[Development of San Francisco Sheriff's Office Television Project - Authorization to Enter Into Agreement - Law and Crime Productions]

Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Sheriff's Office to work with Law and Crime Productions to develop, produce, and market a television project documenting the daily operations of the Sheriff's Office; and to enter into an agreement with Law and Crime Productions that defines responsibilities for creation, production, and marketing of the television project, for a term of one year with an option to extend up to two years, effective upon approval by this Resolution.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Sheriff's Office ("SFSO") works with the public, the criminal justice system, and community stakeholders to safeguard the lives, rights, and property of all people they serve; and

WHEREAS, The SFSO keeps people safe - inside and outside the county jails - in the buildings they help protect, and in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, The SFSO is experiencing a significant staffing shortage with nearly one in every four positions vacant while a lack of public awareness around the role of the SFSO poses a major recruitment challenge to addressing the SFSO's staffing shortage; and

WHEREAS, The SFSO and Law and Crime Productions have negotiated an agreement for the development and potential production of the television project currently entitled "County Sheriff", which provides an in-depth look into the daily operations of multiple sheriff's offices throughout the nation, and presents the unfiltered reality of law enforcement in the county ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement authorizes Law and Crime Productions to film several days in the life of Sheriff Paul Miyamoto and staff to include in the television project "County

Sheriff", and to market the completed product for purchase to a streaming television service for distribution; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the project are (i) to create a bridge of understanding with the San Francisco community at large of what it is that a sheriff's deputy does on a daily basis and to increase public interest in applying for the many diverse positions available, and (ii) to highlight San Francisco's commitment to rehabilitation through programs including the first charter high school ever established in an adult detention facility operated by Five Keys and the 'Sister in Sober Treatment Empowered In Recovery' (SISTER) program that is a gender-specific substance abuse treatment and behavior management program providing case management, treatment groups, and linkages to community-based services upon release; and

WHEREAS, The SFSO's participation in the "County Sheriff" television project ("Project") will assist the SFSO in recruitment and will increase morale through a public acknowledgement of the work done by the SFSO; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco will not receive financial consideration for participating in filming for the Project; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement will explicitly prohibit the production company from showing any inmate names, faces, or any markings such as tattoos or piercings that could potentially reveal an inmate's identity; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement will explicitly prohibit the production company from using any interior footage of any jail or secure facility that reveals any doors, locks, security cameras or other features that may pose a risk of breach to safety and security for SFSO staff or inmates, and the agreement will further require review and approval from SFSO staff of any interior jail footage to ensure compliance with these provisions; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement will include terms necessary to implement the Project as described in this Resolution, and will have a term of one year with an option to extend up to two years; and

WHEREAS, A draft of the Agreement, in substantially final form, is available in Board File No. _____; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 1.101, provides that all rights and powers of the City and County that are not vested in another officer or entity by the Charter shall be exercised by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The Charter does not vest in the Sheriff the right to participate in a television project or to enter agreements for that purpose; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the SFSO to work with Law and Crime Productions to develop the television project currently entitled “County Sheriff” to provide an in-depth look into the daily operations of multiple local sheriff’s offices, including the SFSO; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the SFSO, acting on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to enter into the Agreement with Law and Crime Productions subject to the terms set forth in this Resolution; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the Agreement being fully executed by all parties, the SFSO shall submit to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors a completely executed copy of the Agreement for inclusion in File No. _____.

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