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| 1 | [MOU Amendment - California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority - Recordation of Digitized Electronic Records - Term Extension] |
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| 2 | recordation of Digitized Electronic records from Extendion; |
| 3 | Resolution authorizing the Office of the Assessor-Recorder to execute Amendment |
| 4 | No. 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Electronic |
| 5 | Recording Transaction Network Authority for AB 578 Electronic Recordation |
| 6 | Implementation for recordation of digitized electronic records and certain digital |
| 7 | electronic records; extending the existing MOU term by 13 years from |
| 8 | January 10, 2022, for a total duration of 19 years from January 11, 2016, through |
| 9 | January 10, 2035. |
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| 11 | WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in |
| 12 | File No. 250223, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully |
| 13 | herein; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS, Charter, Section 9.118(b), requires the Board of Supervisors to approve by |
| 15 | Resolution contracts or agreements entered into by a department, board or commission |
| 16 | having a term in excess of ten years; and |
| 17 | WHEREAS, California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority (CERTNA) |
| 18 | has developed and implemented an electronic delivery system pursuant to Assembly Bill 578 |
| 19 | (Stats. 2004, Ch. 621, Sec. 2, California Government Code, Sections 27390 et seq. (AB 578) |
| 20 | as approved by the California State Attorney General (the CERTNA AB 578 System); the |
| 21 | CERTNA AB 578 System has been certified by the California Attorney General, and |
| 22 | participants in the CERTNA 578 System can accept for recordation digitized electronic |
| 23 | records and certain digital electronic records pursuant to AB 578 and regulations issued |
| 24 | pursuant thereto; and |
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| 1 | WHEREAS, The Office of the Assessor-Recorder (ASR) and the California Electronic |
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| 2 | Recording Transaction Network Authority (CERTNA) entered into a Memorandum of |
| 3 | Understanding for AB 578 electronic recordation implementation, dated as of |
| 4 | January 10, 2013; and |
| 5 | WHEREAS, The Office of the Assessor-Recorder (ASR) and CERTNA entered into a |
| 6 | new Memorandum of Understanding for AB 578 electronic recordation implementation, dated |
| 7 | as of January 18, 2017 (the "MOU"); and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, Article II, Section C of the MOU provides that the MOU shall take effect as |
| 9 | of January 11, 2016 and shall continue in full force and effect for three years thereafter unless |
| 10 | otherwise terminated as provided in the MOU; ASR and CERTNA may extend the term of the |
| 11 | MOU pursuant to an executed amendment; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS, ASR and CERTNA extended the term of the MOU by three years to |
| 13 | January 10, 2022, through Amendment No. 1 to the MOU, dated as of August 24, 2018; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS, The rights and responsibilities established in the MOU are intended to |
| 15 | assure the continuing security and lawful operation of the CERTNA AB 578 System under |
| 16 | Government Code, Sections 27390 et seq. and applicable regulations; and |
| 17 | WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 will update the annual costs per title based on the tier |
| 18 | pricing plan in Appendix B; and |
| 19 | WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 will extend the term of the MOU by an additional 13 |
| 20 | years, from a retroactive start date of January 10, 2022; now, therefore, be it |
| 21 | RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Office of the Assessor- |
| 22 | Recorder to execute Amendment No. 2 to the MOU with CERTNA for AB 578 electronic |
| 23 | recordation implementation; increasing the MOU duration by extending the existing MOU term |
| 24 | by 13 years from January 10, 2022, for a total duration of 19 years of January 11, 2016, |
| 25 | through January 10, 2035; and, be it |

| 1 | FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the MOU being fully executed by all |
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| 2 | parties, the Office of the Assessor-Recorder shall provide the final MOU to the Clerk of the |
| 3 | Board for inclusion into the official file. |
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SECOND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CERTNA AND CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ASSESSOR-RECORDER FOR AB 578 ELECTRONIC RECORDATION IMPLEMENTATION

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter, this "Amendment") is made and executed as of this 10th day of January 2025, by and between the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority, a Joint Powers Authority, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR", and City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", acting by and through its Assessor-Recorder.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY have entered into Memorandum of Understanding for AB 578 Electronic Recordation Implementation, dated as of January 18, 2017 (the "MOU"); and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section C of the MOU provides that the MOU shall take effect as of January 11, 2016 and shall continue in full force and effect for three years thereafter unless otherwise terminated as provided in the MOU. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR may extend the term of the MOU pursuant to an executed amendment; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY extended the term of the MOU by three years to January 10, 2022 through a First Amendment to the MOU, dated as of August 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY desire to extend the term of the MOU by an additional thirteen (13) years, from a retroactive date of January 11, 2022.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY hereby agree as follows:

- I. Article II.B of the MOU is hereby amended to read as follows:
- "B. Term of the MOU. This MOU shall take effect as of January 11, 2016 and shall continue in full force and effect for nineteen (19) years thereafter to January 10, 2035, unless otherwise terminated as provided in this MOU. COUNTY and CERTNA may extend the term of this MOU pursuant to an executed amendment."
 - **II. Appendix B** (Tier Pricing Plan) is amended to read as follows:

| County's Annual Recording Level | Initial Cost | Annual Cost |
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| >50,001 document titles recorded | \$0 | \$0.34 per title |
| 25,001 – 50,000 document titles recorded | \$0 | \$0.28 per title |
| 10,001 – 25,000 document titles recorded | \$0 | \$0.23 per title |
| 5,001-10,000 document titles recorded | \$0 | \$0.15 per title |
| < 5,001 document titles recorded | \$0 | \$0.10 per title |

The rates included in this Amendment are subject to change as set forth in Article II, section D. of the MOU.

III. Except as amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the MOU shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the day and year first above written.

| CITY | CONTRACTOR |
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| Approved by: | California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority ("CERTNA") |
| Joaquin Torres Assessor-Recorder Office of the Assessor-Recorder City and County of San Francisco | Richard Sherman Executive Director 701 Ocean Street, Rm 230 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 City supplier ID: 0000023751 |
| Approved as to Form: | Approved as to Form: |
| David Chiu City Attorney | Nubia I. Goldstein White Brenner LLP CERTNA General Counsel |
| Ву: | Ву: |
| Moe Jamil Deputy City Attorney | Nubia I. Goldstein CERTNA General Counsel |

FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CERTNA AND CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ASSESSOR-RECORDER FOR AB 578 ELECTRONIC RECORDATION IMPLEMENTATION

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter, this "Amendment") is made and executed as of this th day of August, 2018, by and between the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority, a Joint Powers Authority, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR", and City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", acting by and through its Assessor-Recorder.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY have entered into that certain Memorandum of Understanding for AB 578 Electronic Recordation Implementation, dated as of January 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section C of the MOU provides that the MOU shall take effect as of January 11, 2016 and shall continue in full force and effect for three years thereafter unless otherwise terminated as provided in the MOU. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR may extend the term of the MOU pursuant to an executed amendment.

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY desire to extend the term of the MOU by an additional three years.

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NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY hereby agree as follows:

- I. Article II.B of the MOU is hereby amended to read as follows:
- "B. Term of the MOU. This MOU shall take effect as of January 11, 2016 and shall continue in full force and effect for six years thereafter to January 10, 2022, unless otherwise terminated as provided in this MOU. COUNTY and CERTNA may extend the term of this MOU pursuant to an executed amendment."
- II. Except as amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the MOU shall remain in full force and effect.

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| 2 | of the day and year first above written. | |
| 3 | CITY | CONTRACTOR |
| 4 | Approved by: | California Electronic Recording |
| 5 | | Transaction Network Authority ("CERTNA") |
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| 7 | Course Chi | Patrick Honny |
| 8 | Carmen Chu Assessor-Recorder | Executive Director |
| 9 | Office of the Assessor-Recorder City and County of San Francisco | 222 W Hospitality Ln., First Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415 |
| 10 | City and County of Sail Francisco | |
| 11 | | City supplier ID: 0000023751 |
| 12 | Approved as to Form: | Approved as to Form: |
| 13 | Dennis J. Herrera | MICHELLE D. BLAKEMORE |
| 14 | City Attorney | San Bernardino County Counsel and CERTNA General Counsel |
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| 17 | Moe Jamil | Robert F. Messinger |
| 18 | Deputy City Attorney | Principal Assistant County Counsel |
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CERTNA AND CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ASSESSOR-RECORDER FOR AB 578 ELECTRONIC RECORDATION IMPLEMENTATION

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter "MOU") is made and executed as of this 18th day of January, 2017, by and between the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority, hereinafter referred to as "CERTNA", a Joint Powers Authority, and City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", acting by and through its Assessor-Recorder.

RECITALS

CERTNA has developed and implemented an electronic recording delivery system pursuant to Assembly Bill 578 (Stats. 2004, Ch. 621, Sec. 2, California Government Code Sections 27390 et seq. ("AB 578") as approved by the California State Attorney General (the "CERTNA AB 578 System"). The CERTNA AB 578 System has been certified by the California Attorney General, and participants in the CERTNA 578 System can accept for recordation DIGITIZED ELECTRONIC RECORDS and certain DIGITAL ELECTRONIC RECORDS pursuant to AB 578 and regulations issued pursuant thereto. COUNTY seeks to participate in the CERTNA AB 578 System. The rights and responsibilities established by this MOU are intended to assure the continuing security and lawful operation of the CERTNA AB 578 System under Government Code Sections 27390 et seq. and applicable regulations.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, CERTNA and COUNTY hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this MOU in all capital letters and not otherwise defined herein have the meaning given in Government Code Section 27390 et seq.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. County Membership. COUNTY agrees to become a voluntary participant in the CERTNA AS 578 System. COUNTY is designated as a "Client-level member" of CERTNA entitling them to receive the services and benefits set forth on APPENDIX A attached hereto and incorporated herein, from CERTNA, and with rights and responsibilities defined by this MOU, but COUNTY is not a member of CERTNA Joint Powers Authority and is not a party to the Joint Powers Agreement that governs CERTNA.
- B. Term of the MOU. This MOU shall take effect as of January 11, 2016 and shall continue in full force and effect for three years thereafter unless otherwise terminated as provided in this MOU. COUNTY and CERTNA may extend the term of this MOU pursuant to an executed amendment.
- C. Effective Date of the MOU. This MOU shall become effective when the COUNTY's Controller has certified to the availability of funds and CERTNA has been notified in writing.
- COUNTY shall pay to CERTNA fees (the "ERDS FEES") calculated pursuant to the tier pricing plan attached hereto as APPENDIX B (the "TIER PRICING PLAN"), and incorporated into this MOU by reference, which is based on the number of documents recorded with COUNTY annually (whether electronically or by walk-in), AND for which an electronic recording delivery fee of \$1.00 is collected by COUNTY at the time of recording such documents (the "ERD FEE DOCUMENTS"). No later than February 1 of each year, COUNTY will report to CERTNA the number of ERD FEE DOCUMENTS recorded the previous year. No later than March 1 of each year CERTNA shall provide to COUNTY an invoice of all ERD FEES due annually based on the volume of ERD FEE DOCUMENTS reported and the then current TIER PRICING PLAN, and COUNTY shall pay the invoiced ERD FEES within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. The TIER PRICING PLAN may be revised by CERTNA once each calendar year, but any revised

TIER PRICING PLAN is not effective until at least 90 days after CERTNA provides COUNTY with notice of the revised TIER PRICING PLAN. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IV, Section D of this MOU, the TIER PRICING PLAN may be revised as provided in the foregoing sentence and such revision does not require a formal amendment to this MOU. Any revised TIER PRICING PLAN shall bear the date that it is effective and shall supersede the preceding TIER PRICING PLAN. Other costs that are ancillary to COUNTY's participation in the CERTNA AB 578 System, such as the required SECURITY TESTING, are not included in the TIER PRICING PLAN and are the sole responsibility of COUNTY. COUNTY's payment of ERD FEES will not exceed forty-thousand dollars and no cents (\$40,000.00) for any calendar year during the first three years of this MOU, and COUNTY's aggregate payment of ERD FEES during the first three years of this MOU will not exceed one hundred and twenty-thousand dollars and no cents (\$120,000.00). In no event shall COUNTY be liable for interest or late charges for any late payments.

- E. Payment Does Not Imply Acceptance of Work. The granting of any payment by COUNTY, or the receipt thereof by CERTNA, shall in no way lessen the liability of CERTNA to replace unsatisfactory work, the CERTNA AB 578 System software, although the unsatisfactory character of such work, or the CERTNA AB 578 System software may not have been apparent or detected at the time such payment was made. The CERTNA AB 578 System software, components, or workmanship that do not conform to the requirements of this MOU may be rejected by COUNTY and in such case must be replaced by CERTNA without delay.
- F. Installation of Necessary Software and Hardware. COUNTY shall install at COUNTY's facilities pursuant to applicable law and CERTNA guidelines attached hereto as APPENDIX C and incorporated into this MOU by reference, the necessary hardware and software for COUNTY's access and connection to the CERTNA AS 578 System. CERTNA and COUNTY shall work together to test the installation to ensure that the installation is functional and is protected by applicable

security systems. CERTNA acknowledges that COUNTY's use of ATPac will satisfy CERTNA's software requirements.

- G. Software Ownership. CERTNA retains ownership of the CERTNA AB 578 System software and is responsible for any modifications, upgrades, maintenance and/or enhancements. CERTNA has final authority on the functionality, enhancements, or upgrades of the CERTNA AB 578 System software.
- H. Modification Prohibition. COUNTY is expressly prohibited from making any software/hardware modification to the CERTNA AB 578 System without written consent of CERTNA.
- California Attorney General may terminate access to the CERTNA AB 578 System, or any part thereof, or may terminate access of any authorized COUNTY staff or CERTNA staff, at any time it deems it necessary to protect the CERTNA AB 578 System, to protect the public interest, to protect the integrity of public records, to protect homeowners or real property owners from financial harm, or at any other time as authorized by law. No cause of action or liability against the COUNTY or CERTNA or California Attorney General shall arise from any decision of the COUNTY or CERTNA or California Attorney General to terminate or deny access of any person or entity to the CERTNA AB 578 System.
- J. Access to System. Access to the CERTNA AB 578 System software, scan, and transmission process shall be governed by an authentication system approved by CERTNA and COUNTY (as approved, the "AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM"). All administrative access to the authentication system shall be restricted to COUNTY employees and CERTNA employees and California Attorney General employees and authorized COMPUTER SECURITY AUDITORS. COUNTY shall delete or modify AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM access for those individuals who had AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM access and leave its employ and notify CERTNA of any change in such employee's status.

K. Software and Hardware Inspection. COUNTY shall provide CERTNA with physical access at the COUNTY Recorder's office during normal business hours to all of COUNTY's hardware and software interacting with the CERTNA AB 578 System, provide that the COUNTY is given at least 24 business hours notice prior to such inspection.

L. Responsibility for Equipment. COUNTY shall not be responsible for any damage to persons or property as a result of the use, misuse or failure of any equipment used by CERTNA, or by any of its employees, even though such equipment be furnished, rented or loaned to CERTNA by COUNTY. The acceptance or use of such equipment by CERTNA or any of its employees means that CERTNA accepts full responsibility for and agrees to exonerate, indemnify, defend and save harmless COUNTY from and against any and all claims for any damage or injury of any type arising from the use, misuse or failure of such equipment, whether such damage be to CERTNA, its employees, COUNTY employees or third parties, or to property belonging to any of the above.

ARTICLE III - TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS; SYSTEM LICENSE; WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS.

- A. COUNTY shall accept DIGITIZED ELECTRONIC RECORDS or DIGITAL ELECTRONIC RECORDS of recordable instruments sent via the CERTNA AB 578 System in conformance with Government Code section 27390 et seq. and applicable regulations. CERTNA acknowledges that COUNTY's use of ATPac will satisfy CERTNA's software requirements.
- B. Grant of License. Subject to the terms and conditions of this MOU, CERTNA grants to COUNTY a term, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use for its municipal purposes the CERTNA AB 578 System software.
- CERTNA represents to COUNTY that the CERTNA AB 578
 System has been certified by the California State Attorney General as required by

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D. CERTNA represents and warrants to COUNTY that the CERTNA AB 578 System will allow COUNTY to accept for recording electronic INSTRUMENTS (as defined in the Title 11, Division 1, Chapter 18 of the California Code of Regulations), in accordance with AB 578.

Agreement.

E. Right to Grant License. CERTNA hereby warrants that the CERTNA AB 578 System furnished pursuant to this MOU will, prior to its transfer to COUNTY, either be the sole and exclusive property of CERTNA, or that CERTNA is properly licensed to issue sublicenses for third-party software applications or components integrated with, or provided as part of, the licensed CERTNA AB 578 System.

ARTICLE IV - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Certification of Funds; Budget and Fiscal Provisions;

Termination in the Event of Non-Appropriation. This Agreement is subject to the budget and fiscal provisions of the COUNTY's Charter. Charges will accrue only after prior written authorization certified by the Controller, and the amount of COUNTY's obligation hereunder shall not at any time exceed the amount certified for the purpose and period stated in such advance authorization. This Agreement will terminate without penalty, liability or expense of any kind to COUNTY at the end of any fiscal year if funds are not appropriated for the next succeeding fiscal year. If funds are appropriated for a portion of the fiscal year, this Agreement will terminate, without penalty, liability or expense of any kind at the end of the term for which funds are appropriated. COUNTY has no obligation to make appropriations for this Agreement in lieu of appropriations for new or other agreements. COUNTY budget decisions are subject to the discretion of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. CERTNA's

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PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

B. Submitting False Claims; Monetary Penalties. Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code §21.35, any contractor, subcontractor or consultant who submits a false claim shall be liable to the COUNTY for the statutory penalties set forth in that section. The text of Section 21.35, along with the entire San Francisco Administrative Code is available on the web at http://www.municode.com/Library/c1ientCodePage.aspx?clientID=4201. A contractor. subcontractor or consultant will be deemed to have submitted a false claim to the COUNTY if the contractor, subcontractor or consultant: (a) knowingly presents or causes to be presented to an officer or employee of the COUNTY a false claim or request for payment or approval; (b) knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false record or statement to get a false claim paid or approved by the COUNTY; (c) conspires to defraud the COUNTY by getting a false claim allowed or paid by the COUNTY; (d) knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false record or statement to conceal, avoid, or decrease an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the COUNTY; or (e) is a beneficiary of an inadvertent submission of a false claim to the COUNTY, subsequently discovers the falsity of the claim, and fails to disclose the false claim to the COUNTY within a reasonable time after discovery of the false claim.

C. Guaranteed Maximum Costs. The COUNTY's obligation hereunder shall not at any time exceed the amount certified by the Controller for the purpose and period stated in such certification. Except as may be provided by COUNTY ordinances governing emergency conditions, the COUNTY and its employees and officers are not authorized to request CERTNA to perform services or to provide materials, equipment and supplies that would result in CERTNA performing services or providing materials, equipment and supplies that are beyond the scope of the services, materials, equipment and supplies agreed upon in the MOU unless the MOU is amended in writing and approved as required by law to authorize additional

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services, materials, equipment or supplies. The COUNTY is not required to reimburse CERTNA for services, materials, equipment or supplies that are provided by CERTNA which are beyond the scope of the services, materials, equipment and supplies agreed upon in the MOU and which were not approved by a written amendment to the MOU having been lawfully executed by the COUNTY. The COUNTY and its employees and officers are not authorized to offer or promise to CERTNA additional funding for the MOU which would exceed the maximum amount of funding provided for in the MOU for CERTNA's performance under the MOU. Additional funding for the MOU in excess of the maximum provided in the MOU shall require lawful approval and certification by the Controller of the City and County of San Francisco. The COUNTY is not required to honor any offered or promised additional funding for an MOU which exceeds the maximum provided in the MOU which requires lawful approval and certification of the Controller when the lawful approval and certification by the Controller has not been obtained. The Controller is not authorized to make payments on any contract for which funds have not been certified as available in the budget or by supplemental appropriation.

D. Taxes. Payment of any taxes, including possessory interest taxes, and California sales and use taxes, levied upon this MOU, the transaction, or the services delivered pursuant hereto, shall be the obligation of CERTNA.

E. Insurance.

- (a.) Without in any way limiting CERTNA's liability pursuant to the "Indemnification" section of this Agreement, CERTNA must maintain in force, during the full term of the Agreement, insurance in the following amounts and coverages:
- (1) Workers' Compensation, in statutory amounts, with Employers' Liability Limits not less than \$1,000,000 each accident, injury, or illness; and
 - (2) Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits

not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Contractual Liability, Personal Injury, Products and Completed Operations; and

- (3) Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Owned, Non-Owned and Hired auto coverage, as applicable.
- (4) Technology Errors and Omissions Liability insurance.

 CERTNA shall obtain and maintain throughout the duration of the contract technology errors and omissions liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/loss.

 The policy shall at a minimum cover professional misconduct or lack of the requisite skill required for the performance of services defined in the contract and shall also provide coverage for the following risks:
- i.) Liability arising from theft, dissemination, and/or use of confidential information, including but not limited to, bank and credit card account information or personal information, such as name, address, social security numbers, stored or transmitted in electronic form.
- ii) Network security liability arising from the unauthorized access to, use of, or tampering with computers or computer systems, including hacker attacks.
- iii) Liability arising from the introduction of a computer virus into, or otherwise casing damage to the District's or third person's computer, computer system, network, or similar computer related property and the data, software, and programs thereon.

If coverage is maintained on a claims-made basis,
CONTRACTOR shall maintain such coverage for an additional period of three (3) years
following termination of the contract.

(b.) Commercial General Liability and Commercial Automobile

Liability Insurance policies must be endorsed to provide:

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San Francisco, its Officers, Agents, and Employees.

(2) That such policies are primary insurance to any other insurance available to the Additional Insureds, with respect to any claims arising out of this Agreement, and that insurance applies separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought.

Name as Additional Insured the City and County of

- (c.) All policies shall be endorsed to provide thirty days' advance written notice to the City of reduction or nonrenewal of coverages or cancellation of coverages for any reason.
- (d.) Should any of the required insurance be provided under a claims-made form, CERTNA shall maintain such coverage continuously throughout the term of this Agreement and, without lapse, for a period of three years beyond the expiration of this Agreement, to the effect that, should occurrences during the contract term give rise to claims made after expiration of the Agreement, such claims shall be covered by such claims-made policies.
- (e.) Should any required insurance lapse during the term of this Agreement, requests for payments originating after such lapse shall not be processed until the City receives satisfactory evidence of reinstated coverage as required by this Agreement, effective as of the lapse date. If insurance is not reinstated, the City may, at its sole option, terminate this Agreement effective on the date of such lapse of insurance.
- (f.) Before commencing any Services, CERTNA shall furnish to City certificates of insurance and additional insured policy endorsements with insurers with ratings comparable to A-, VIII or higher, that are authorized to do business in the State of California, and that are satisfactory to City, in form evidencing all coverages set forth above. Approval of the insurance by City shall not relieve or decrease CERTNA's liability hereunder.

- (g.) The Workers' Compensation policy(ies) shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City for all work performed by the CERTNA, its employees, agents and subcontractors.
- (h.) Nothing in this MOU shall prohibit CERTNA from using its self insurance program to satisfy the insurance requirements, as listed above, not currently covered under CERTNA's levels of insurance. CERTNA shall provide a Letter of Self-Insurance to COUNTY for the remaining insurance requirements not currently covered by CERTNA's insurance.
- F. Independent Contractor. In the performance of this MOU, CERTNA and COUNTY shall each act in an independent capacity and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the other.
- G. Subcontracting. Neither COUNTY OR CERTNA shall enter into any subcontract for services covered by this MOU without first obtaining written approval from the other party. Any subcontract shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as this MOU.
- H. Assignment. The services to be performed by CERTNA are personal in character and neither this MOU nor any duties or obligations hereunder may be assigned or delegated by CERTNA unless first approved by COUNTY by written instrument executed and approved in the same manner as this MOU.
- I. Entire Agreement. This MOU is intended by the parties hereto as a final expression of their understanding with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous Memoranda of Understanding or understandings or contracts.
- J. Modification of MOU. Except for the revisions to the TIER
 PRICING PLAN made pursuant to Article II, Section B, this MOU may not be modified,
 nor may compliance with any of its terms be waived, except by written instrument
 executed and approved in the same manner as this MOU.
 - K. Reporting of Software Problems. In the event of a problem or

potential problem that could impact the quality or quantity of work, services, or the level of performance under this MOU, the party with knowledge of the problem shall notify the other party as soon as possible in writing and by telephone.

- L. Governing Law; Venue. This MOU shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue for all litigation relative to the formation, interpretation and performance of this MOU shall be San Francisco.
- M. Proprietary or Confidential Information of County. CERTNA understands and agrees that, in the performance of the work or services under this Agreement or in contemplation thereof, CERTNA may have access to private or confidential information which may be owned or controlled by COUNTY and that such information may contain proprietary or confidential details, the disclosure of which to third parties may be damaging to COUNTY. CERTNA agrees that all private or confidential information disclosed by COUNTY to CERTNA shall be held in confidence and used only in performance of the Agreement. CERTNA shall exercise the same standard of care to protect such information as a reasonably prudent contractor would use to protect its own proprietary data.
- N. Protection of Private Information. CERTNA has read and agrees to the terms set forth in San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 12M.2, "Nondisclosure of Private Information," and 12M.3, "Enforcement" of Administrative Code Chapter 12M, "Protection of Private Information," which are incorporated herein as if fully set forth. CERTNA agrees that in the event a court of competent jurisdiction enters a final judgment that contains a finding that CERTNA has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 12M.2 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, such violation shall be a material breach of the MOU. In such an event, in addition to any other remedies available to it under equity or law, the COUNTY may terminate the MOU, file a false claim action against Contractor pursuant to Chapter 6 or Chapter 21 of the Administrative Code, or debar CERTNA from engaging in any additional contractual relationships with COUNTY.

- Audit and Inspection of Records by CERTNA. CERTNA shall have the absolute right to review and audit any aspect of the CERTNA AB 578 System, security, all related records, books, papers, documents, and other pertinent items as requested. The California Attorney General and COMPUTER SECURITY AUDITORS have the right to review and audit any aspect of the CERTNA AB 578 System, security, all related records, books, papers, documents, and other pertinent items under Government Code section 27390 et seq. and applicable regulations. COUNTY shall provide full cooperation in any auditing or monitoring conducted. All records pertaining to services under this MOU shall be available for examination and audit by CERTNA representatives and other authorized personnel for a period of one year from the date of their creation.
- P. Audit and Inspection of Records by COUNTY. CERTNA agrees to maintain and make available to COUNTY, during regular business hours, accurate books and accounting records relating to its work under this MOU. CERTNA will permit COUNTY to audit, examine and make excerpts and transcripts from such books and records, and to make audits of all invoices, materials, payrolls, records or personnel and other data related to all other matters covered by this MOU, whether funded in whole or in part under this MOU. CERTNA shall maintain such data and records in an accessible location and condition for a period of not less than five years after final payment under this MOU or until after final audit has been resolved, whichever is later. The State of California or any federal agency having an interest in the subject matter of this MOU shall have the same rights conferred upon COUNTY by this Section.
- Q. Mutual Indemnification. COUNTY agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless CERTNA, its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising from COUNTY acts, errors or omissions and for any costs or expenses incurred by CERTNA on account of any claim therefore, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law.

CERTNA agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless COUNTY, its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising from CERTNA's acts, errors or omissions and for any costs or expenses incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim therefore, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. In the event of concurrent negligence of COUNTY, its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers, and CERTNA and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers, the liability for any and all claims for injuries or damages to persons and/or property shall be apportioned under the California theory of comparative negligence as presently established or as may hereafter be modified.

R. Infringement Indemnification. If notified promptly in writing of any judicial action brought against COUNTY based on an allegation that COUNTY's use of the CERTNA AB 578 System software infringes a patent, copyright, or any right of a third party or constitutes misuse or misappropriation of a trade secret or any other right in intellectual property (Infringement), CERTNA will hold City harmless and defend such action at its own expense. CERTNA will pay the costs and damages awarded in any such action or the cost of settling such action, provided that CERTNA shall have sole control of the defense of any such action and all negotiations or its settlement or compromise. If notified promptly in writing of any informal claim (other than a judicial action) brought against COUNTY based on an allegation that COUNTY's use of the CERTNA AB 578 System software constitutes Infringement, CERTNA will pay the costs associated with resolving such claim and will pay the settlement amount (if any), provided that CERTNA shall have sole control of the resolution of any such claim and all negotiations for its settlement.

In the event that a final injunction is obtained against COUNTY's use of the CERTNA AB 578 System software by reason of Infringement, or in CERTNA's opinion COUNTY's use of the CERTNA AB 578 System software is likely to become the subject of Infringement, CERTNAS may at its option and expense: (a) procure for

1 COUNTY the right to continue to use the CERTNA AB 578 System software as 2 contemplated hereunder, (b) replace the CERTNA AB 578 System software with a 3 non-infringing, functionally equivalent substitute software system, or (c) suitably modify 4 the CERTNA AB 578 System software to make its use hereunder non-infringing while 5 retaining functional equivalency to the unmodified version of the CERTNA AB 578 6 System software. If none of these options is reasonably available to CERTNA, then 7 this MOU may be terminated at the option of either party hereto and CERTNA shall 8 refund to COUNTY all amounts paid under this Agreement for the license of such 9 infringing software. Any unauthorized modification or attempted modification of the 10 CERTNA AB 578 System software by COUNTY or any failure by COUNTY to 11 implement any improvements or updates to the CERTNA AB 578 System software, as 12 supplied by CERTNA, shall void this indemnity unless COUNTY has obtained prior 13 written authorization from CERTNA permitting such modification, attempted 14 modification or failure to implement. CERTNA shall have no liability for any claim of 15 Infringement based on COUNTY's use or combination of the CERTNA AB 578 System 16 software with products or data of the type for which the CERTNA AB 578 System 17 software was neither designed nor intended to be used. 18 S. 19 UNDER THIS MOU SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE

S. Limitation of Liability. COUNTY'S PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS MOU SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE II, SECTION D, "COMPENSATION", OF THIS MOU. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS MOU, IN NO EVENT SHALL COUNTY OR CERTNA BE LIABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANY CLAIM IS BASED ON CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR ANY SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOST PROFITS, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MOU OR THE SERVICES PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MOU. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, THE LIMITATION OF LIABILITY DOES NOT APPLY TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION Q, "MUTUAL INDEMNIFICATION," OF THIS

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AGREEMENT.

- T. Sunshine Ordinance. CERTNA acknowledges that this MOU and all records related to its formation, CERTNA's performance, and COUNTY's payment are subject to the California Public Records Act, (California Government Code §6250 et. seq.), and the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance, (San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 67). Such records are subject to public inspection and copying unless exempt from disclosure under federal, state or local law.
- U. Non-Waiver of Rights. The omission by either party at any time to enforce any default or right reserved to it, or to require performance of any of the terms, covenants, or provisions hereof by the other party at the time designated, shall not be a waiver of any such default or right to which the party is entitled, nor shall it in any way affect the right of the party to enforce such provisions thereafter.
- V. Conflict of Interest. Through its execution of this MOU, CERTNA acknowledges that it is familiar with the provision of Section 15.103 of the COUNTY's Charter, Article III, Chapter 2 of the COUNTY's Campaign and Governmental Code, and Section 87100 et seq. and Section 1090 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California, and certifies that it does not know of any facts which constitutes a violation of said provisions and agrees that it will immediately notify the COUNTY if it becomes aware of any such fact during the term of this Agreement.
- W. Severability. Should the application of any provision of this MOU to any particular facts or circumstances be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, then (a) the validity of other provisions of this MOU shall not be affected or impaired thereby, and (b) such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent possible so as to effect the intent of the parties and shall be reformed without further action by the parties to the extent necessary to make such provision valid and enforceable.
- X. Cooperative Drafting. This Agreement has been drafted through a cooperative effort of both parties, and both parties have had an opportunity to have

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the Agreement reviewed and revised by legal counsel. No party shall be considered the drafter of this Agreement, and no presumption or rule that an ambiguity shall be construed against the party drafting the clause shall apply to the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - NOTICES AND REPORTS

Any notice or report desired to be served by either party upon the other shall be addressed, personally delivered, or mailed to the respective parties as set forth below:

COUNTY:

Carmen Chu

Assessor-Recorder

City and County of San Francisco

City Hall, Room 190

San Francisco, CA 94102

CERTNA:

Patrick Honny

Executive Director

CERTNA

222 W. Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92415

ARTICLE VI - TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Convenience. Either party may terminate this MOU for any reason by serving the other party with prior written notice of at least thirty (30) days. In the event of such termination, the ERD FEES, as calculated pursuant to Article II, Section B. above, shall be paid by COUNTY through the end of the current calendar year (December 31).
- B. Upon termination, all CERTNA AB 578 System software and/or equipment owned by CERTNA or COUNTY must be returned to its owner within thirty (30) days of termination.
- C. Termination for Cause. In addition to other termination provisions contained herein, in the event that either party determines that the other party's performance of its duties or other terms of this MOU are deficient in any

manner, notice of such deficiency shall be sent in writing. Any deficiency shall be remedied within five business days of such notification, or the other party may, at its option, terminate this MOU immediately upon written notice. Notwithstanding any other provision of this MOU, should CERTNA fails to remedy its performance within five business days of receiving notice from COUNTY and COUNTY terminates this MOU, COUNTY shall owe CERTNA only the ERD FEES due as of the date of termination.

| 1 | | e parties hereto have executed this MOU as |
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| 2 | of the day and year first above written. | |
| 3 | CITY | CONTRACTOR |
| 4 | Approved by: | California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority |
| 5 | 1 | ("CERTNA") |
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| 7 | Carmen Chu | Patrick Honny |
| 8 | Assessor-Recorder | Executive Director |
| 9 | Office of the Assessor-Recorder City and County of San Francisco | 222 W Hospitality Ln., First Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415 |
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| 11 | | City vendor number: 86565 |
| 12 | Approved as to Form: | Approved as to Form: |
| 13 | Dennis J. Herrera | Jean-Rene Basle |
| 14 | City Attorney | San Bernardino County Counsel and CERTNA General Counsel |
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| 17 | Moe Jamil | Robert F. Messinger |
| 18 | Deputy City Attorney | Principal Assistant County Counsel |
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APPENDIX A

Client Level Member Services and Benefits

| Services and Benefits | Client-Level |
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| Seat on Board of Directors | |
| Develop/Adopt Annual Operating Budget | Public Input |
| Approve System Upgrades & Enhancements | User Group Input |
| Brown Act Organization (Public) | X |
| Organizational Stability (JPA) | X |
| Software Source Code Beneficiary (Owner) | |
| Full-Time, Dedicated Support (Helpdesk) | Limited |
| Support Service Level Agreement (Response) | 4 business hours |
| Access to National Submitters (Bulk Submission) | X |
| Access to Local Submitters (Digitized Submission) | X |
| Technical Standards Committee | Member |
| Certification Policies and Procedures Committee | Member |
| Access to Documentation Library | X |
| User Guides | X |
| Administrator Guides | X |
| Resolution/MOU Templates | X |
| CeRTNAcademy Training Library | Limited |
| Submitter Training | Limited |
| Administrator Training | Limited |
| CeRTNAccess List Server and Support Board | X |
| DOJ Certification Support | X |
| Recorder Vendor Interface Support/Training | X |
| Submission Vendor Interface Support/Training | X |
| Submitter/County MOU Administration & Support | Limited |
| Free Web-based Submission Client | X |
| Full County-Level Administrative Access | X |
| Security Provisioning and Management Support | X |
| ACH Support | X |
| Established Vendor Interfaces | X |
| Fully Redundant System Infrastructure (ERDS) | X |

APPENDIX B

TIER PRICING PLAN

| County's Annual Recording Level | Initial Cost | Annual Cost |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| > 500,000 documents recorded | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 400,001 - 500,000 documents recorded | \$0 | \$80,000 |
| 300,001 - 400,000 documents recorded | \$0 | \$60,000 |
| 200,001 - 300,000 documents recorded | \$0 | \$40,000 |
| 100,001 - 200,000 documents recorded | \$0 | \$20,000 |
| < 100,001 documents recorded | \$0 | \$10,000 |

1 APPENDIX C 2 **CERTNA Installation Guidelines** 3 PC with 4 GB of RAM (installed in a secure location) 32-bit OS installed (Windows 7) 4 Internet Connection (> 1.5 Mbps Up/Download, >3 Mbps preferred) Scanner (300 dpi, TIFF Group 4, duplex) Submitter systems only.\ 5 Printer (local or network) Workgroup configuration recommended Individual user accounts created and configured (non-admin) 7 Administrator account renamed Guest account disabled 8 Internet Explorer 8 browser configured per CERTNA Configuration Guide (per user) Anti-malware installed (Microsoft Security Essentials or equivalent) http://www.microsoft.com/security.essentials/ As administrator, run Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer 2,2 and clear all issues (exceptions) 10 http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/cc184923 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

[Authorizing the Assessor-Recorder to Participate in the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004]

Resolution authorizing the Assessor-Recorder to participate in the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004.

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill No. 578 of 2004 (AB 578) has been enacted to authorize a county recorder to establish an Electronic Recording Delivery System for the recording of specified digitized and digital electronic records; and,

WHEREAS, Said legislation requires a resolution from the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors to authorize County participation in the Electronic Recording Delivery System; and,

WHEREAS, Said legislation states that the County shall execute an agreement with the various authorized submitters who wish to submit documents electronically; and,

WHEREAS, AB 578, which enacts California Government Code section 27397, authorizes a county recorder to impose a fee in an amount up to and including \$1 for each instrument that is recorded by county; and,

WHEREAS, AB 578, which enacts California Government Code sections 27397(2) and (3), authorizes a county recorder to impose a fee upon any vendor seeking approval of software and other services as part of an Electronic Recording Delivery System and upon any person seeking a Submitter Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, The California Attorney General has been delegated the authority and responsibility for establishing regulations and the regulation and oversight of the Electronic Recording Delivery System; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors approves the participation of the City and County of San Francisco in the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004 as enacted by AB 578; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Assessor-Recorder, or his designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents which may be necessary for the participation of the City and County of San Francisco in the Electronic Recording Delivery System; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Assessor-Recorder, or his designee, as agent to impose a fee in an amount of up to and including \$1 for each instrument that is recorded by the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Assessor-Recorder, or his designee, as agent to impose a fee to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors upon any vendor seeking approval of software and other services as part of an Electronic Recording Delivery System and upon any person seeking a Submitter Agreement; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Assessor-Recorder, or his designee, as agent to issue payments to the California Attorney General through the Department of Justice for the City and County of San Francisco's allocated share of the direct cost of program oversight.

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City and County of San Francisco **Tails**

City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Resolution

File Number:

120153

Date Passed: February 28, 2012

Resolution authorizing the Assessor-Recorder to participate in the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004.

February 28, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

File No. 120153

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/28/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR-RECORDER SAN FRANCISCO



March 5, 2025

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: MOU Amendment – CeRTNA – Office of the Assessor-Recorder (Duration Extension)

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Attached please find an original single-sided and two single-sided, black and white copies of the proposed Resolution for the Board of Supervisors' approval, authorizing the Office of the Assessor-Recorder to execute a second amendment with California Electronic Recording Transactions Network Authority (CeRTNA) for continued electronic recording services from January 10, 2022, through January 10, 2035.

The following Resolution package documents are attached for review:

- 1. Proposed Resolution (Word)
- 2. Proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (2022-2035) (PDF)
- 3. Background information
 - a. Resolution 58-12 Authorizing the Assessor-Recorder to participate in the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004 (PDF)
 - b. Memorandum of Understanding (2016-2019); Amendment No. 1 to the MOU (2019-2022) (PDF)

For any additional information or clarification, please contact Holly Lung at holly.lung@sfgov.org.

Kind regards,

Joaquín Torres Assessor-Recorder