

1 [Behested Payment Waiver - Economic Revitalization Efforts]

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3 **Resolution authorizing a six-month waiver of the City’s Behested Payments Ordinance**
4 **for the Mayor, members of the Mayor’s Office, and the Executive Director of the Office**
5 **of Economic and Workforce Development and each of their direct reports to solicit**
6 **donations from nonprofits, private organizations, grantmakers, foundations, and other**
7 **persons and entities for the purpose of supporting the continued economic**
8 **revitalization of San Francisco, pursuant to Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and**
9 **Governmental Conduct Code.**

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11 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a beautiful and historic downtown area that has long
12 been a connective hub for business, culture, and innovation; and

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s downtown area is vital to the City’s overall health and
14 vibrancy, many residents work, transact business, or live in the area, and it remains a popular
15 destination for both domestic and international visitors; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco and its downtown area have faced unprecedented
17 challenges resulting in part from the Covid-19 pandemic, including a rise in homelessness, the
18 closure of businesses, an increased number of residents living in or near poverty, a lack of
19 affordable housing, and residents relocating out of the City; and

20 WHEREAS, While the City has in place numerous policies and initiatives aimed at
21 encouraging a thriving economy in the downtown area and beyond, more resources are
22 urgently needed to make sure the downtown area can be clean, safe, and thriving; and

23 WHEREAS, The City is aware of various charitable public benefit corporations, such as
24 the San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation, that aim to help revitalize San
25 Francisco and specifically its downtown area, to ensure that residents, businesses, and

1 visitors have a safe, clean, dynamic, economically vibrant, and innovative place to live, work,
2 play, and conduct business; and

3 WHEREAS, These nonprofit entities generally intend to accomplish this mission by
4 making the City safer and more welcoming for residents and visitors, ensuring and
5 maintaining clean public spaces, increasing foot traffic for local businesses, enhancing cultural
6 and arts programming, using financial resources to support local businesses and projects, and
7 researching and implementing other measures aimed at revitalizing the City and its downtown
8 area, including projects in partnership with the City and projects that may become owned or
9 maintained by the City; and

10 WHEREAS, These nonprofit entities are fundraising for these efforts, and the City is
11 generally supportive of these efforts and their potential; and

12 WHEREAS, On June 10, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No.
13 125-24 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments Ordinance (Campaign
14 and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Mayor and the Mayor's Chief
15 of Staff, Chief of Infrastructure, Climate and Mobility, Chief of Housing and Economic
16 Development, Chief of Public Health, Homelessness, and Family Services, Chief of Public
17 Safety, Policy Advisor, Director of Community Affairs, Assistant Chiefs of Climate and
18 Mobility, Assistant Chiefs of Housing and Economic Development, Assistant Chiefs of Health,
19 Homelessness, and Family Services, Assistant Chiefs of Public Safety, and the Director of the
20 City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), for six months from the
21 effective date of the Resolution, to solicitations of financial support or in-kind goods or
22 services from nonprofits, private organizations, grantmakers, foundations, and other persons
23 and entities to support the work of nonprofit entities to help revitalize San Francisco including
24 its downtown area that expired on December 12, 2025; and

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1 WHEREAS, On December 2, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No.
2 567-25 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments Ordinance (Campaign
3 and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Mayor; the Mayor's Chief of
4 Staff; the Deputy Chief of Staff; the Director of Communications & Public Affairs; the Chief of
5 Protocol; the Director of Strategic Partnerships; and the Policy Chiefs (Health, Homelessness
6 & Family Services, Housing & Economic Development, Infrastructure, Climate & Mobility, and
7 Public Safety), the Executive Director of the City's Office of Economic and Workforce
8 Development (OEWD), and each of their direct reports, to solicit donations from nonprofit
9 organizations, private entities, grantmakers, foundations, businesses, and other entities, and
10 individuals affiliated with such organizations and entities to support the continued economic
11 revitalization of San Francisco including the downtown area and that will expire on June 5,
12 2026; and

13 WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of
14 Supervisors donations to the City and any third party that were solicited under this waiver;
15 such reports will identify the donor, the amount of the donation, the party that received the
16 donation, and the interested relationship the donor has with the department that solicited the
17 donation; the departments will submit the reports to the Board within 60 days of the expiration
18 of the six-month period authorized by this waiver; and

19 WHEREAS, more than \$60 million dollars have been pledged to support downtown
20 revitalization through the San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation's private
21 fundraising efforts; and

22 WHEREAS, This waiver will likewise serve the public interest and does not create an
23 appearance of impropriety; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct
2 Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the waiver of the Behested Payments
3 Ordinance for six months authorizing the Mayor; the Mayor’s Chief of Staff; the Deputy Chief
4 of Staff; the Director of Communications & Public Affairs; the Chief of Protocol; the Director of
5 Strategic Partnerships; and the Policy Chiefs (Health, Homelessness & Family Services,
6 Housing & Economic Development, Infrastructure, Climate & Mobility, Public Safety, and
7 Strategy and Performance), the Executive Director of the City’s Office of Economic and
8 Workforce Development (OEWD), and each of their direct reports, to solicit donations from
9 private individuals and organizations to support the continued economic revitalization of San
10 Francisco including the downtown area; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this waiver shall expire six months after the effective date
12 of this Resolution; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this waiver continues to be subject to the City’s rules and
14 policies governing transparency and disclosure, including annual reporting to the Board of
15 Supervisors and other applicable requirements.

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