

1 [Behested Payment Waiver - Cancer Screening]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, Chief of Public Safety,**  
4 **Assistant Chief of Public Safety, Policy Advisor, and the Chief of the Fire Department to**  
5 **solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the**  
6 **provision of cancer screening for eligible SFFD employees for six months from the**  
7 **effective date of this Resolution, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.**

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9 WHEREAS, Firefighters face higher cancer risks than other professions due to  
10 exposure to toxic substances during fire suppression and hazardous material response; and

11 WHEREAS, National research indicates that firefighters have a 9% higher incidence  
12 and a 14% higher mortality rate from cancer compared to the general population; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel Lurie has proposed to launch a first-of-its-kind firefighter  
14 cancer prevention screening pilot (“Pilot”), aimed at improving early detection and saving lives  
15 among San Francisco’s first responders; and

16 WHEREAS, This groundbreaking Pilot will be administered by the San Francisco Fire  
17 Department (“SFFD”) and modeled after the successful cancer screening program developed  
18 by the San Francisco Firefighter Cancer Prevention Foundation (“SFFCPF”), which has  
19 demonstrated high participation and effective early detection, identifying cancers that might  
20 have otherwise gone undiagnosed until more advanced stages; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pilot will offer cutting-edge imaging scans and screening for active-  
22 duty firefighters over the age of 40 with at least five years of service, screenings that are  
23 typically not covered by insurance; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Office will work closely with IAFF Local 798, the San  
2           Francisco Firefighter Cancer Prevention Foundation, and the Fire Department to design the  
3           Pilot in advance of its launch; and

4           WHEREAS, The Pilot will include evaluation mechanisms to assess health outcomes,  
5           inform long-term strategies, and potentially scale the model for broader use; and

6           WHEREAS, The Mayor and SFFD seek a waiver of the City’s Behested Payments  
7           Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Code, Sections 3.600 et seq.) for the Mayor, the  
8           Mayor’s Chief of Staff, Chief of Public Safety, Assistant Chief of Public Safety, Policy Advisor,  
9           and the Chief of SFFD for a period of six months from the effective date of this Resolution so  
10          that they may solicit donations from private entities and organizations to support the provision  
11          of cancer screening for eligible SFFD employees; and

12          WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of  
13          Supervisors donations to the City that were solicited under this waiver; such reports will  
14          identify the donor, the amount of the donation, and the interested relationship the donor has  
15          with the department that solicited the donation; the department or office will submit the reports  
16          to the Board within 60 days of the expiration of the 6-month period authorized by this waiver;  
17          now, therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct  
19          Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested Payment  
20          Ordinance as to the Mayor, the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, Chief of Public Safety, Assistant Chief  
21          of Public Safety, Policy Advisor, and the Chief of SFFD for a period of six months from the  
22          effective date of this Resolution to fundraise from private entities and organizations to support  
23          the provision of cancer screening for eligible SFFD employees; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver under Section 3.620(f) serves the  
2 public interest by supporting SFFD in providing much-needed cancer screening for eligible  
3 SFFD employees; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver under Section 3.620(f) does not  
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