



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Agenda

Government Audit and Oversight Committee

City Hall
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Thursday, March 6, 2025

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA CHANGES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [250105](#) **[Behested Payment Waiver - Embarcadero Plaza and Sue Bierman Park]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Sauter
Resolution authorizing the Mayor, officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor, and officers and employees of the Recreation and Park Department to solicit donations for the renovation of Embarcadero Plaza and Sue Bierman parks from individuals, nonprofits, private organizations, grantmakers, and foundations for six months, effective upon approval of this Resolution, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

1/28/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

2/20/25; CONTINUED.

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. [250068](#)

[Settlement of Lawsuit - Hotel Des Arts, LLC]

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Hotel Des Arts, LLC against the City and County of San Francisco; the lawsuit was filed on June 14, 2023, in the Northern District of California, Case No. 3:23-cv-02933; entitled Hotel Des Arts, LLC v. City and County of San Francisco, et al; the lawsuit challenges 2023 amendments to the Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance (Board File No. 220815, Ordinance No. 36-23) that define Tourist or Transient use as a stay of less than 30 days and establish a two-year amortization period; material terms of the settlement require the City to permit the conversion of the existing 38 Residential Hotel Rooms at Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0287, Lot No. 020, also known as 447 Bush Street, currently operated as the Hotel des Arts, to Tourist Hotel Rooms under Administrative Code Chapter 41 in exchange for conversion of 27 Group Housing rooms and associated amenities at 412-422 Hayes and seven Group Housing rooms and associated amenities at 319-321 Ivy Street to Residential Hotel Rooms, subject to Administrative Code, Chapter 41. (City Attorney)

1/17/25; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

1/28/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

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

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