

AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE - 3/22/05

FILE NO. 041582

RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Continuum of Care Plan—Homeless Board Membership.]

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3 **Resolution amending the Continuum of Care Plan to dissolve the current Local**  
4 **Homeless Coordinating Board and to restructure it to reflect the recently adopted Ten**  
5 **Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness reducing its membership to nine: four**  
6 **appointed by the Mayor; four appointed by the Board of Supervisors; and one**  
7 **appointed by the Controller.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco's current official homeless policy is  
10 Continuum of Care adopted by Resolution No. 720-01; and

11 WHEREAS, A component of the Continuum of Care Plan was the creation of a Local  
12 Homeless Coordinating Board (Local Board) to advise City departments, commissions, and  
13 the Board of Supervisors on policy decisions and budget allocations consistent with the Plan;  
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15 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Local Board has struggled to fulfill its charge,  
16 maintain a quorum, and be viewed as the homeless policy making body for San Francisco,  
17 often being overlooked by policy makers when homeless policy was debated; and

18 WHEREAS, In May 2002, both the Controller and the Civil Grand Jury published  
19 reports criticizing the way homeless policy is formulated in San Francisco and recommending  
20 dramatic changes to the structure, size and membership of the Local Homeless Coordinating  
21 Board; and

22 WHEREAS, State and federal homeless policy priorities and direction has changed  
23 since the completion of the first Continuum of Care Plan in 1996; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco established a planning  
2 group in the Spring of 2004 entitled, “The Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness  
3 Council”; and

4           WHEREAS, The Council published a report in July 2004 with a series of  
5 recommendations aimed at ending chronic homelessness by 2014; and

6           WHEREAS, Successful implementation of the Ten Year Plan will require integration  
7 and coordination with the Continuum of Care Plan; and

8           WHEREAS, The Local Board held a retreat in November 2004 with the goal of  
9 restructuring the Board to be a more effective body responsive to the needs of San  
10 Franciscan’s and incorporating the direction of the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic  
11 Homelessness; and

12           WHEREAS, Following the retreat, the Local Board formed an Ad Hoc committee to  
13 develop a proposal to present to the Board of Supervisors by December 31, 2004 for  
14 reconstituting itself; and

15           WHEREAS, After exploring best practices by other Local Boards, consulting with  
16 experts in the field and reviewing the Controller’s and Civil Grand Jury reports, the consensus  
17 proposal developed by the Ad Hoc committee and unanimously approved by the Local Board  
18 January 10, 2005 would dissolve the Local Board and reconstitute its membership; and

19           WHEREAS, The current members of the Local Board believe that this proposal  
20 represents the best opportunity for a revitalized and viable Local Homeless Coordinating  
21 Board in keeping with the City’s goal to end homelessness; and

22           WHEREAS, This consensus document includes planning assumptions, vision and  
23 mission, goals, the size of the Local Board, appointment process, functions, committee  
24 structure and required staffing levels; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors amends the Continuum of Care Plan to  
2 incorporate the recommendations of the above proposal and hereby disbands, effective  
3 August 1, 2005, the current Local Board and reconstitutes, effective August 1, 2005, the Local  
4 Board to nine members; and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will appoint one member from  
6 the disabled community and three members from one of the following constituencies:  
7 representatives of homeless, formerly homeless, community and advocacy organizations,  
8 service-provider agencies, business and corporate sectors and the foundation community, but  
9 will not involve designating specific seats for specific constituencies; and be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor shall appoint one member from the disabled  
11 community and three members from one of the following constituencies: representatives of  
12 homeless, formerly homeless, community and advocacy organizations, service-provider  
13 agencies, business and corporate sectors and the foundation community, but will not involve  
14 designating specific seats for specific constituencies; and be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Controller shall appoint one member from one of the  
16 aforementioned categories, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

17          FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff from the Department of Human Services, the  
18 Department of Public Health, the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Mayor's Office of Community  
19 Development and the Mayor's Office of Disability will support Local Board efforts, will provide  
20 relevant information and act as a resource for the Local Board; and, be it

21          FURTHER RESOLVED, The Local Board shall, on a semi-annual basis, provide a  
22 written report to the Board of Supervisors consisting of the following information: updates on  
23 the implementation of the Continuum of Care Plan and the Ten Year Plan, the status of the  
24 integration and coordination of the Ten Year Plan with the Continuum of Care Plan, the status  
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1 of McKinney funding, a report from the Shelter Monitoring Committee and any other policy  
2 issues of which the Local Board wishes to inform the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that funding for an  
4 Executive Director to the Local Board should be included in this year's budget and the Board  
5 of Supervisors urges the Mayor to include funding for an Executive Director position in the  
6 2005-2006 budget and further urges the Mayor to determine whether any additional staff are  
7 necessary for the Local Board and, if so, to also include in budget the appropriate level of  
8 funding for those potions; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, Members of the Local Board shall serve four year terms at the  
10 pleasure of their appointing officer. To stagger the terms, four members shall serve an initial  
11 term of two years and five members shall serve an initial term of five years. The terms shall  
12 be determined by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by the drawing of lots.

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