.

(b) **Fund for Children and Youth Children’s Services.**

Operative July 1, 2001, there is hereby established a fund to expand children’s services, which shall be called the Children and Youth Fund Children’s Fund (“Fund”). Monies in the Fund shall be expended or used only to provide services for children and youth as provided in this section.

(c) **Goals.** The goals of expenditures from the Fund shall be:

   (1) To ensure that San Francisco is a family-friendly city and to support families as an important part of the City population and civic culture;

   (2) To ensure that San Francisco’s children are healthy, ready to learn, succeed in school and live in stable, safe and supported families and communities;

   (3) To focus on the prevention of problems and on supporting and enhancing the strengths of children, youth and their families;

   (4) To complement the City’s community development efforts;

   (5) To strengthen a community-based network of services in all neighborhoods;

   (6) To ensure that children and youth with the highest needs receive maximum benefit from the Fund and that equity is a guiding principle of the funding process;

   (7) To distribute funds based on best practices, and successful and innovative models in order to ensure maximum impact;

   (8) To the maximum extent feasible, to distribute funds equitably among services for all age groups – from infancy to transitional-aged youth;

   (9) To ensure children are provided with gender-responsive and culturally-competent services;

   (10) To strengthen collaboration around shared outcomes among all service providers for children, youth and their families, including collaboration among public agencies and non-profit organizations; and

   (11) To fill gaps in services and leverage other resources whenever feasible.

(1) To ensure that San Francisco’s children are healthy, ready to learn, succeed in school and live in stable, safe, and supported families and communities;

(2) To reach children in all neighborhoods;

(3) To the maximum extent reasonable, to distribute funds equitably among services for infants and preschoolers, elementary school age children and adolescents;

(4) To focus on the prevention of problems and on supporting and enhancing the strengths of children, youth and their families;

(5) To strengthen collaboration between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District;

(6) To fill gaps in services and to leverage other resources whenever feasible; and

(7) To foster projects initiated by San Francisco youth.

(d) **Amount.** There is hereby set aside for the Fund, from the revenues of the property tax levy, revenues in an amount equivalent to an annual tax of three cents ($.03) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation for each fiscal year beginning with July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002, and ending with July 1, 2014-June 30, 2017-June 30, 2016.

For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, there is hereby set aside for the Fund, from the revenues of the property tax levy, revenues in an amount equivalent to an annual tax of three and one-quarter cents ($.0325) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation for each fiscal year.

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, there is hereby set aside for the Fund, from the revenues of the property tax levy, revenues in an amount equivalent to an annual tax of three and one-half cents ($.0350) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation for each fiscal year.

For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, there is hereby set aside for the Fund, from the revenues of the property tax levy, revenues in an amount equivalent to an annual tax of three and three-quarters cents ($.0375) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation for each fiscal year.

For Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and every fiscal year thereafter through Fiscal Year 2040-2041, there is hereby set aside for the Fund, from the revenues of the property tax levy, revenues in an amount equivalent to an annual tax of four cents ($.04) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation for each fiscal year.

If the 2012 U.S. Census shows that children make up a percentage of the population of the City and County that is at least two percentage points more than their percentage as shown in the 2000 U.S. Census, then the amount of the property tax levy set aside under this section shall be increased for each fiscal year beginning after publication of the 2010 Census. The increase shall be in an amount equal to one-quarter cent ($.0025) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, for each two full percentage points of increase in the percentage of the City and County population that is made up of children. The Fund shall be maintained separate and apart from all other City and County funds and appropriated by annual or supplemental appropriation.

(e) **New Services.** Monies in the Fund shall be used exclusively for the costs of services to children less than 18 years old provided as part of programs that predominantly serve children less than 18 years old and for Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth 18 through 24 years old. “Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth” are those who are homeless or in danger of homelessness; have dropped out of high school; have a disability or other special needs, including substance abuse; are low-income parents; are undocumented; are new immigrants and/or English Learners; are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (“LGBTQQ”); and/or are transitioning from the foster care, juvenile justice, criminal justice or special education system, above and beyond services funded from sources other than the previous Children’s Fund prior to July 1, 2001. To this
Money from the Fund shall not be appropriated or expended for services that received any of the funds included in the higher of the Controller’s baseline budget covering July 1, 2000-June 30, 2001 appropriations, or the Controller’s baseline budget covering July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 appropriations, whether or not the cost of such services increases. Nor shall monies from the Fund be appropriated or expended for services that substitute for or replace services included or partially included in the higher of the two baseline budgets, except and solely to the extent that the City ceases to receive federal, state or private agency funds that the funding agency required to be spent only on those services. The Controller’s baseline budget shall mean the Controller’s calculation of the actual amount of City appropriations for services that would have been eligible to be paid from the Fund but are paid from other sources.

(i) Eligible Excluded Services. The City shall only use monies from the Fund for the following purposes: Services for children eligible for Fund assistance shall include only:

(1) Services for children up to 18 years old and
Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth up to and including 24 years old, including:

(A) Affordable child care and early education;
(B) Recreation, cultural and after-school programs, including without limitation, arts programs;
(C) Health services, including prevention, education, and behavioral and mental health services, and pre-natal services to pregnant women;
(D) Training, employment and job placement;
(E) Youth empowerment and leadership development;
(F) Youth violence prevention programs;
(G) Youth tutoring and educational enrichment programs; and
(H) Family and parent support services for families of children receiving other services from the Fund.

(2) Support for collaboration among grantees to enhance service delivery and provider capacity-building, and for community development efforts; and

(3) Services responsive to issues of gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity, including, but not limited to, services to address the needs of girls and LGBTQ communities.

(2) Funding for the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (“DCYF”) and the Children, Youth and Their Families, Oversight and Advisory Committee created in Section 16.108-1 (“Oversight and Advisory Committee”).

(3) Administration of the Fund and evaluation of Fund goals and services.

(4) Technical assistance and capacity-building for service providers and community-based partners.

(g) Excluded Services. Notwithstanding subsection (f) (2), services for children and Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth paid for by the Fund shall not include:

(1) Services provided by the Police Department or other law enforcement agencies, courts, the District Attorney, Public Defender, City Attorney; or the Fire Department; detention or probation services mandated by state or federal law; or public transportation;
(2) Any service that benefits children and Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth incidentally or as members of a larger population including adults;
(3) Any service for which a fixed or minimum level of expenditure is mandated by state or federal law, to the extent of the fixed or minimum level of expenditure;
(4) Acquisition of any capital item not for primary and direct use by children and Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth;
(5) Acquisition (other than by lease for a term of ten years or less) of any real property or land, or capital expenditures, or pre-development or construction costs for housing; or
(6) Maintenance, utilities or any similar operating costs of any facility not used primarily and directly by children and
Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth, or of any recreation or park facility (including a zoo, library, hospital, or housing; or
(7) Medical health services, other than prevention, education, and behavioral and mental health support services.

(h) Baseline. The Fund shall be used exclusively to increase the aggregate City appropriations and expenditures for those services for children and Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth that are eligible to be paid from the Fund (exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law). To this end, the City shall not reduce the amount of such City appropriations for eligible services (not including appropriations from the Fund and exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law) in any of the fifteen years during which funds are required to be set aside under this section below the amount so appropriated for the fiscal year 2000-2001 (“the base year”) as set forth in the Controller’s baseline budget, as adjusted (“the base amount”). The Controller shall calculate City appropriations made in fiscal year 2013-2014 for services for Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth aged 18 through 24 years. Beginning with fiscal year 2014-2015, that amount shall be added to the base amount and adjusted as provided below. The City shall not reduce the amount of such City appropriations for services for Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (not including appropriations from the Fund and exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law) under this section below the amount so appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014, as adjusted.

The base amount shall be adjusted for each year after the base year by the Controller based on calculations consistent from year to year by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate City and County discretionary revenues. In determining aggregate City and County discretionary revenue, the Controller shall only include revenues received by the City and County that are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose. The method used by the Controller to determine discretionary revenues shall be consistent with method used by the Controller to determine the Library and Children’s Baseline Calculations dated June 20, 2000, which the Controller shall place on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 000952. Errors in the Controller’s estimate of discretionary revenues for a fiscal year shall be corrected by an adjustment in the next year’s estimate. Within 90 days following the end of each fiscal year through Fiscal Year 2040-2041 through 2014-2015, the Controller shall calculate and publish the actual amount of City appropriations for services for children and Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth that would have been eligible to be paid from the Fund but are paid from other sources, separately identifying expenditures mandated by state or federal law.

(i) Five-Year Planning. The Controller shall appropriate monies from the Fund according to a five-year planning process. This process is intended to: (1) increase transparency, accountability, and public engagement; (2) provide time and opportunities for community participation and planning; (3) ensure program stability; and (4) maximize the effectiveness of the services funded.

(1) Year 1 - Community Needs Assessment. During every fifth fiscal year beginning with Fiscal Year 2015-2016, DCYF shall conduct a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to identify services to receive monies from the Fund. The CNA should include qualitative and quantitative data sets collected through interviews, focus groups, surveys, or other outreach mechanisms to determine service gaps in programming for children, youth, and families. Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, DCYF may contract with consultants and outside experts for such services as the department may require to prepare the CNA. DCYF shall undertake a robust community process in every supervisorial district, soliciting input from a diverse cross-section of parents, youth, non-profit organizations, and other key stakeholders to develop the CNA.

(A) DCYF shall develop a plan for how to conduct the CNA. The CNA shall include an equity analysis of services and resources for parents, children, and youth. DCYF shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to establish a baseline of existing services and resources in low-income neighborhoods and disadvantaged communi-
ties, compared to services and resources available in the City as a whole. The outreach for the CNA shall create opportunities for parents, youth, nonprofit agencies, and other members of the public, to provide input. By September 1, DCYF shall provide its plan for conducting the CNA to the Oversight and Advisory Committee, the Service Provider Working Group created in Section 16.108-1(e), and the Board of Supervisors. The plan shall be a public document.

(B) By March 1, DCYF shall complete a draft CNA and provide this draft to the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Service Provider Working Group for review. DCYF shall also provide the draft CNA to interested City departments, including the First Five Commission, the Office of Early Care and Education (or any successor entity), the Recreation and Park Commission, the Health Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Youth Commission, the Juvenile Probation Commission, the Adult Probation Department, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Police Commission, the Library Commission, and the Arts Commission.

(C) By April 1, DCYF shall submit a final version of the CNA to the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors. The final version may incorporate any comments or suggestions made by the public or by the agencies that received copies of the draft CNA.

(D) By May 1, the Oversight and Advisory Committee shall provide input on, approve or disapprove the CNA. If the Oversight and Advisory Committee disapproves the report, DCYF may modify and resubmit the report.

(E) By June 1, the Board of Supervisors shall consider and approve or disapprove, or modify, the CNA. If the Board disapproves the CNA, DCYF may modify and resubmit the CNA, provided, however, that the City may not expend monies from the Fund until the Board of Supervisors has approved the CNA.

(2) Year 2 – Services and Allocation Plan. During every fifth fiscal year beginning with Fiscal Year 2016-2017, DCYF shall prepare a Services and Allocation Plan (“SAP”) to determine services eligible to receive monies from the Fund, DCYF shall use the following process, to prepare the SAP:

(A) DCYF shall prepare a draft SAP in consultation with interested City departments, including the First Five Commission, the Office of Early Care and Education (or any successor entity), the Recreation and Park Commission, the Health Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Youth Commission, the Juvenile Probation Commission, the Adult Probation Department, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Police Commission, the Library Commission, and the Arts Commission, as well as the San Francisco Unified School District, community-based service providers, parents, children, youth, and other members of the public. The SAP must:

(i) Demonstrate consistency with the CNA and with Citywide vision and goals for children and families;

(ii) Include all services for children and Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth;

(iii) Be outcome-oriented and include goals and measurable and verifiable objectives and outcomes;

(iv) Include capacity-building and evaluation of services as separate funding areas;

(v) State how services will be coordinated and have specific amounts allocated towards specific goals, service models, populations and neighborhoods;

(vi) Include funding for youth-initiated projects totaling at least 3 percent of the total proposed expenditures from the Fund for the cycle;

(vii) Include evaluation data from the previous funding cycle and the details of the Children and Youth Baseline; and,

(viii) Incorporate strategies to coordinate and align all services for children funded by all governmental or private entities and administered by the City, whether or not those services are eligible to receive monies from the Fund.

(B) The SAP shall include an equity analysis of services and resources for parents, children and youth. Using the equity metrics developed for preparation of the CNA, the SAP shall compare proposed new, augmented, and coordinated services and resources for low-income neighborhoods and disadvantaged communities with services and resources available to the City as a whole.

(C) Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, DCYF may contract with consultants and outside experts, for such services as the department may require to prepare the SAP, including the equity analysis of services and resources for parents, children and youth.

(D) By March 1, DCYF shall provide the draft SAP to the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Service Provider Working Group. DCYF shall also provide the draft SAP to the San Francisco Unified School District and interested City departments, including the First Five Commission, the Office of Early Care and Education (or any successor entity), the Recreation and Park Commission, the Health Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Youth Commission, the Juvenile Probation Commission, the Adult Probation Department, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Police Commission, the Library Commission and the Arts Commission.

(E) By April 1, DCYF shall submit a final version of SAP to the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors. The final version may incorporate any comments or suggestions made by the public or by the agencies that received copies of the draft SAP.

(F) By May 1, the Oversight and Advisory Committee shall approve or disapprove the SAP. If the Oversight and Advisory Committee disapproves the SAP, DCYF may modify and resubmit the SAP.

(G) By June 1, the Board of Supervisors shall consider and approve or disapprove, or modify, the SAP. If the Board disapproves the SAP, DCYF may modify and resubmit the SAP, provided, however, that the City may not expend monies from the Fund until the SAP has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

(H) During subsequent years of the planning cycle, DCYF, with the approval of the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors, may amend the SAP to address emerging needs.

(3) Year 3 – Selection of Contractors. During every fifth fiscal year beginning with Fiscal Year 2017-2018, DCYF shall conduct competitive solicitations for services to be funded from the Fund.

(4) Year 4 – Service Cycle begins. Contracts for services shall start on July 1 of Year 4 of the planning cycle, beginning with Fiscal Year 2018-2019. During subsequent years of the planning cycle, DCYF, with the approval of the Oversight and Advisory Committee, may issue supplemental competitive solicitations to address amendments to the SAP and emerging needs. All expenditures for services from the Fund shall be consistent with the most recent CNA and SAP.

(5) DCYF may recommend, and the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors may approve, changes to the due dates and timelines provided in this subsection (i). If the Board of Supervisors shall approve such changes by ordinance.

(b) Three-Year Planning Cycle. To provide time for community participation and planning, and to ensure program stability, appropriations from the Fund for all fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2004, shall be made pursuant to a three-year planning cycle as set forth in subsections (b) through (t).

1. During every third fiscal year beginning with the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the City shall prepare a Community Needs Assessment to determine services eligible to receive monies from the Fund. During every third fiscal year beginning with the 2002-2003 fiscal year, the City shall prepare a Children’s Services and Allocation Plan (“the Plan”), based on the Community Needs Assessment approved during the previous year. The Board of Supervisors may modify an existing Community Needs Assessment or Plan, provided that any modification shall occur only after a noticed public hearing. All appropriations from the Fund shall be consistent with the most recent Plan, provided that the Board of Supervisors may approve an amendment to the Plan at the same time it approves an appropriation.
(7) Community Needs Assessment and Children’s Services and Allocation Plan.

(1) The Community Needs Assessment and the Plan shall be submitted by the first day of the fiscal year following the last day of each fiscal year in which they are required to be submitted and shall be available for public inspection as soon as possible thereafter. The Plan shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors, or another entity designated by the Mayor, prior to the start of the fiscal year.

(2) Prior to preparation of each draft Community Needs Assessment, the City shall hold at least one public hearing in each geographical area defined in Section 13.110. The City shall make available opportunities for parents, youth, and agencies receiving money from the Fund to provide information for the Community Needs Assessment. The Community Needs Assessment shall include the results of a Citywide survey of parents and youth to be conducted by the Controller every three years.

(3) The Plan shall include all services for children furnished or funded by the City or funded by another governmental or private entity and administered by the City, whether or not they received or may receive money from the Fund. The Plan shall be outcome-oriented and include goals, measurable and verifiable objectives and measurable and verifiable outcomes.

(4) The Plan shall state how all services receiving money from the Fund will be coordinated with other children’s services. The Plan shall specify amounts of funding to be allocated: (i) toward achieving specified goals, measurable and verifiable objectives and measurable and verifiable outcomes; (ii) to specified service models; and (iii) for specific populations and neighborhoods. The Plan shall also state the reasons for the allocations and demonstrate how the allocations are consistent with the Community Needs Assessment. A minimum of three percent of the funding allocated under the Plan shall be for youth-initiated projects.

(j) Evaluation. DCYF shall provide for the evaluation on a regular basis of all services funded through the Fund, and shall prepare on a regular basis an Evaluation and Data Report for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, DCYF may contract with consultants and outside experts for such services as the department may require to conduct such evaluations and to prepare the Evaluation and Data Report. The Plan shall include an evaluation of services that received money from the Fund at any time during the last three fiscal years. The evaluation shall involve those who use the funded services and other parents and youth.

(k) Failure of Board to Act. If the Board of Supervisors has not approved a Community Needs Assessment before the first day of the fiscal year during which the Plan is to be prepared, the Plan shall be based on the Community Needs Assessment as originally submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

(l) Selection of Contractors. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall recommend standards and procedures for the selection of contractors to be funded from the Fund. It shall be the policy of the City to use competitive solicitation processes where appropriate and to give priority to the participation of non-profit agencies. Except for services provided by City employees, the Fund shall be expended through contractors selected based on their responses to one or more requests for proposals issued by the City. The City shall award contracts to contractors selected to coincide with the City’s fiscal year starting July 1.

(m) Implementation. In implementation of this Section 16.108, the Mayor shall designate a department or other City body to administer the Children’s Fund pursuant to this section.

(n) Effect of Procedural Errors. No appropriation, contract or other action shall be held invalid or set aside by reason of any error, including without limitation any irregularity, informality, neglect or omission, in carrying out procedures specified in subsections (j) through (m) unless a court finds that the party challenging the action suffered substantial injury from the error and that a different result would have been probable had the error not occurred.

SEC. 16.108-1. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) Creation. There shall be a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (“Oversight and Advisory Committee”) to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (“DCYF”), to monitor and participate in the administration of the Children and Youth Fund as provided in Charter Section 16.108 (“Fund”), and to take steps to ensure that the Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.

(b) Responsibilities.

(1) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall develop recommendations for DCYF and the Fund regarding outcomes for children and youth services, the evaluation of services, common data systems, a process for making funding decisions, program improvement and capacity-building of service providers, community engagement in planning and evaluating services, leveraging dollars of the Fund and the use of the Fund as a catalyst for innovation. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall promote and facilitate transparency in the administration of the Fund.

(2) As provided in Section 16.108, the Oversight and Advisory Committee shall review and approve the planning process for the Community Needs Assessment (“CNA”) and the final CNA, the Services and Allocation Plan, and DCYF’s overall spending plan.
(including, as separate items, approval of the departmental budget and of DCYF’s proposed grants as a package), and shall review the annual Data and Evaluation Report. Nothing in this Section shall limit the authority of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to propose, amend, and adopt a budget under Article IX of the Charter.

(3) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall participate in the evaluation of the Director of DCYF, assist in recruitment for the Director when the position is vacant, and may recommend candidates to the Mayor.

(4) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall establish and maintain a Service Provider Working Group as provided in subsection (e).

(5) The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall meet at least six times a year.

(c) Composition. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall have eleven members. The Mayor shall appoint members for Seats 1 through 6. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint members for Seats 7 through 11. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the initial members of the Committee by July 1, 2015. The terms of the initial appointees to the Committee shall commence on the date of the first meeting of the Committee, which may occur when at least eight members have been appointed and are present.

(d) Implementation. The Board of Supervisors shall further provide by ordinance for the membership, structure, functions, appointment criteria, terms and support of the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Board of Supervisors shall adopt such legislation to be effective by July 1, 2015.

(e) Service Provider Working Group. The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall create a Service Provider Working Group (“Working Group”) to advise the Oversight and Advisory Committee on funding priorities, policy development, the planning cycle, evaluation design and plans, and any other issues of concern to the Working Group related to the Fund or the responsibilities of DCYF or other departments receiving money from the Fund.

The Working Group shall engage a broad cross-section of service providers in providing information, education and consultation to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. All members of the Working Group shall be actively providing services to children, youth and their families. The Working Group shall be supported by DCYF staff, and shall meet at least four times a year.

The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall appoint two initial co-chairs of the Working Group, who shall be responsible for developing the structure of the Working Group and facilitating the meetings. After the terms of the co-chairs expire, the Working Group shall select its own chairs. Working Group meetings shall be open and encourage widespread participation.

SEC. 16.123-1. PUBLIC EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND; PREAMBLE.

(a) The people of the City and County of San Francisco find and declare that:

(1) San Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD”) schools are one of the City’s most valuable public assets and every San Francisco student has the right to a quality public education that prepares them to pursue higher education, be competitive in a diversity of job markets, and ultimately contribute to the future health and vitality of San Francisco;

(2) Funding for SFUSD public schools is an essential and valuable investment in our youth, as validated by San Francisco voters who overwhelmingly passed (by 71 percent) the ballot measure creating the Public Education Enrichment Fund (“PEEF”) in 2004;

(3) The State of California is currently 49th in per pupil spending, and without the PEEF, SFUSD would fall to fifth place in per pupil spending among comparable California school districts;

(4) Urban public schools have the greatest need for comprehensive educational programs-including preschool programs, arts and music programs, sports activities, and after school programs—but often have the fewest resources to provide them;

(5) In the last decade, the PEEF enabled all San Francisco public school students to benefit from once-underfunded and diminishing critical programs including but not limited to: quality physical education and athletics programs, fully functioning libraries, at every school staffed by credentialed librarians, arts and music teachers and programs, wellness and behavioral support staffing and translation and interpretation services;

(6) In the last decade, critical PEEF funding for sports, libraries, arts and music ensured that every San Francisco public school has a librarian, all elementary schools offer art classes and engagement opportunities, physical education courses are equipped and staffed by credentialed teachers, and sports teams have more coaches and officials along with upgraded uniforms and equipment;

(7) The Preschool for All program, initially established by the ballot measure that adopted the PEEF in 2004, successfully served over 18,000 children since the program’s creation, with enrollment increasing year to year;

(8) Studies have shown that children who participated in Preschool for All demonstrated significantly higher academic achievement than children who did not participate;

(9) While the Preschool for All program made great strides in closing the opportunity gap for low-income early age children, the current need far exceeds the current level of services that the City is able to provide;

(10) The general education portion of the PEEF enabled SFUSD to triple the number of students enrolled in grades K-8 receiving individual and group mental and health services through student support professionals over the past five years, with the number of high school students receiving five or more counseling sessions at the Wellness Center more than doubling in the last 10 years;

(11) The general education portion of the PEEF enabled SFUSD to nearly double the number of high schools seniors completing two City College of San Francisco courses;

(12) PEEF enabled the Human Capital Support program to recruit and retain a diversity of quality teachers to SFUSD. In the year the program began, there were approximately 46 teacher vacancies on the first day of school, whereas there were only three teacher vacancies on the first day of school in FY 2012-2013;

(13) SFUSD has seen a resurgence in enrollment in recent years and recognition of the opportunities now available to the young people of San Francisco;

(14) The choices businesses make about where to locate are impacted by the quality of public services the City provides, including public safety, transportation and education; a free quality public education can serve as a key factor for businesses to attract and retain workers in our community;

(15) Since 2000, SFUSD has made strong improvements in achievement measures and financial management; and during the past decade, SFUSD has built an exemplary record for effective and responsible management of voter-approved parcel taxes and bond measures. Financial and programmatic reviews of PEEF expenditures conducted by the Controller’s Office have verified that expenditures were spent in accordance with SFUSD’s spending plans and Charter requirements; and

(16) As the economy begins to recover, now is the time to continue to invest in our children’s future to maintain and grow thriving public schools, before declines begin to erode the progress the SFUSD has made.

1. Quality public education is highly correlated with higher earnings potential, reduced crime, lower rates of teen pregnancy and substance abuse, and greater self-esteem.

2. Urban public schools have the greatest need for comprehensive educational programs including preschool programs, arts and music programs, sports activities, and after school programs but often have the fewest resources to provide them.

3. While California once led the nation in public school spending and performance, investments have greatly declined. Despite its high cost of living, San Francisco per pupil spending ranks 54th
among 42 comparable central City U.S. public school districts of similar size. As of 2001, adjusted for cost of living, teacher salaries for the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) ranked 90th of 100 metropolitan areas.

4. SFUSD enrollment has dropped in recent years as families have left San Francisco in search of affordable neighborhoods with high-quality public schools.

5. The choices businesses make about where to locate include the quality of public services the City provides, including public safety, transportation and education.

6. Since 2000, the SFUSD has made strong improvements in achievement measures and financial management; and

7. As the economy begins to recover, now is the time to invest in our children’s future, before further declines begin to erode the progress the SFUSD has made.

(b) This measure may be referred to as “The Public Education Enrichment Fund Arts, Music, Sports, and Pre-School for Every Child Amendment of 2014.”

SEC. 16.123-2, PUBLIC EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND.

(a) Creating the Fund. There shall be a Public Education Enrichment Fund. The City shall each year appropriate monies to the Public Education Enrichment Fund according to subsections (b), (c), and (d), below. In determining whether the City has met its annual obligation to the Fund, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may consider both direct financial support and the cash value of any in-kind support services, as described in Section 16.123-5, provided by the City to the San Francisco Unified School District and the Children and Families First Commission (hereafter the “First Five Commission”) or any successor agency, provided that at least two-thirds of the City’s contribution to the Fund each year shall be comprised of direct financial support necessary to meet the requirements of Sections 16.123-3 and 16.123-4 of this measure.

(b) Baseline Appropriations. The Fund shall be used exclusively to increase the aggregate City appropriations to and expenditures for the San Francisco Unified School District. To this end, the City shall not reduce the amount of such City appropriations (not including appropriations from the Fund and exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law) in any year of the eleven year during which funds are required to be set aside under this Section below the amount so appropriated for Fiscal Year the fiscal year 2002-2003 (“the base year”). These baseline appropriations shall be separate from the City’s annual contributions to the Public Education Enrichment Fund under subsection (c), and shall be appropriated by the City to the School District each year through and including Fiscal Year 2004-2001, during the term of this measure for the same purposes and in the same relative proportions among those purposes as in the base year, as certified by the Controller.

The amount of the City’s baseline appropriations to the School District shall be adjusted for each year after the base year by the Controller based on calculations consistent from year to year by the percentage increase or decrease in City and County discretionary General Fund revenues. In determining City and County discretionary General Fund revenues, the Controller shall only include revenues received by the City and County that are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose. Errors in the Controller’s estimate of discretionary revenues for a fiscal year shall be corrected by an adjustment in the next year’s estimate. Using audited financial results for the prior fiscal year, the Controller shall calculate and publish the actual amount of City appropriations that would have been required under this baseline for the School District.

(c) Annual Contributions to the Fund FY 2005-2006 through FY 2009-2010. In addition to the annual baseline appropriation provided above, the City shall, for years two through six of this measure, contribute the following amounts to the Public Education Enrichment Fund:

- Fiscal Year 2005-06: $10 million
- Fiscal Year 2006-07: $20 million
- Fiscal Year 2007-08: $30 million
- Fiscal Year 2008-09: $45 million
- Fiscal Year 2009-10: $60 million

(d) Annual Contributions to the Fund FY 2010-11 and Thereafter through FY 2014-15. For Fiscal Years 2010-11 and thereafter through FY 2014-15, the City’s annual contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund shall equal its total contribution for the prior year, beginning with Fiscal Year 2009-2010, adjusted for the estimated increase or decrease in discretionary General Fund revenues for the year.

(e) Audit Requirements. All disbursements from the Fund and from the baseline appropriations shall be subject to periodic audit by the Controller. The San Francisco Unified School District and the Office of Early Care and Education, or any successor entity (“OECE”) the First Five Commission shall agree to such audits as a condition of receiving disbursements from the Fund.

SEC. 16.123-4, UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION PREKINDERGARTEN.

(a) Universal Access to Early Education Preschool. It shall be the goal of the City and County of San Francisco to provide all children between the ages of three and five years four-year-old children who are City residents the opportunity to attend quality early education programs, giving priority to four year old children, preschool, and it shall be the goal of the people in adopting this measure to expand such access beginning no later than September 1, 2015, 2009 building upon the work of the City’s existing Preschool for All program. This portion of the Fund may also be used to support the development of services for children from birth to three years old.

(b) Planning Process. No later than January 1, 2016 September 1, 2004, the OECE, the First Five Commission, in consultation with the San Francisco Child Care Childcare Planning and Advisory Council, the First Five Commission, the San Francisco Unified School District, the San Francisco Human Services Agency, the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and community stakeholders, shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a proposal for a expanding quality universal early education preschool program for San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors shall approve the plan by resolution; if the Board does not approve the plan, it may refer the plan back to the OECE First Five Commission for revision.

In preparing the plan, the OECE may consult with the First Five Commission to develop universal early education preschool funding guidelines consistent with findings of the 2012-2013 Child Care Childcare Needs Assessment, the 2012 San Francisco Citywide Plan for Early Education, First 5 San Francisco’s 2013 Evaluations of the Preschool for All program, the San Francisco Unified School District’s 2014 Kindergarten Readiness Data, and the Office of Early Care and Education’s 2014 Financing Study.

The plan shall include goals for the quality of early care and education programs, shall align with emerging developments in state and/or federal early care and education policy, and shall address the professional development needs of center-based and family child care providers. “Professional development” as used in this Section 16.123-4 includes education, technical assistance and coaching, training, and supports, and shall be aligned with the City’s goals for early care and education program quality. Additionally, in preparing the plan, the OECE shall develop guidelines designed to meet neighborhood-specific needs, including school readiness, subsidy availability, children’s dual language development, facility development, parent, engagement and education, inclusion of children with special needs, such as subsidies, new facility development, and provider support for both family child care homes and child care centers. Such funding guidelines shall also address the unmet need for universal early education preschool and child care centers slots in specific City neighborhoods.
The plan shall also include an equity analysis of services and resources for children and families. The OECF Citizens’ Advisory Committee shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to compare existing services and resources in low-income and disadvantaged communities with services and resources available in the City as a whole.

Following the Board of Supervisors’ approval of the plan, the OECF, in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District and First Five Commission, shall develop an evaluation plan for tracking the results of the City’s investments in early care and education.

(c) Annual Disbursements. For Fiscal Year 2014-2015, each year during the term of this measure, the City shall appropriate one-third of the money in the Public Education Enrichment Fund to the First Five Commission for universal preschool programs administered by the Commission. Beginning July 1, 2015, the City each year shall appropriate one-third of the money in the Public Education Enrichment Fund to the OECF for early education programs to be administered by that office or entity or its successor.

(d) Citizens Advisory Committee. No later than March 1, 2015, the Board of Supervisors shall establish, by ordinance, a Citizens Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the OECF on universal access to early education and the funds appropriated under this Section.

SEC. 16.123-5. DIRECT FINANCIAL OTHER CITY SUPPORT FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(a) In-Kind Support. Not later than one year after the effective date of this measure, the City and the School District shall identify areas of potential in-kind support that the City could provide to the School District free of charge or at substantially reduced rates. In-kind support, for these purposes, may include, but is not limited to:

- Learning support services, including health, counseling, social work, and nutrition services;
- Financial support services;
- Telecommunication and information services;
- Construction management services;
- Utility services;
- Transportation services;
- Legal services; and
- Public safety services.

(b) Planning Process. Not later than six months after the effective date of this measure, the School District shall submit to the Board of Supervisors proposals for in-kind services that could be provided by the City to the District to further the educational goals and operations of the District. The Board shall distribute those proposals to all City departments having expertise or capability to provide such in-kind services, and no later than nine months after the effective date of this measure, the departments will respond to the Board with proposals to provide such in-kind services to the District. The School District may use any direct financial support provided under this Section to hire consultants to help identify possible in-kind services. The Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, provide for continuation of this planning process during the subsequent term of the measure.

(c) Annual Disbursements. Each year through and including Fiscal Year 2040-2041, during the term of this measure, the City shall appropriate one-third of the money to provide direct financial assistance from the Public Education Enrichment Fund to the San Francisco Unified School District as direct financial support, in an amount equal to one-third of the money in the Fund, in in-kind support services of equal value.

(b) Permissible Uses. The San Francisco Unified School District may expend funds provided as direct financial support under this Section for any educational or support purpose provided under law, including, but not limited to, gifted and talented programs, magnet programs, literacy programs, dual-language immersion programs, special education, employee compensation, career and college centers at high schools, teacher mentoring or master teacher programs, or other instructional purposes. The City recognizes that in providing such programs and services, a well-run school district requires both certificated and classified staff, and urges the San Francisco Unified School District to hire both certificated and classified staff to carry out the purposes of this measure.

(c) Within one year of the effective date of this measure, the School District, with the assistance of the City’s Department of Public Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, shall conduct an assessment of health, counseling, social work, and nutritional needs of pupils in the District, including problems related to asthma and other chronic diseases. The City may appropriate a specific portion of the disbursement under this Section through its annual appropriation process for these purposes, pursuant to recommendations from the School District.

SEC. 16.123-6. EXPENDITURE PLANS.

(a) No later than April 1 of each year during the term of this measure, the San Francisco Unified School District and the OECF the First Five Commission shall each submit an expenditure plan for funding to be received from the Public Education Enrichment Fund for the upcoming fiscal year to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, in response to the Controller’s March fund estimate for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed expenditure plans must include prior year total budgeted and expended appropriations and Fund budgeted and expended appropriations by category, as well as average daily attendance information for the prior year and anticipated average daily attendance information for the plan year, to facilitate multi-year comparison.

(b) The Controller shall review the plans and transmit them, with his or her comments, to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for their review and comment.

(c) The plans shall include a budget for the expenditures, descriptions of programs and services, performance goals, target populations, hiring and recruitment plans for personnel, plans for matching or other additional funding, operating reserves, and any other matters that the District and the OECF Commission deem appropriate or the Mayor or the Board requests.

(c) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may request further explanation of items included in the plans, and the District and the OECF Commission shall respond in a timely manner to such inquiries. The City may place appropriations provided for under this measure on reserve until it has received adequate responses to its inquiries.

SEC. 16.123-7. [Reserved] STRUCTURAL SAVINGS TO THE CITY’S BUDGET.

(a) Controller’s and Budget Analyst’s Recommendations. Not later than October 1 of each fiscal year from Fiscal Year 2005-06 through 2009-10, the Controller and the Board of Supervisors’ Budget Analyst shall prepare and submit recommended cuts or other structural changes to reduce, on an ongoing basis, spending on City departmental operations, or identify new revenues, in an amount sufficient to meet each year’s required funding for the Public Education Enrichment Fund.

(b) Board of Supervisors’ Proposals. Not later than December 15 of each fiscal year from Fiscal Year 2005-06 through Fiscal Year 2009-10, the Board of Supervisors shall hold hearings on the recommendations made by the Controller and the Budget Analyst and shall forward its proposals to the Mayor.

(c) Budget Requirements. In his or her annual budget submission to the Board of Supervisors for each fiscal year from Fiscal Year 2005-06 through Fiscal Year 2009-10, the Mayor shall incorporate the Board of Supervisors’ proposals, or identify alternative revenue or expenditure savings sufficient to appropriate funds to the Public Education Enrichment Fund according to the schedule set forth in Section 16.123-2 of this measure.

SEC. 16.123-8. ADJUSTMENTS.

(a) In any year of this measure, if the joint budget report as prepared by the Controller, the Mayor’s Budget Director and the Board of Supervisors’ Budget Analyst projects a budgetary shortfall of $100 milli-
tion dollars or more, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may reduce the City's contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund under Section 16.123-2, and its disbursements under Sections 16.123-3, 16.123-4, or 16.123-5, by up to 25 percent provided, however, that the City may pay back the amount deferred within the period from June 30, 2015, the last day of the term of this measure, and June 30, 2018, a date three years later, unless the voters extend this measure beyond July 1, 2015 or authorize a substantially similar measure at that time.

(a) (b) Audit Recommendations. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may suspend the City's disbursements from the baseline appropriations or the Public Education Enrichment Fund under Sections 16.123-3, 16.123-4, or 16.123-5 in whole or in part for any year where the Controller certifies that the San Francisco Unified School District or the OECE, the First Five Commission has failed to adopt audit recommendations made by the Controller.

As part of the audit function, the Controller shall periodically review performance and cost benchmarks developed by the School District and the OECE, the First Five Commission, including:

(1) Fund dollars spent for services, materials, and supplies permitted under the Charter;
(2) Fund dollars spent as reported to the City;
(3) Supporting documentation of Fund expenditures; and,
(4) Progress towards established workload, efficiency and effectiveness measures.

in consultation with the Controller for programs funded under this measure. The Commission's performance and cost benchmarks shall be based on the same performance and cost benchmarks as are required for other City departments, and on comparisons with other cities, counties, and public agencies performing similar functions. The School District's performance and cost benchmarks shall be based on similar standards.

In particular, the Controller shall assess:

(1) Measures of workload addressing the level of service being provided or providing an assessment of need for a service;
(2) Measures of efficiency including cost per unit of service provided, cost per unit of output, or the units of service provided per full time equivalent position; and
(3) Measures of effectiveness including the quality of service provided, citizen perceptions of quality, and the extent a service meets the needs for which it was created.

The Controller's audits may address the extent to which the School District and the First Five Commission have met their respective performance and cost benchmark.

(b) Reserve Policies. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may suspend the City's disbursements from the baseline appropriations or the Public Education Enrichment Fund under Sections 16.123-2, 16.123-4, or 16.123-5 in whole or in part for any year where the Controller certifies that the San Francisco Unified School District or the OECE, the First Five Commission has failed to adopt reserve policies recommended by the Controller.

(c) (f) Transfer and Use of Suspended Distributions. If the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors suspend City distributions from the baseline appropriations or the Public Education Enrichment Fund under subsections (a) or (b)), the City shall transfer the amount that would otherwise be distributed from the baseline appropriations or the Public Education Enrichment Fund for that year to the Children and Youth Commission established in Charter Section 16.108, or any successor legislation, for the provision of substantially equivalent services and programs.

(d) New Local Revenues. The Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, proportionally reduce the contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund and the disbursements to the San Francisco Unified School District and the OECE, the First Five Commission required by Sections 16.123-1 through 16.123-10 this measure if the voters of San Francisco adopt new, dedicated revenue sources for the School District or the OECE Commission, and the offsetting reduction in disbursements is specifically authorized by the local revenue measure.

(e) New Local Revenues. Following full implementation of the per-student funding targets outlined for SFUSD in the State's Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF"), as adopted in 2013, the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, proportionally reduce the contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund and the disbursements to the San Francisco Unified School District required by this measure if the percentage increase in per-pupil LCFF Revenue Limit funding provided by the State of California to the San Francisco Unified School District in any subsequent fiscal year exceeds the percentage increase in the City's cost of living during the previous fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, proportionally reduce the contribution to the Public Education Enrichment Fund and the disbursements to the OECE, the First Five Commission if the State of California provides funding to the City for universal preschool, provided that such disbursements are not required to match state and/or other funding.

(f) Eighteen months prior to the expiration of this measure, the Controller shall conduct a complete analysis of the outcomes of the programs funded through the Public Education Enrichment Fund. The Controller's study shall also address changes in the levels of state and federal funding for local schools, per pupil spending in the San Francisco Unified School District compared to urban school districts of similar size. The Controller shall present the results of this analysis to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors no later than nine months prior to the expiration of the measure.

SEC. 16.123-10. SUNSET.

The provisions of Sections 16.123-1 through 16.123-10 this measure shall expire in eleven years, at the end of Fiscal Year 2040-2041, unless extended by the voters.

SEC. 16.127-1. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL; PREAMBLE.

(a) San Francisco has historically shown great concern and compassion for its most vulnerable residents—its children. The City and the community have demonstrated this commitment through the adoption of progressive, innovative and creative ideals supporting the well-being of San Francisco's children and families.

(b) To continue its legacy as a champion of children, it is imperative for San Francisco to further invest in the City's children and families.

(c) The people of the City and County of San Francisco previously supported the passage of the unprecedented Children's Amendment in 1991 and 2000 and the Public Education Enrichment Fund in 2004. While these initiatives dedicated funding to services, the level of unmet needs in providing critical programming and services still falls short.

(d) In order to advance a Citywide vision and long-term set of goals, City leaders, departments, the San Francisco Unified School District ("SFUSD"), and community partners must come together to align needs with services, coordinate across agencies, and develop a strategy.

(e) The Our Children, Our Families Council, comprised of department heads from the City and SFUSD, and community stakeholders, will build a platform that will place children and families at the center of every policy decision.

(f) With the renewal of the Children and Youth Fund and the Public Education Enrichment Fund in November 2014, the City must seize this opportunity to develop a long-term Citywide vision, create a set of strategies, coordinate services, and identify shared goals to not only ensure that all children and families already here are able to thrive, but to encourage other families to live here.

(g) The percentage of children under the age of 18 in San Francisco has steadily declined. As of 2010, 13.4 percent of the City's total population was under the age of 18, the lowest percentage of any major city nationwide.
(h) Families continue to leave San Francisco, especially those families in the low to moderate income brackets.

(i) San Francisco’s children population is declining, with over 10 percent of 1 to 4 year olds moving out of the City annually and fewer children moving in.

(j) The declining numbers of children and families in the City cost the community financially as less money is spent on the local economy.

(k) This measure will put in place a collaborative approach around the following points of unity:

(1) Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest needs;

(2) Empowering parents, youth, and community stakeholders by giving them a voice in the implementation of this Citywide vision; and

(3) Building public trust through transparency and accountability meeting the needs of children and families.

SEC. 16.127-2. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL;
CREATION.

There shall be an Our Children, Our Families Council (“the Council”) to advise the City on the unmet needs, services, and basic needs infrastructure of children and families in San Francisco through the creation of a Children and Families Plan for the City.

SEC. 16.127-3. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL;
PURPOSE.

In order to advance a Citywide vision centered on the needs of children and families, City leaders and departments, SFUSD, and community partners must come together to coordinate their efforts across agencies and develop a strategy for achieving shared goals. The purpose of the Children and Families Plan to be developed by the Council will be to create an aligned and connected system of programs and services, in order to strengthen the City’s ability to best serve children, youth, and their families, with the specific goals of promoting coordination among and increased accessibility to such programs and services, and enhancing their overall effectiveness.

SEC. 16.127-4. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL;
COMPOSITION.

The Mayor shall chair the Council, and shall invite the Superintendent of SFUSD to serve as co-chair of the Council. Other members of the Council shall include the heads of City departments, with responsibilities for children and families, members of the community, and stakeholders. The Mayor shall also invite the heads of SFUSD divisions identified by the Superintendent to serve as members of the Council.

SEC. 16.127-5. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL;
RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) In order to ensure that all children in every neighborhood, especially those neighborhoods with the greatest needs, have access to the resources to achieve, the Council will be responsible for developing a Citywide vision, Citywide shared priorities, Citywide program goals, and Citywide best practices for addressing those needs.

(b) The San Francisco Children and Families Plan.
The Council shall craft a San Francisco Children and Families Plan (“the Plan”) and identify relevant goals and strategies to align and coordinate the services to children and families provided by City departments, SFUSD, and community partners to maximize support for children and families.

The Plan shall consider the following elements:

(1) Ease of access for children, youth, and families in receiving services;

(2) Educational milestones developed by SFUSD and youth development milestones developed by the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (“DCYF”) and the Council;

(3) Existing quality of service benchmarks established by the City and SFUSD departments;

(4) Framework for a basic needs infrastructure, including, but not limited to, housing, transit, and job placement resources; and

(5) Fairness in prioritizing the delivery of services to the children and families with the most need.

The Plan shall also include an equity analysis of services and resources for children, youth, and families. The Council shall develop a set of equity metrics to be used to compare existing services and resources in low-income and disadvantaged communities with services and resources available in the City as a whole. The Council may draw upon metrics used by departments including DCYF and the Office of Early Care and Education (or any successor agency).

(c) No later than May 1, 2016, and every fifth year thereafter, the Council shall develop and adopt a set of proposed Citywide outcomes, for services to children and families, including an outcomes framework responsive to the evolving needs of the community. No later than July 1, 2016, and every fifth year thereafter, the Council shall report to the general public on the Council’s efforts and achievements through the creation of an annual San Francisco
Children and Families First Progress Report. The Progress Report shall provide the results of the efforts of the City, SFUSD, and the community to serve children and families under the Plan, measured against quantifiable standards and metrics and in light of the Council’s previously-adopted goals and priorities.

SEC. 16.127-6. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL: STAFFING.

(a) Staffing Support. Subject to the fiscal and budgetary provisions of the Charter, the City shall provide staff to the Council (“Council Staff”) for administrative, organizational, policy, and research support. Funding for Council Staff shall come from the General Fund; provided, however, that SFUSD, participating City departments, and members of the public may provide additional support and contributions.

(b) Staff Roles and Responsibilities. Subject to the direction of the Council, Council Staff shall:

(1) Provide administrative, organizational, policy, planning, and research support to the Council and its outcomes framework;

(2) Engage department heads from the City and SFUSD to coordinate the implementation of services;

(3) Provide support for the Council, including developing a joint data-sharing agreement between the City and SFUSD, monitoring the planning cycle, providing technical support, and developing policy briefs on key issues relevant to implementation of the Plan;

(4) Support the development of an inventory of all Citywide programs and services for children and youth, including state and federally funded programs; and

(5) Support the development of the Children and Families First Progress Report.

(c) Funding. It shall be the policy of the City to provide sufficient funding and administrative support for the Council and Council Staff to perform these functions. Funding for administrative support for the Council shall come from the General Fund; provided, however, that SFUSD, participating City departments, and members of the public may provide additional support and contributions.

SEC. 16.127-7. OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES COUNCIL: IMPLEMENTATION.

The Board of Supervisors shall further provide by ordinance for the membership, structure, functions and support of the Council, consistent with the provisions of Sections 16.126-1 through 16.126-6.

SEC. 9.113.5. RAINY DAY RESERVES RESERVE.

(a) Beginning January 1, 2013, there shall be a City Rainy Day Reserve (“the City Reserve”) and a School Rainy Day Reserve (“the School Reserve”), collectively referred to as the Rainy Day Reserves which may also be known as an economic stabilization reserve.

Allocations to the Reserves Reserve

(b) If the Controller projects that total General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year will exceed total General Fund revenues for the current year by more than five percent, the budget shall allocate excess revenues to capital and other one-time expenditures for the upcoming budget year.

(c) If the Controller projects that total General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year will exceed total General Fund revenues, the budget may appropriate up to 50 percent of the current balance in the City Reserve, but no more than the shortfall in total General Fund revenues.

(d) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may, at any time, appropriate monies from the capital and other one-time expenditures allocation for capital projects or for expenditures such as, but not limited to, acquisition of equipment or information systems.

(e) The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors may, at any time, appropriate monies from the general purpose allocation for any lawful governmental purpose.

Withdrawals from the City Reserve

(f) If the Controller projects that total General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year will be less than the current year’s total General Fund revenues, the highest of any other previous year’s total General Fund revenues, the budget may appropriate up to 50 percent of the current balance in the City Reserve, but no more than the shortfall in total General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year.

1. If the trigger for withdrawals from the City Reserve was not met in the current year, the Controller shall calculate the shortfall for the upcoming budget year by subtracting the total projected General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year from the total projected General Fund revenues for the current year.

2. If the trigger for withdrawals from the City Reserve was met in the current year, the shortfall shall be calculated by subtracting the total projected General Fund revenues for the upcoming budget year from the highest of any previous year’s total General Fund revenues, plus two percent for each intervening year.

Adjustments

(g) If the City made appropriations from the City Reserve in the current year and in the immediately preceding budget year pursuant to subsection (f), the City is not required to allocate any anticipated excess revenues to the Rainy Day Reserves Reserve or to capital and other one-time expenditures for the upcoming budget year.

(h) If the Controller projects that the Consumer Price Index for the upcoming budget year shall exceed the index for the current year by more than five percent, the trigger for allocations to the Reserve as set forth in Subparagraph (b) above shall instead be the percentage of negative growth in the index plus two percent. If the Controller projects that the Consumer Price Index for the upcoming budget year shall be less than the index for the current year, the trigger for withdrawals from the Reserve as set forth in Subparagraph (f) above shall instead be the percentage of negative growth in the index. The Controller shall use for these purposes the San Francisco All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), or its successor, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(i) If the Board of Supervisors or the voters take an action that changes the amount of total General Fund revenues in any material manner, such as reducing a tax or imposing a new fee, the revenue changes caused by that action will not be counted as part of the triggers for allocations to the Rainy Day Reserves Reserve, or withdrawals from the City Reserve during the year or years in which the action is first implemented.

(j) In conjunction with the year-end close of the budget, the Controller shall reconcile the revenue projections triggering any budgeted allocations to or withdrawals from the Rainy Day Reserves Reserve with actual revenue results, as stated in the City’s independent annual audit for the years in question, and rebalance the Rainy Day Reserves Reserve, the capital and other one-time expenditures allocation, and the general purpose allocation accordingly.

Withdrawals from the School Reserve for the Benefit of the Unified School District

(k) If the San Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD”) projects that inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues for the upcoming fiscal year will be reduced and that a significant number of layoffs would be required to balance its budget, the SFUSD Board of Education may approve, by majority vote, a draw from the School Reserve of up to 50 percent of the current balance in the School Reserve but no more than the shortfall in inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues, as determined by the SFUSD Board of Education. Such action shall be transmitted to the Controller, who upon
certification of the SFUSD calculation shall transfer such funds to the SFUSD. For purposes of this Section, allocations provided from the City to the SFUSD through the Public Education Enrichment Fund shall not be deemed discretionary.

(l) If the triggers for withdrawal from the School Reserve were met in the current fiscal year, the decline in per-pupil discretionary spending shall be calculated by subtracting the inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues for the upcoming budget year from the highest of any previous year’s inflation-adjusted per-pupil discretionary revenues.

(n) In conjunction with the year-end close of the SFUSD budget, the SFUSD shall reconcile the revenue projections triggering a budgeted withdrawal from the School Reserve with actual revenue results, as stated in the SFUSD’s independent audit for the years in question. The SFUSD shall rebalance the withdrawal allocation and, if necessary, return funds required to rebalance the Reserve.

(k) If the Controller projects that inflation-adjusted per-pupil revenues for the San Francisco Unified School District will be reduced in the upcoming budget year and the School District has noticed a significant number of layoffs, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor may, in their discretion, appropriate funds from the Reserve to the School District to offset the costs of maintaining education during the upcoming budget year. Such appropriations may not exceed the dollar value of the total decline in inflation-adjusted per-pupil revenues for the year, or 25 percent of the Reserve balance, whichever is lower. If the triggers for withdrawals from the Reserve for the benefit of the School District were not met in the current year, the decline in per-pupil revenues shall be calculated by subtracting the inflation-adjusted per-pupil revenues for the upcoming budget year from the highest of any previous year’s inflation-adjusted per-pupil revenues, plus two percent for each intervening year.

Transition to New Reserve Structure

(a) No later than January 1, 2015, the Controller shall transfer 50 percent of the Rainy Day Reserve existing as of that date to the City Reserve and 50 percent to the School Reserve.

Two-Year Budget

(p) The Controller shall promulgate procedures modifying the Rainy Day Reserve system, as necessary, to be consistent with the City’s adoption of biennial rather than annual budgets.

SEC. 4.133. TAXI COMMISSION.

(a) The Taxi Commission shall consist of seven members, appointed by the Mayor. The appointments shall include a member from the senior or disabled communities, a driver who does not hold a taxicab medallion, a manager in a taxicab company (either a medallion holder or a company representative), a member from the hospitality industry, a member from the labor community, a member from the neighborhoods, and a member of the general public not affiliated with any of the other enumerated categories.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 87102, individuals appointed to the Commission under this Section are intended to represent and further the interest of the particular industries, trades, or professions specified herein. Accordingly, it is found that for purposes of persons who hold such office, the specified industries, trades, or professions are tantamount to and constitute the public generally within the meaning of Government Code Section 87102.

The commissioners appointed to take office upon the effective date of this Charter section shall by lot classify their terms so that the terms of three of the commissioners shall expire at noon on the first anniversary of such date, and the terms of the remaining four commissioners shall expire at noon on the second anniversary of the effective date. On the expiration of these and successive terms of office, the appointments shall be made for two year terms.

Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105. Vacancies occurring in the offices of members, either during or at the expiration of a term, shall be filled by the Mayor.

(b) Effective March 1, 1999, the Commission shall succeed to all powers and responsibilities relating to taxicabs and other motor vehicles for hire, other than criminal enforcement, now vested in the Police Commission, the Police Department or the Chief of Police. The Taxi Commission may be assigned additional duties and functions by ordinance or pursuant to Section 4.132.

(c) All costs associated with the operations of the Taxi Commission, and such officers and employees as are necessary for the Commission to operate and administer the department and are authorized pursuant to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, shall be recovered from permit, license and other fees charged to permit holders, applicants, and other persons by the Commission. The Board of Supervisors shall set fees sufficient to offset the costs of the Commission’s operations and any such officers and employees.

Notwithstanding the above, the Board of Supervisors may continue to offer reduced fees to operators who participate in the City’s Paratransit Program, and offset the reduction in revenues with a contribution from the General Fund.