

1 [Follow-Up Board Response - Civil Grand Jury Report - San Francisco's Crime Lab -  
2 Promoting Confidence and Building Credibility]

3 **Motion responding to the Civil Grand Jury's request to provide a status update on the**  
4 **Board of Supervisors response to Recommendation Nos. R.A.2 and R.B.1 contained in**  
5 **the 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled "San Francisco's Crime Lab -**  
6 **Promoting Confidence and Building Credibility;" and urging the Mayor to cause the**  
7 **implementation of accepted recommendations through his/her department heads and**  
8 **through the development of the annual budget.**

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10 WHEREAS, The 2015-2016 San Francisco Civil Grand Jury published a report, entitled  
11 "San Francisco's Crime Lab - Promoting Confidence and Building Credibility" (Report) on  
12 June 1, 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee  
14 (GAO) conducted a public hearing to hear and respond to the Report on September 1, 2016;  
15 and, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 382-16 on September 6, 2016  
16 reflecting the GAO responses to the Report on September 1, 2016; a copy of which is on file  
17 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160610; and

18 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.A.2 states: "The Mayor should direct, the Board of  
19 Supervisors (BOS) should approve, and the Controller should facilitate a transfer of budget,  
20 facilities, assets, personnel, and management of the Crime Lab from the SFPD [San  
21 Francisco Police Department] to the General Services Agency, Department of Administrative  
22 Services;" and

23 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors on September 6, 2016, responded in Resolution  
24 No. 160610 that Recommendation No. R.A.2 requires further analysis because the Board of  
25 Supervisors requires the SFPD and the General Services Agency to formulate a proposal,

1 timeline and feasibility of how the transfer of budget, facilities, assets, personnel and  
2 management would be handled. The Board requests the proposal be presented to the GAO  
3 Committee by October 6, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.B.1 states: “The Crime Lab and the Police  
5 Department’s Office of Technology should devote all necessary resources to install and  
6 implement a user friendly Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) that will track  
7 cases, increase laboratory efficiency, facilitate outcomes evaluation, and allow real time  
8 sharing of information;” and

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors on September 6, 2016, responded in Resolution  
10 No. 160610 that Recommendation R.B.1 has not yet been fully implemented but will be  
11 implemented in the future as reported by the Mayor, Police Department and the City  
12 Administrator in their responses to the Civil Grand Jury for reasons as follows: The LIMS  
13 contract was finalized and the system purchased in the spring of 2016. It is currently being  
14 customized and implemented through interactions between the vendor and the Crime Lab.  
15 The LIMS system will be fully operational in the spring of 2017 and will allow improved  
16 operations of and effective communications for the Forensics Services Division; and

17 WHEREAS, the GAO conducted an additional hearing on October 6, 2016, to receive  
18 an update from City departments on Recommendation Nos. R.A.2 and R.B.1; now, therefore,  
19 be it

20 MOVED, That Recommendation No. R.A. 2 will not be implemented, for reasons as  
21 follows: The Board of Supervisors agrees that the SFPD and General Services Agency need  
22 further time to meet, thoroughly formulate, and evaluate a proposal of how to transfer the  
23 budget, facilities, assets, personnel and management from the SFPD to the General Services  
24 Agency. However until the two Departments complete and submit their proposal to the Board  
25 of Supervisors for further evaluation, we cannot approve this transfer; and, be it

1            MOVED, That Recommendation R.B.1 has been implemented. The LIMS has been  
2 purchased and is in the process of being customized with full-implementation expected in  
3 spring of 2017. The LIMS system will be fully operational in the spring of 2017. The Mayor's  
4 Office is still in the process of hiring the new Forensic Services Director; and, be it

5            FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the  
6 implementation of the accepted recommendation through his/her department heads and  
7 through the development of the annual budget.

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