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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 2021
To: Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health
Dr. Susan Philip, Acting Health Officer, Department of Public Health
From: *ACC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Subject: Urging All Entities That Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations to San Francisco Residents to Ensure Their Vaccination Data is Reported to the Department of Public Health (File No. 210040)

On January 26, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 029-21, sponsored by Supervisor Catherine Stefani (File No. 210040, Urging All Entities That Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations to San Francisco Residents to Ensure Their Vaccination Data is Reported to the Department of Public Health); enacted on February 5, 2021.

Attached please find a copy of the Resolution for your Department's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Catherine Stefani, Matt Haney, Hillary Ronen, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health
Dr. Naveena Bobba, Department of Public Health
Sneha Patil, Department of Public Health
Arielle Fleisher, Department of Public Health
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
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1 [Urging All Entities That Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations to San Francisco Residents to
2 Ensure Their Vaccination Data is Reported to the Department of Public Health]

3 **Resolution urging all entities that provide COVID-19 vaccinations to San Francisco**
4 **residents to report their vaccination data to the Department of Public Health, and**
5 **urging the Department of Public Health to use any legal mechanism to obtain complete**
6 **and accurate vaccination data from all vaccine providers.**

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8 WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor London N. Breed issued a
9 Local Emergency Declaration on February 25, 2020, and the County Health Officer declared a
10 local health emergency on March 6, 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, The County Health Officer issued a Stay-Safer-At-Home Order on March
12 16, 2020, and, while the order has since been revised seven times, San Franciscans have
13 been required to shelter-in-place in some form since that date; and

14 WHEREAS, As of December 2020, more than 22.3 million Americans have tested
15 positive for COVID-19, of which more than 370,000 Americans have died; and

16 WHEREAS, Locally, more than 26,000 San Franciscans have contracted the disease
17 and 234 have died, as of January 11, 2021; and

18 WHEREAS, The toll of this pandemic is disproportionately borne by communities of
19 color, as more than 43 percent of positive cases are in the Latinx community and more than
20 36 percent of deaths have occurred among the Asian population; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite this tragic loss of life, San Francisco has experienced better
22 health outcomes than its peer cities because of early and decisive action to expand testing
23 and hospital capacity, and because individual San Franciscans rose to the occasion by
24 wearing masks, practicing social distancing and sheltering in place; and

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1 WHEREAS, These critical measures have saved the lives of hundreds, if not
2 thousands of San Franciscans, but the social, cultural, and economic costs have been
3 tremendous; and

4 WHEREAS, Life in San Francisco cannot return to normal until the COVID-19
5 transmission rate declines; and

6 WHEREAS, The vaccine is a critical tool to slow the spread of the COVID-19 and
7 end the pandemic; and

8 WHEREAS, The vaccine is safe and effective, with the first two available COVID-
9 19 vaccines demonstrating 94 percent efficacy against a person becoming ill with COVID-
10 19; and

11 WHEREAS, The state and federal governments are driving prioritization and
12 allocation of the COVID-19 vaccine, and San Francisco is required to follow the state and
13 national standards; and

14 WHEREAS, The state and federal guidelines on vaccine distribution require
15 providing vaccines to healthcare workers in “Tier 1a” before making them available to the
16 general public, and “Tier 1a” includes approximately 80,000 individuals employed within
17 the City and County of San Francisco at public and private facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, Vaccines are allocated directly to healthcare facilities such as Kaiser,
19 Sutter Health, Dignity Health, and UC San Francisco from the State of California as part
20 of the Multi-County Entity Program; and

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) also receives
22 an allocation directly from the State of California, with the instructions that DPH “fill gaps
23 in vaccine access;” and

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1 WHEREAS, This fragmented system has left the public confused and concerned
2 about vaccine distribution, and the local media has reported that only a third of all vaccine
3 doses in California have been administered; and

4 WHEREAS, DPH cannot meet its mandate to fill gaps in vaccine access if it does
5 not have complete information from every system that administers a vaccine; and

6 WHEREAS, The current reporting system created by the State of California,
7 requires that any entity providing the COVID-19 vaccine remits that data back to the
8 State, and the State then provides that data to the county; and

9 WHEREAS, At the outset of the pandemic, there was a similar fragmentation in the
10 COVID-19 testing system, and DPH remedied the confusion by issuing Public Health
11 Order C19-10, which required that any entity that offered COVID-19 testing must provide
12 the results of that testing to DPH; and

13 WHEREAS, DPH further enhanced the transparency of the testing system by
14 putting testing data on their publicly visible dashboard; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors believes that providing
16 complete, accurate and up to date information on COVID-19 vaccine distribution is necessary
17 to instill public trust in the vaccine distribution system; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges any entity
19 providing COVID-19 vaccinations to individuals who work or reside in the City and County of
20 San Francisco to provide complete data to the San Francisco Department of Public Health;
21 and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
23 County Health Officer to issue any health order necessary to obtain data on vaccine
24 administration; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED; The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the County
2 Health Officer to issue any health order necessary to ensure that all vaccine providers
3 communicate completely and accurately with those in their care about how vaccine
4 administration will proceed; and

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
6 Department of Public Health to publish up-to-date information on vaccine doses received and
7 administered, eligible population totals, and the progress toward total vaccination on its
8 website so the public can be as well informed about vaccinations as they are about hospital
9 capacity and transmission rates.

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Resolution

File Number: 210040

Date Passed: January 26, 2021

Resolution urging all entities that provide COVID-19 vaccinations to San Francisco residents to report their vaccination data to the Department of Public Health, and urging the Department of Public Health to use any legal mechanism to obtain complete and accurate vaccination data from all vaccine providers.

January 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton
Excused: 1 - Stefani

File No. 210040

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/26/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor

2/5/2021
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

02/05/2021
Date