

1 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Dennis Richards, Rachel Swann, Six Dogs, LLC - \$1,800,000]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Dennis Richards, Rachel**  
4 **Swann and Six Dogs, LLC against the City and County of San Francisco for \$1,800,000;**  
5 **the lawsuit was filed on February 21, 2020, in United States District Court, Case No. 20-**  
6 **cv-01242-JCS; entitled Dennis Richards, et al. v. Department of Building Inspection, et**  
7 **al.; the lawsuit involves alleged civil rights violations and claims that the Department of**  
8 **Building Inspection revoked building permits to retaliate against persons critical of the**  
9 **Department.**

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

12 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby  
13 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the action entitled Dennis Richards, et al. v. Department  
14 of Building Inspection, et al., United States District Court, Case No. 20-cv-01242-JCS by the  
15 payment of \$1,800,000. The lawsuit involves alleged civil rights violations and claims that the  
16 Department of Building Inspection revoked building permits to retaliate against persons critical  
17 of the Department.

18 Section 2. The above-named action was filed in United States District Court on  
19 February 21, 2020, and the following parties were named in the lawsuit: Plaintiffs: Dennis  
20 Richards, Rachel Swann, Six Dogs, LLC; Defendants: Department of Building Inspection of  
21 the City and County of San Francisco; City and County of San Francisco, Edward Sweeney,  
22 and Mauricio Hernandez.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
RECOMMENDED:

DAVID CHIU  
City Attorney

/s/ Meredith B. Osborn  
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Chief Trial Deputy

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

/s/ Michelle Allersma for Ben Rosenfield  
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RECOMMENDED:

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

/s/  
PATRICK O'RIORDAN  
Interim Director