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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

☐ 1. For reference to Committee: _____

An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.

☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee.

☐ 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee: _____

☐ 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor _____ inquires"

☐ 5. City Attorney request.

☐ 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.

☐ 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).

☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____

☐ 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).

☐ 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.

☐ 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on _____

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission

☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a different form.

Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Mark E. Farrell

Subject:

Preservation and Display of First Responder Artifacts and Facilities by Guardians of the City

The text is listed below or attached:

Attached

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: Mark E. Farrell

For Clerk's Use Only:

[Preservation and Display of First Responder Artifacts and Facilities by Guardians of the City]

Resolution urging the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD), Police Department (SFPD), Sherriff, and Department of Emergency Management (DEM), in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, the Purchaser, the Department of Real Estate, and any other agencies with jurisdiction over former Fire, Police, or Sherriff's Department artifacts and facilities, to consider: (1) preparing an agreement for possible loan of historical artifacts and surplus property from SFFD, SFPD, Sherriff, and DEM ("First Responder Artifacts") to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization known as Guardians of the City (GOTC) for management, research, care, conservation, and public display; (2) entering into a lease or other agreements regarding GOTC's use of space in SFFD or other City facilities for GOTC's public exhibitions and related administrative activities, and possible preservation of historic facilities; and (3) the development of other methods of supporting and encouraging the collection, preservation, protection, and public display of important First Responder Artifacts and facilities for the benefit of current and future generations.

WHEREAS, The City's Fire, Police, Sherriff, and Emergency Management Departments (the "First Responder Departments") play a critical role in the safety of the City, its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The First Responder Departments have irreplaceable historical documents and artifacts that reflect the history of those departments as well as the City; and

WHEREAS, Many San Francisco residents and other private individuals have expressed an interest in donating important privately-owned historical artifacts related to first responders; and

WHEREAS, The City has a strong interest in encouraging the stewardship and conservation of such artifacts in order to celebrate the heritage and history of the City and County of San Francisco and its First Responder Departments and to recognize the important contributions of the individuals who have dedicated their lives to public safety in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The City's procedures for the removal of surplus property from the First Responder Departments and other agencies holding First Responder Artifacts could be improved to help better safeguard surplus property that has historical, scientific, aesthetic, or cultural value; and

WHEREAS, The Guardians of the City (GOTC) is a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed by current and former members of the First Responder Departments whose primary purpose is to provide stewardship and conservation of a collection of irreplaceable artifacts that celebrate the heritage and history of the City's First Responder Departments; and

WHEREAS, The GOTC plans memorial walls and gardens to honor the first responders who fell in the line of duty as well as exhibitions of First Responder historical artifacts; and

WHEREAS, The GOTC plans to curate exhibitions of First Responder photographs, documents, signs, memorabilia, journals, historical uniforms, badges, helmets, equipment, and apparatus at community events, parades, museum facilities, and other City facilities and public venues; and

WHEREAS, The GOTC proposes to use space in 1152 Oak Street and in the SFFD Fire Chief's house and other facilities suitable for public display and access for possible public displays and related administrative spaces to support such activities; and

WHEREAS, The GOTC has expressed an interest in helping to support the restoration and preservation of 1152 Oak Street and the SFFD Fire Chief's house for the benefit and enjoyment of the public; and

WHEREAS, The GOTC is working in consultation with museum experts to help research and catalogue First Responder Artifacts for the public benefit;

WHEREAS, A formal agreement and possible lease with the GOTC could serve the public interest by further confirming the City's support of GOTC's mission and ensuring greater understanding and access to First Responder Artifacts and the rich history that they represent;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD), Police Department (SFPD), Sherriff, and Department of Emergency Management (DEM), in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, the Purchaser, the Department of Real Estate, and any other agencies with jurisdiction over former Fire, Police, or Sherriff's Department artifacts and facilities, to consider (1) preparing an agreement for possible loan of historical artifacts and surplus property from SFFD, SFPD, Sherriff, and DEM ("First Responder Artifacts") to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization known as Guardians of the City (GOTC) for management, research, care, conservation, and public display, (2) entering into a lease or other agreements regarding GOTC's use of space in SFFD or other City facilities for GOTC's public exhibitions and related administrative activities, and possible preservation of historic facilities, and (3) development of other methods of supporting and encouraging the collection, preservation, protection, and public display of important First Responder Artifacts and facilities for the benefit of current and future generations.