Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, as the primary grantee of Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funds for the Bay Area Urban Area and as the fiscal agent for the UASI Approval Authority, to accept and expend a FY2017 Urban Areas Security Initiative Program grant in the amount of $22,428,800 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the California Office of Emergency Services, for a term beginning September 1, 2017, and ending May 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") has several Homeland Security Grant Programs, which includes the UASI Program; and

WHEREAS, The UASI Program addresses the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and assists those areas in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats and acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, DHS distributes UASI grant funds to recipient jurisdictions in California through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), which administers the UASI Program within the State; and

WHEREAS, Since FY2006-2007, DHS has combined the three separate Urban Areas of the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, and the City of San Jose into a single, combined "Bay Area Urban Area" for application, allocation and distribution of UASI grant funds; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area Urban Area includes the twelve contiguous Bay Area counties and other governmental entities within those counties; and
WHEREAS, For the UASI Program, DHS requires each Urban Area receiving funds to establish an Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) to act as an executive steering committee, provide overall governance and coordinate development and implementation of all UASI Program initiatives within the applicable region, and ensure that all UASI program requirements are fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in FY2006-2007, the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, the City of San Jose, Alameda County, and Santa Clara County committed to cooperate in applying for, allocating, and distributing UASI grant funds to jurisdictions, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") setting forth their agreements regarding the Bay Area Urban Area's mission, governance and reporting structures, responsibilities, and financial arrangements, and establishing processes and mechanisms to use in applying for, allocating, and distributing UASI grant funds for the Bay Area Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, The MOU created the UASI Approval Authority, composed of representatives from the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, the City of San Jose, Alameda County, and Santa Clara County, and also created a UASI Management Team, with working groups, to support and assist the Approval Authority; and,

WHEREAS, DHS and Cal OES approved the Approval Authority and related layers of governance structure as the UAWG for the Bay Area Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, The parties developed a successor MOU in 2007 and another successor MOU in 2011, at which time, the City and County of San Francisco, the Cities of Oakland and San Jose and the Counties of Alameda and Santa Clara reconstituted the Approval Authority to add the Counties of Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, San Mateo, and Sonoma to the Approval Authority membership, and the Board of Supervisors approved the 2011 MOU in Resolution No. 478-11, File No. 111053; and
WHEREAS, In 2011, the UASI Approval Authority became an eleven-member body, comprised of two representatives from San Francisco and one representative from each of the other jurisdictions that is party to the MOU; and

WHEREAS, DHS and Cal OES also approved this reconstituted Approval Authority Approval Authority as the UAWG for the Bay Area Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, a successor MOU was again approved by the Board of Supervisors in Resolution No. 346-13, File No. 130865; and

WHEREAS, Under the 2013 MOU, as approved by the Board of Supervisors, the City and County of San Francisco remains the primary grantee of UASI funds for the Urban Area and serves as the fiscal agent for the Approval Authority and San Francisco disburses funds to jurisdictions in the Bay Area Urban Area pursuant to the Approval Authority's direction; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has participated in federal and state homeland security grant programs since their inception, and deems participation in those programs as vital to the continued well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to ensuring, in a manner consistent with its responsibilities as fiscal agent for the Approval Authority, that grant funds under its control are utilized in a lawful, appropriate, and transparent manner that respects civil rights and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco uses its participation in UASI to encourage initiatives that strengthen emergency planning, first responder preparedness, and community safety, resilience, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Effective public safety efforts rely on strong relations between law enforcement and the community based on mutual trust, transparency, and accountability; and
WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors is committed to meaningful police reform that goes above and beyond current policies, practices, and legal standards, to help ensure public safety for all San Francisco residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has gone on record against the militarization of police and has taken action to investigate use of force in policing and to reform and implement use-of-force policies that ensure community safety; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's participation in UASI allows it to encourage emergency management and first responder trainings and exercises (including any such trainings and exercises conducted in San Francisco) to prioritize scenarios that integrate elements supporting disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors encourages City departments to ensure that City employees, in their official capacity, do not attend vendor shows that include military-grade weaponry; and

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2017, DHS, through Cal OES, awarded the Bay Area UASI a Fiscal Year 2017 UASI grant of $22,428,800; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area UASI will use the grant funds to purchase equipment and conduct planning, organization, training and exercise activities required by grant guidelines and for management and administration of the grant program; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area UASI must expend UASI funds no later than May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The grant does not require an amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The grant does not include any provisions for indirect costs; now, therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Emergency Management ("DEM"), on behalf of the City and County San Francisco, serving as the primary grantee for the Bay Area UASI and as fiscal agent for the Approval Authority, to retroactively accept and expend an FY 2017 UASI grant in the amount of $22,428,800 from the DHS through the Cal OES; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges that no City and County of San Francisco personnel shall attend any exposition or vendor shows that include military-grade weaponry or semi-automatic weapons as part of this grant; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors intends to establish a set of guidelines for City and County of San Francisco Personnel to participate in exercises funded by this grant, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the DEM Executive Director, or the Director's designee, to furnish whatever additional information or assurances the DHS or Cal OES may request in connection with this grant, to execute any and all agreements or other documents, and to take any other steps necessary to accept, distribute and expend the grant funds; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the grant does not include any provisions for indirect costs, and indirect costs are hereby waived.

Recommended:  

Approved:  

EDWIN LEE, Mayor

ANNE KRONENBERG, Executive Director  
Department of Emergency Management

BEN ROSENFIELD, Controller

Mayor  
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November 30, 2017 Budget and Finance Committee - AMENDED

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December 12, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

Excused: 1 - Fewer

File No. 171196

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/12/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved

12/12/2017