

1 [Accept and Expend In-Kind Gift - Retroactive - San Francisco Police Community Foundation
2 - Fiber Internet Service, Drones, Data Software, Parking Fees - Estimated Market Value of
\$7,250,028 and Future Gifts to Support the Real Time Investigation Center]

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4 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Police Department to accept and expend gifts**
5 **of equipment, services, and funds totaling approximately \$7,250,028 to support the**
6 **Police Department's Real Time Investigation Center (RTIC), for the installation of fiber**
7 **internet service, purchase of 12 docks and drones, related software and services, data**
8 **integration software, and employee parking fees, with a start date of April 30, 2025; and**
9 **authorizing the Police Department to accept and expend future gifts from San**
10 **Francisco Police Community Foundation for support of the RTIC.**

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12 WHEREAS, In March 2024, San Francisco voters approved Proposition E, which
13 facilitated the ability of the Police Department to use technology to fulfill its mission to
14 enhance public safety, protect life and property, and prevent crime; among other things,
15 Proposition E established that the Police Department shall use technology to the maximum
16 extent possible to improve efficiency and effectiveness in combatting crime, and reduce
17 dangers to the public, subject to the City's policies to protect privacy and civil liberties,
18 (Administrative Code, Section 96I.2(e)); subject to these principles and limitations,
19 Administrative Code, Section 96I.2(d), authorizes police officers to use unassisted aerial
20 vehicles ("UAVs," also known as "drones") along with or in lieu of vehicle pursuits; Proposition
21 E also authorizes the use of drones to assist in criminal investigations and exempts the Police
22 Department's use of drones under Administrative Code, Section 96I.2(e) from the
23 requirements of the City's Surveillance Technology Ordinance (Administrative Code, Chapter
24 19B); and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, The RTIC is currently located in the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street;
24 critical deficiencies render this location unsuitable for hosting a modern, high-tech crime
25 center; the building, constructed in 1958, lacks suitable electrical capacity and internet

1 infrastructure to support high-speed, reliable internet for real-time data analytics, video
2 download capabilities and inter-agency communication; the outdated infrastructure at 850
3 Bryant Street, reliant on 1960s-era wiring, cannot meet these demands, risking system
4 failures that could delay emergency responses or compromise critical operations; in its current
5 location, the RTIC has experienced power and internet outages, and plumbing leaks from the
6 ceiling; the RTIC is in a windowless room in a concrete structure, which limits cell phone and
7 emergency radio transmission capabilities; retrofitting the RTIC's current location for modern
8 power and internet needs would be prohibitively expensive, time-consuming and disruptive;
9 and

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

16 WHEREAS, Through a separate Accept and Expend Resolution (File No. 250722), the
17 Police Department is seeking Board of Supervisors' authorization to retroactively accept an in-
18 kind gift from Ripple Labs, Inc. of office space for the RTIC located at 315 Montgomery Street
19 through December 2026, valued at approximately \$2,131,543; Ripple Labs paid-in-full for a
20 lease through December 2026, but is no longer using the office space, and offered to
21 sublease the property to the Police Department as a temporary location for the RTIC; the
22 sublease was approved as to form by the City Attorney and executed by the Director of Real
23 Estate and the Police Chief; the sublease and master landlord's consent to the sublease,
24 effective May 22, 2025, are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
25 250723; and

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, The Police Commission authorized the acceptance of the gifts from
19 SFPCF and Ripple Labs, Inc. at its meeting on June 4, 2025; the Police Commission's
20 approval is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 250723; and

21 WHEREAS, Given the availability of the SFPCF gift funds to support expansion of the
22 RTIC, the limited term of the sublease, and the public interest served by allowing the Police
23 Department to promptly use the gift funds to acquire and begin using the technology and
24 equipment for the RTIC, the Police Department is also seeking the Board of Supervisors'
25 approval for a waiver of competitive solicitation requirements under Chapters 14 and 21 of the

1 Administrative Code for the procurement of equipment and services with the funds gifted by
2 SFPCF through an Ordinance (File No. 250699); and

3 WHEREAS, Under Administrative Code, Section 10.100.305, the Police Department
4 must obtain the Board of Supervisors' approval to accept a donation with a market value of
5 more than \$10,000; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Police Department is authorized to accept and expend a gift of
7 funds from the SFPCF of up to approximately \$5,600,107 for the installation of fiber internet
8 service at the RTIC at 315 Montgomery Street; the purchase of 12 docks and 12 drones,
9 related software and services, and data integration software for the RTIC; and Police
10 Department employee parking fees near the RTIC at 315 Montgomery Street; and, be it;

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Police Department is authorized to accept and
12 expend in-kind gifts totaling approximately \$1,649,921 comprised of the installation of a video
13 wall and related technology for the RTIC, IT professional services for the RTIC; network
14 connectivity and related services, and computer equipment for Police Department employee
15 use at the RTIC; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Police Department is authorized to accept expend
17 future gifts from SFPCF for possible additional support of the RTIC, including but not limited
18 to, funds for the installation of card readers at 315 Montgomery Street, internet services,
19 moving expenses, and additional facilities costs.

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21 Recommended: Approved: /s/
22 Mayor

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24 /s/ Approved: /s/
25 Acting Chief Paul Yep Controller