

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Real Time Investigation Center - Waiving Solicitation Requirements For Procurements Using Gift Funds From San Francisco Police Community Foundation]

Ordinance waiving the competitive solicitation requirements under Chapters 14B and 21 of the Administrative Code for the Police Department's procurement of equipment, technology, and services to support the Department's Real Time Investigation Center, using gift funds received from the San Francisco Police Community Foundation.

Existing Law

Subject to limited exceptions, Administrative Code Chapters 14B and 21 require a competitive solicitation for the City to acquire commodities or services.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed uncodified ordinance would waive competitive solicitation requirements under Chapters 14B and 21 for the Police Department's procurement of equipment, technology, and services to support the Department's Real Time Investigation Center (RTIC) with gift funds provided by the San Francisco Police Community Foundation (SFPCF).

Background Information

San Francisco voters' passage of Proposition E facilitated the Police Department's ability to use technology in combatting crime, subject to the City's policies to protect privacy and civil liberties. With the passage of Proposition E, the Police Department has sought to expand its use of technology to enhance community safety, combat crime, and more efficiently utilize personnel. In March 2024, the Police Department launched the RTIC, a real-time intelligence hub where officers simultaneously use technology including drones, Automated License Plate Readers, public safety cameras and other crime-fighting tools to help protect the community. The RTIC's current location, in the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street, lacks the necessary power and internet technology infrastructure to support the RTIC.

SFPCF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that is dedicated to supporting the Police Department. The SFPCF's vision is to provide the Police Department resources to create a best-in-class RTIC. SFPCF's gifts of funds and equipment are intended to help the Police Department procure state-of-the-art equipment and technology to support and expand the capabilities of the RTIC. Ripple Labs, Inc. paid-in-full for a lease for office space located at 315 Montgomery Street through December 2026, but is no longer using the office space, and offered to gift a sublease of the property to the Police Department for the RTIC.

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