FILE NO. **030145** 

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[Contingency Fee Agreement.]

Resolution approving and authorizing a contingency fee agreement between the City and a law firm selected the City Attorney, in connection with the litigation initiated by the City Attorney against Tutor-Saliba Corporation and related entities over construction projects at the San Francisco International Airport.

WHEREAS, Following consultation with the Board of Supervisors, the City Attorney initiated litigation against Tutor-Saliba Corporation and related entities, on behalf of San Francisco and the People of the State of California, entitled <u>City and County of San Francisco et al. v. Tutor-Saliba Corporation, et al.</u>, United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. C 02 5286 (filed November 1, 2002) (the "Litigation"); and,

WHEREAS, The Litigation involves allegations of fraudulent practices on the part of City contractors involved building the new international terminal at San Francisco International Airport; and,

WHEREAS, Corrupt and fraudulent practices by City contractors have cost San Francisco millions of dollars, diverted funds from projects that would have benefited the public and generated revenue for San Francisco, and undermined the public's faith in the integrity of public contracting in general and San Francisco's minority contracting program in particular; and,

WHEREAS, The Litigation is likely to entail analysis of numerous complex factual and legal issues, review and analysis of hundreds of thousands of documents, interviews and depositions of hundreds of potential party and non-party witnesses and expenditure of thousands of hours of attorney, paralegal, database specialist and investigator time; and,

WHEREAS, The City Attorney seeks to retain high quality counsel with expertise in complex construction—related litigation to assist the City Attorney in litigating this case and to provide additional staff and funds to augment the resources of the City Attorney's Office and San Francisco that are available to prosecute such litigation; and,

WHEREAS, The City Attorney proposes to enter into a contingency fee agreement (the "Agreement") with such counsel to leverage the City's resources and reduce the risk to San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the proposed Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board of 030145
Supervisors in File No. , which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

WHEREAS, The Charter vests the City Attorney with authority to represent San Francisco in legal proceedings and to retain consultants and outside legal counsel to assist him with such representation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves a contingency fee agreement for the Litigation on terms and conditions consistent with those contained in the Agreement and authorizes the City Attorney to enter into such a contingency fee agreement with a law firm chosen by the City Attorney to assist the City Attorney in prosecuting the Litigation.



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February 18, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,

Peskin, Sandoval Absent: 1 - Newsom File No. 030145

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 18, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: February 28, 2003

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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