

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Center for Tech and Civic Life - November 3, 2020 -
2 \$864,801]

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3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Elections to accept and expend**
4 **a grant in the amount of \$864,801 from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to support the**
5 **City’s administration of the November 3, 2020, Consolidated General Election, for a**
6 **grant project period of June 15, 2020, through December 31, 2020.**

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8 WHEREAS, On September 1, 2020, the Center for Tech and Civic Life (“CTCL”), a
9 nonprofit organization, announced that it would accept applications from local elections
10 officials for grants to assist with challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, CTCL received \$250 million from Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg to
12 fund these election administration grants; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Elections (“DOE”) promptly applied for a grant from
14 CTCL and on September 23, 2020, the organization notified DOE that it would receive a grant
15 of \$864,801; and

16 WHEREAS, The grant funds may only be used for the purpose of planning and
17 operationalizing election administration in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, The DOE may use the grant funds for ballot drop boxes, department real
19 estate costs, non-partisan voter education, personal protective equipment (“PPE”) for staff,
20 poll workers, or voters, poll worker recruitment funds, hazard pay, and/or training expenses,
21 polling place rental and cleaning expenses for early voting or Election Day, temporary staffing,
22 voting materials in languages other than English, and vote-by-mail voting equipment and
23 supplies; and

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1 WHEREAS, The grant funds may not replace previously appropriated or budgeted
2 funds for the DOE's administration of the November 3, 2020, Consolidated General Election;
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4 WHEREAS, The DOE may only apply the grant funds to costs incurred through
5 December 31, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, The DOE's grant agreement with CTCL is on file with the Clerk of the
7 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____; and

8 WHEREAS, The grant terms prohibit applying grant funds to indirect costs; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the DOE to retroactively accept
11 and expend grant funds in the amount of \$864,801 from CTCL; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of
13 indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the DOE is authorized to enter into a grant
15 agreement with CTCL on behalf of the City.

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17 RECOMMENDED:

APPROVED:

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19 /s/ _____
20 John Arntz
21 Director of Elections

/s/ _____
Mayor

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23 /s/ _____
24 Controller