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 [Concurring in Actions to Meet Local Emergency - Coronavirus Response - Forty-Second Supplement]

3 Motion concurring in actions taken by the Mayor in the Forty-Second Supplement to 4 the Proclamation of Emergency to meet the ongoing local emergency related to the 5 novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic by authorizing the Director of Human 6 Resources, until March 31, 2022, to waive or modify provisions of the Memoranda of 7 Understanding with labor organizations representing sworn employees of the Fire 8 Department and the Sheriff's Department related to compensation, including overtime 9 and premium pay, and to waive Charter or Administrative Code provisions limiting the 10 cash out of accrued vacation balances, upon a written determination that such waivers 11 are necessary or appropriate to ensure appropriate staffing at the departments to carry 12 out essential government services and respond to the pandemic.

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WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed declared a local
emergency to exist in connection with the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19; and
WHEREAS, The Mayor transmitted a copy of that Proclamation Declaring the
Existence of a Local Emergency to the Board of Supervisors (the "Proclamation"), and on
March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the Proclamation and in the actions
taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; the Proclamation and the Board's concurring
motion are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 200228; and

WHEREAS, On November 4, 2021, the Mayor issued the Fortieth Supplement to the Proclamation, authorizing the Human Resources Director to provide compensation incentives to existing employees in the Fire Department to encourage them to work in lieu of taking paid time off and to work overtime shifts, to address staffing shortages and to ensure the continuity of services due to unusually high resignations and retirements over 2020 and 2021 due to the 1 COVID-19 pandemic and the City employee vaccination mandate and due to some members

2 being separated from employment for failing to comply with the employee vaccination

3 mandate; and

WHEREAS, Staffing shortages in the Fire Department persist for the reasons identified
in the Fortieth Supplement to the Proclamation and the City anticipates further staffing
shortages may result from employees taking sick leave due to the spread of the COVID-19
Omicron variant; and

8 WHEREAS, The pandemic and diversion of resources and personnel to the pandemic 9 response have also limited the City's ability to safely conduct examinations in the Sheriff's 10 Department and to run training academies, limiting the ability to replace departing employees 11 with properly trained new hires, and the Sheriff's Department is experiencing staffing 12 shortages due to resignations, retirements, and vaccination-related separations, and the 13 Department anticipates that these shortages will be exacerbated by employees taking sick 14 leave due to the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, On December 30, 2021, the Mayor took an additional step to meet the
emergency by issuing the Forty-Second Supplement to the Proclamation, ordering one action
to meet the emergency; the Forty-Second Supplement is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors in Board File No. 220023 and

WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 8550 et seq., and Charter, Section 3.100,
 provide for the concurrence by members of the Board of Supervisors in such emergency
 declaration and in action taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; and now, therefore, be it
 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors concurs with the following action taken by the
 Mayor to meet the local emergency included in the Mayor's Forty-Second Supplement to the
 Proclamation, dated December 30, 2021, as such action is described in full in the Forty Second Supplement and summarized as follows:

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1	Action 1: Revising and replacing the Fortieth Supplement to the
2	Proclamation by authorizing the Director of Human Resources, until March 31, 2022, to waive
3	or modify provisions of the Memoranda of Understanding with labor organizations
4	representing sworn employees of the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department related to
5	compensation, including overtime and premium pay, and to waive Charter or Administrative
6	Code provisions limiting the cash out of accrued vacation balances, upon a written
7	determination that such waivers are necessary or appropriate to ensure appropriate staffing at
8	the departments to carry out essential government services and respond to the pandemic.
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#### FORTY-SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO MAYORAL PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2020

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Sections 8550 et seq., San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14) and Chapter 7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code empower the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to concurrence by the Board of Supervisors as provided in the Charter, in the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County or its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation (the "Proclamation") declaring a local emergency to exist in connection with the imminent spread within the City of a novel (new) coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the Proclamation and in the actions taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist within the State due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 6, 2020, the Health Officer declared a local health emergency under Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, and the Board of Supervisors concurred in that declaration on March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, On November 4, 2021, the Mayor issued the Fortieth Supplement to the Proclamation, authorizing the Human Resources Director to provide compensation incentives to existing employees in the Fire Department to encourage them to work in lieu of taking paid time off and to work overtime shifts. The Mayor took this action to address staffing shortages and to ensure the continuity of services due to unusually high resignations and retirements over 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the City employee vaccination mandate and due to some members being separated from employment for failing to comply with the employee vaccination mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, Staffing shortages in the Fire Department persist for the reasons identified in the Fortieth Supplemental Proclamation. Additionally, the City anticipates further staffing shortages may result from employees taking sick leave due to the spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant; and



WHEREAS, The pandemic and diversion of resources and personnel to the pandemic response have also limited the City's ability to safely conduct examinations in the Sheriff's Department and to run training academies, limiting the ability to replace departing employees with properly trained new hires, and the Sheriff's Department is experiencing staffing shortages due to resignations, retirements, and vaccination-related separations. The Department anticipates that these shortages will be exacerbated by employees taking sick leave due to the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, To ensure the continuity of City services in the Fire Department, it is in the public interest to extend the authority of the Human Resources Director to provide certain compensation incentives to existing employees to encourage them to work in lieu of taking time off, and to also provide the Human Resources Director this authority with respect to the Sheriff's Department;

### NOW, THEREFORE,

I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, proclaim that there continues to exist an emergency within the City and County threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County and its citizens;

#### In addition to the measures outlined in the Proclamation and in the Supplements to the Proclamation issued on various dates, it is further ordered that:

Section 1 of the Fortieth Supplement to the Proclamation is revised and replaced as follows:

The Human Resources Director is delegated authority to waive or modify provisions of the Memoranda of Understanding with labor organizations representing sworn employees of the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department related to compensation, including overtime and premium pay, and to waive Charter or Administrative Code provisions limiting the cash out of accrued vacation balances, upon a written determination that such waivers are necessary or appropriate to ensure appropriate staffing at the departments to carry out essential government services and respond to the pandemic. This Order shall Office of the Mayor san Francisco



remain in effect until March 31, 2022, unless terminated earlier by the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors.

DATED: December 30, 2021

London N. Breed Mayor of San Francisco

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# **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
<ul><li>✓ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.</li></ul>
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9. Reactivate File No.
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Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:
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Concurring in Actions to Meet Local Emergency - Coronavirus Response
The text is listed:
Motion concurring in actions taken by the Mayor in the Forty-Second Supplement to the Proclamation of Emergency to meet the ongoing local emergency related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic by authorizing the Director of Human Resources, until March 31, 2022, to waive or modify provisions of the Memoranda of Understanding with labor organizations representing sworn employees of the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department related to compensation, including overtime and premium pay, and to waive Charter or Administrative Code provisions limiting the cash out of accrued vacation balances, upon a written determination that such waivers are necessary or appropriate to ensure appropriate staffing at the departments to carry out essential government services and respond to the pandemic.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s Shamann Walton