

1 [Joint Powers Agreement - Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System
2 Authority]

3 **Resolution approving a Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Bay Area Regional**
4 **Interoperable Communications System Authority and authorizing payment of**
5 **membership fees.**

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7 WHEREAS, Interoperable communications is a top priority for public safety agencies in
8 the City and County of San Francisco (“City”); and,

9 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System (BayRICS)
10 will enable the City’s public safety agencies to communicate with public safety agencies in
11 other jurisdictions around the Bay Area, both during a major disaster and for day-to-day
12 operations; and,

13 WHEREAS, BayRICS will provide interoperable communications capability for both
14 voice and data, using 700 MHz spectrum; and,

15 WHEREAS, BayRICS will also include a parallel “Public Access” system that will allow
16 “anchor institutions” such as schools, libraries, and non-profits, as well as local businesses
17 and underserved populations, to access broadband capability; and,

18 WHEREAS, The City, working through the Department of Emergency Management,
19 Police Department, and Department of Technology, has worked with multiple Bay Area
20 jurisdictions to develop a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to establish a BayRICS Authority to
21 govern BayRICS; and,

22 WHEREAS, Under the JPA, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco and
23 the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco may each appoint a
24 Director to the BayRICS Authority Board of Directors; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The JPA requires that San Francisco pay an Initial Membership Fee of
2 \$49,000, or the equivalent of \$24,500 for each Board seat, and an Annual Fee set by the JPA
3 Board of Directors in an amount not to exceed the Initial Membership Fee; and,

4 WHEREAS, The JPA is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
5 File No. _____, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if
6 set forth fully herein; and,

7 WHEREAS, Approval of the JPA by the Board of Supervisors is required in order for
8 the City to join the BayRICS Authority; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 hereby approves the Joint Powers Agreement to establish the BayRICS Authority and
11 authorizes the City's membership in the BayRICS Authority. The Executive Director of the
12 Department of Emergency Management, or designee, is further authorized to execute the
13 JPA, and to execute any and all other agreements or other documents and take any other
14 steps necessary to effectuate the City's membership in the Authority; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City is authorized to pay an Initial Membership Fee of
16 \$49,000, and also to pay the Annual Fee to the BayRICS Authority for the next two years.