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Prepared by: Lisa Lew
Prepared by: _____

Date: November 26, 2025
Date: _____

1 [Supporting the Stop Ballroom Bribery Act (S. 3191 Warren) (H.R. 6085 Garcia)]

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3 **Resolution supporting the passage of the Stop Ballroom Bribery Act, S.3191 authored**
4 **by United States (U.S.) Senator Elizabeth Warren and H.R. 6085 authored by U.S.**
5 **Representative Robert Garcia, to root out pay-to-play by imposing donation restrictions**
6 **to projects involving public property; and calling on local donors to return their**
7 **donations.**

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9 WHEREAS, In response to reports that the wealthy individuals, corporations, and
10 organizations with business interests before the federal administration have lined up to fund
11 the President's new \$300 million White House ballroom, United States (U.S.) Senator
12 Elizabeth Warren and Representative Robert Garcia introduced the "Stop Ballroom Bribery
13 Act" S.3191 and H.R.6085; and

14 WHEREAS, The Stop Ballroom Bribery Act, proposes to root out one category of these
15 pay-to-play opportunities by restricting donation sources for the construction, improvement,
16 alteration, or enjoyment of public property primarily used by the President or Vice President,
17 including the construction of monuments and structures honoring living Presidents and Vice
18 Presidents; and

19 WHEREAS, The Stop Ballroom Bribery Act proposes to do this by banning donations
20 from entities and individuals with conflicts of interest; banning certain staff from soliciting
21 donations, including the President, Vice President and their families; requiring Congressional
22 oversight and approval of donations from foreign entities; restricting use of funds and leftover
23 funds; requiring transparency, disclosures, and quarterly public reports on donations and
24 covered projects; and enable judicial review of administrative decisions and enforcement of
25 civil penalties and remedies for violations; and

1 WHEREAS, Good government and ethics experts have raised concern that current
2 practices by the administration have created apparent pay-to-play relationships, especially
3 since the administration has not been fully transparent about the source of donations and has
4 allowed anonymous donations, all of which contribute to the erosion of the public's trust in
5 government; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 supports the passage of the Stop Ballroom Bribery Act, authored by U.S. Senator Elizabeth
8 Warren and U.S. Representative Robert Garcia, to root out pay-to-play by imposing donation
9 restrictions to projects involving public property; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco calls on any local donors to rescind their donations for ballroom construction and
12 any other public projects and events that are for the President and Vice President's personal
13 use or aggrandizement; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
15 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to forward a copy of this Resolution to the San
16 Francisco congressional delegation.

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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To prevent corruption by appropriately limiting donations for any public property, building, or fixture at the White House, the Naval Observatory, or certain other public property, for events on such property, or for monuments to living current or former Presidents, current or former Vice Presidents, or current or former employees or officers appointed by the President.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. WARREN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Ballroom Bribery
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DONATION RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC**
5 **PROPERTY LINKED TO PRESIDENT OR VICE**
6 **PRESIDENT.**

7 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

8 (1) **COVERED PROJECT.**—The term “covered
9 project” means—

10 (A) the maintenance, acquisition, enhancement,
11 improvement, alteration, demolition, or
12 construction of any public property (including
13 real property), building, or fixture located on or
14 immediately adjacent to the grounds of the
15 White House, the grounds of Number One Observatory
16 Circle, or other public property intended for or dedicated to the use of the sitting
17 President, the sitting Vice President, or a
18 spouse or child of the sitting President or the
19 sitting Vice President;

21 (B) the maintenance, acquisition, enhancement,
22 improvement, alteration, demolition, or
23 construction of a Federal monument or other
24 structure on public property that names or honors a living current or former President, Vice

3 (C) an event hosted on the grounds of the
4 White House, the grounds of Number One Ob-
5 servatory Circle, or on any other public prop-
6 erty intended for or dedicated to the use of the
7 sitting President, the sitting Vice President, or
8 a spouse or child of the sitting President or the
9 sitting Vice President.

15 (3) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—The term “for-
16 eign government” has the meaning given that term
17 in section 7342 of title 5, United States Code.

22 (5) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
23 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
24 is described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section

1 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and
2 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

3 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTING DONATIONS.—

4 (1) NPS AND OGE APPROVAL BEFORE ACCEPT-
5 ANCE OR USE OF A DONATION FOR A COVERED
6 PROJECT.—A donation for a covered project may be
7 accepted or used by the Federal Government only—

8 (A) in accordance with an authority to ac-
9 cept gifts or reimbursements under existing
10 law; and

11 (B) if the individual who is serving in the
12 position of Director of the National Park Serv-
13 ice, and who has been appointed to such posi-
14 tion by the President, by and with the advice
15 and consent of the Senate—

16 (i) makes a written determination,
17 with the concurrence of the individual who
18 is serving in the position of Director of the
19 Office of Government Ethics, and who has
20 been appointed to such position by the
21 President, by and with the advice and con-
22 sent of the Senate, that the donation com-
23 plies with the restrictions under paragraph
24 (2);

7 (iii) publishes the determination de-
8 scribed in clause (i) in the Federal Reg-
9 ister.

10 (2) RESTRICTIONS; REQUIREMENTS FOR DO-
11 NORS.—

12 (A) PROHIBITED DONATIONS.—A donation
13 for a covered project may not be accepted or
14 used by an officer or employee of the United
15 States, including the President and Vice Presi-
16 dent, or a non-Governmental agent operating on
17 behalf of such an officer or employee, if the ul-
18 timate source of the donation, in part or in
19 whole, is a person who—

20 (i) at the time the donation is made
21 is, or at any time on or after the date on
22 which the sitting President assumed the
23 office of President was, involved in litiga-
24 tion with the Federal Government;

1 (ii) at the time the donation is made
2 is, or at any time on or after the date on
3 which the sitting President assumed the
4 office of President was, the subject or tar-
5 get of an administrative investigation or
6 other enforcement action by the Federal
7 Government;

12 (iv) at the time the donation is made
13 is seeking a grant from the Federal Gov-
14 ernment or has received such grant for
15 which the funds have not been fully ex-
16 pended, revoked, or depleted;

17 (v) at the time the donation is made
18 is, or at any time on or after the date on
19 which the sitting President assumed the
20 office of President was, involved in lob-
21 bying activities targeting any part of the
22 executive branch;

23 (vi) at the time the donation is made
24 is seeking or requesting, or at any time on
25 or after the date on which the sitting

1 President assumed the office of President
2 sought, requested, or received, a pardon
3 from the President; or

4 (vii) at the time the donation is made
5 is seeking, or at any time on or after the
6 date on which the sitting President as-
7 sumed the office of President sought, to be
8 appointed to a position in the Federal Gov-
9 ernment by the President.

10 (B) INTEGRITY OF DONATION.—A donation for a covered project may not be accepted or used if the donation—
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21 (iii) would influence or appear to in-
22 fluence the performance of the responsibil-
23 ities by any officer or employee of the exec-
24 utive branch of the Federal Government,
25 including the President or Vice President,

1 or would otherwise compromise the integ-
2 rity or appearance of integrity of any part
3 of the executive branch of the Federal Gov-
4 ernment.

5 (C) PROHIBITED SOLICITATION.—An offi-
6 cer or employee of the Executive Office of the
7 President, including the President and Vice
8 President, or the spouse or child of the Presi-
9 dent or Vice President, may not solicit a dona-
10 tion for a covered project.

11 (D) APPROVAL OF FOREIGN GIFTS AND
12 EMOLUMENTS.—A donation for a covered
13 project made by a foreign government may not
14 be accepted unless Congress has approved the
15 accepting of the donation.

16 (c) POST-DONATION RESTRICTIONS.—

17 (1) DONOR RECOGNITION LIMITATIONS.—A
18 donor name, donor logo, or other indication of the
19 identity of a donor may not be displayed at any loca-
20 tion described in subsection (a)(1) as recognition of
21 the donation.

22 (2) COOLING-OFF PERIOD.—A person making a
23 donation for a covered project may not engage in
24 any lobbying activities directed at any officer or em-
25 ployee of the United States in a position in the exec-

utive branch, including the President or the Vice President, during the 2-year period beginning on the date of the donation.

18 (d) TRANSPARENCY TO ENSURE DONATIONS ARE
19 DISCLOSED AND PROHIBIT STRAW DONATIONS.—

20 (1) DISCLOSING DONOR MEETINGS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with
22 subparagraph (B), a person making a donation
23 to or for the benefit of a covered project, di-
24 rectly or indirectly through another person,
25 shall disclose to the Director of the National

1 Park Service any meeting or other communica-
2 tion with the President, the Vice President, a
3 spouse or child of the President or the Vice
4 President, any other officer or employee of the
5 United States, or any agent working on any of
6 their behalf that occurs during the period be-
7 ginning on the date that is 1 year before the
8 date of the donation and ending on the date
9 that is 1 year after the date of the donation,
10 and the disclosure shall, for each such meeting,
11 include the topics discussed and the date of the
12 meeting.

13 (B) TIMING OF DISCLOSURE.—A person
14 required to disclose a meeting or other commu-
15 nication under subparagraph (A) shall—

22 (ii) with respect to a meeting or other
23 communication occurring on or after the
24 date of the applicable donation, make the
25 disclosure required under subparagraph

1 (A) not later than 7 days after the meeting
2 or other communication.

10 (A) a brief description of the donation and
11 the circumstances justifying acceptance;

12 (B) the date of acceptance;

13 (C) the identity of each person who—

14 (i) contributed to the donation; and

15 (ii) contributed an aggregate amount

16 of more than \$200 as a part of donations
17 made during the applicable calendar quar-
18 ter; and

19 (D) information regarding any meeting or
20 other communication described in paragraph
21 (1).

22 (3) PROHIBITION ON STRAW DONATIONS.—

With respect to any donation to a covered project, whether made directly or indirectly, it shall be unlawful for a person to knowingly—

(B) permit the name of that person to be used to effect the donation by another person;

5 (C) accept such a donation that is made by
6 one person in the name of another person; or

10 (4) PROHIBITION ON ANONYMOUS DONA-
11 TIONS.—No donation for a covered project may be
12 accepted if it is made on the condition that it be
13 anonymous.

20 (e) ENFORCEMENT.—

21 (1) OGE REGULATIONS AND DISGORGEMENT.—

22 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
23 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Government
24 Ethics shall publish regulations implementing the
25 procedures under this section, which shall permit the

1 Director to direct the return of any donation that
2 violates any provision of this section at any point in
3 time.

4 (2) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF OGE DETERMINA-
5 TIONS.—Any determination by the Director of the
6 Office of Government Ethics under this section shall
7 be subject to judicial review and the attorney general
8 of a State or the Attorney General may bring an ac-
9 tion in accordance with this subsection seeking judi-
10 cial review of such a determination.

11 (3) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE ATTORNEYS GEN-
12 ERAL.—The attorney general of a State may bring
13 a civil action to redress a violation of this section in
14 the United States District Court for the District of
15 Columbia or in any district court of the United
16 States with jurisdiction over any part of the United
17 States served by that attorney general.

18 (4) ENFORCEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES.—
19 The Attorney General of the United States may
20 bring a civil action or criminal prosecution to redress
21 a violation of this section in the United States Dis-
22 trict Court for the District of Columbia.

23 (5) CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

24 (A) CIVIL.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
2 (ii), any person who violates this section
3 shall be subject to—

4 (I) a civil penalty that does not
5 exceed the greater of \$20,000 or an
6 amount equal to the aggregate value
7 of the donations involved in such vio-
8 lation; and

9 (II) an order requiring the per-
10 son to disgorge any benefit derived
11 from any donation involved in the vio-
12 lation.

18 (I) a civil penalty that does not
19 exceed the greater of \$100,000 or the
20 amount equal to the aggregate value
21 of the donations involved in such vio-
22 lation; and

23 (II) an order requiring the per-
24 son to disgorge any benefit derived

1 from any donation involved in the vio-
2 lation.

3 (B) CRIMINAL.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
5 (ii), any person who knowingly and will-
6 fully violates this section shall be—

7 (I) fined under title 18, United
8 States Code, imprisoned for not more
9 than 1 year, or both; and

10 (II) subject to an order requiring
11 the person to disgorge any benefit de-
12 rived from any donation involved in
13 the violation.

19 (I) fined under title 18, United
20 States Code, imprisoned for not more
21 than 5 years, or both; and

22 (II) subject to an order requiring
23 the person to disgorge any benefit de-
24 rived from any donation involved in
25 the violation.

8 (7) PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS.—

9 (A) CIVIL.—A civil action under this sub-
10 section may not be commenced later than 10
11 years after the cause of action accrues.

12 (B) CRIMINAL.—No person shall be pros-
13 ecuted, tried, or punished for any offense under
14 this subsection, unless the indictment is found
15 or the information is instituted within 10 years
16 after such offense shall have been committed.

23 (f) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section,
24 or the application of a provision of this section to any per-
25 son or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the

1 remainder of this section, and the application of the provi-
2 sion to any other person or circumstance, shall not be af-
3 fected thereby.

From: [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Chan Roll Call item
Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 11:47:31 AM
Attachments: [stop_ballroom_bribery_act_Bill_text.pdf](#)
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[CHAN - Intro Form - Ballroom Bribery Act.pdf](#)

Dear Clerk staff,

Attached, please find a resolution from Supervisor Chan for the FAWCR agenda. We confirm that this is a routine, non-controversial matter and neither the League of California Cities nor California State Association of Counties have taken positions on this bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further.

Thanks,
Frances

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor" inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission
- Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes
- No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: