

AMENDED IN COMMITTEE
12/04/25

FILE NO. 251089

RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Behested Payment Waiver - India Basin Waterfront Park]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Chief of Infrastructure,**
4 **Assistant Chief of Infrastructure, Chief of Housing and Economic Development,**
5 **Director of Public Affairs, and Policy Advisor, and the General Manager of the**
6 **Recreation and Park Department (RPD), the Director and staff of RPD's Partnership**
7 **Division, RPD's Director of Capital and Planning, RPD's India Basin Project Manager,**
8 **and RPD's India Basin Equitable Development Plan Manager to solicit donations for the**
9 **India Basin Waterfront Park Initiative from nonprofits, private organizations,**
10 **grantmakers, and foundations for six months, effective upon approval of this**
11 **Resolution, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.**

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13 WHEREAS, The Bayview-Hunters Point community is a historically underserved
14 community that has experience with a concentration of polluting industries and has lacked the
15 civic investment and inspiring greenspaces found elsewhere in San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, Community members have long advocated for improvements to and
17 expansion of the existing India Basin Shoreline Park, located at 950 Galvez Avenue (at
18 Hunters Point Boulevard and Hawes Street) as a way to correct previous disinvestment and
19 ensure residents have access to the physical health, mental health, and community benefits
20 that come from world class parks; and

21 WHEREAS, This advocacy moved closer to reality when the Recreation and Park
22 Department (RPD) acquired the 900 Innes property adjacent to the south side of the Park in
23 2014, with the goal of cleaning the formerly industrial site and connecting it to the existing
24 Park and waterfront spaces; and

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1 WHEREAS, On October 19, 2024, Initiative Partners together with the community,
2 celebrated the opening of the first part of the park to the public; and

3 WHEREAS, On August 19, 2025 Mayor Daniel Lurie broke ground on construction for
4 the final part of the park, which is expected to be complete in late 2027 or early 2028; and

5 WHEREAS, The India Basin Waterfront Park Initiative (the Initiative) is a multi-pronged
6 public-private partnership in which RPD is working in close partnership with the Bayview-
7 Hunters Point community, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the San Francisco Foundation, and
8 Trust for Public Land (collectively, the Partners) to build the park in one of the City's most
9 historically underserved neighborhoods; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to building IBWP, the Initiative will also enable RPD and the
11 Partners to ensure the benefits of the project accrue to the existing neighborhood through
12 projects and programs undertaken by Initiative Partners and other community-serving
13 nonprofits consistent with the India Basin Equitable Development Plan (EDP); and

14 WHEREAS, On May 14, 2019, The Board of Supervisors authorized RPD to accept
15 and expend a grant for the Initiative in the amount of \$25,000,000 from the John Pritzker
16 Family Fund, under Resolution No. 242-19; and

17 WHEREAS, RPD has secured public grants to date totaling approximately
18 \$125,000,000 including \$29,000,000 from the 2020 Health and Recovery Bond; and

19 WHEREAS, Bids for the final phase of construction were higher than expected and so,
20 in order to deliver the full scope of the project, Initiative partners raised the full project budget
21 to \$225 million and are working to secure additional public and private funds for construction
22 and EDP implementation; and

23 WHEREAS On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
24 Resolution Nos. 577-23, 578-23, 579-23 and 580-23 authorizing RPD to Accept and Expend
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1 approximately \$55 million in private funding from the non-profit partners on the project,
2 respectively the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Trust for Public Land and the San Francisco
3 Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, To date the partners have secured approximately \$50 million of the \$55
5 million private fundraising goal and are continuing to work together to fundraise for the
6 remaining sum of approximately \$10 million; and

7 WHEREAS, RPD and the Office of the Mayor partner with numerous nonprofit
8 organizations, private entities, grantmakers and foundations, often through contracts or
9 permits; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 15, 2023 Mayor London Breed signed Resolution No. 573-
11 23 and on authorizing a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance (Campaign and
12 Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Recreation and Park
13 Commission, the Mayor and officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and officers
14 and employees of the Recreation and Park Department to the extent it prohibits solicitations of
15 financial support for the Initiative from persons or entities who would qualify as interested
16 parties under the Behested Payments Ordinance; and

17 WHEREAS, On April 15, 2025 Mayor Daniel Lurie signed Resolution No. 134-25 and
18 on authorizing a second waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance (Campaign and
19 Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Recreation and Park
20 Commission, the Mayor and officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and officers
21 and employees of the Recreation and Park Department to the extent it prohibits solicitations of
22 financial support for the Initiative from persons or entities who would qualify as interested
23 parties under the Behested Payments Ordinance; and

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1 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 134-25 expires in October 2025 under of the San
2 Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.620(f); and

3 WHEREAS, The Mayor, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Chief of Infrastructure, Assistant
4 Chief of Infrastructure, Chief of Housing and Economic Development, Director of Public
5 Affairs, and Policy Advisor, and the General Manager of RPD, the Director and staff of RPD's
6 Partnership Division, RPD's Director of Capital and Planning, RPD's India Basin Project
7 Manager, and RPD's India Basin Equitable Development Plan Manager seek a new waiver of
8 the City's Behested Payment Ordinance for six months from the effective date of this
9 Resolution so that they may solicit donations from private organizations and philanthropists to
10 support the India Basin Basin Waterfront Park Initiative including EDP activities; and

11 WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of
12 Supervisors donations to the City and any third party that were solicited under this waiver;
13 such reports will identify the donor, the amount of the donation, the party that received the
14 donation, and the interested relationship the donor has with the department that solicited the
15 donation; the departments will submit the reports to the Board within 60 days of the expiration
16 of the six-month period authorized by this waiver; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct
18 Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested Payment
19 Ordinance for six months from the effective date of this Resolution to fundraising from
20 nonprofits, private organizations, grantmakers and foundations to support the Initiative; and,
21 be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver under Section 3.620(f) serves the
23 public interest by bringing private funding into an underserved neighborhood to support an
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1 Initiative long advocated for by the community and executed in partnership with neighborhood
2 residents; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver under Section 3.620(f) does not
4 create an appearance of impropriety.

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6 Recommended:

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8 _____/s/_____

9 Phil Ginsburg,
10 General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

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