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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sailaja Kurella, Director and Purchaser, Office of Contract Administrator
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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.

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Master Report

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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Existing Law

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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

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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
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DATE: June 24, 2025

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Subject: MDL Intro 6.24 | Administrative Code - Real Time Investigation Center - Waiving Solicitation Requirements For Procurements Using Gift Funds From San Francisco Police Community Foundation
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 2:20:37 PM
Attachments: [Leg Digest - Ord re Solicitation Waiver for RTIC donations \(6.20\).DOCX](#)
[MDL Cover Letter RTIC Admin Code.doc](#)
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Hi all,

In case needed, I am confirming that the ordinance is approved as to form.

Thank you!

Jen

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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. _____), 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. _____.

(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.

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