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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

ARTICLE XXVIII:

SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY TASK FORCE

Sec. 5.28-1. Creation of Task Force.

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SEC. 5.28-1. CREATION OF TASK FORCE.

The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Single Room Occupancy Task Force (the "Task Force") of the City and County of San Francisco.
SEC. 5.28-2. FINDINGS.

(a) In 1999, the Board of Supervisors created the Single Room Occupancy Health, Stabilization and Safety Task Force in response to a rash of fires that resulted in over 900 single room occupancy (SRO) units being eliminated from the housing market due to fire since 1988. In 2006, in Resolution No. 459-06, the Board reconfigured the Task Force, renamed it the SRO Task Force, reduced its membership from 32 to 13 voting members and a Chair who votes only in the event of a tie vote, and extended its sunset date to December 31, 2009. In 2009, in Resolution No. 457-09, the Board changed the membership of the Task Force again, increasing its size to 14 voting members and a non-voting Chair, and extended its sunset date to December 31, 2012. In 2010, in Resolution No. 582-10, the Board eliminated the non-voting Chair. In 2013, in Resolution No. 09-13, the Board again extended the sunset date to December 31, 2015. This Article XXVIII codifies the Task Force in the Administrative Code.

(b) During its existence, the SRO Task Force has been successful in fulfilling its original mission of preventing and improving the City’s response to SRO fires, and has expanded its goals to include quality of life issues faced by residents of SRO hotels.

SEC. 5.28-3. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) The Task Force shall consist of thirteen members, appointed as follows:

(1) Seats 1 and 9 shall be held by a current tenant of an SRO, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

(2) Seats 2 and 3 shall be held by owners or operators of SROs, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

(3) Seat 4 shall be held by an employee or officer of a nonprofit organization that owns or operates an SRO, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
(4) Seat 5 shall be held by an employee or officer of the Mission SRO Collaborative, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

(5) Seat 6 shall be held by an employee or officer of the Central City SRO Collaborative, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

(6) Seat 7 shall be held by an employee or officer of the Chinatown SRO Collaborative, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

(7) Seat 8 shall be held by an employee or officer of the Families SRO Collaborative, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

(8) Seat 10 shall be held by an employee of the Human Services Agency, appointed by the Director of the Human Services Agency.

(9) Seat 11 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Building Inspection, appointed by the Director of the Department of Building Inspection.

(10) Seat 12 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Public Health working in the Housing and Urban Health Section, appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Health.

(11) Seat 13 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Public Health working in the Environmental Health Section, appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Health.

The City Attorney shall assign a representative to advise the Task Force.

SEC. 5.28-4. ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

(a) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the member’s appointing authority, and shall serve for the life of the Task Force unless removed by the appointing authority.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in any seat on the Task Force, the appointing authority for the vacated seat shall appoint a successor to that seat.
(c) Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation from the City, except that the members in seats 10 through 44 may receive their regular salaries for time spent on the Task Force because they are serving in an official capacity as representatives of their departments.

(d) Any member who misses three regular meetings of the Task Force without the express approval of the Task Force at or before each missed meeting shall be deemed by operation of law to have resigned from the Task Force ten days after the third unapproved absence. The Task Force shall inform the appointing authority of the resignation.

(e) The Department of Building Inspection shall provide clerical and administrative support and staffing for the Task Force.

SEC. 5.28-5. DUTIES.

(a) The Task Force shall assist the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and all City departments in achieving two primary goals: (1) that all SRO hotels in the City are safe, accessible, and stable places to reside, and (2) that affordable, healthy, and appropriate housing options are available in the City so that extremely low-income families do not have to raise their children in SRO hotels. To achieve those goals, the Task Force shall identify and provide training and consultation; develop and recommend legislation, regulations, policies, and/or procedures; monitor compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies, and/or procedures; recommend strategies to move families out of SROs and into permanent housing; advocate goals for assuring housing is affordable to extremely low-income families; and advocate strategies to prevent families from losing their housing.

(b) All City departments, commissions, boards, and agencies shall cooperate with the Task Force in conducting its business.
SEC. 5.28-6. MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The Task Force shall hold a regular meeting not less than once every month until the sunset date set forth in Section 5.28-7.

(b) The Task Force shall elect its own officers and may establish rules for its own organization and procedures.

SEC. 5.28-7. SUNSET.

Unless extended by ordinance, this Article XXVIII shall expire by operation of law, and the Task Force shall terminate, on December 31, 2018. After the expiration of the Task Force, the City Attorney shall cause this Article to be removed from the Administrative Code.

Section 2. Effective Date; Retroactivity. 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. Should the effective date of this ordinance be after December 31, 2015, the ordinance shall be retroactive to December 31, 2015; and the service of Task Force members shall not be considered to have terminated as of that date, but shall be considered as having continued, uninterrupted, beyond that date.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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February 11, 2016 Rules Committee - AMENDED

February 11, 2016 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

February 23, 2016 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING
   Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

March 01, 2016 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
   Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 151005

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 3/1/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved

3/1/2016