

1 [Emergency Declaration - Plumbing Repair at San Francisco Main Public Library - 100 Larkin  
2 Street - Estimated Cost of Repairs \$550,000]

3 **Resolution approving the Director of Public Works' declaration of an emergency under**  
4 **Administrative Code, Section 6.60, for repairs and remediation work at the San**  
5 **Francisco Main Public Library, estimated to cost approximately \$550,000.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Main Library, City and County of San Francisco,  
8 is located at 100 Larkin Street; and

9 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2023, foreign objects were flushed down a fourth floor  
10 Main Library toilet resulting in a sewer overflow; and

11 WHEREAS, The sewer overflow affected floors one through three in the corner of the  
12 building at Larkin and Fulton Streets; and

13 WHEREAS, Both staff space and public use space, and access to braille services in  
14 the Talking Books & Braille Center were adversely impacted; and

15 WHEREAS, The overflow was sudden, unforeseeable, and unexpected, creating a  
16 health hazard and damage to the Main Library which required immediate action to mitigate the  
17 loss of or damage to health, property, and public service; and

18 WHEREAS, Public Works staff determined that a contractor was needed given the  
19 scope of work and an estimate was developed; and

20 WHEREAS, Public Works staff has analyzed the circumstances extensively and  
21 determined that the estimated cost of the remediation services is \$200,000 and the cost  
22 estimate for removal of damaged materials, repair, and reconstruction, including furnishing  
23 replacements is \$350,000; and

24 WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 6.60, authorizes department heads  
25 responsible for public work to award an emergency contract, exempt from the competitive

1 bidding process, in the event of an actual emergency which includes the “breakdown or  
2 imminent breakdown of any plant, equipment, structure, street or public work necessitating;  
3 and immediate emergency repair or reconditioning to safeguard the lives or property of the  
4 citizens; or the property of the City and County; or to maintain the public health or welfare;”  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, On January 31, 2023, San Francisco Public Library declared an  
7 emergency due to this same plumbing failure; and

8 WHEREAS, On February 17, 2023, the Interim Director of Public Works declared an  
9 emergency pursuant to Section 6.60 of the Administrative Code and issued a contract to  
10 Belfor Property Restoration Services to provide remediation services for the sewage overflow  
11 of the third, second and first floors and lower level of the San Francisco Main Public Library,  
12 and to remove and reconstruct all the damaged spaces and contaminated materials at a cost  
13 not to exceed \$550,000 by Public Works Order No. 207671, which is on file with the Clerk of  
14 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230315; and

15 WHEREAS, Under authority granted by Administrative Code, Section 6.60(b), the  
16 Interim Director of Public Works gave notice of the emergency declaration to the Board of  
17 Supervisors, Mayor, and Controller; and

18 WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 6.60(d), requires that the Board of  
19 Supervisors approve emergency work with an estimated cost in excess of \$250,000; and

20 WHEREAS, The Controller has certified that funds are available for this emergency  
21 contract; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the Interim  
23 Director of Public Works’ emergency declaration for the repairs to the San Francisco Main  
24 Library.

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1 RECOMMENDED:

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4 Department of Public Works

5 Carla Short, Interim Director

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