



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Office of the County Administrator

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

Amendment to First 5 Sonoma County Commission Ordinance

Recommended Action:

Adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6257 (establishing the First 5 Sonoma County Commission as an independent public agency) to add representatives of tribal governments to the potential group of at-large members on the Commission.

Executive Summary:

On March 19, 2019, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 6257 to establish the First 5 Sonoma County Commission as an independent public agency. Section III of the Ordinance specifies the Commission Membership and identifies the group of at-large members that are appointed by the Board of Supervisors in addition to the three permanent members. The First 5 Commission presented a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 6257 to the Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2024, to expand representation on the Commission to include tribal representatives. The Board approved the proposed amendment. This item now seeks adoption of the Ordinance to add representatives of tribal governments to the potential group of at-large members.

Discussion:

On March 19, 2019, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 6257 to establish the First 5 Sonoma County Commission ("Commission") as an independent public agency. The Commission had previously existed in a different format and structure as part of the County's Department of Health Services since 1998.

Section III of Ordinance No. 6257 specifies the Commission Membership and identifies the members that are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, as required pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 130140. In addition to three permanent members, which are comprised of one member of the Board of Supervisors and two members from the Sonoma County Health Services and Human Services Departments, Health & Safety Code § 130140(a)(1)(A)(iii) provides for the appointment of members at-large from representative groups including service recipients, educators, local child care agencies, local organizations for prevention or early intervention for families at risk, community-based organizations aimed at nurturing and early childhood development, local school districts, and local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies. In addition, representatives of cities and towns that have established policy and/or dedicated resources to promoting the healthy development of children 0-5 and their families were added to Section III of Ordinance No. 6257.

The Commission formed an ad hoc committee to work on aligning First 5 Sonoma’s mission, vision and recruitment practices with the First 5 Sonoma County Working Framework to Advance Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Anti-Racism. The Framework was adopted by the Commission on January 23, 2023, <https://first5sonomacounty.org/wp-content/uploads/January-Approved-minutes.pdf>, and identifies several impact areas, timelines and action items to advance First 5 Sonoma’s role as leader in diversity, equity, belonging and anti-racism for early childcare and families in our local communities. Expanding the potential group of at-large-members to include stakeholders from tribal governments and organization was one of the identified actions items.

On February 26, 2024, the First 5 Commission approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to expand representation on the Commission to include tribal representatives.

<https://first5sonomacounty.org/wp-content/uploads/Commission-Minutes-Feb-2024.pdf>

In accordance with the Commission’s recommendation, the First 5 Commission presented a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 6257 to the Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2024, to expand representation on the Commission to include tribal representatives. The Board approved the proposed amendment, and this Board item now seeks to adopt an amendment to the Ordinance to add representatives of tribal governments to the potential group of at-large members.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

Yes

The adopted Ordinance amendment stems from a recommendation from the First 5 Sonoma County Commission’s ad hoc committee to align its mission, vision and recruitment practices with the *First 5 Sonoma County Working Framework to Advance Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Anti-Racism*. The Framework was adopted by the Commission on January 23, 2023, and the Commission approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to expand representation on the Commission to include representatives from tribal governments and organization on February 26, 2024.

Prior Board Actions:

May 21, 2024: Introduction of a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 6257 to expand representation on the Commission to include tribal representatives.

March 19, 2019: Adoption of Ordinance No. 6257 establishing the First 5 Sonoma County Commission as independent public agency.

March 16, 2010: Adopted Ordinance No. 5881: Changed name of Commission to “First 5 Sonoma County Commission” to conform to state Commission’s name change to “First 5 California.”

October 14, 2008: Adopted Ordinance No. 5807: (1) Increase the number of Commissioners from seven to nine, (2) increase a Commissioner’s term of office from two to three years, and (3) establish term limits of a maximum of three consecutive terms.

June 6, 2000: Adopted Ordinance No. 5236: (1) Increase the number of Commissioners from five to seven, and (2) rename the Commission as "Sonoma County Children and Families Commission."

December 15, 1998: Adopted Ordinance No. 5142: Board established the Children and Families First Commission and trust fund. The Department of Health Services was designated as the administrative agent of the Commission.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

n/a

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

n/a

Attachments:

- Amended Ordinance
- Post-Adoption Summary

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.