

[Settlement Of Lawsuit]

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT FILED BY SAN FRANCISCANS FOR SENSIBLE GOVERNMENT, SAN FRANCISCANS FOR SENSIBLE GOVERNMENT POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, AND KATHLEEN HARRINGTON AGAINST THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND LOUISE RENNE IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CITY ATTORNEY TO ENJOIN APPLICATION OF THE \$500 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS TO COMMITTEES THAT MAKE ONLY INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES; THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED ON MAY 24, 1999 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CASE NO. C 99-2456 CW; ENTITLED SAN FRANCISCANS FOR SENSIBLE GOVERNMENT, ET AL. V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, ET AL.; THE MATERIAL TERMS OF SAID SETTLEMENT ARE THAT THE CITY WILL NOT ENFORCE CURRENT SECTION 16.508 OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMITTEES THAT MAKE ONLY INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES, THAT THE PLAINTIFFS WAIVE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS AND EACH PARTY BEARS ITS OWN ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS, AND THAT THE JUDGMENT ENTERED BY STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES WILL NOT HAVE PRECLUSIVE EFFECT IN LITIGATION OVER ANY FUTURE LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to settle the action entitled "San Franciscans for Sensible Government, et al., v. City and County of San Francisco, et al., United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. C99-2456 CW by agreeing that the City will not enforce section 16.508 with respect to contributions to committees that make only independent expenditures and that each party bears its own

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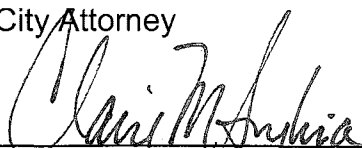
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1 attorney fees and costs, and that the judgment entered by stipulation of the parties will not  
2 have preclusive effect in litigation over any future legislation adopted by the City and County  
3 of San Francisco.

4 Section 2. The above-named action was filed in the United States District Court for the  
5 Northern District of California on May 24, 1999, and the following parties were named in the  
6 lawsuit: San Franciscans for Sensible Government, San Franciscans for Sensible  
7 Government Political Action Committee, Kathleen Harrington (plaintiffs) and the City and  
8 County of San Francisco and Louise Renne in her official capacity as the City Attorney for the  
9 City and County of San Francisco (defendants).

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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
12 RECOMMENDED:

13 LOUISE H. RENNE  
14 City Attorney

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16 CLAIRE M. SYLVIA  
17 Deputy City Attorney  
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## Ordinance

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**File Number:** 000681

**Date Passed:**

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by San Franciscans for Sensible Government, San Franciscans for Sensible Government Political Action Committee, and Kathleen Harrington against the City and County of San Francisco and Louise Renne in her official capacity as City Attorney to enjoin application of the \$500 contribution limits to committees that make only independent expenditures; the lawsuit was filed on May 24, 1999 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. C99-2456 CW; entitled San Franciscans for Sensible Government, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the material terms of said agreement are that the City will not enforce current Section 16.508 of the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance with respect to contributions to committees that make only independent expenditures, that the plaintiffs waive attorney fees and costs and each party bears its own attorney fees and costs, and that the judgment entered by stipulation of the parties will not have preclusive effect in litigation over any future legislation adopted by the City and County of San Francisco.

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May 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

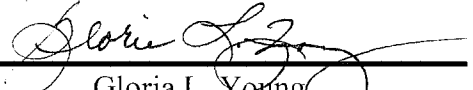
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

May 15, 2000 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance  
was **FINALLY PASSED** on May 15, 2000 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.