

1 [Behested Payment Waiver - Core Initiatives]

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3 **Resolution authorizing a six-month waiver of the City’s Behested Payments Ordinance**
4 **for the Mayor and designated members of the Mayor’s Office to solicit donations to**
5 **support Core Initiatives, pursuant to Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and**
6 **Governmental Conduct Code.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco faces urgent challenges related to
9 homelessness, drug overdoses and substance use disorders, mental health needs, integrated
10 health needs, and public safety hiring, and its work on these challenges are the City’s “Core
11 Initiatives,” under Administrative Code Chapter 21B; and

12 WHEREAS, It is essential that the City respond effectively and quickly to these crises,
13 both on its own through the work of the Designated Departments identified in Chapter 21B, as
14 well as through partnerships with private entities and individuals and community stakeholders
15 who may wish to support such efforts, and the Mayor's Office seeks to support these efforts,
16 understanding that some of the individuals or entities and stakeholders with whom the City
17 might partner may be City contractors or otherwise may qualify as interested parties under the
18 City’s Behested Payments Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section
19 3.600 *et seq.*); and

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has previously waived the Behested Payments
21 Ordinance under Section 3.620(f) to enable the Mayor and relevant officials to support work
22 on Core Initiatives, and the Mayor and relevant officials have committed to transparency and
23 accountability by complying with all applicable reporting requirements; and

24 WHEREAS, This waiver will likewise serve the public interest and does not create an
25 appearance of impropriety; and

1 WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of
2 Supervisors donations to the City that were solicited under this waiver; such reports will
3 identify the donor, the amount of the donation, and the interested relationship the donor has
4 with the department that solicited the donation; the departments will submit the reports to the
5 Board within 60 days of the expiration of the six-month period authorized by this waiver; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct
8 Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the waiver of the Behested Payments
9 Ordinance for a six months authorizing the Mayor; the Mayor’s Chief of Staff; the Deputy Chief
10 of Staff; the Director of Communications & Public Affairs; the Chief of Protocol; and the Policy
11 Chiefs (Health, Homelessness & Family Services, Housing & Economic Development,
12 Infrastructure, Climate & Mobility, and Public Safety), and each of their direct reports, to solicit
13 donations from private individuals and organizations to support the Core Initiatives as defined
14 in Chapter 21B; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this waiver shall expire six months after the effective date
16 of this Resolution; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this waiver continues to be subject to the City’s rules and
18 policies governing transparency and disclosure, including annual reporting to the Board of
19 Supervisors and other applicable requirements.