

1 [Use Agreement - LawNewz, Inc. d/b/a Law&Crime - Development of Documentary Television
2 Project with San Francisco Sheriff's Office]

3 **Resolution authorizing San Francisco Sheriff's Office ("SFSO") to enter into a Use**
4 **Agreement with LawNewz, Inc. d/b/a Law&Crime to develop and produce a**
5 **documentary television project about a day in the life of the San Francisco Sheriff and**
6 **deputy staff; and grant all necessary trademark licenses and the exclusive right for a**
7 **term of one year with an extension option, to commence upon approval by the Board of**
8 **Supervisors.**

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10 WHEREAS, The SFSO works with the public, the criminal justice system, and
11 community stakeholders to safeguard the lives, rights, and property of all people they serve;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The SFSO keeps people safe - inside and outside the county jails - in the
14 buildings they help protect, and in the communities they serve; and

15 WHEREAS, The SFSO is experiencing a significant staffing shortage with nearly one in
16 every four positions vacant while a lack of public awareness around the role of the SFSO
17 poses a major recruitment challenge to addressing this staffing shortage; and

18 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, acting by and through the SFSO
19 ("City"), seeks to participate in a media docuseries project covering a day in the life of various
20 county sheriffs across the United States that will highlight the various roles and responsibilities
21 of Sheriff Miyamoto and other deputy staff in the SFSO; and

22 WHEREAS, Footage generated during filming will be used for a docuseries currently
23 titled "County Sheriff" that documents several days in the life of eight county sheriffs across
24 the country and the challenges each department confronts, and the completed product be
25 marketed for purchase to a streaming television service for distribution; and

1 WHEREAS, The goals of City's participation in the project are (i) to create a bridge of
2 understanding with the San Francisco community at large of what it is that a sheriff's deputy
3 does on a daily basis and to increase public interest in applying for the many diverse positions
4 available, and (ii) to highlight San Francisco's commitment to rehabilitation through programs
5 including the first charter high school ever established in an adult detention facility operated
6 by Five Keys and the 'Sister in Sober Treatment Empowered In Recovery' (SISTER) program
7 that is a gender-specific substance abuse treatment and behavior management program
8 providing case management, treatment groups, and linkages to community-based services
9 upon release; and

10 WHEREAS, The access agreement explicitly prohibits the production company from
11 showing any inmate names, faces, or any markings such as tattoos or piercings that could
12 potentially reveal an inmate's identity; and

13 WHEREAS, The City desires to enter into an access agreement with LawNewz, Inc.
14 d/b/a Law&Crime to develop and produce a documentary series including the SFSO, the
15 agreement being substantially in the form on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
16 File No _____ ("Agreement"); and

17 WHEREAS, The Agreement provides that, in connection with production and marketing
18 of the documentary series, the City would grant to Producer all necessary trademark licenses
19 to the series and access to SFSO personnel and facilities with restrictions and oversight
20 outlined in the agreement to protect the identify, privacy and safety of inmates and employees
21 at SFSO; and

22 WHEREAS, Charter, Section 1.101, provides that all rights and powers of a City and
23 County that are not vested in another officer or entity by this Charter shall be exercised by the
24 Board of Supervisors; and

1 WHEREAS, The Charter does not vest in the SFSO the right to contract to develop or
2 utilize City resources to participate in a documentary series; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the SFSO, acting on
4 behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to enter into the Agreement with LawNewz,
5 Inc. d/b/a Law&Crime in substantially the form on file with the Clerk of the Board of
6 Supervisors in File No. _____, pursuant to review and modification by the City Attorney;
7 and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the Agreement being fully executed by
9 all parties, SFSO shall provide a copy to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion into the official
10 file.