[Behested Payment Waiver - Core Initiatives]

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, This waiver will likewise serve the public interest and does not create an appearance of impropriety; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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