

1 [Supporting U.S. Congressmen Khanna and Ryan’s Earned Income Tax Credit for Americans
2 Affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19)]

3 **Resolution in support of United States Congressmen Ro Khanna and Tim Ryan’s**
4 **Earned Income Tax Credit to provide tax relief checks between \$1,000 and \$6,000 to the**
5 **more than 200 million American workers who would qualify, based on the impacts of**
6 **the Coronavirus (COVID-19).**

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8 WHEREAS, The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak that began in Wuhan,
9 China in December 2019, has so far killed over 7,500 people and infected tens of thousands
10 worldwide; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, as of March 17, 2020, there
12 are 190,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide; and

13 WHEREAS, In the United States as of March 17, 2020, there are already 5,204 cases,
14 with 92 deaths; in California there are 610 confirmed cases, including 297 confirmed cases in
15 the Bay Area, and 11 confirmed deaths in California, and 37 confirmed cases in San
16 Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of
18 emergency over the coronavirus, freeing up additional resources and funding as federal, state
19 and local governments attempt to combat the rapidly spreading disease; and

20 WHEREAS, Both Governor Newsom and Mayor London Breed declared a state of
21 emergency on coronavirus and later announced executive orders requiring people to stay
22 home, under most circumstances, to prevent the spread of the virus; and

23 WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the San Francisco Health Officer issued Order No.
24 C19-07, directing all individuals living in the City and County of San Francisco to shelter in
25 place at their place of residence with limited exceptions; and

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WHEREAS, The safety protocols required by coronavirus such as self-isolation have negatively impacted San Francisco businesses; and

WHEREAS, Layoffs have become widespread in San Francisco with companies implementing hiring freezes or drastically cutting down hours; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses and working class people are the backbone of the San Francisco economy with over 57,000 small businesses employing nearly 350,000 employees and accounting for hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Although it is recommended that workers take sick leave if they are able to, many workers worry that if they aren't paid regularly then they'll lose their homes or won't be able to put food on the table; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco many industries that employ working class people, such as the hospitality, entertainment, and catering industries, have seen a significant decline in their consumer base; and

WHEREAS, According to the City Controller's Office, San Francisco Hotel Occupancy Rate has plummeted from 80% to 20% over the course of just one week with over 2,000 events and banquet workers being out of work; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Ro Khanna and Tim Ryan on March 13, 2020, called for creating an emergency Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to send checks of \$1,000 and \$6,000 to the more than three-quarters of American workers who would qualify; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the emergency EITC is that within three weeks of the legislation's passage, 200 million Americans would receive checks, followed by monthly payments through the end of 2020; and

WHEREAS, The proposal would especially serve independent contractors and hourly gig workers; and

1 WHEREAS, The bill provides for a refundable tax credit equal to 100% of qualified paid
2 sick or family leave wages paid by an employer for each calendar quarter; and

3 WHEREAS, The credit applies to amounts paid to employees who are sick or
4 quarantined and a lesser credit applies to amounts paid to employees caring for a family
5 member or for a child whose school or place of care has been closed; and

6 WHEREAS, This bill would provide job-protected leave to government employees, and
7 employees of employers with fewer than 500 employees; and

8 WHEREAS, The leave provided can be used to quarantine, care for those at risk or to
9 care for children if the child's school or childcare has been closed; and

10 WHEREAS, This bill would also provide reimbursement for COVID-19 testing and
11 services to those who don't have health insurance; and

12 WHEREAS, This bill also requires private health plans to provide coverage for COVID-
13 10 diagnostic testing; and

14 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its endorsement of the
15 Emergency Earned Income Tax Credit in order to alleviate the economic fallout of the
16 coronavirus, we must ensure hard-working Americans have money in their pockets and are
17 able to pay their bills; and

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the United
19 States Congress to pass Emergency Earned Income Tax Credit to minimize the economic
20 fallout for hard-working Americans so we can all focus on the health and well-being of our
21 country; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30
23 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the
24 President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the U.S. Senators for the State of

1 California, and to the representatives of San Francisco on the California State Legislature
2 urging that they pass similar resolutions.

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