

1 [Accept and Expend In-Kind Gift - Retroactive - Ripple Labs, Inc. - Office Space - Estimated
2 Market Value of \$2,131,543]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Police Department to accept and expend an in-**
4 **kind gift of office space from Ripple Labs, Inc. for the Police Department's Real Time**
5 **Investigation Center, valued at approximately \$2,131,543 for the period of May 22, 2025,**
6 **through December 31, 2026.**

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8 WHEREAS, In March 2024, San Francisco voters approved Proposition E, which
9 facilitated the ability of the Police Department to use technology to fulfill its mission to
10 enhance public safety, protect life and property, and prevent crime, among other things,
11 Proposition E established that the Police Department shall use technology to the maximum
12 extent possible to improve efficiency and effectiveness in combatting crime, and reduce
13 dangers to the public, subject to the City's policies to protect privacy and civil liberties,
14 (Administrative Code § 96I.2(e)); subject to these principles and limitations, Administrative
15 Code, Section 96I.2(d), authorizes police officers to use unassisted aerial vehicles ("UAVs,"
16 also known as "drones") along with or in lieu of vehicle pursuits; Proposition E also authorizes
17 the use of drones to assist in criminal investigations and exempts the Police Department's use
18 of drones under Administrative Code, Section 96I.2(e) from the requirements of the City's
19 Surveillance Technology Ordinance (Administrative Code, Chapter 19B); and

20 WHEREAS, With the passage of Proposition E, the Police Department has sought to
21 expand its use of technology to enhance community safety, combat crime, and more
22 efficiently utilize personnel in the midst of an ongoing staffing shortage, in March 2024, the
23 Police Department launched the Real Time Investigation Center (RTIC), a real-time
24 intelligence hub where officers simultaneously use technology including drones, Automated
25 License Plate Readers, public safety cameras and other crime-fighting tools to help protect

1 the community, the RTIC allows the Police Department to leverage technology, data, and
2 collaboration to provide real-time intelligence to law enforcement officers in the field, enabling
3 them to more effectively respond to incidents, prevent crimes, and apprehend suspects;
4 using technology like drones, the Police Department can rapidly respond to crimes in
5 progress, with officers in the community directly communicating with teams at the RTIC; and

6 WHEREAS, The RTIC team has been successful in preventing numerous police
7 pursuits by following suspects at a distance and making strategic arrests that reduce risks to
8 the public; officers in the RTIC have assisted in over 500 arrests, notable cases involving the
9 RTIC include an arrest made in the first homicide of 2025; on January 1, 2025, dispatch
10 broadcasted that a shooting occurred on 17th Street and South Van Ness Avenue and
11 provided a suspect vehicle description, RTIC located a matching vehicle and alerted officers
12 in the area, who ultimately tracked the vehicle to a neighboring city and successfully took the
13 suspect into custody, in another notable case, in December 2024, suspects pistol-whipped
14 and stabbed a victim in the Stockton Tunnel, dispatch provided officers with the direction the
15 suspects fled, and RTIC alerted plainclothes units in the area, officers observed the suspects
16 walking toward the Montgomery BART Station, where they were taken into custody; and

17 WHEREAS, The RTIC is currently located in the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street.
18 Critical deficiencies render this location unsuitable for hosting a modern, high-tech crime
19 center; the building, constructed in 1958, lacks suitable electrical capacity and internet
20 infrastructure to support high-speed, reliable internet for real-time data analytics, video
21 download capabilities and inter-agency communication; the outdated infrastructure at 850
22 Bryant Street, reliant on 1960s-era wiring, cannot meet these demands, risking system
23 failures that could delay emergency responses or compromise critical operations, in its current
24 location, the RTIC has experienced power and internet outages, and plumbing leaks from the
25 ceiling, the RTIC is in a windowless room in a concrete structure, which limits cell phone and

1 emergency radio transmission capabilities, retrofitting the RTIC's current location for modern
2 power and internet needs would be prohibitively expensive, time-consuming and disruptive;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Through this Resolution, the Police Department is seeking Board of
5 Supervisors' authorization to retroactively accept an in-kind gift from Ripple Labs, Inc. of office
6 space for the RTIC located at 315 Montgomery Street through December 31, 2026, valued at
7 approximately \$2,131,543; Ripple Labs paid-in-full for a lease through December 31, 2026,
8 but is no longer using the office space, and offered to sublease the property to the Police
9 Department as a temporary location for the RTIC, a sublease for the Police Department's use
10 of this space was approved as to form by the City Attorney and executed by the Director of
11 Real Estate and the Police Chief; the sublease and master landlord's consent to the sublease,
12 effective May 22, 2025, are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
13 _____; and

14 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Community Foundation (SFPCF) is a 501(c)(3)
15 non-profit corporation that is dedicated to supporting the Police Department, the SFPCF's
16 vision is to provide the Police Department resources to create a best-in-class RTIC, SFPCF is
17 supported by Chris Larsen, a San Francisco native who co-founded the company Ripple
18 Labs, Inc; and

19 WHEREAS, SFPCF has proposed to make a gift of funds totaling up to \$5,600,107 in
20 support of the RTIC, which are estimated to consist of the following: \$57,000 to support the
21 installation of fiber internet service at 315 Montgomery Street; \$5,277,107 for the purchase of
22 12 docks and 12 drones, related software and services, and data integration software for the
23 RTIC; and \$266,000 for Police Department employee parking fees near 315 Montgomery
24 Street at the St. Mary's Square Garage owned by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation
25 Authority; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition, SFPCF has proposed to give the Police Department in-kind
2 gifts totaling approximately \$1,649,921, comprised of installation of a video wall and related
3 services for the RTIC, valued at approximately \$1,194,770; IT professional services for the
4 RTIC, valued at approximately \$50,000; network connectivity and related services for the
5 RTIC, valued at approximately \$294,156; and computer equipment for Police Department
6 employee use at the RTIC, valued at approximately \$110,995; and

7 WHEREAS, SFPCF has also proposed to make an additional gift of funds to the Police
8 Department to cover other incidental costs, such as the installation of card readers at 315
9 Montgomery, internet services, moving expenses, and potential additional facilities costs,
10 these costs are currently undetermined; and

11 WHEREAS, Through a separate Accept and Expend Resolution (File No. _____),
12 the Police Department is seeking Board of Supervisors' approval to accept and expend
13 SFPCF's gifts of equipment, services, and funds totaling approximately \$7,250,028 and future
14 gifts to support the RTIC; and

15 WHEREAS, The Police Commission authorized the acceptance of the gifts from Ripple
16 Labs, Inc. and SFPCF at its meeting on June 4, 2025; the Police Commission's approval is on
17 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____; and

18 WHEREAS, Given the availability of these gift funds to support expansion of the RTIC,
19 the limited term of the sublease, and the public interest served by allowing the Police
20 Department to promptly use the gift funds to acquire and begin using the technology and
21 equipment for the RTIC, the Police Department is also seeking Board of Supervisors' approval
22 for a waiver of competitive solicitation requirements under Chapters 14 and 21 of the
23 Administrative Code for the procurement of equipment and services with the funds gifted by
24 SFPCF through an Ordinance (File No. _____); and
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WHEREAS, Under Administrative Code, Section 10.100.305, the Police Department must obtain the Board of Supervisors' approval to accept a donation with a market value of more than \$10,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Police Department is authorized to retroactively accept and expend an in-kind gift from Ripple Labs, Inc. of office space for the RTIC located at 315 Montgomery Street through December 31, 2026, valued at approximately \$2,131,543.

Recommended:

Approved: _____/s/_____

Mayor

/s/

Approved: _____/s/_____

Acting Chief Paul Yep

Controller