1   [Collecting Data on the Number of Ellis Act Evictions Enforced by the Sheriff]

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3   **Resolution urging the San Francisco Sheriff's Department to collect data on the**

4   **number of Ellis Act evictions it enforces by adding a checkbox on its eviction**

5   **instruction form to disclose that the eviction is an Ellis Act eviction.**

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7   WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 7060, otherwise known as the Ellis

8   Act, provides that all tenants in a building can be evicted if the landlord will not rent the units

9   in the future but does not prohibit the units from being sold; and

10   WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 7060 has become a mechanism for

11   landlords to evict tenants for the purpose of selling the units as condominium-type units and

12   circumventing the intent of the San Francisco Subdivision Code, including provisions which

13   would prohibit the eviction of senior and disabled tenants for condominium-type units; and

14   WHEREAS, The San Francisco Sheriff's Department is responsible for carrying out

15   evictions in the City and County of San Francisco; and

16   WHEREAS, Over the last two years, the Sheriff's Department has enforced an

17   averaged of 1400 evictions per year; and

18   WHEREAS, Over the last two years, as the San Francisco real estate market has

19   exploded, the rate of Ellis Act evictions has doubled with 286 units being evicted in 2004 and

20   299 units in 2005; and

21   WHEREAS, Considering an average of 2.1 people per apartment in San Francisco,

22   over 600 people have lost their homes to Ellis Act evictions in of each the last two years; and

23   WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Department does not currently maintain data on the number

24   of evictions it enforces that are due to the Ellis Act; and

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1 WHEREAS, In order to better understand the impact that the Ellis Act has on the

2 people of San Francisco, it is important to track the number of Ellis Act evictions the Sheriff's

3 Department enforces; and

4 WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Department has taken a thoughtful and humane approach to

5 carrying out evictions; and

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Sheriff's

7 Department to collect data on the number of Ellis Act evictions it enforces by adding a

8 checkbox on its eviction instruction form disclosing that the eviction is an Ellis Act eviction.

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