

1 [Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services - Behested Payment Waiver]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s**  
4 **Executive Director, Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors to solicit**  
5 **donations from various private entities and organizations to support the expansion of**  
6 **temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people experiencing**  
7 **homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Mission of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing  
10 (“HSH” or “Department”) is to prevent homelessness when possible and make homelessness  
11 rare, brief and one-time in the City and County of San Francisco (“the City”) through the  
12 provision of coordinated, compassionate and high-quality services; and

13 WHEREAS, With the enactment of Resolution No. 319-18 in October 2018, the Board  
14 of Supervisors and Mayor London N. Breed declared a shelter crisis and affirmed San  
15 Francisco’s commitment to a continuum of shelter and service options for people experiencing  
16 homelessness; and

17 WHEREAS, As of the 2026 Point-in-Time Count, there were approximately 7,973  
18 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco on any given night, 43% of whom were  
19 unsheltered; and

20 WHEREAS, In April 2023, the City released the five-year strategic plan “Home by the  
21 Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco” which calls  
22 for resources including 1,075 new shelter beds to meet the goals set out in the plan, including  
23 the goal to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 50%; and

24 WHEREAS, In March 2025, Mayor Daniel Lurie announced his Breaking the Cycle  
25 Initiative framework that is supported by philanthropic and private partnerships to more

1 effectively get people off the street and connected to services, prevent people from becoming  
2 unhoused, maintain safety and cleanliness in public spaces, and better manage taxpayer  
3 resources; and

4 WHEREAS, HSH has established successful and innovative public-private partnerships  
5 to expand shelter and other services to meet the critical needs of people experiencing  
6 unsheltered homelessness; and

7 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Fund for the Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-  
8 106) was established as a category eight fund to receive all private donations, grants, gifts  
9 and bequests of money, to assist people in need finding long-term housing and overcome  
10 barriers to employment by supporting outreach services, shelters, navigation centers, flexible  
11 housing assistance, housing and other resources; and

12 WHEREAS, HSH, as the designated administrator of the Mayor's Fund for the  
13 Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-106) is required to report regularly to the  
14 Homeless Oversight Commission on deposits and expenditures from the fund, as well as  
15 furnish an annual report to the Board of Supervisors showing such gifts received, the nature  
16 or amount of said gifts, and the disposition thereof (Administrative Code, Section 10.100); and

17 WHEREAS, HSH works with philanthropic organizations, private companies, and  
18 community stakeholders including homeless service providers, often through grant  
19 agreements to support homeless-related initiatives including those under Breaking the Cycle;  
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21 WHEREAS, On October 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
22 Resolution No. 483-23 authorizing a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance  
23 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Office of the  
24 Mayor and HSH, to the extent that it restricts the Mayor, Executive Director of HSH, and  
25 officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and HSH from soliciting financial support or

1 in-kind goods or services, from persons or entities that would be considered interested  
2 parties, to support expansion of temporary shelter or other homeless services; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
4 Resolution No. 125-24 authorizing a six-month waiver of the City's Behested Payment  
5 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Office  
6 of the Mayor and HSH that expired on October 18, 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, On October 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
8 Resolution No. 517-24 authorizing a six-month waiver of the City's Behested Payment  
9 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Office  
10 of the Mayor and HSH that expired on April 17, 2025; and

11 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2025, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
12 Ordinance No. 010-25 authorizing the Office of the Mayor for six months to solicit donations  
13 from various private entities and organizations to support the City's work on the Core  
14 Initiatives, which include Projects Addressing Homelessness, notwithstanding the City's  
15 Behested Payment Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et  
16 seq.); and

17 WHEREAS, On March 25, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No.  
18 126-25 authorizing a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance (Campaign and  
19 Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for HSH's Executive Director and  
20 following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors, and Program Directors for a  
21 period of six months beginning on April 15, 2025; and

22 WHEREAS, On December 2, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No.  
23 569-25 authorizing a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance (Campaign and  
24 Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for HSH's Executive Director and  
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1 following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors, and Program Directors for a  
2 period of six months beginning December 5, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, HSH seeks a new waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance  
4 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Sections 3.600 et seq.) for the Executive  
5 Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors, and Program  
6 Directors for a period of six months; and

7 WHEREAS, HSH seek to fundraise or engage in philanthropic partnerships with the  
8 entities that may be considered to be interested parties to the department due to existing  
9 grant agreements with the Department; and

10 WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of  
11 Supervisors donations to the City and any third party that were solicited under this waiver;  
12 such reports will identify the donor, the amount of the donation, the party that received the  
13 donation, and the interested relationship the donor has with the department that solicited the  
14 donation; the department or office will submit the reports to the Board within 60 days of the  
15 expiration of the six month period authorized by this waiver; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct  
17 Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the City's Behested Payment  
18 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the  
19 Executive Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and  
20 Program Directors, so that they may solicit donations from private organizations and  
21 philanthropists to support homelessness-related initiatives including those under Breaking the  
22 Cycle which may include the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to  
23 support people experiencing homelessness for a period of six months, beginning upon the  
24 effective date of this Resolution; and, be it

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