

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

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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, Section 96I.2(e)); subject to these principles and limitations,
15 Administrative Code, Section 96I.2(d), authorizes police officers to use unassisted aerial
16 vehicles (“UAVs,” also known as “drones”) along with or in lieu of vehicle pursuits; Proposition
17 E also authorizes the use of drones to assist in criminal investigations and exempts the Police
18 Department’s use of drones under Administrative Code, Section 96I.2(e) from the
19 requirements of the City’s Surveillance Technology Ordinance (Administrative Code,
20 Chapter 19B); and

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

1 License Plate Readers, public safety cameras and other crime-fighting tools to help protect
2 the community, the RTIC allows the Police Department to leverage technology, data, and
3 collaboration to provide real-time intelligence to law enforcement officers in the field, enabling
4 them to more effectively respond to incidents, prevent crimes, and apprehend suspects; using
5 technology like drones, the Police Department can rapidly respond to crimes in progress, with
6 officers in the community directly communicating with teams at the RTIC; and

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

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

1 ceiling, the RTIC is in a windowless room in a concrete structure, which limits cell phone and
2 emergency radio transmission capabilities, retrofitting the RTIC's current location for modern
3 power and internet needs would be prohibitively expensive, time-consuming and disruptive;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Through this Resolution, the Police Department is seeking Board of
6 Supervisors' authorization to retroactively accept an in-kind gift from Ripple Labs, Inc. of office
7 space for the RTIC located at 315 Montgomery Street through December 31, 2026, valued at
8 approximately \$2,131,543; Ripple Labs paid-in-full for a lease through December 31, 2026,
9 but is no longer using the office space, and offered to sublease the property to the Police
10 Department as a temporary location for the RTIC, a sublease for the Police Department's use
11 of this space was approved as to form by the City Attorney and executed by the Director of
12 Real Estate and the Police Chief; the sublease and master landlord's consent to the sublease,
13 effective May 22, 2025, are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
14 No. 250722; and

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

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Through a separate Accept and Expend Resolution (File No. 250723), the
14 Police Department is seeking Board of Supervisors' approval to accept and expend SFPCF's
15 gifts of equipment, services, and funds totaling approximately \$7,250,028 and future gifts to
16 support the RTIC; and

17 WHEREAS, The Police Commission authorized the acceptance of the gifts from Ripple
18 Labs, Inc. and SFPCF at its meeting on June 4, 2025; the Police Commission's approval is on
19 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 250722; and

20 WHEREAS, Given the availability of these gift funds to support expansion of the RTIC,
21 the limited term of the sublease, and the public interest served by allowing the Police
22 Department to promptly use the gift funds to acquire and begin using the technology and
23 equipment for the RTIC, the Police Department is also seeking Board of Supervisors' approval
24 for a waiver of competitive solicitation requirements under Chapters 14 and 21 of the
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1 Administrative Code for the procurement of equipment and services with the funds gifted by
2 SFPCF through an Ordinance (File No. 250699); and

3 WHEREAS, Under Administrative Code, Section 10.100.305, the Police Department
4 must obtain the Board of Supervisors' approval to accept a donation with a market value of
5 more than \$10,000; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Police Department is authorized to retroactively accept and
7 expend an in-kind gift from Ripple Labs, Inc. of office space for the RTIC located at
8 315 Montgomery Street through December 31, 2026, valued at approximately \$2,131,543.

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Acting Chief Paul Yep

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