FILE NO. 241105

RESOLUTION NO. 19-25

[Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - California Department of Industrial Relations, Labor Commissioner's Office - Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program - \$410,000]

Resolution retroactively authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$410,000 from the California Department of Industrial Relations, Labor Commissioner's Office, to fund the enforcement of state labor laws, for the period from August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, The California Department of Industrial Relations awarded \$410,000 from the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program to the Office of the City Attorney to fund the enforcement of state labor laws; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has the strongest municipal worker protection laws in America; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the City Attorney has long been one of a handful of municipal law offices in the state with the authority under California's Unfair Competition Law (UCL) to bring affirmative lawsuits on behalf of the People of the State of California, and over time, has established itself as a statewide leader in bringing and resolving high-impact affirmative litigation; actions to combat wage theft and otherwise enforce worker protection laws—both local and state laws—have long been a central element of this docket; and

WHEREAS, Working in collaboration with the City's Office of Labor Standards Enforcement, the Office of the City Attorney has secured over \$10 million in restitution for workers in each of the last five fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, City Attorney David Chiu established the Office's first-ever Worker Protection Team to build-out the Office's subject-matter expertise and expand its enforcement capacity; this is believed to be the first such team at a municipal law office in California—and perhaps the country; and WHEREAS, The mission of the Worker Protection Team is to protect the rights of workers in San Francisco and California with an emphasis on combatting systemic business practices that exploit marginalized workers; and

WHEREAS, The Worker Protection Team will maximize the impact of the grant dollars by strategically sourcing investigation targets, and evaluating potential enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, The Department proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; and

WHEREAS, The grant budget does not create any new positions and does not require an ASO amendment; and

WHEREAS, Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program funds must be expended on staff salaries and benefits for time on activities related to enforcement of state labor laws, as well as up to 5% for the administrative costs of a required independent annual audit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Office of the City Attorney is authorized to retroactively accept and expend a \$410,000 grant from the California Department of Industrial relations, Labor Commissioner's Office; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That expenditures may be made during the grant period of August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

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1 2	Recommended:	Approved: <u>/s/</u> LONDON N. BREED
3 4	<u>/s/</u> DAVID CHIU	Mayor Approved: <u>/s/</u> GREG WAGNER
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January 22, 2025 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

January 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/28/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie Mayor

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Date Approved