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SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2015 – 04

**AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION SECRETARY
TO REACTIVATE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SULLIVAN,
SCANNELL AND RAINEY MEDAL FUND ACCOUNTS AND AUTHORIZING THE
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION SECRETARY AS AUTHORIZED
SIGNERS ON THESE ACCOUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING DEPARTMENT
AWARDS**

WHEREAS, in the early 1900's, distinguished citizens of San Francisco endowed three separate Medal Award accounts in honor of highly esteemed Chief Engineers of the San Francisco Fire Department;

WHEREAS these accounts are now known as the Sullivan, Scannell, and Rainey Medal Funds and are identified as Bank of America account numbers 02991-20908, 02999-20909 and 02993-20907 (hereinafter "Accounts"), respectively;

WHEREAS, Section 3609 of the San Francisco Fire Department Rules and Regulations (pre-1997 edition) governs the award of gold plated medals from these Accounts; and provides that the Medals are awarded only to members of the San Francisco Fire Department who, while engaged in the performance of duty, perform the bravest act during the meritorious period in the saving of human life, at the risk of the member's own life;

WHEREAS, these awards have been made approximately every three years;

WHEREAS the last activity in each of these Accounts was interest credited on all on April 30, 2015,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Fire Department and Fire Commission have recently been made aware that Bank of America is lacking the documentation necessary to keep these Accounts active, and accordingly, has placed these Accounts in an inactive status;

WHEREAS, without action by the Fire Commission, these inactive Accounts are subject to being treated as abandoned under state law;

WHEREAS abandonment of these Accounts would violate the express written instruments of the individuals who established these Accounts and would also frustrate the public purpose of these Accounts;

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Fire Department and Fire Commission desire to keep these Accounts in an active status, and, in particular, desire to access these accounts for future meritorious award ceremonies;

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Fire Department and Fire Commission have provided Bank of America with documentary proof of the existence of these Accounts and the amounts contained therein;

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Fire Commission desires that Bank of America reactivate the Accounts;

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Fire Commission authorizes the Chief of Department Joanne Hayes-White, and her successors, and Commission Secretary Maureen Conefrey, and her successors, to take whatever steps necessary to reactivate the Accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Fire Commission authorizes Chief of Department Joanne Hayes-White and her successors, and Commission Secretary Maureen Conefrey and her successors, to take all necessary steps to add the Chief of Department and the Commission Secretary as authorized signers on these Accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former Commission Secretary, Monica Quattrin, is no longer eligible to act as a signer on these Accounts; and the Fire Commission authorizes our current secretary, Maureen Conefrey, to take all necessary steps to remove Monica Quattrin's name from any signatory cards relating to these Accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Fire Commission authorizes Chief of Department Joanne Hayes-White, and her successors, and Commission Secretary Maureen Conefrey, and her successors, to withdraw funds from the Accounts to make awards recognizing members of the San Francisco Fire Department who provide truly exemplary service consistent with Section 3609 of the San Francisco Fire Department Rules and Regulations.

Adopted at the Regular Fire Commission Meeting of June 11, 2015.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0


Joanne Hayes-White, Chief of Department


Andrea Evans, Commission President


Maureen Conefrey, Commission Secretary