

1 [Board Response - Civil Grand Jury - San Francisco's Crime Lab - Promoting Confidence and
2 Building Credibility]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings**
4 **and recommendations contained in the 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled**
5 **“San Francisco’s Crime Lab - Promoting Confidence and Building Credibility;” and**
6 **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 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled “San Francisco’s Crime
4 Lab - Promoting Confidence and Building Credibility” (Report) is on file with the Clerk of the
5 Board of Supervisors in File No. 160610, which is hereby declared to be a part of this
6 Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

7 WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the Board of Supervisors respond
8 to Recommendation Nos. R.A.2 and R.B.1 contained in the subject Report; and

9 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.A.2 states: “The Mayor should direct, the Board of
10 Supervisors (BOS) should approve, and the Controller should facilitate a transfer of budget,
11 facilities, assets, personnel, and management of the Crime Lab from the SFPD [San
12 Francisco Police Department] to the General Services Agency, Department of Administrative
13 Services;” and

14 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.B.1 states: “The Crime Lab and the Police
15 Department’s Office of Technology should devote all necessary resources to install and
16 implement a user friendly laboratory information management system (LIMS) that will track
17 cases, increase laboratory efficiency, facilitate outcomes evaluation, and allow real time
18 sharing of information;” and

19 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), the Board of
20 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
21 Court on Recommendation Nos. R.A.2 and R.B.1 contained in the Report; now, therefore, be
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23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
24 No. R.A.2 requires further analysis because the Board of Supervisors requires the San
25 Francisco Police Department and the General Services Agency to formulate a proposal,

1 timeline and feasibility of how the transfer of budget, facilities, assets, personnel and
2 management would be handled. The Board requests the proposal be presented to the
3 Government Audit and Oversight Committee by October 6, 2016; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
5 No. R.B.1 has not yet been fully implemented but will be implemented in the future as
6 reported by the Mayor, Police Department and the City Administrator in their responses to the
7 Civil Grand Jury for reasons as follows: The Laboratory Information Management System
8 (LIMS) contract was finalized and the system purchased in the spring of 2016. It is currently
9 being customized and implemented through interactions between the vendor and the Crime
10 Lab. The LIMS system will be fully operational in the spring of 2017 and will allow improved
11 operations of and effective communications for the Forensics Services Division; and, be it

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

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