

1 [Civic Bridge Program - Behested Payments Waiver]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Office of the Mayor to solicit in-kind donations through the**  
4 **Civic Bridge Program from various City contractors, notwithstanding the Behested**  
5 **Payments Ordinance for six months from the enactment date of this Resolution.**  
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7 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Innovation oversees the City & County of San  
8 Francisco’s Civic Bridge Program, which recruits for-profit companies and non-profit  
9 organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area to work pro-bono on key challenges for City  
10 departments in areas where the Department needs specific technical capacity; and

11 WHEREAS, Civic Bridge’s purpose is to improve the delivery of City services for  
12 residents, and since its founding in 2015 has facilitated over 80 projects to 34 unique city  
13 departments, with a total value of approximately \$8,500,000; and

14 WHEREAS, Office of Innovation staff maintains a network of 28 partner companies, or  
15 “pro-bono partners,” that participate in the Civic Bridge program; and

16 WHEREAS, New companies are invited to join that network through the Office of  
17 Innovation website, Office of Innovation newsletter, or routine communication with Office of  
18 Innovation staff; and

19 WHEREAS, Office of Innovation staff tracks the technical capabilities of pro-bono  
20 partner organizations and their employees, and has historically recruited particular partners  
21 for specific projects based on project goals and staff requirements; and

22 WHEREAS, Each engagement between the pro-bono partner and the corresponding  
23 department lasts 16 weeks, with an expectation of 20% of time dedicated to volunteering on  
24 the project; and  
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1           WHEREAS, These engagements constitute an in-kind donation from the pro-bono  
2 partner to the department receiving services; and

3           WHEREAS, The Office of Innovation typically communicates directly with several  
4 companies regarding potential partnership opportunities, including Accenture, Adobe,  
5 AECOM, Anthropic, AT&T, Bayes Impact, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Blue Shield, California  
6 College of the Arts, California State University-San Francisco, Cloudera, Deloitte, Digitalist,  
7 Front, fuseproject, Gensler, Google LLC and its Affiliates, Harvard Business School  
8 Community Partners, HOK Architects, Linkedin, Mapbox, McKinsey, Microsoft, New York  
9 University, Noodle.ai, OpenAI, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Salesforce, Stanford University,  
10 Slack, Slalom, Splunk, Visa Inc., University of California–Berkeley, University of California-  
11 San Francisco, University of San Francisco, US Digital Response, Zendesk, and ZS  
12 Associates;

13           WHEREAS, The 2024 Civic Bridge cohort constitutes approximately six projects across  
14 approximately seven departments, a complete list of which is on file with the Clerk of the  
15 Board of Supervisors as part of File No. 231275; and

16           WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office seeks a waiver of the City’s Behested Payments law,  
17 to the extent it restricts the solicitation of pro-bono services as set forth herein, under  
18 Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.620(f), on the basis that solicitation  
19 from the pro-bono partners under the Civic Bridge Program is appropriate and furthers the  
20 public interest of improving service delivery for City residents; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives the Behested Payments  
22 Ordinance for the purpose of allowing the Mayor, and members of the Office of the Mayor, to  
23 solicit in-kind services for the Civic Bridge Program as set forth herein, for six months from the  
24 enactment date of this Resolution; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED That granting this waiver serves the public interest by  
2 improving service delivery for residents; and, be it

3           FURTHER RESOLVED That granting this waiver does not create an appearance of  
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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 231275

**Date Passed:** January 30, 2024

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January 18, 2024 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED

January 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 231275

I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/30/2024 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
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London N. Breed  
Mayor

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Date Approved