

1 [Affirming Commitment and Accountability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence]

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3 **Resolution affirming San Francisco’s commitment to civil liberties and ethical**  
4 **innovation, supporting the right of local companies to decline participation in mass**  
5 **surveillance and autonomous weaponry; and enduring commitment to civil liberties,**  
6 **privacy, human dignity, and democratic accountability in the age of artificial**  
7 **intelligence.**

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco has long stood at the forefront of movements to protect civil  
10 liberties, defend human rights, and ensure that technological progress advances, rather than  
11 undermines, democratic values; and

12 WHEREAS, The City is home to leading artificial intelligence companies and research  
13 institutions whose technologies are shaping the future of society, governance, and global  
14 security; and

15 WHEREAS, Artificial intelligence systems possess transformative potential but also  
16 carry significant risks, particularly when deployed for mass surveillance, autonomous  
17 weaponry, or other applications that may erode privacy, civil liberties, and human dignity; and

18 WHEREAS, Reports and public statements from the Federal Government have raised  
19 concerns about efforts to pressure or compel private companies to deploy advanced  
20 technologies for uses that conflict with their publicly stated ethical commitments; and

21 WHEREAS, The integrity of democratic institutions depends in part on the ability of  
22 private actors, workers, and innovators to exercise conscience and ethical judgment without  
23 coercion; and

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1           WHEREAS, San Francisco has previously acted to safeguard residents from  
2 unchecked surveillance technologies and has consistently affirmed that innovation must be  
3 guided by accountability and transparency; and

4           WHEREAS, Companies based in San Francisco have publicly articulated ethical  
5 boundaries regarding the use of their technologies and have declined participation in certain  
6 government applications on that basis; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the City affirms that no company should be coerced, through political  
8 pressure, contracting leverage, or other means, into deploying technology in ways that conflict  
9 with its stated ethical standards; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors stands with San Francisco  
11 based companies that draw a clear ethical red line against participation in mass surveillance  
12 or the development and deployment of lethal autonomous weapon systems; and, be it

13          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms San Francisco's  
14 enduring commitment to civil liberties, privacy, human dignity, and democratic accountability  
15 in the age of artificial intelligence; and, be it

16          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the responsibility  
17 that accompanies technological leadership and supports responsible innovation guided by  
18 transparency, public dialogue, and respect for fundamental rights.

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