

1 [Resolution Urging the Mayor to Fund Specific City-Wide Homelessness Priorities in the FYs
2 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Budgets]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor to prioritize prevention of Homelessness, exits into**
4 **housing, and increased funding for Transitional-Age Youth (TAY), and individuals with**
5 **chronic mental illness in the FYs 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Budgets, including rapid**
6 **rehousing subsidies, eviction prevention, and a TAY-focused navigation center.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Mayor of San Francisco will release the proposed two-year budget for
9 the City and County of San Francisco for FYs 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 on June 1, 2018;
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11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has discretionary authority to
12 amend and supplement the Mayor’s proposed Budget through the legislative process; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s (HSH) 2017
14 Point in Time (PIT) count estimated that there are approximately 7,500 people experiencing
15 homelessness on any given day in San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, The Budget Legislative Analyst identified homelessness and housing to be
17 a key budget priority for the Board of Supervisors, as reflected in their presentation to the
18 Budget and Finance Committee on March 22, 2018, and which is on file with the Clerk of the
19 Board of Supervisors in File No. 180250, which is declared to be a part of this Resolution as if
20 set forth fully herein; and

21 WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee held a “Budget Priority Hearing” on
22 April 19, 2018, to determine gaps and opportunities in our City’s Homelessness and Housing
23 programs for the FY2018-2019 Budget, featuring presentations by the Department of
24 Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Department of Public Health, Mayor’s Office of
25 Housing, City Services Auditor, Budget Legislative Analyst, and key community stakeholders,

1 which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 180339, and which is
2 hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 150 people newly experience homelessness every day in
4 San Francisco, while an approximate 50 persons exit homelessness per day; and

5 WHEREAS, Eviction defense legal services reduce the rate of families and individuals
6 entering homelessness; and

7 WHEREAS, Mental illness and behavioral health issues are significantly aggravated in
8 those communities living in street encampments or experiencing homelessness; and

9 WHEREAS, Investment in city grants to those non-profits that employ currently or
10 formerly homeless individuals, particularly in street cleaning and community maintenance, has
11 a compounding positive effect on our city; and

12 WHEREAS, Transitional Age Youth comprise an estimated 18% of the homeless
13 population, but receive only 5% of the resources and funding; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Housing and Urban
15 Development, most families experiencing homelessness are single mothers with children
16 under the age of six; and

17 WHEREAS, An explicit goal and priority of the Department of Homelessness and
18 Supportive Housing to end family homelessness by December 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors urged the Mayor to increase funding for Pit
20 Stops and workforce development through street cleaning in a Resolution urging the Mayor to
21 fund specific city-wide street-cleaning priorities in the FY2018-2019 Budget, as is on file with
22 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 180390, and which is hereby declared to be a
23 part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors herein urges the Mayor to prioritize
2 prevention, problem solving, and speedy exits from homelessness in the FYs 2018-2019 and
3 2019-2020 Budgets; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the investments in prevention and problem solving
5 should include additional resources for eviction defense legal services; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That HSH and the Mayor’s Budget Office prioritize the
7 creation of a Navigation Center specifically for Transitional Aged Youth; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor increase funding for Rapid Rehousing
9 subsidies; and

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public
11 Health (A) increase outreach to those individuals suffering from mental illness, either through
12 the Homeless Outreach Team or the Street Medicine team, and (B) opportunities to expand
13 “treatment beds” for those chronically homeless individuals suffering from mental illness and /
14 or addiction; and

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and HSH should continue their efforts to
16 compassionately end street homelessness in FY2018-2019, and that they identify a cost-
17 effective plan for swiftly reducing street encampments, be that through pop-up shelters,
18 Navigation Centers, or other high-impact, low-cost shelter bed expansion initiatives; and that
19 HSH present its findings and any related changes in strategy to the Board of Supervisors; and

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That resources and funding dedicated for Transitional Age
21 Youth experiencing homelessness be generally increased to more closely represent their
22 proportional representation in the population of homeless individuals.