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Subject: FW: REJECT campaign finance regulation #240487 and be AGAINST pandas in SF
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Hello,

Please see below communication regarding **File No. 240487**:

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Motion vetoing proposed Regulation 1.126-9 (Contractors Doing Business with the City: Hosting Home or Office Fundraisers) and proposed Regulation 1.127-4 (Persons with a Financial Interest in Land Use Matter: Hosting Home or Office Fundraisers), adopted by the Ethics Commission on April 12, 2024.

Regards,

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From: Panda Voices <contact@pandavoices.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2024 4:28 PM
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: REJECT campaign finance regulation #240487 and be AGAINST pandas in SF

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are Panda Voices, an international group of panda lovers from different countries committed to advocating for the welfare of giant pandas in captivity. Panda Voices played a major role in raising awareness about pandas YaYa and LeLe's heartbreaking situation in Memphis Zoo, USA, over the last two years. In 2022, the famous singer and Oscar-winner Billie Eilish https://url.avanan.click/v2/___https://uproxx.com/pop/billie-eilish-abused-pandas-memphis-zoo/___YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzo2NGIzNTk0OGJjNzM1MGQzYjg0ZmFkM2MwNjdLOWM4Njo2OjlyODk6OGY2MjJiYjVlZTdiZTkYMTMzMdhhMTEzZDAyMDc2MjhiZGNiNW0M2YwNjRkYjdhOTQ3NTc3MWMxOGUzZmQ4MzpoOIQ supported us and our partner In Defense of Animals in our cause to send the Memphis Zoo pandas back home.

We are reaching out to kindly ask the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco city to reject campaign finance regulation #240487 and be against mayor London Breed's plans to bring pandas to San Francisco. The mayor should not be allowed to start a fundraising campaign to pay the costs related to the arrival of the pandas to the city due to the following reasons:

- The mayor was already involved in a corruption scandal, therefore the current safeguards related to the donations should not be made flexible.
- The San Francisco Zoo is not suitable to host pandas. The zoo already has many issues related to the welfare of their animals, like inappropriate and old enclosures, management neglect, renovation projects for other animals' enclosures that were never finished or not started, lack of resources, lack of confidence of the staff in the zoo director. Recently, many articles have been published in the media describing the numerous problems of the zoo, the shocking testimonials of whistleblowers and former workers, and several outrageous incidents that happened there, like the death of animals due to neglect, the escape of a tiger that killed a teenager, and theft of animals.
- A zoo cannot rely only on donations to raise giant pandas, this is not sustainable. The costs to host these bears are excessively high and permanent. The donations can allow the construction of the panda house, but will not guarantee that the expensive demands of the pandas are achieved throughout their stay in San Francisco. And worse, other animals of the zoo and their urgent needs can be sacrificed in favor of the pandas.
- Last year, a male giant panda died at the Memphis Zoo, Tennessee due to their incompetence and neglect, which badly affected the reputation of the city and the zoo all over the world. We believe San Francisco would not like to face the same situation.

- Pandas should not be used as political tools to promote any kind of political campaigns. Their well-being should be the utmost priority.

We hope you can consider the reasons above and act in favor of the city of San Francisco, of the pandas and of all the suffering animals that currently live at the zoo.

Best regards,

Dr. Taciana Santiago

Panda Voices Team