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[Tolling Agreement - Gene Gee]

Resolution approving a tolling agreement to toll the statute of limitations on Gene Gee's claim against the City in exchange for a dismissal without prejudice in *Gene Gee v. ARB Construction, et al.*, San Francisco Superior Case No. CGC-14-542509.

WHEREAS, Gene Gee filed a lawsuit on December 23, 2014, against ARB, Inc., Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") and the City and County of San Francisco (the "Action"), for personal injuries he allegedly sustained after tripping and falling in a hole in a City-owned sidewalk at or near 81 Marcela Avenue in San Francisco; and

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Tolling Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 150617, and authorizes the City Attorney to enter such Agreement on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco.

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By:

Date: 5/22/15

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