

**SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
(GOVERNMENT CODE §54956)**

*Please take notice that the Vice President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, acting pursuant to the authority of Government Code §54956, hereby calls a special meeting of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, to take place on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, California 94063.*

*The special meeting is for the purpose of discussing and transacting the following business:*

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Resolution urging Mayor Gavin Newsom to veto the City and County of San Francisco's Ordinance creating "San Francisco Local Hiring Policy For Construction" with a strong veto message reflecting concerns about the serious negative impacts to the region's work force as well as the environment (Supervisors Carole Groom and Adrienne Tissier)
5. Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Code §54954.3, members of the public, to the extent required by law, will have the opportunity to directly address the Board concerning the above-mentioned business.

This notice is to be delivered to each member of the Board of Supervisors, and to each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station requesting notice in writing. The notice shall be delivered personally or by other means, and shall be received at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in this notice.

Dated: December 20, 2010

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Vice President, Board of Supervisors



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Board of Supervisors



**DATE:** December 20, 2010  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** December 21, 2010  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Carole Groom and Supervisor Adrienne Tissier

**SUBJECT:** Request urging Mayor Newsom to veto ordinance creating the “San Francisco Local Hiring Policy For Construction”.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution urging Mayor Gavin Newsom to veto the City and County of San Francisco’s ordinance creating “San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction” with a strong veto message reflecting concerns about the serious negative impacts to the region’s work force as well as the environment.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 14, 2010, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance establishing the “San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction” which will require contractors and their subcontractors performing public works projects for the City and County of San Francisco to have up to 50% of their work force composed of San Francisco residents even for projects at sites located up to 70 miles beyond the jurisdictional limits of San Francisco.

**DISCUSSION:**

The San Francisco ordinance will financially penalize employers who fail to meet minimum local hiring requirements and thus will negatively impact the opportunity for workers residing in neighboring communities to work on San Francisco City public works jobs, both within San Francisco limits and within their own communities.

San Francisco estimates that it will award \$27 billion in public work and improvement contracts over the next ten years, and that those contracts will generate tens of thousands of construction work hours. A large proportion of those public works projects will not take place within the City limits of San Francisco but rather at locations within San Mateo County, including the San Francisco International Airport, Hetch Hetchy facilities, and the San Bruno jail. In the past, residents of San Mateo County have experienced the inconvenience of San Francisco’s construction efforts, but at least our residents have had an equal opportunity to participate in these construction projects. If this ordinance is implemented, their opportunity to participate will be severely

constrained.

Additionally, this ordinance will have a negative environmental impact due to the increase in the number of San Francisco residents required to drive to jobsites in San Mateo County as well as an increase in the number of San Mateo County residents who will be denied the opportunity to work on these projects and thus will be forced to commute to distant jobsites.

All of the communities in the Bay Area have local economic and hiring concerns and goals, but local goals should not be advanced by burdening other local jurisdictions and putting them at an unnecessary disadvantage. The Bay Area community leaders should be engaged in a regional, rather than a provincial, approach to addressing employment and environmental issues.

The proposed resolution urges Mayor Gavin Newsom to veto the City and County of San Francisco's ordinance creating "San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction" with a strong veto message reflecting concerns about the serious negative impacts to the region's work force as well as the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this Board's adoption of the resolution. There is an unknown fiscal impact to the County and its residents if the "San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction" is implemented.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION URGING MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM TO VETO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S ORDINANCE CREATING "SAN FRANCISCO LOCAL HIRING POLICY FOR CONSTRUCTION" WITH A STRONG VETO MESSAGE REFLECTING CONCERNS ABOUT THE SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE REGION'S WORK FORCE AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENT**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, on December 14, 2010, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance establishing the "San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction" which will require contractors and their subcontractors performing public works projects for the City and County of San Francisco to have up to 50% of their work force composed of San Francisco residents even for projects at sites located up to 70 miles beyond the jurisdictional limits of San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Francisco ordinance will financially penalize employers who fail to meet minimum local hiring requirements and thus will negatively impact the opportunity for workers residing in neighboring communities to work on San Francisco City public works jobs, both within San Francisco limits and within their own communities; and

**WHEREAS**, San Francisco estimates that it will award \$27 billion in public work and improvement contracts over the next ten years, and that those contracts will

generate tens of thousands of construction work hours; and

**WHEREAS**, a large proportion of those public works projects will not take place within the City limits of San Francisco but rather at locations within San Mateo County, including the San Francisco International Airport, Hetch Hetchy facilities, and the San Bruno jail; and

**WHEREAS**, contrary to the findings made by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, this ordinance will have a negative environmental impact due to the increase in the number of San Francisco residents required to drive to jobsites in San Mateo County as well as an increase in the number of San Mateo County residents who will be denied the opportunity to work on these projects and thus will be forced to commute to distant jobsites; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes that all of the communities in the Bay Area have local economic and hiring concerns and goals, but local goals should not be advanced by burdening other local jurisdictions and putting them at an unnecessary disadvantage; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes that the Bay Area community leaders should be engaged in a regional, rather than a provincial, approach to addressing employment and environmental issues;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED** that this Board of Supervisors hereby urges Mayor Gavin Newsom to veto the City and County of San

Francisco's ordinance creating "San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction" with a strong veto message reflecting concerns about the serious negative impacts to the region's work force as well as the environment.

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