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Board Item No. 14

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Board of Supervisors Meeting:

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Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: December 31, 2020

Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: January 22, 2021

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 shall disclose all private**
6 **contributions on an annual basis, cease accepting anonymous contributions, and**
7 **disclose their use of surveillance technology to the Board of Supervisors at a public**
8 **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

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 over \$100 that they have
8 received, 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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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joaquin Torres, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Alaric Degrafinried, Interim Director, Public Works

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:

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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
Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Chris Corgas, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
David Steinberg, Public Works
Jeremy Spitz, Public Works

From: [Karin Flood](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Pagan, Lisa \(ECN\)](#)
Subject: Re: Remarks for item #1
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2021 10:36:56 AM

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Dear John:

I just sent these remarks to you and hope they will be included in the full packet to the Board of Supervisors. I was on the line this morning waiting to speak at the Gov & Audit Committee item 1 and following the hearing and somehow my call was not registered. I pressed *3 when directed to and then heard there were no callers on the line. Anyway here are my remarks again.

Thank you.

Karin

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 7, 2021, at 11:14 AM, Karin Flood <karinflood@gmail.com> wrote:

Remarks

Please add to packet to Gov & Audit item #1

Good morning Supervisors Peskin, Haney and Mar

My name is Karin Flood and I am the Executive Director of the Union Square BID. By

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments about this resolution which appears to be additional oversight on the operations of privately funded organizations (BIDs and CBDs) that are set up to enhance City Services. - mostly public safety and cleanliness.

Let me first just say that this has been an incredibly challenging year for all of us and the for the people who come to work and try to run their businesses in Union Square we are collectively concerned about our our economic viability and our future. And not just because of the pandemic but more because of the weaknesses

that the pandemic has exposed namely public safety issues.

Over the past year we have had 2 shootings in broad daylight, we have had vehicles drive through our store windows, we had a security guard held down while at one of our stores while thieves pushed their way into the store to steal merchandise, it seems every other day there is a store break in. Sometimes I watch some of this footage and it is deeply troubling. Employees are scared. The area does not feel safe. Many of our stores now have to hire armed guards outside and if you want to be really safe you also have to pay for 1-2 inside

At the end of May we had 36 store windows smashed, merchandise taken, vandalism covering our buildings - easily \$50 million dollars worth of damage, our foot traffic is down 90% from last year, large brand stores are closing on Powell Street our busiest street and I could go on.

We set up a private security camera system starting in 2013 with 6 cameras to help protect ourselves and our properties. We now have about 375 cameras. With all the activity I just described we provide camera footage for probably 1-2 incidents a day that assists in an SFPD investigation. We have our own camera policy that we established with advice from the police on how the system should be used and a Board of Directors who oversees our operations and acts responsibly. Most of the system was funded by additional funds raised beyond our assessments. We have shared some of this funding and expertise with other districts including Mid Market, Tenderloin, Japantown and Chinatown.

Our concern with this legislation is that it will place an additional administrative burden on our organizations (if I may speak for the other CBDS) many of which only have a few staff members. The additional reporting of funds, the extra public hearings. Instead of more oversight we need help and support from our elected officials and from those in our criminal justice system to keep us safe. Instead when we are down and struggling you are asking for more oversight?

The oversight of the camera system should already be covered in the policy that is being developed by SFPD and I would hope also for all of the other agencies that request camera footage from us - the DAs office, Public Defender's office as well.

As for the funding - we haven't received an anonymous donation in 2 years - some very generous person through the SVCF funded a good portion of our camera system early on and we are so grateful for that investment. To have to record every donation of any amount doesn't make sense - maybe there should be a threshold - over \$500.

If our criminal justice system as a whole actually served us our camera system would be even more effective in deterring and solving crime and we might actually be able to protect ourselves and our properties better.

Just before the holidays all the CBDs received a video from Mayor Breed thanking us for our service and for really stepping up to help keep our City clean and safe in this incredibly challenging year. This is what I would have hoped to receive from all of you as well instead of a request for more oversight. Really?

Thank you.

Karin Flood

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