

1 [Accept and Expend In-Kind Gift - Retroactive - Internet Access Services - Monkeybrains.net -
2 Valued at \$173,400]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Technology to accept an in-kind**
4 **gift of Internet Access Service valued at \$173,400 from Monkeybrains.net for the period**
5 **of March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022.**

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7 WHEREAS, Monkeybrains.net is a local San Francisco based Internet Service Provider
8 that has been providing high quality internet service to San Francisco residents and
9 businesses since 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, Quality, high speed internet access is necessary to provide equitable City
11 services, educational resources, employment opportunities and healthcare to San Francisco's
12 underserved communities; and

13 WHEREAS, By offering free high speed internet service to residents of affordable
14 housing Monkeybrains.net has made an unequalled and valued contribution in excess of \$1
15 million dollars to closing the digital divide; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2017 Monkeybrains received grant funding through the California
17 Advanced Services Fund Broadband Public Housing Account to provide internet service to
18 low income families and Monkeybrains began providing free internet service to San Francisco
19 affordable housing residents; and

20 WHEREAS, When the grant funding became unavailable for affordable housing
21 projects, Monkeybrains continued to provide the internet service to the residents at no cost;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, DT has built a fiber ring to affordable housing properties for their use and
24 development; and

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1 WHEREAS, Monkeybrains makes free Internet Access Service available to over 6,800
2 units of affordable housing, and 1,090 shelter and supportive housing beds and has
3 committed to provide this internet service to residents at no cost through December 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor of San Francisco declared a local health
5 emergency regarding COVID-19 and student, seniors, and underserved residents required
6 internet service during the pandemic; a copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the
7 Board of Supervisors in File No. 200228, and is incorporated herein by reference; and

8 WHEREAS, Monkeybrains assisted the Department of Technology (DT) by providing
9 internet service to COVID isolation facilities, tent sites for the unhoused, testing stations, and
10 mass vaccination sites; and

11 WHEREAS, Monkeybrains and DT have agreed to continue to interconnect their
12 networks to ensure that there is no interruption of service to affordable housing residents in
13 the buildings served as of August 31, 2021; and

14 WHEREAS, The internet service requested by DT is valued at a total of \$173,400; and

15 WHEREAS, The gifts do not require amendments to the Annual Salary Ordinance;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors retroactively approves the in-kind gift
18 valued at \$173,400 and hereby authorizes, through the Department of Technology to accept
19 the in-kind gift of internet services described above.

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Recommended:

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Office of the Controller