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Prepared by: Stephanie Cabrera Prepared by: John Carroll Prepared by:	Date: November 7, 2023  Date: Nov. 22, 2023  Date:

[Settlement of Lawsuit - International Business Machines Corporation - \$1,361,454.60]

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by International Business
Machines Corporation against the City and County of San Francisco for \$1,361,454.60;
the lawsuit was filed on February 25, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case
No. CGC-22-598342; entitled International Business Machines Corporation v. City and
County of San Francisco; the lawsuit involves a claim for refund of payroll expense and
gross receipts taxes, and related penalties and interest, for the tax year ended
December 31, 2018; other material terms of the settlement are that International
Business Machines Corporation and its related entities shall take certain filing
positions with respect to their gross receipts, homelessness gross receipts, and
overpaid executive gross receipts taxes, as applicable, for tax year 2019 and

subsequent tax years, and the City will not impose penalties arising from those filing

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

positions for tax years 2019 through 2022.

Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the City Attorney to settle the action entitled <u>International Business Machines</u> <u>Corporation v. City and County of San Francisco</u>, San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-22-598342 by the payment of \$1,361,454.60, International Business Machines Corporation's and its related entities' agreement to take certain filing positions with respect to their gross receipts, homelessness gross receipts, and overpaid executive gross receipts taxes, as applicable, for tax year 2019 and subsequent tax years, and the City's agreement not to impose penalties arising from those filing positions for tax years 2019 through 2022.

1	The lawsuit involves a claim for refund of payroll expense and gross receipts taxes, and					
2	related penalties and interest, for the tax year ended December 31, 2018.					
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4	Section 2. The above-named action was filed in San Francisco Superior Court on					
5	February 25, 2022, and the following parties were named in the lawsuit: Plaintiff International					
6	Business Machines Corporation and defendant City and County of San Francisco.					
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8 9	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND RECOMMENDED:	RECOMMENDED:				
10	DAVID CHIU City Attorney	Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector				
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