

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Jain-Trivedi Fund - "Be The Jury" Program - \$250,000]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector to accept and**  
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Jain-Trivedi Fund for the purpose of**  
5 **increasing juror per diems to qualifying low-income jurors in criminal cases in the San**  
6 **Francisco Superior Court from August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2031.**

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8 WHEREAS, In March 2022, the San Francisco Treasurer's Financial Justice Project, in  
9 partnership with the San Francisco Superior Court, Public Defender's Office, District  
10 Attorney's Office, and the San Francisco Bar Association, launched "Be The Jury"; and

11 WHEREAS, This first-of-its-kind pilot program in San Francisco increases the daily  
12 juror stipend from \$15 per day to \$75 per day for low-income San Franciscans who are  
13 summoned to serve on juries but cannot serve because they would face a financial hardship;  
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15 WHEREAS, The program was launched to help ensure that San Francisco juries are  
16 made up of a balanced cross section of San Francisco residents, enabling jurors to better  
17 administer justice that reflects the values of diverse San Francisco communities; and

18 WHEREAS, The Jain-Trivedi Fund recently agreed to donate \$250,000 to the City and  
19 County of San Francisco to be administered by the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector;  
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21 WHEREAS, The funds will be utilized to provide increased juror per diems to qualifying  
22 low-income jurors in criminal cases in the Superior Court of California, County of San  
23 Francisco; and

24 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an amendment to the Annual Salary  
25 Ordinance; and

