



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Agenda

Government Audit and Oversight Committee

City Hall
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Thursday, June 20, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Committee Room 263

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA CHANGES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [240639](#) **[Business and Tax Regulations Code - Transient Occupancy Tax Exemption Increase]**
Sponsor: Peskin
Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to increase the daily transient occupancy tax exemption amount from less than \$52 to less than \$60; to increase the weekly transient occupancy tax exemption amount from less than \$130 to less than \$149; and to require review in the September 2027 - September 2029 time frame by the Controller of the exemption amounts for the purpose of considering adjustments in the amounts.

6/4/24; ASSIGNED to the Budget and Finance Committee.

6/11/24; TRANSFERRED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

6/12/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

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LITIGATION

Conference with City Attorney

*[Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - City as Plaintiff and/or Defendant]
Motion that the Government Audit and Oversight Committee of the Board of Supervisors convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding the following existing litigation and anticipated litigation. Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) permit this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuits and claims listed below.*

2. [240435](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claims - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - City to Receive \$441,521.39]**

Resolution approving the settlement of unlitigated claims in favor of the City and County of San Francisco against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by payment of \$441,521.39 to the City; the administrative claims were filed on December 29, 2016, and August 16, 2016; the claims involve underpayment of Medicare costs by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for outlier payments under the Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payer System for Federal Fiscal Years 2005-2006. (City Attorney)

4/24/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

5/7/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

The Chair intends to entertain a motion to refer this item to the full Board as a Committee Report for consideration on June 25, 2024.
3. [240468](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Jean Agustin - \$75,000]**

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Jean Agustin against the City and County of San Francisco for \$75,000; the lawsuit was filed on February 1, 2023, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-23-604409; entitled Jean Agustin v. City and County of San Francisco; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury occurring on a City sidewalk. (City Attorney)

4/30/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

5/14/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
4. [240491](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Cindy Ngo - \$37,342.76]**

Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Cindy Ngo against the City and County of San Francisco for \$37,342.76; the claim was filed on December 29, 2023; the claim involves alleged personal injuries from a fall on a City sidewalk. (City Attorney)

5/13/24; RECEIVED.

5/21/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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5. [240571](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Rahul Seth, M.D. - City to Receive \$170,000]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Rahul Seth, M.D. against the City and County of San Francisco for a payment to the City of \$170,000; the lawsuit was filed on April 19, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-22-599250; entitled Rahul Seth, M.D. v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury on a City street. (City Attorney)

5/13/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

6/4/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
6. [240572](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Vincent Keith Bell - \$500,000]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Vincent Keith Bell against the City and County of San Francisco for \$500,000; the lawsuit was filed on December 16, 2013, in United States District Court-Northern District of California, Case No. 13-cv-05820; entitled Vincent Keith Bell v. Ken Lee, et al.; the lawsuit involves alleged civil rights violation. (City Attorney)

5/21/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

6/4/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
7. [240573](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Denise Wear - \$45,000]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Denise Wear against the City and County of San Francisco for \$45,000; the lawsuit was filed on January 20, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-22-597744; entitled Denise Wear v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury on a City sidewalk. (City Attorney)

5/21/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

6/4/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
8. [240574](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Wendy Offen and Stephen Offen - \$140,000]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Wendy Offen and Stephen Offen against the City and County of San Francisco for \$140,000; the lawsuit was filed on December 13, 2021, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-21-597078; entitled Wendy Offen and Stephen Offen v. City and County of San Francisco; the lawsuit involves an alleged injury on a City sidewalk. (City Attorney)

5/23/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

6/4/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
9. [240579](#) **[Tolling Agreement - Maplebear, Inc. - Gross Receipts, Homelessness Gross Receipts, and Payroll Expense Tax Dispute - \$2,204,716]**
Resolution approving a Tolling Agreement to extend the statute of limitations for Maplebear, Inc. (doing business as Instacart) to bring potential litigation against the City and County of San Francisco for a refund of \$2,204,716 of gross receipts, homelessness gross receipts, and payroll expense taxes to allow for possible resolution of the matter without litigation. (City Attorney)

5/23/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

6/4/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

10. [240580](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claims - GSW Arena LLC - \$281,289.76]**
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claims filed by GSW Arena LLC against the City and County of San Francisco for \$281,289.76; the claims were filed on August 4, 2023, and April 3, 2024; the claims involve a refund of gross receipts, homelessness gross receipts, and commercial rents taxes. (City Attorney)
5/23/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.
6/4/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
11. [240581](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Bay Area Air Quality Management District - \$42,125]**
Resolution approving settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) against the City and County of San Francisco for \$42,125; the claim involves the resolution of notices of violation issued by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to the City and County of San Francisco concerning alleged violations of testing requirements governing onsite boilers at the Hall of Justice facility located at 850 Bryant Street; other material terms of the settlement include the resolution of all claims between BAAQMD and the City and County of San Francisco with regard to the dispute, with each party to bear their own costs. (City Attorney)
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After a closed session, if one occurs, the Committee shall adopt a motion either to disclose or not to disclose.

[Elect To Disclose]

Motion that the Board finds it is in the public interest to disclose information discussed in closed session, and directs the Chair immediately to disclose that information.

[Elect Not To Disclose]

Motion that the Committee finds that it is in the best interest of the public that the Committee elect at this time not to disclose its closed session deliberations listed above.

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION UNDER THE 30-DAY RULE

NOTE: The following legislation will not be considered at this meeting. Board Rule 3.22 provides that when an Ordinance or Resolution is introduced which would CREATE OR REVISE MAJOR CITY POLICY, the Committee to which the legislation is assigned shall not consider the legislation until at least thirty days after the date of introduction. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the routine operations of the departments of the City or when a legal time limit controls the hearing timing. In general, the rule shall not apply to hearings to consider subject matter when no legislation has been presented, nor shall the rule apply to resolutions which simply URGE action to be taken.

(There is no legislation pending under the 30-Day Rule.)

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Meeting Procedures

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