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Dear Supervisors,

Please see the below communication from Eileen Boken regarding File No. 250398, Item No. 32 on tomorrow's Board Agenda.

File No. 250398 - Behested Payment Waiver - Fire Apparatus

Thank you,

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Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

*For identification purposes only.

RE: BOS Meeting May 20, 2025 Agenda Item #32 [Behested Payment Waiver - Fire Apparatus] File #250398

Position: Strongly SUPPORTING

The useful life of fire apparatus is fifteen years.

Many of the SF Fire Department's apparatus are over twenty years old.

After fifteen years, fire apparatus have increased maintenance costs and decreased reliability.

These issues could have a negative impact on the SF Fire Department's response and overall preparedness.

Although behested payments may not be ideal, the reality is that they are one of the few options currently available.

The City is experiencing major budget issues.

The State currently has a \$12 billion budget deficit.

The State has already committed \$2.5 billion to wildfire recovery in Southern California with the Governor signing AB X1-4 and SB X1-3.

The federal government is unlikely to provide Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding due to the priorities of the current administration.

Therefore, behested payments from other sources are a viable alternative especially with the provision of a maximum six month window.

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