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## MEMORANDUM

### RULES COMMITTEE

#### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Shamann Walton, Chair  
Rules Committee

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: July 21, 2025

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, July 22, 2025

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. This item was acted upon at the Rules Committee Meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

**Item No. 66                      File No. 250699**

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 Chapter 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.

REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATIONS AS A COMMITTEE REPORT AS  
AMENDED

Vote: Supervisor Shamann Walton – Aye  
Supervisor Stephen Sherrill - Aye  
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

File No. 250699

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## COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Date July 21, 2025

Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Completed by: Victor Young Date July 17, 2025

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[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.**

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
**Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
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**Board amendment deletions** are in ~~Arial font~~.  
**Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Background and General Findings.

(a) In March 2024, San Francisco voters approved Proposition E, which facilitated the ability of the Police Department to use technology to fulfill its mission to enhance public safety, protect life and property, and prevent crime. Among other things, Proposition E established that the Police Department shall use technology to the maximum extent possible to improve efficiency and effectiveness in combatting crime, and reduce dangers to the public, subject to the City's policies to protect privacy and civil liberties. (Admin. Code § 96I.2(e)). Subject to these principles and limitations, Administrative Code Section 96I.2(d), authorizes police officers to use unassisted aerial vehicles ("UAVs," also known as "drones") along with or in lieu of vehicle pursuits. Proposition E also authorizes the use of drones to assist in criminal investigations and exempts the Police Department's use of drones under Administrative Code

1 Section 96I.2(e) from the requirements of the City's Surveillance Technology Ordinance  
2 (Administrative Code Chapter 19B).

3 (b) With the passage of Proposition E, the Police Department has sought to expand its  
4 use of technology to enhance community safety, combat crime, and more efficiently utilize  
5 personnel in the midst of an ongoing staffing shortage. In March 2024, the Police Department  
6 launched the Real Time Investigation Center (RTIC), a real-time intelligence hub where  
7 officers simultaneously use technology including drones, Automated License Plate Readers,  
8 public safety cameras and other crime-fighting tools to help protect the community. The RTIC  
9 allows the Police Department to leverage technology, data, and collaboration to provide real-  
10 time intelligence to law enforcement officers in the field, enabling them to more effectively  
11 respond to incidents, prevent crimes, and apprehend suspects. Using technology like drones,  
12 the Police Department can rapidly respond to crimes in progress, with officers in the  
13 community directly communicating with teams at the RTIC.

14 (c) The RTIC team has been successful in preventing numerous police pursuits by  
15 following suspects at a distance and making strategic arrests that reduce risks to the public.  
16 Officers in the RTIC have assisted in over 500 arrests. Notable cases involving the RTIC  
17 include an arrest made in the first homicide of 2025. On January 1, 2025, dispatch  
18 broadcasted that a shooting occurred on 17th Street and South Van Ness Avenue and  
19 provided a suspect vehicle description. RTIC located a matching vehicle and alerted officers  
20 in the area, who ultimately tracked the vehicle to a neighboring city and successfully took the  
21 suspect into custody. In another notable case, in December 2024, suspects pistol-whipped  
22 and stabbed a victim in the Stockton Tunnel. Dispatch provided officers with the direction the  
23 suspects fled, and RTIC alerted plainclothes units in the area. Officers observed the suspects  
24 walking toward the Montgomery BART Station, where they were taken into custody.

1 (d) The RTIC is currently located in the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street. Critical  
2 deficiencies render this location unsuitable for hosting a modern, high-tech crime center. The  
3 building, constructed in 1958, lacks suitable electrical capacity and internet infrastructure to  
4 support high-speed, reliable internet for real-time data analytics, video download capabilities  
5 and inter-agency communication. The outdated infrastructure at 850 Bryant Street, reliant on  
6 1960s-era wiring, cannot meet these demands, risking system failures that could delay  
7 emergency responses or compromise critical operations. In its current location, the RTIC has  
8 experienced power and internet outages, and plumbing leaks from the ceiling. The RTIC is in  
9 a windowless room in a concrete structure, which limits cell phone and emergency radio  
10 transmission capabilities. Retrofitting the RTIC's current location for modern power and  
11 internet needs would be prohibitively expensive, time-consuming and disruptive.

12 (e) The San Francisco Police Community Foundation (SFPCF) is a 501(c)(3) non-  
13 profit corporation that is dedicated to supporting the Police Department. The SFPCF's vision  
14 is to provide the Police Department resources to create a best-in-class RTIC. SFPCF's gifts  
15 are intended to help the Police Department procure state-of-the-art equipment and technology  
16 to support and expand the capabilities of the RTIC. SFPCF is supported by Chris Larsen, a  
17 San Francisco native who co-founded the company Ripple Labs, Inc.

18 (f) Through a separate Accept and Expend Resolution (File No. 250722), the Police  
19 Department is seeking Board of Supervisors' authorization to retroactively accept an in-kind  
20 gift from Ripple Labs, Inc. of a sublease for office space for the RTIC located at 315  
21 Montgomery Street through December 2026, valued at approximately \$2,131,543. Ripple  
22 Labs paid-in-full for the lease through December 2026, but is no longer using the office space,  
23 and offered to sublease the property to the Police Department as a temporary location for the  
24 RTIC. The sublease was approved as to form by the City Attorney and executed by the  
25 Director of Real Estate and the Police Chief. The sublease and master landlord's consent to

1 the sublease, effective May 22, 2025, are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in  
2 File No. 250722.

3 (g) SFPCF has proposed to make a gift of funds totaling up to \$5,600,107 in support of  
4 the RTIC, which are estimated to consist of the following: \$57,000 to support the installation of  
5 fiber internet service at 315 Montgomery Street; \$5,277,107 for the purchase of 12 docks and  
6 12 drones, related software and services, and data integration software for the RTIC; and  
7 \$266,000 for Police Department employee parking fees near 315 Montgomery Street at the  
8 St. Mary's Square Garage owned by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority.

9 (h) In addition, SFPCF has proposed to give the Police Department in-kind gifts  
10 totaling approximately \$1,649,921, comprised of installation of a video wall and related  
11 services for the RTIC, valued at approximately \$1,194,770; IT professional services for the  
12 RTIC, valued at approximately \$50,000; network connectivity and related services for the  
13 RTIC, valued at approximately \$294,156; and computer equipment for Police Department  
14 employee use at the RTIC, valued at approximately \$110,995.

15 (i) SFPCF has also proposed to make an additional gift of funds to the Police  
16 Department to cover other incidental costs, such as the installation of card readers at 315  
17 Montgomery, internet services, moving expenses, and potential additional facilities costs.  
18 These costs are currently undetermined.

19 (j) Through a separate Accept and Expend Resolution (File No. 250723), the Police  
20 Department is seeking Board of Supervisors' approval to accept and expend SFPCF's gifts of  
21 equipment, services, and funds totaling approximately \$7,250,028, and future gifts to support  
22 the RTIC.

23 (k) The Police Commission authorized the acceptance of the gifts from SFPCF and  
24 Ripple Labs, Inc. at its meeting on June 4, 2025. The Police Commission's approval is on file  
25 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 250723.

(I) Given the availability of the SFPCF gift funds to support expansion of the RTIC, the limited term of the sublease, and the findings above, it is essential and in the public interest to allow the Police Department to promptly use the gift funds to acquire and begin using the technology and equipment for the RTIC. The Police Department must procure license and maintenance services for the gifted software and equipment, and the City's normal solicitation process would consume additional resources and time. The time required to conduct a solicitation process will jeopardize the Police Department's ability to utilize the gifted sublease for the RTIC.

## Section 2. Waiver of Competitive Solicitation Requirements.

The competitive solicitation requirements of Administrative Code Chapters ~~14B~~ and 21 shall not apply to the Police Department's purchase of equipment, technology, or services to support the RTIC using the funds gifted by SFPCF, including but not limited to the Police Department's purchase of docks and drones, data integration software, and related services for the RTIC.

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Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: /s/  
JEN HUBER  
Deputy City Attorney

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**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**  
*(7/21/2025 – AMENDED IN COMMITTEE)*

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Existing Law

Subject to limited exceptions, Administrative Code Chapter 21 requires 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 Chapter 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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# Real Time Investigation Center



**CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

Police Department

# Overview of the Real Time Investigation Center (RTIC)

In March 2024, San Francisco voters approved Proposition E, authorizing the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to use new technologies to prevent crime and improve public safety. In response, the department launched the Real Time Investigation Center (RTIC)—a modern hub that brings together cutting-edge tools to support officers in the field.

When paired with the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program, this initiative marks a major step forward in how we protect and serve our neighborhoods. Together, RTIC and DFR help officers respond faster, stay safer, and make smarter decisions in critical moments.

This program reflects our ongoing commitment to public safety, transparency, and the responsible use of technology to serve the people of San Francisco.



*“The Real-Time Investigation Center shows how strategic investments in technology can improve public safety. By providing our officers with real-time data and analytics, we’re enhancing their ability to respond swiftly and effectively, freeing up staff resources and ensuring safer neighborhoods for all San Franciscans,” said **Board of Supervisors President Rafael Mandelman**.*

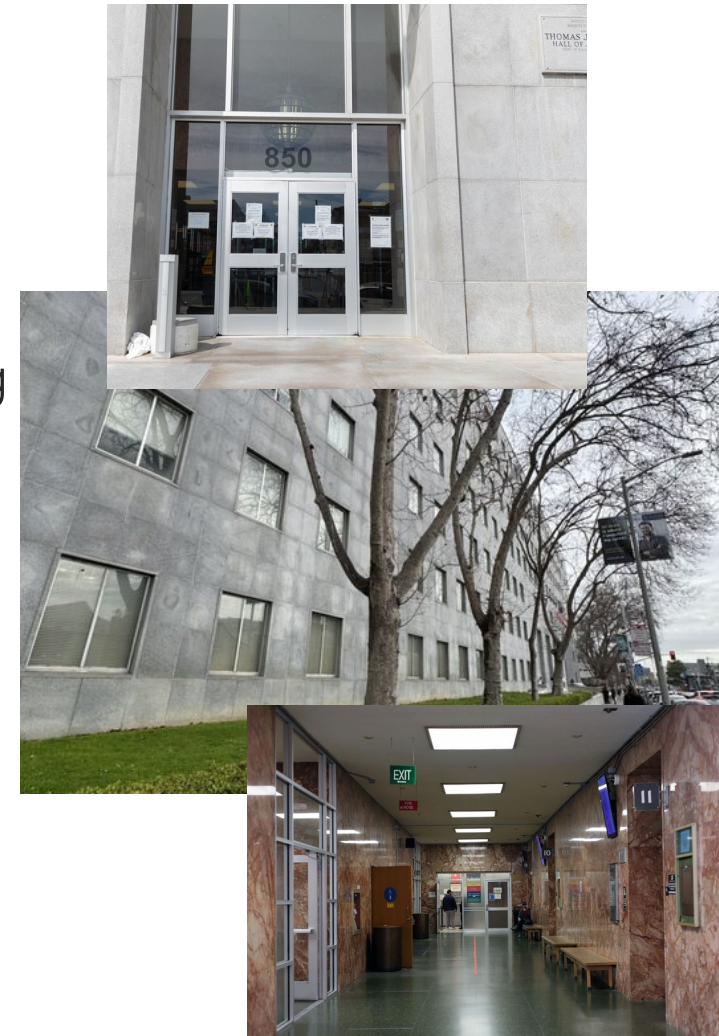
# Real Time Investigation Center: Potential Sites

### Criteria for RTIC Sites:

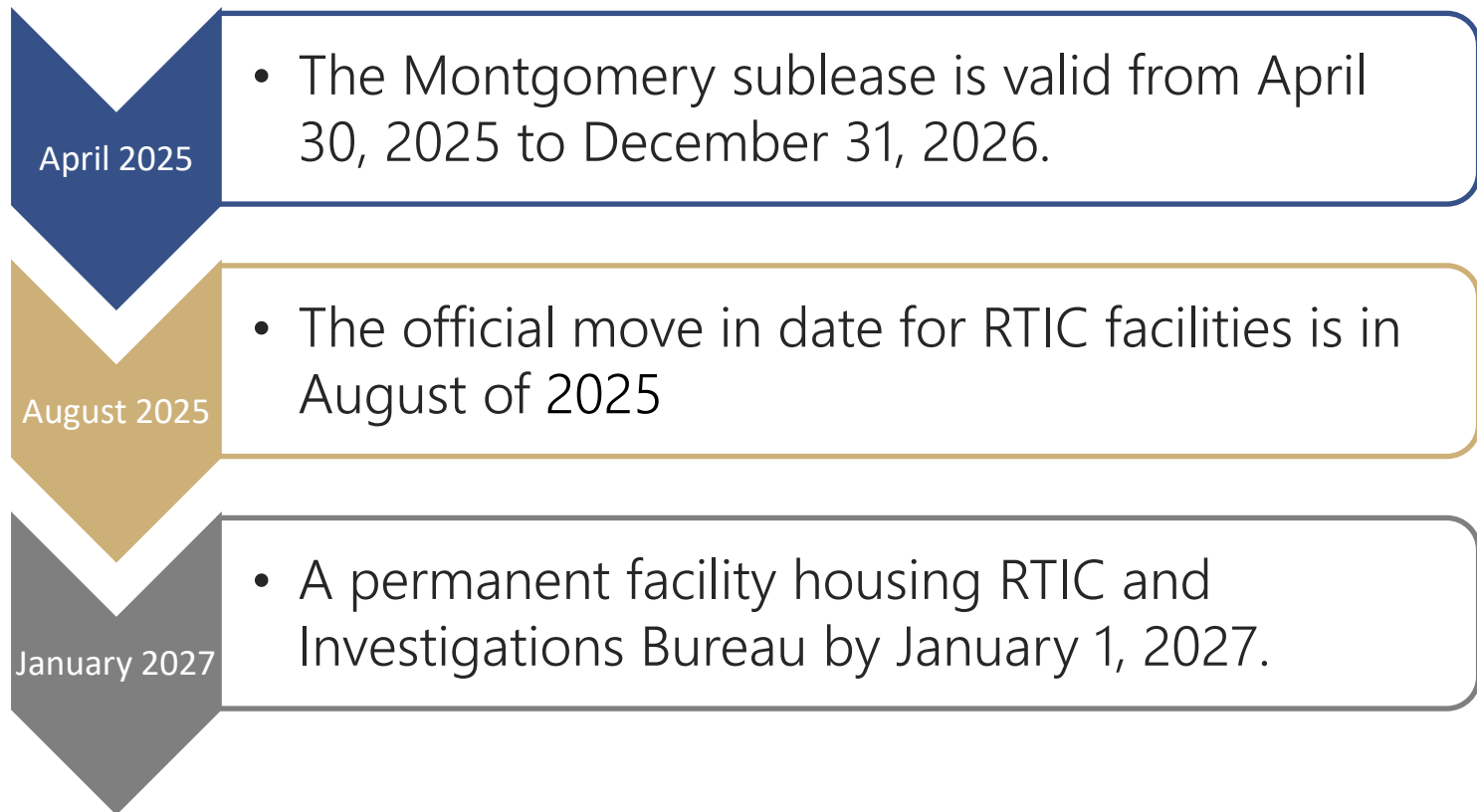
- Financial feasibility and cost of rental agreements
- Technology capabilities and capacity
- Electrical & building set-up
- Minimal infrastructure support
- Adequate space allocation for staffing and equipment

### Sites Assessed:

- 850 Bryant Street
- 101 Utah Street
- 1455 Market Street
- 731 Market Street
- 150 Hayes Street
- 840 Battery Street



# RTIC Implementation Timeline



*Montgomery is a bridge facility that allows RTIC to expand and function at a high level during the search for a permanent location by 2027. SFPD will work with City Administrator's Real Estate Division to identify, build out, and move into an adequate site.*



# Occupancy of the Real Time Investigation Center



Montgomery facility occupied by  
**40 members** of:

- RTIC
- Strategic Investigations Unit
- Phoenix Drone Unit

Long term facility (not yet identified):

- Goal is to relocate the entire Investigations Bureau
- Target operational date of January 1, 2027
- Real Estate/SFPD search begins now



Thank you.

Any questions?

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SAN FRANCISCO



DANIEL LURIE  
MAYOR

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors  
RE: Administrative Code - Real Time Investigation Center - Waiving Solicitation Requirements For  
Procurements Using Gift Funds From San Francisco Police Community Foundation  
DATE: June 24, 2025

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Should you have any questions, please contact Adam Thongsavat at [adam.thongsavat@sfgov.org](mailto:adam.thongsavat@sfgov.org)



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Sailaja Kurella, Director and Purchaser, Office of Contract Administrator  
Paul Yep, Interim Police Chief, Police Department

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: June 30, 2025

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee received the following proposed Ordinance:

File No. 250699

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If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to Victor Young at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: [victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto:victor.young@sfgov.org).

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- c. Rachel Cukierman, Office of Contract Administration
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- Lili Gamero, Police Department
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- Steven Lopez, Police Department
- Diana Oliva-Aroche, Police Department
- Carl Nicita, Police Department