

1 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Dennis Richards, Rachel Swann, Six Dogs, LLC - \$1,800,000]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Dennis Richards, Rachel**
4 **Swann and Six Dogs, LLC against the City and County of San Francisco for \$1,800,000;**
5 **the lawsuit was filed on February 21, 2020, in United States District Court, Case No. 20-**
6 **cv-01242-JCS; entitled Dennis Richards, et al. v. Department of Building Inspection, et**
7 **al.; the lawsuit involves alleged civil rights violations and claims that the Department of**
8 **Building Inspection revoked building permits to retaliate against persons critical of the**
9 **Department.**

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11 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

12 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby
13 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the action entitled Dennis Richards, et al. v. Department
14 of Building Inspection, et al., United States District Court, Case No. 20-cv-01242-JCS by the
15 payment of \$1,800,000. The lawsuit involves alleged civil rights violations and claims that the
16 Department of Building Inspection revoked building permits to retaliate against persons critical
17 of the Department.

18 Section 2. The above-named action was filed in United States District Court on
19 February 21, 2020, and the following parties were named in the lawsuit: Plaintiffs: Dennis
20 Richards, Rachel Swann, Six Dogs, LLC; Defendants: Department of Building Inspection of
21 the City and County of San Francisco; City and County of San Francisco, Edward Sweeney,
22 and Mauricio Hernandez.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
RECOMMENDED:

DAVID CHIU
City Attorney

/s/ Meredith B. Osborn
MEREDITH B. OSBORN
Chief Trial Deputy

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

/s/ Michelle Allersma for Ben Rosenfield
BEN ROSENFELD
Controller

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RECOMMENDED:

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

/s/
PATRICK O'RIORDAN
Interim Director



City and County of San Francisco

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Ordinance

File Number: 220193

Date Passed: April 12, 2022

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March 17, 2022 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 05, 2022 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING

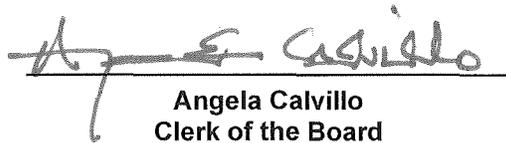
Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Melgar

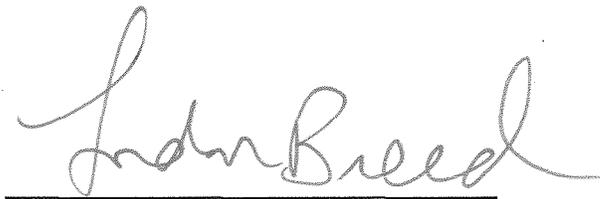
April 12, 2022 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton
Excused: 2 - Melgar and Stefani

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 4/12/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


London N. Breed
Mayor

4/22/22

Date Approved