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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joaquin Torres, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
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FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Government Audit and Oversight
Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: December 23, 2020

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Peskin on December 15, 2020:

File No. 201372

Resolution urging the Office of Workforce and Economic Development (OWED) and Public Works to adopt a policy that Community Benefit Districts, Business Improvement Districts and Green Benefit Districts (hereafter "Districts") shall disclose all private contributions on an annual basis, cease accepting anonymous contributions, and disclose their use of surveillance technology to the Board of Supervisors at a public hearing.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Office of Chair Mar
Office of Supervisor Peskin
J'Wel Vaughan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Anne Taupier, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
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David Steinberg, Public Works
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1 [Urging OEWD and Public Works To Adopt A Policy Regarding CBDs, BIDs and GBDs With
2 Respect To Private Contributions And Surveillance Technology]

3 **Resolution urging the Office of Workforce and Economic Development (OWED) and**
4 **Public Works to adopt a policy that Community Benefit Districts, Business**
5 **Improvement Districts and Green Benefit Districts (hereafter “Districts”) shall disclose**
6 **all private contributions on an annual basis, cease accepting anonymous**
7 **contributions, and disclose their use of surveillance technology to the Board of**
8 **Supervisors at a public hearing.**

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10 WHEREAS, The City establishes Community Benefit Districts, Business Improvement
11 Districts and Green Benefit Districts (hereafter, “Districts”) to fund supplemental services in
12 residential, commercial and mixed-use districts and neighborhoods through partnerships with
13 local communities, with administrative oversight from the Office of Workforce and Economic
14 Development and Public Works; and

15 WHEREAS, Districts are required to prepare annual reports, and submit them to the
16 Board of Supervisors for approval following a public hearing, that disclose information about
17 the District budget, the activities to be provided in the District for the coming fiscal year, and
18 other information as required by law; and

19 WHEREAS, The City has an interest in ensuring that the Districts remain accountable
20 and transparent to the public, and it is in the best interest of the public that the City should
21 hold the Districts to the same good government standards and public health and safety laws
22 set forth in the Charter and Municipal Code of the City and County of San Francisco; and

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1 WHEREAS, There is a particular interest in transparency, accountability, and good
2 government with respect to Districts' acceptance of private contributions and with respect to
3 Districts' use of surveillance technology; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, The Office of Workforce and Economic Development and Public Works
5 should each adopt a policy that all current and future Community Benefit Districts, Business
6 Improvement Districts and Green Benefit Districts shall disclose to the City as part of the
7 annual report hearing and approval process all private contributions that they have received,
8 and that Districts shall not accept any anonymous contributions; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Office of Workforce and Economic Development and
10 Public Works should each adopt a policy that all current and future Community Benefit
11 Districts, Business Improvement Districts and Green Benefit Districts shall not use any
12 surveillance technology unless the purpose of that use, as well as any conditions or
13 restrictions on the proposed use of surveillance technology, have been disclosed in advance
14 of any such use to the Board of Supervisors through the annual report hearing and approval
15 process; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and
17 County of San Francisco shall transmit this Resolution to the Office of Workforce and
18 Economic Development and Public Works, who shall then transmit copies to the governing
19 entities of each Community Benefit District, Business Improvement District and Green Benefit
20 District in the City.

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- 5. City Attorney Request.
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- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
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