

1 [Allocation of McKinney-Vento Funding.]

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3 **Resolution urging the City to keep an open dialogue with the homeless community to**
4 **ensure effective decision making and to comply with requests made by the McKinney**
5 **Subcontractors for the allocation and oversight of the McKinney-Vento Targeted**
6 **Homeless Assistance Grant funding.**

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8 WHEREAS, The McKinney Vento Targeted Homeless Assistance Grant enacts public
9 policies to ultimately prevent and end homelessness; and,

10 WHEREAS, In San Francisco the Local Homeless Coordinating Board is responsible
11 for determining McKinney Fund priorities; and

12 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board is to help ensure
13 a unified homeless strategy that is supported by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, city
14 departments, nonprofit agencies, homeless and formerly homeless people and the community
15 at large; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Local Board Steering Committee recently set new priorities and
17 funding categories for homeless services and programs in San Francisco; and,

18 WHEREAS, During the Local Board Steering Committee's deliberations on these
19 priorities, community members representing homeless people and service providers who
20 sought to submit a competitive grant application that would preserve Continuum of Care
21 services while providing a measured approach to the transition of McKinney funding for
22 permanent housing, urged the Local Board to establish a \$1 million cap on the amount of
23 funding to be redirected from existing projects to new housing projects; and,

24 WHEREAS, The community also urged the committee to adopt new scoring tools that
25 would prevent the major loss of critical homeless services; and,

1 WHEREAS, In making its determination, the Local Board Steering Committee failed to
2 consider valuable testimony from community members as it is required by its mission and
3 purpose; and,

4 WHEREAS, preventing and ending homelessness will take trust, dialogue and
5 cooperation; and,

6 WHEREAS, The community is making strong efforts to work with the administration
7 and has requested the City do the following:

- 8 1. Cap the amount of funding that will be redirected to new housing projects at \$1
9 million,
- 10 2. Prohibit McKinney-Vento funding to be used for existing units of affordable housing,
- 11 3. Preserve critical programs that serve homeless people by committing general fund
12 dollars to organizations that lose McKinney-Vento funding in this process,
- 13 4. Continue conducting roundtable meeting with McKinney-Vento subcontractors to
14 find alternative resources for services and transitional housing program,
- 15 5. Meet regularly with the McKinney-Vento subcontractors to help ensure good
16 communication and effective decision-making; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges City to keep an open dialogue with
18 the community and services providers including McKinney-Vento subcontractors; and,
19 be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City to work with the
21 community and McKinney-Vento subcontractors and honor these requests to ensure
22 no significant loss of critical homeless services.

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