

1 [Board Response - Civil Grand Jury - Office of the Assessor-Recorder: Despite Progress, Still  
2 the Lowest Rated in the State]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings**  
4 **and recommendations contained in the 2014-2015 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled**  
5 **“Office of the Assessor-Recorder: Despite Progress, Still the Lowest Rated in the**  
6 **State;” and urging the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted findings and**  
7 **recommendations through his/her department heads and through the development of**  
8 **the annual budget.**

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(b),  
24 the Controller must report to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of

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1 recommendations that pertain to fiscal matters that were considered at a public hearing held  
2 by a Board of Supervisors Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2014-2015 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled “Office of the Assessor-  
4 Recorder: Despite Progress, Still the Lowest Rated in the State” (Report) is on file with the  
5 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 150601, which is hereby declared to be a part of  
6 this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

7 WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the Board of Supervisors respond  
8 to Finding Nos. 3, 4, 5, as well as Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3 contained in the subject  
9 Report; and

10 WHEREAS, Finding No. 3 states: “The funding from [the State-County Assessor’s  
11 Partnership Program] (SCAPP) and the matching monies from the City and County provides  
12 an opportunity to eliminate the Office of Assessor-Recorder backlog and raise their [California  
13 State Board of Equalization] (BOE) rating;” and

14 WHEREAS, Finding No. 4 states: “The funding from SCAPP is limited in time and does  
15 not cover other [Office of Assessor-Recorder] (OAR) personnel needs, including key  
16 administrative positions that can keep the backlog reduction momentum going;” and

17 WHEREAS, Finding No. 5 states: “OAR does not have a written staffing analysis and  
18 plan to reduce the remaining backlog of unassessed properties;” and

19 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 2 states: “The Office of Assessor-Recorder needs to  
20 conduct a staffing analysis and generate an aggressive written long-term plan to maintain a  
21 backlog-free OAR before the end of CY2015;” and

22 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 3 states: “The City and County needs to provide  
23 General Fund money (from the expected increase in revenue from property taxes due to a  
24 more productive OAR) in the FY15-16 budget to support new funding for key administrative  
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1 positions and on-going funding for OAR positions after the expiration of the three-year grant;”  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), the Board of  
4 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior  
5 Court on Finding Nos. 3, 4, 5, as well as Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3 contained in the  
6 Report; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the  
8 Superior Court that \_\_\_\_\_ with Finding No. 3 for reasons as follows: \_\_\_\_\_; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that \_\_\_\_\_ with  
10 Finding No. 4 for reasons as follows: \_\_\_\_\_; and, be it

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12 Finding No. 5 for reasons as follows: \_\_\_\_\_; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that \_\_\_\_\_ with  
14 Recommendation No. 2 for reasons as follows: \_\_\_\_\_; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that \_\_\_\_\_ with  
16 Recommendation No. 3 for reasons as follows: \_\_\_\_\_; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the  
18 implementation of the accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department  
19 heads and through the development of the annual budget.

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