

1 [Concurring in Proclamation of Local Emergency - Severe Winter Storms]

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3 **Motion concurring in the January 9, 2023, Proclamation by the Mayor Declaring the**
4 **Existence of a Local Emergency in connection with the sudden and severe winter**
5 **storms that began on December 27, 2022, causing high winds, substantial**
6 **precipitation, and flooding in the City; and concurring in actions taken to meet the**
7 **emergency to: 1) require City employees and officers to take all steps requested by the**
8 **Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management (“DEM”) to address**
9 **the emergency conditions caused by the storms; 2) require all City employees and**
10 **officers to take all steps requested by the Executive Director of DEM to qualify the City**
11 **for funding as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in**
12 **addressing this emergency; and 3) expedite the procurement of services, goods, and**
13 **public works relating to the emergency by exempting contracts and grants for such**
14 **services from specific contract requirements, waiving Civil Service Commission**
15 **approval of such contracts and grants, authorizing departments to purchase**
16 **professional services through the issuance of a stand-alone purchase order,**
17 **authorizing department heads or their designees to deviate from the City’s standard**
18 **terms and conditions where necessary to effectively respond to the emergency, and**
19 **authorizing the procurement of public works as provided in Administrative Code,**
20 **Section 6.60.**

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22 WHEREAS, On January 9, 2023, Mayor London N. Breed declared a local emergency
23 to exist in connection with the severe winter storms that began on December 27, 2022,
24 causing high winds, substantial precipitation, and flooding in the City; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Mayor has transmitted a copy of that Proclamation Declaring the
2 Existence of a Local Emergency (“Proclamation”) to the Board of Supervisors, and such copy
3 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230024; and

4 WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 8550 et seq. and Charter Section 3.100
5 provide for the concurrence by members of the Board of Supervisors in such emergency
6 declaration and in actions taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; and

7 WHEREAS, The severe storms that began on December 27, 2022 were related to a
8 series of atmospheric river systems that struck California; and

9 WHEREAS, On the weekend of December 31, 2022, the City experienced a storm with
10 severe rains and high winds, which caused major flooding, debris flows, and mudslides that
11 led to road closures; damaged private property, resulting in evacuation of homes and red
12 tagging of buildings; impacted critical infrastructure including public buildings, healthcare
13 facilities, and public transit facilities; and caused power outages, including at the City’s 911
14 operations center and at least one facility serving people experiencing homelessness; and

15 WHEREAS, Between December 31, 2022 and January 4, 2023, the City’s 311 system
16 received nearly 2,000 inquiries and complaints related to flooding, street conditions, and
17 damage to trees, light poles, and property; and

18 WHEREAS, On January 4, 2023, another severe storm hit the City, resulting in
19 additional flooding, downed trees, downed powerlines, and mudslides, road closures and
20 hazards due to flooding, fallen trees, and downed powerlines; downed and damaged trees;
21 property damage; impacts on public transit; and flooding in the City; and

22 WHEREAS, Another storm began on January 8, 2023, and forecasts anticipate that
23 additional and continuing storms related to this series of atmospheric river systems will
24 continue in the coming days; and

1 WHEREAS, On January 4, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of
2 emergency throughout California in response to the need for immediate response and
3 recovery efforts to prevent and mitigate harms caused by the winter storms; and

4 WHEREAS, On January 8, 2023, President Joseph R. Biden declared that an
5 emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement
6 State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from
7 successive and severe winter storms, flooding, and mudslides; and

8 WHEREAS, The Mayor has found the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril justify and
9 require a proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, As part of the Proclamation, the Mayor took additional steps to meet the
11 emergency by ordering four actions to meet the emergency; now, therefore be it

12 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors concurs with the Proclamation by the Mayor
13 Declaring the Existence of Local Emergency issued on January 9, 2023, and, be it

14 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors concurs with the following actions
15 taken by the Mayor to meet the local emergency, as such actions are described in full in
16 January 9, 2023 Proclamation and summarized as follows:

17 **Action 1:** Requiring all City officers and employees to take all steps
18 requested by the Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management (“DEM”) to
19 address the emergency conditions caused by the storms;

20 **Action 2:** Requiring all City officers and employees to take all steps
21 requested by the Executive Director of DEM to qualify the City for reimbursement from the
22 Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be
23 available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency;

24 **Action 3:** Expediting the procurement of services, goods, and public works
25 relating to the emergency by exempting contracts and grants for such services from specific

1 contract requirements; waiving Civil Service Commission approval of such contracts and
2 grants; authorizing departments to purchase professional services through the issuance of a
3 stand-alone purchase order; authorizing department heads or their designees to deviate from
4 the City's standard terms and conditions where necessary to effectively respond to the
5 emergency; and authorizing the procurement of public works as provided in Administrative
6 Code Section 6.60, with some modifications.

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