

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Reward - Property Tax Underpayment Information - Natasha Khoruzhenko - \$7,095.42]

Ordinance approving the Assessor's recommended reward of \$7,095.42 to Natasha Khoruzhenko for information that led to detection of underpayment of property tax from an unreported change in ownership.

Background Information

The Assessor may recommend that the Board authorize a reward for information that leads to the detection of property taxes that were underpaid due to a change of ownership that was not reported as required by law. On October 9, 2015, the Assessor was notified by Ms. Natasha Khoruzhenko that the May 3, 1988 transfer of the property located at 160 Palo Alto Avenue, Assessor's Parcel No. 2721-079, had been improperly excluded from reassessment because the transferor and the transferee did not qualify for a parent-child exclusion under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 63.1.

The information Ms. Khoruzhenko provided enabled the Assessor to determine that a parent-child exclusion was granted in error, and that the transferor and transferee were not eligible for any exclusion from reassessment. Following Ms. Khoruzhenko's notification to the Assessor and the investigation of the transfer, the Assessor reassessed the property as of May 3, 1988, and established a new base year value of \$1,100,000. The Assessor issued escape assessments for the years 2013 through 2016, as permitted by law. The Assessor has concluded that Ms. Khoruzhenko did not participate in the erroneous reporting of the transfers, and that she provided information regarding the transfer that the Assessor did not know. The Assessor hereby certifies that the escaped tax assessments for years 2013 through 2016 have been paid in full, and that Ms. Khoruzhenko's information led to the collection of these additional taxes.

The Board hereby approves the Assessor's recommendation that the City and County of San Francisco pay Ms. Khoruzhenko a reward of \$7,095.42 for information that led to the collection of property taxes from an unreported change of ownership. The Controller shall pay Ms. Khoruzhenko a \$7,095.42 reward from the City's general fund.

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