

1 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Californians For Equal Rights Foundation - \$50,000]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Californians For Equal Rights**
4 **Foundation, Ruth Parker, and Ellen Lee Zhou against the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco for \$50,000 and non-monetary terms; the lawsuit was filed on May 31, 2023,**
6 **in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-23-606796; entitled Californians For**
7 **Equal Rights Foundation et al. v. City and County of San Francisco et al.; the lawsuit**
8 **involves Plaintiffs' allegation that the City participated in one or more guaranteed**
9 **income program the terms of which violated the Equal Protection Cause of the**
10 **Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the equal protection**
11 **guarantee in Article I, section 7 of the California Constitution, and/or Title VI of the Civil**
12 **Rights Act.**

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

15 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby
16 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the claims of Californians For Equal Rights Foundation,
17 Ruth Parker, and Ellen Lee Zhou in the action entitled Californians For Equal Rights
18 Foundation et al. v. City and County of San Francisco et al., San Francisco Superior Court,
19 Case No. CGC-23-606796 on substantially the same terms as set forth in the Settlement
20 Agreement on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____,
21 which is incorporated by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance as if set forth
22 fully herein. The Settlement Agreement includes the payment of \$50,000 in attorney's fees
23 and costs, as well as an agreement concerning future guaranteed income programs. The
24 lawsuit involves Plaintiffs' allegation that the City participated in one or more guaranteed
25 income program the terms of which violated the Equal Protection Cause of the Fourteenth

Amendment to the United States Constitution, the equal protection guarantee in Article I, section 7 of the California Constitution, and/or Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

Section 2. The above-named action was filed in San Francisco Superior Court on May 31, 2023, and the following parties were named in the lawsuit: Plaintiffs Californians For Equal Rights Foundation; Ruth Parker; Ellen Lee Zhou, and Defendants City and County of San Francisco; Kim Johnson, in her official capacity as Director of the California Department of Social Services.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
RECOMMENDED:

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