



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Government Audit and Oversight Committee

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Thursday, February 6, 2025

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Jackie Fielder, Danny Sauter, and Stephen Sherrill

The Government Audit and Oversight Committee met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2025, with Chair Jackie Fielder presiding. Chair Fielder called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Fielder and Members Sauter and Sherrill were noted present. A quorum of the committee was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Monique Crayton, Government, Audit and Oversight Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (monique.crayton@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

250047 [Fundraising for Services Related to Immigration, LGBTQ+ Rights, Environmental Protection, Reproductive Rights, and Racial Equity - Behested Payment Waiver]

Sponsors: Mandelman; Engardio, Dorsey, Sauter and Sherrill

Resolution authorizing the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Attorney, and Office of the City Administrator, and the head of each division, office, and department under the supervision of the City Administrator, to solicit donations from various private, nonprofit, philanthropic, and other entities to support 1) the urgent provision of legal services related to the creation and enforcement of immigration laws, regulations, and policies, including litigation and regulatory reform efforts at the local, state, and federal level and non-legal services and support for the City's immigrant communities; 2) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending and supporting LGBTQ+ rights; 3) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending and supporting reproductive rights; 4) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending existing environmental protection laws and promoting environmental protection efforts; and 5) goods and services, including legal services, related to racial equity initiatives, all notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

01/14/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

01/21/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Attorney, and Office of the City Administrator for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Calvin Ho (Office of Supervisor Mandelman); Brad Russi (Office of the City Attorney); Holly Lung (Office of the Assessor Recorder); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Supervisor Sherrill requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Vice Chair Sauter moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, On Page 4, Lines 5-9, by adding 'and; WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of Supervisors donations to the City that were solicited under this waiver; such reports will identify the donor, the amount of the donation, and the interested relationship the donor has with the department that solicited the donation; the departments will submit the reports to the Board within 60 days of the expiration of the 6-month period authorized by this waiver; now, therefore, be it'. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fielder, Sauter, Sherrill

Chair Fielder requested this File be DUPLICATED AS AMENDED.

See Duplicate File No. 250139.

Vice Chair Sauter moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fielder, Sauter, Sherrill

250139 [Fundraising for Services Related to Immigration, LGBTQ+ Rights, Environmental Protection, Reproductive Rights, and Racial Equity - Behested Payment Waiver]

Sponsors: Mandelman; Engardio, Dorsey, Sauter and Sherrill

Resolution authorizing the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Attorney, and Office of the City Administrator, and the head of each division, office, and department under the supervision of the City Administrator, to solicit donations from various private, nonprofit, philanthropic, and other entities to support 1) the urgent provision of legal services related to the creation and enforcement of immigration laws, regulations, and policies, including litigation and regulatory reform efforts at the local, state, and federal level and non-legal services and support for the City's immigrant communities; 2) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending and supporting LGBTQ+ rights; 3) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending and supporting reproductive rights; 4) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending existing environmental protection laws and promoting environmental protection efforts; and 5) goods and services, including legal services, related to racial equity initiatives, all notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

Duplicated from File No. 250047.

Vice Chair Sauter moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Lines 3-4, to read 'Resolution authorizing the Office of the Assessor Recorder to solicit donations from various private, nonprofit, philanthropic, and other entities to support', on Page 3, Lines 5-8, to read 'WHEREAS, The City Attorney, Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Administrator, and the Office of the Assessor-Recorder from time to time partner and engage with philanthropic organizations, nonprofits, and private entities including law firms and legal service organizations;' on Page 3, Lines 9-11, by inserting 'Board of Supervisors in the resolution in Board File No. 250047 approved a waiver of the behested payments ordinance under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code to allow the'; on Page 3, Lines 17-22, to read 'WHEREAS, The Office of the Assessor-Recorder seeks to partner with the Mayor's Office, City Attorney's Office, and the City Administrator's Office on these efforts and seeks a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) to the extent it restricts the Assessor-Recorder and employees in the Assessor-Recorder's Office from soliciting financial support or in-kind goods or services, from persons or entities that would be considered interested parties, to support'; on Page 4, Lines 12-16, to read 'RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested Payment Ordinance as to the Assessor-Recorder and employees under the supervision of the Office of the Assessor-Recorder so that they may solicit donations from private, nonprofit, and other organizations and philanthropists to support'; on Page 4, Lines 23-25, by inserting 'this waiver shall begin on the effective date of this resolution and end six months after the effective date of the resolution in Board File No. 250047;' and making clerical and conforming changes throughout the resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fielder, Sauter, Sherrill

Resolution authorizing the Office of the Assessor Recorder to solicit donations from various private, nonprofit, philanthropic, and other entities to support 1) the urgent provision of legal services related to the creation and enforcement of immigration laws, regulations, and policies, including litigation and regulatory reform efforts at the local, state, and federal level and non-legal services and support for the City's immigrant communities, 2) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending and supporting LGBTQ+ rights, 3) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending and supporting reproductive rights, 4) goods and services, including legal services, related to defending existing environmental protection laws and promoting environmental protection efforts, and 5) goods and services, including legal services, related to racial equity initiatives, all notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

Vice Chair Sauter moved that this Resolution be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting of February 20, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fielder, Sauter, Sherrill

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Government Audit and Oversight Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:21 a.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Government Audit and Oversight Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.