

1 [Board Response - Civil Grand Jury Report - Lifting the Fog: On Budgets, Innovation, Silos,
2 and More]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings**
4 **and recommendations contained in the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled**
5 **“Lifting the Fog: On Budgets, Innovation, Silos, and More;” and urging the Mayor to**
6 **cause the implementation of accepted findings and recommendations through their**
7 **department heads and through the development of the annual budget.**

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9 WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code, Section 933 et seq., the Board of
10 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
11 Court on the findings and recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and

12 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), if a finding or
13 recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a
14 county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head
15 and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the
16 response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over
17 which it has some decision making authority; and

18 WHEREAS, Under San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(a), the Board of
19 Supervisors must conduct a public hearing by a committee to consider a final report of the
20 findings and recommendations submitted, and notify the current foreperson and immediate
21 past foreperson of the civil grand jury when such hearing is scheduled; and

22 WHEREAS, In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(b),
23 the Controller must report to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of
24 recommendations that pertain to fiscal matters that were considered at a public hearing held
25 by a Board of Supervisors Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled “Lifting the Fog On
2 Budgets, Innovation, Silos, and More” (“Report”) is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
3 Supervisors in File No. 240720, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if
4 set forth fully herein; and

5 WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the Board of Supervisors respond
6 to Finding Nos. F1, F2, and F4, as well as Recommendation Nos. R1.4, R2.1, and R4.2
7 contained in the subject Report; and

8 WHEREAS, Finding No. F1 states: “As the city’s budget has grown and become more
9 complex, the Office of the Mayor encounters oversight constraints;” and

10 WHEREAS, Finding No. F2 states: “The role and responsibilities of the City
11 Administrator need to be more clearly defined;” and

12 WHEREAS, Finding No. F4 states: “Departmental objectives and funding incentivize
13 siloing, which impedes the effective delivery of city services;” and

14 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R1.4 states: By March 31, 2026, the Board of
15 Supervisors shall review the findings presented in the report cited in R:1.3 and, if needed,
16 propose amendments to the City Charter that support the findings of the report;” and

17 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R2.1 states: “By June 30, 2025, the Board of
18 Supervisors shall introduce an ordinance that clarifies the description of the City
19 Administrator’s role, along with reporting relationships between the Mayor, the Board of
20 Supervisors, and other city entities with consideration for budget oversight responsibilities;”
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R4.2 states: “Based on the findings presented in the
23 assessment report cited in R:4.1, by December 31, 2025, the Mayor and the Board of
24 Supervisors shall introduce legislation to optimize the city’s governance structure that
25 increases interdepartmental coordination and improves the delivery of city services;” and

1 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), the Board of
2 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
3 Court on Finding Nos. F1, F2, and F4, as well as Recommendation Nos. R1.4, R2.1, and R4.2
4 contained in the subject Report; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the
6 Superior Court that they agree with Finding No. F1; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge
8 of the Superior Court that they agree with Finding No. F2; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge
10 of the Superior Court that they agree with Finding No. F4; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
12 No. R1.4 will not be implemented because this action is contingent upon the completion of
13 R1.3, which the Mayor's office has already responded will not be implemented because it is
14 not warranted or is not reasonable; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
16 No. R2.1 will not be implemented because this requires a Charter Amendment, not an
17 ordinance; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
19 No. R4.2 will not be implemented because the Mayor has already issued an Executive
20 Directive 24-03, which anticipates legislative action in 2026; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the
22 implementation of the accepted findings and recommendations through their department
23 heads and through the development of the annual budget.