

1 [Contract and Amendment - Retroactive -San Francisco-Marin Food Bank - CalFresh Stopgap  
2 Emergency Gift Card Initiative - Not to Exceed \$9,100,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively approving a Contract between the City and County of San**  
4 **Francisco, acting by and through the Human Services Agency, and the San Francisco-**  
5 **Marin Food Bank for the provision of the CalFresh Stopgap Emergency Gift Card**  
6 **Initiative, for a term of two months from October 30, 2025, through December 31, 2025,**  
7 **for a total not to exceed amount of \$9,100,000; and retroactively approving Amendment**  
8 **No. 1 adding repayment instructions, as well as revised repayment and reporting,**  
9 **effective January 30, 2026.**

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11 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel Lurie partnered with the Board of Supervisors and the  
12 Crankstart Foundation to ensure that 82,000 San Francisco families receiving Supplemental  
13 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, known in California as CalFresh, would  
14 receive much-needed food assistance; and

15 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance appropriating \$9,100,000  
16 from the State and Federal Revenue Risk Reserve to the Human Services Agency for  
17 CalFresh (SNAP) Benefits Backfill in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 on November 10, 2025, under  
18 File No. 251079; and

19 WHEREAS, For the first time in 60 years, and one month into the federal government  
20 shutdown, there was an anticipated suspension of November CalFresh benefits for  
21 approximately 112,000 San Franciscans; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco residents and businesses were projected to lose  
23 approximately \$20,000,000 in monthly CalFresh benefits; and

1           WHEREAS, The sudden, unforeseeable, and unexpected loss in approximately \$20  
2 million in monthly CalFresh benefits was an emergency that necessitated immediate action to  
3 maintain the public health and welfare of San Franciscans under Administrative Code, Section  
4 21.15(a)(1); and

5           WHEREAS, The City, by and through its Human Services Agency, contracted with the  
6 San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to provide direct cash assistance for food purchases using  
7 GiveCard’s prepaid platform to low-income San Francisco CalFresh residents; and

8           WHEREAS, The Human Services Agency utilized Administrative Code 21.15  
9 Emergency Procurement Procedures to expedite the contract for these services; and

10          WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 21.15(b)(4), states that when a department  
11 head contracts directly for Commodities or Services necessary to respond to an emergency,  
12 the department head, if the emergency permits, shall secure the written approval of the  
13 president of the board or commission concerned; and

14          WHEREAS, On October 29, 2025, the President of the Human Services Commission  
15 approved in writing the emergency contract between the Human Services Agency and the  
16 San Francisco-Marin Food Bank for the purposes of providing prepaid grocery cards, in  
17 partnership with GiveCard, to CalFresh recipients for the month of November 2025; and

18          WHEREAS, The contract is consistent with the Civil Service Commission approval  
19 obtained on November 3, 2025, under Personal Service Contract No. DHRPSC0005867; and

20          WHEREAS, The City, by and through its Human Services Agency, has entered into the  
21 Contract with San Francisco-Marin Food Bank; and

22          WHEREAS, The City, by and through its Human Services Agency, amended the  
23 contract agreement with San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to add repayment instructions, as  
24 well as revised repayment and reporting; and

1           WHEREAS, The City, by and through its Human Services Agency, entered into an  
2 Amendment with San Francisco-Marin Food Bank on January 30, 2026; and

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4           WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 21.15(b)(4), states that for any emergency  
5 contract in excess of the minimum competitive amount, the Department must obtain the  
6 approval of the Board of Supervisors as soon as feasible; and

7           WHEREAS, The fully executed proposed Contract is contained in File No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
8 and is conditioned upon approval of this Resolution; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Contract contained in  
10 File No.

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13 Approved:

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17 Trent Rhorer  
18 Executive Director  
19 Human Services Agency