FILE NO. 200896

AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 10/29/2020 ORDINANCE NO. 239-20

1	[Administrative Code - Debarment and Suspension of City Contractors]
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3	Ordinance amending Administrative Code, Chapter 28, to add a Contractor's prohibited
4	provision of gifts or money to a public official as an express ground for debarment and
5	revising debarment procedures; to amend the definition of "Contractor" by expressly
6	including grant applicants and grantees in the defined term; and to add provisions
7	authorizing suspension of a Contractor from participating in the procurement process
8	for entering into City contracts or applying for grants if the Contractor is the subject of
9	a criminal or civil charge brought by a government agency against the Contractor
10	alleging that the Contractor committed a violation of any civil or criminal law or
11	regulation against any government entity relevant to the Contractor's ability or capacity
12	honestly to perform under or comply with the terms and conditions of a City contract,
13	including but not limited to the grounds for debarment set forth in Chapter 28.
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15	NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u> .
16	Deletions to Codes are in <i>strikethrough italics Times New Roman font</i> . Board amendment additions are in <u>double-underlined Arial font</u> .
17	Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code
18	subsections or parts of tables.
19	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:
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21	Section 1. Overview and Background.
22	(a) Chapter 28 of the Administrative Code provides tools and procedures to protect the
23	integrity of the City's public contracting process and fight corruption in the procurement of
24	public contracts. Chapter 28 has provided an exemplary list of grounds to debar contractors
25	found guilty of misconduct; however, a specific type of corruption that is a matter of recent

concern has not been included in that exemplary list of grounds for debarment. Existing
provisions also have not specified that grants are a part of the public contracting process
protected by Chapter 28. In addition, the City has not had Administrative Code authority to
protect the City's public contracting process from contractors or grant applicants charged or
accused of misconduct in criminal or civil proceedings prior to resolution of such proceedings.

6 (b) Chapter 28 of the Administrative Code provides administrative procedures by 7 which the City may debar a Contractor for engaging in willful misconduct relating to the 8 process for procurement of a City contract or entering into a contract with the City. This 9 ordinance adds to the listed examples of grounds for debarment a Contractor's offer or 10 provision of any gift or money to a public official, if any law or regulation prohibits the public 11 official from accepting the gift or money. This ordinance also includes provisions to make 12 clear that grants are a part of the public contracting process protected by Chapter 28.

(c) In addition, this ordinance establishes procedures empowering the City to suspend
a Contractor that is the subject of an indictment or otherwise subject to a criminal or civil
charge alleging that the Contractor committed a violation of any civil or criminal law or
regulation against any government entity relevant to the Contractor's ability or capacity
honestly to perform under or comply with the terms and conditions of a City contract, including
but not limited to the grounds for debarment set forth in Chapter 28.

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Section 2. Chapter 28 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising
Sections 28.0, 28.1, 28.2, 28.3, 28.4, 28.5, 28.6, 28.7, 28.8, 28.9, and 28.10, renumbering
Sections 28.12 and 28.13 as Sections 28.11 and 28.12 respectively, and revising renumbered
Sections 28.11 and 28.12, to read as follows:

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25 **SEC. 28.0. FINDINGS.**

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1 (a) The Board of Supervisors finds that: (1) contracting with the City-and County of San 2 Francisco is an important municipal affair, and that the award of contracts to eContractors who 3 fail to deal with the City and County in good faith compromises the integrity of the contracting process and results in the improper expenditure of public funds, and (2) the public contracting 4 5 process is for the benefit of the public, not Contractors, and it serves the public interest to empower the 6 City to Debar or Suspend a Contractor that has engaged in conduct that undermines the integrity of the 7 public contracting process. 8 (b) The Board of Supervisors recognizes that the City and County must afford 9 eContractors due process in any determination that precludes any individual or business entity 10 from participating in the contracting process. This Chapter 28 does not apply to a determination of nonresponsibility for a single contract or identifiable group of contracts, but 11 12 *for*rather to the broader determination of irresponsibility of a *e*Contractor for the general purpose of contracting with the City-and County of San Francisco-for a specified period. The 13 14 Board of Supervisors therefore adopts this Chapter-28 to prescribe standard procedures for 15 the prosecution, determination, and implementation of administrative *dD*ebarments and 16 Suspensions. 17 SEC. 28.1. DEFINITIONS. 18

The following definitions apply for only the purposes of this Chapter 28: (A) Affiliate. Any individual person or business entity related to a eC ontractor where such individual or business entity, directly or indirectly, controls or has the power to control the other, or where a third person controls or has the power to control both. Indicia of control include, but are not limited to: interlocking management or ownership; identity of interests among family members; shared facilities and equipment; common use of employees or a business entity organized σr -following the sSuspension, dDebarment, bankruptcy, dissolution or reorganization of a person which has the same or similar management; and/or ownership
 or principal employee as the *eC*ontractor.

- (B)-Charging Official. Any City department head or the President of any Bboard or *C*commission authorized to award or execute a contract under the *San Francisco*-Charter or the
 Administrative Code, the Mayor, the Controller, the City Administrator, the Director of
 Administrative Services, or the City Attorney. All *e*Charging *e*Officials are authorized to act on
 behalf of the City-*and County* in prosecuting any administrative *d*Debarment proceeding and in
 issuing an Order of Debarment *or issuing an Order of Suspension* under this Chapter 28.
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City. The City and County of San Francisco.

10 (C) Contractor. Any individual person, or business entity, or organization that who
 11 submits a qualification statement, proposal, bid, or quote, or grant request, or that who contracts

directly or indirectly with the City-*and County of San Francisco* for the purpose of providing any

13 goods or services or construction work to or for, or applies for or receives a grant from, the City

14 *and County of San Francisco* including without limitation any <u>eContractor</u>, subcontractor,

15 consultant, subconsultant or supplier at any tier<u>, or grantee</u>. The term "e<u>C</u>ontractor" shall

16 include any responsible managing corporate officer, *or responsible managing employee, or other*

17 *<u>owner or officer of a Contractor</u>* who has personal involvement and/or responsibility in <u>seeking or</u>

18 obtaining a contract <u>or grant</u> with the City <u>and County of San Francisco</u> or in supervising and/or

19 performing the work prescribed by the contract *or grant*.

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Day. A calendar day unless otherwise specified.

21 (D) Debarment. The administrative determination against a potential bidder, or

22 *e*<u>C</u>ontractor declaring such *potential bidder or e*<u>C</u>ontractor irresponsible and disqualified from

23 participating in the *competitive procurement* process for contracts with the City and County of San

24 *Francisco*, or from entering into contracts, *directly or indirectly*, with, *or applying for or receiving*

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1	grants or other benefits from, the City and County of San Francisco for a period specified in the
2	<i>dD</i> ebarment order.
3	Suspension. Ineligibility of a Contractor that is the subject of an arrest, indictment, or other
4	criminal or civil charge by a governmental entity (federal, state or local), as specified in greater detail
5	in Section 28.3(b) from participating in the procurement process for contracts or from entering into
6	contracts directly or indirectly with, or applying for or receiving grants from, the City.
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8	SEC. 28.2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION AUTHORITY.
9	Notwithstanding any other provision of the Administrative Code, any eC harging eO fficial
10	shall have authority to issue Orders of Debarment <i>or Suspension</i> against any <i>eC</i> ontractor in
11	accordance with the procedures set forth <i>i</i> n this Chapter 28.
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13	SEC. 28.3. GROUNDS FOR DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.
14	(a) Debarment. A eC harging eO fficial shall issue an Order of Debarment for any
14 15	(a) Debarment. A eC harging eQ fficial shall issue an Order of Debarment for any eC ontractor who the hearing officer, based on evidence presented, finds to have engaged in
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1	21.35, or other applicable federal, state, or municipal false claims laws; (6f) a verdict, judgment,
2	settlement, stipulation, or plea agreement establishing the eC ontractor's violation of any civil or
3	criminal law or regulation against any government entity relevant to the eContractor's ability or
4	capacity honestly to perform under or comply with the terms and conditions of a City contract
5	or grant; and/or (g7) collusion in obtaining award of any City contract or grant, or payment or
6	approval thereunder; and/or (8) the offer or provision of any gift or money to a public official, if that
7	public official is prohibited from accepting the gift or money by any law or regulation.
8	(b) Suspension. Any Charging Official may issue an Order of Suspension to a Contractor on
9	the basis that the Contractor has been arrested or indicted, or become the subject of a criminal, civil or
10	administrative complaint issued by a government entity, where the arrest or indictment, criminal, civil,
11	or administrative complaint alleges that the Contractor has violated a civil or criminal law or
12	regulation against any government entity relevant to the Contractor's ability or capacity honestly to
13	perform under or comply with the terms and conditions of a City contract or grant including, but not
14	limited to, the grounds for Debarment set forth in Section 28.3(a).
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16	SEC. 28.4. INITIATING THE <u>DEBARMENT</u> PROCEEDINGS; COUNTS AND
17	ALLEGATIONS.
18	<u>(a)</u> Any eC harging eO fficial may initiate an administrative dD ebarment proceeding by
19	issuing Counts and Allegations. A eC harging eO fficial may issue Counts and Allegations
20	against any <i>eC</i> ontractor relating to any matter consistent with the <i>foregoing</i> grounds for
21	debarment as stated in Section 28.3(a). A eCharging eOfficial may issue Counts and Allegations
22	regardless whether such eC harging eO fficial awarded, was responsible for, or was involved in
23	any way with the underlying contract or circumstances leading to the Counts and Allegations.
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(b) The eCharging Official shall append to the Counts and Allegations a photocopy of
 this Chapter 28 of the Administrative Code. Failure to append this Chapter 28, however, shall
 not affect the force or validity of the Counts and Allegations.

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5 SEC. 28.5. SERVICE OF THE COUNTS AND ALLEGATIONS *OR SUSPENSION* 6 *ORDER*.

<u>Debarment Counts and Allegations.</u> The *e*<u>C</u>harging *o*<u>O</u>fficial shall serve the
Counts and Allegations on each named individual person or business entity in a manner
ensuring confirmation of delivery. For example, *the Charging Officer may achieve* service *may be achieved*-by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested or with other
delivery confirmation, hand delivery (messenger service), or other commercial delivery service
that provides written confirmation of delivery.
The *e*<u>C</u>harging *o*<u>O</u>fficial shall also serve the Counts and Allegations on the Controller.

- 14 <u>*City Administrator*</u> and the City Attorney.
- 15 (b) Suspension Order. The Charging Official shall serve the Suspension Order on the
- 16 *named Contractor in a manner ensuring confirmation of delivery. For example, the Charging Officer*
- 17 *may achieve service by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested or with*
- 18 *other delivery confirmation, hand delivery (messenger service), or other commercial delivery service*
- 19 *that provides written confirmation of delivery.*
- 20 <u>The Charging Official shall also serve the Suspension Order on the Controller, City</u>
- 21 <u>Administrator and the City Attorney.</u>
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23 SEC. 28.6. REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

24 (a) <u>Debarment Counts and Allegations.</u> Within 15 <u>business</u> days after receipt of the
 25 Counts and Allegations, the <u>eC</u>ontractor may submit a written request for an administrative

1 hearing. The *e*<u>C</u>ontractor may make such request through counsel or other authorized

- 2 representative. <u>The Contractor shall file Aany</u> such request <u>shall be filed</u> with the Controller <u>with</u>
- 3 *and* copie<u>sed</u> to the <u>eCharging oOfficial, the City Attorney, and the City Administrator</u>.
- 4 (b) Order of Suspension. At any time during a period of Suspension, a suspended
- 5 <u>Contractor may submit a written request to the Charging Official requesting the official to lift the</u>
- 6 Order of Suspension on the grounds that the Contractor's alleged conduct does not meet the legal
- 7 requirement for Suspension, or based on facts or circumstances unknown to the Charging Official, or
- 8 <u>based on new facts, circumstances, or law. The Charging Official shall provide a written response</u>
- 9 within 14 Days. If the Charging Official's written response declines to lift the Order of Suspension, or
- 10 *the Charging Official fails to provide a written response within 14 Days, the suspended Contractor may*
- 11 <u>submit in writing within 7 Days a request for an administrative hearing. The suspended Contractor</u>
- 12 <u>may make such request through counsel or other authorized representative. The suspended Contractor</u>
- 13 *shall file any such request with the Controller with copies to the Charging Official, the City*
- 14 <u>Administrator, and the City Attorney.</u>
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SEC. 28.7. FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE COUNTS AND ALLEGATIONS

17 <u>REQUEST A HEARING OR TO APPEAR</u>.

Failure of the *e*<u>C</u>ontractor to submit to the City a written request to be heard within the time required by this Chapter <u>28</u>, or failure of the *e*<u>C</u>ontractor or the *e*<u>C</u>ontractor's representative to appear for a requested hearing that has been duly noticed, shall be deemed admission by the *e*<u>C</u>ontractor to the Counts and Allegations. *In accordance with the procedures set forth below, the charging official shall present evidence in support of the debarment to the appointed hearing officer and the hearing officer shall make a determination on such evidence.*

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SEC. 28.8. APPOINTMENT OF THE HEARING OFFICER.

2 (a) A eCharging Θ official shall request either the Controller or the City Administrator 3 *Director of Administrative Services* ("City Representative") to appoint a hearing officer for any dDebarment or Suspension proceeding. If either the Controller or the City Administrator Director 4 5 of Administrative Services is the eCharging θ Official, then that City Representative he or she shall 6 request the other to appoint the hearing officer. 7 (b) Within 145 dDays of the Charging Official's request, the City Representative Controller 8 or the Director of Administrative Services shall appoint a hearing officer and notify the 9 $e\underline{C}$ ontractor and the $e\underline{C}$ harging $e\underline{O}$ fficial of the appointment. The appointed hearing officer shall 10 be an attorney licensed to practice in California, with not less than five years experience. The notice of appointment shall include the name of the hearing officer. The eContractor or the 11 12 eCharging eOfficial may object to the appointed hearing officer within five business days of the 13 notification. If the City Representative Controller or the Director of Administrative Services, at the 14 *City Representative's his/her* sole discretion, appoints a new hearing officer, then *the City* 15 *Representative he/she* shall notify the *e*Contractor and the *e*Charging θ Official as soon as practicable, but not more than 145 dDays after receipt of the objection. 16 17

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SEC. 28.9. PRE-HEARING PROCEDURE.

(a) Within 1<u>45 calendar dD</u>ays of <u>his/her</u> appointment, the hearing officer shall notify
each <u>eC</u>ontractor named in the Counts and Allegations <u>or Suspension Order</u> and the <u>eC</u>harging
<u>department Official, the Controller, the City Administrator and the City Attorney</u> of the scheduled
hearing date. The hearing date shall be set at the hearing officer's sole discretion, except, <u>for</u>
<u>a Debarment hearing</u>, the hearing must commence within 120 <u>dD</u>ays of the date the <u>eC</u>harging
<u>of the date the Suspended Contractor requested a hearing pursuant to Section 28.6(b). The hearing
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1 officer may extend the <u>deadline for holding a hearing-120-day period</u> only upon good cause

- 2 shown; proceeding as expeditiously as possible is in the public's best interests.
- 3 (b) Discovery pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure is not applicable to this
 4 administrative debarment <u>or suspension</u> procedure.

5 (c) The hearing officer may, in his/her sole discretion, shall have the sole discretionary 6 *authority to* direct any named *e*<u>C</u>ontractor and the <u>*c*</u>Charging *o*<u>O</u>fficial to submit in advance of 7 the hearing, statements, legal analyses, lists of witnesses, exhibits, documents or any other 8 information the hearing officer deems pertinent. to the determination of willful misconduct. The 9 hearing officer may request the respective parties to submit rebuttals to such information. The 10 hearing officer may limit the length, scope, or content of any such statement, analysis, list, rebuttal, document, or other requested information. The hearing officer shall set firm due 11 12 dates for all written presentations.

(d) If the hearing officer determines, with the written agreement of each named
 e<u>C</u>ontractor and the <u>e</u><u>C</u>harging <u>o</u><u>O</u>fficial, that the hearing shall be by written presentation, all
 final writings shall be due no later than 120 <u>d</u><u>D</u>ays of the date the <u>e</u><u>C</u>harging <u>o</u><u>O</u>fficial served
 the Counts and Allegations <u>or Order of Suspension</u>.

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SEC. 28.10. HEARINGS AND DETERMINATIONS.

19 (a) Hearings may occur in person, on an electronic meeting platform if deemed necessary by 20 <u>the hearing officer</u>, or in writing, as set forth in the foregoing Section 28.09. If the hearing is to 21 occur in person <u>or on an electronic meeting platform</u>, the hearing officer shall specify the time 22 and place for the <u>eC</u>harging <u>oO</u>fficial to present the case and for the <u>eC</u>ontractor to rebut the 23 charges. The hearing officer <u>shall have the sole discretion to may</u>, in his/her sole discretion, allow 24 offers of proof, set time limitations, and limit the scope of evidence presented based on 25 relevancy. 1 (b) The Charging Official shall present evidence in support of the Debarment or Suspension to 2 the hearing officer. The Contractor may present evidence in defense and/or mitigation. Each side 3 shall be entitled to call witnesses, and the hearing officer may allow cross-examination of witnesses. The hearing officer may ask questions of any party. for the purpose of reaching a 4 5 determination. 6 (c) The hearing officer shall consider the evidence submitted by the eC harging 7 *department* Official and the *e*Contractor. Within 145 *d*Days of the hearing, or of the date final 8 written presentations are due, the hearing officer shall issue *his/her* Findings and *a*

9 *RecommendationDecision*. The hearing officer shall serve the Findings and

10 <u>Decision</u>Recommendation on the <u>eC</u>harging <u>eO</u>fficial, the named <u>eC</u>ontractor(s), and/or their

11 respective counsels or authorized representatives, and shall submit the same to the

12 Controller, *City Administrator, and City Attorney*.

(d) If the hearing officer finds that the named eContractor has committed willful
misconduct as described in the foregoing. Section 28.3 and ordersrecommends a term of
dDebarment, the eCharging eOfficial shall issue an Order of Debarment consistent with the
hearing officer's decisionrecommendation. The eCharging eOfficial shall serve the Order on each
named eContractor, his/her/their counsel or authorized representative, if any, the City Attorney.
the City Administrator, and the Controller. An Order of Debarment under this Chapter 28 shall
be the final administrative determination by the City in the matter.

20 (e) For a Suspended Contractor, the hearing officer may consider evidence and argument by

21 the Contractor to support its assertion that the City should terminate the Order of Suspension, provided

- 22 *that the Charging Official shall be entitled to offer evidence and argument in opposition to the*
- 23 <u>Contractor's assertion. If the Contractor establishes that the underlying basis of the Order of</u>
- 24 <u>Suspension has been finally resolved without a verdict, judgment, settlement agreement or plea</u>
- 25 agreement against the Contractor, the hearing officer shall terminate the Order of Suspension. An

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1	Order of Suspension upheld by a hearing officer under this Chapter shall be the final administrative
2	determination by the City in the matter. Any termination of an Order of Suspension shall not preclude
3	a Charging Officer from initiating Debarment proceedings against the Contractor based on the
4	underlying conduct of the Suspension Order pursuant to section 28.4 following termination of the
5	Order of Suspension.
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7	SEC. 28. 12<u>11.</u> TERM AND EFFECT OF ADMINISTRATIVE DEBARMENT <u>OR</u>
8	<u>ORDER OF SUSPENSION;</u> VIOLATION OF ORDER.
9	(a) An Order of Debarment shall provide for a term of <i>dD</i> ebarment not to exceed five
10	years from the date of the Order. An Order of Suspension shall remain in effect until the Contractor
11	establishes to the Charging Officer or the City Administrator that the underlying basis of the Order of
12	Suspension has been finally resolved without a verdict, judgment, or plea agreement against
13	Contractor.
14	(b) At any time during the pendency of an Order of Suspension, the City may initiate debarment
15	proceedings against the Contractor. If the City suspends and later debars a Contractor for the same
16	underlying conduct, the period of Suspension shall count towards the period of Debarment.
17	(c) The An Order of Debarment or Suspension shall prohibit any named eC ontractor and
18	the <i>eC</i> ontractor's affiliates from participating in any contract <i>or grant</i> at any tier, directly or
19	indirectly, with or for the City- <i>and County</i> ; any eC ontractor and the eC ontractor's affiliates
20	named in an Order of Debarment shall be deemed irresponsible and disqualified for the
21	purposes of all City and County contracts and grants. Upon such Order, any department head,
22	board, or commission may cancel any existing contract or grant with a Suspended or dDebarred
23	eContractor or direct the cancellation of an existing subcontract to which a Suspended or
24	<i>dD</i> ebarred <i>eC</i> ontractor is a party. In the event of such cancellation, <i>the Suspended or Debarred</i>
25	<u>Contractor's recovery under the</u> no recovery shall be had on that contract <u>or grant</u> by the debarred

party other than shall be limited to compensation for work satisfactorily completed as of the date
 of cancellation.

3 (d) Administrative Debarment shall neither exclude nor preclude any other
4 administrative or legal action taken by the City *and Countyagainst the Contractor*.
5 (e) Violation of an Order of *Suspension or* Debarment, such as by submission of a

proposal, bid or sub-bid, <u>or grant request</u>, during the <u>Suspension or dD</u>ebarment period, may be
considered a false claim as provided in this Administrative Code and the California
Government Code.

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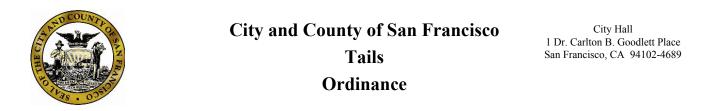
10 SEC. 28.1312. PUBLICATION AND REPORTS OF DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION.

Any Order of Debarment or Suspension issued under this Chapter 28 shall be a public 11 12 record. The Controller shall maintain and publish on the City's Internet website a current list of 13 eContractors subject to Orders of Debarment or Suspension and the expiration dates for the 14 respective debarment terms. The Controller shall submit a semi-annual report to the Clerk of 15 the Board of Supervisors that includes (a) the eContractors then subject to an Order of 16 Debarment or Suspension and the expiration dates for the respective debarment terms; (b) the status of any pending debarment or suspension matters; and (c) any Order of Debarment or 17 18 *Suspension* received by the Controller since the date of the last report.

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20 Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors 21 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, 22 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal 23 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment 24 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under 25 the official title of the ordinance.

1	Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word
2	of this Chapter, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid
3	or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
4	affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the Chapter. The Board of
5	Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Chapter and each and every
6	section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or
7	unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this Chapter or application
8	thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.
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10	Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
11	enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
12	ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
13	of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.
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15	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
16	DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney
17	By: /s/ Randy Parent
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Ordinance amending Administrative Code, Chapter 28, to add a Contractor's prohibited provision of gifts or money to a public official as an express ground for debarment and revising debarment procedures; to amend the definition of "Contractor" by expressly including grant applicants and grantees in the defined term; and to add provisions authorizing suspension of a Contractor from participating in the procurement process for entering into City contracts or applying for grants if the Contractor alleging that the Contractor committed a violation of any civil or criminal law or regulation against any government entity relevant to the Contractor's ability or capacity honestly to perform under or comply with the terms and conditions of a City contract, including but not limited to the grounds for debarment set forth in Chapter 28.

October 29, 2020 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

October 29, 2020 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

November 10, 2020 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

November 17, 2020 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 11/17/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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11.25.20

Date Approved