

1 [Urging the Mayor and HSH to Explore and Implement a Fair Distribution of Homeless
2 Shelters Across All Districts]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive**
4 **Housing (HSH) to explore and implement a fair distribution of new homeless shelters**
5 **across all districts in the City and County of San Francisco.**
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7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco continues to face a homelessness
8 crisis, with an estimated 7,175 individuals and 405 families experiencing homelessness as of
9 the 2024 Point-in-Time Count; and

10 WHEREAS, Addressing homelessness continues to be a top priority for the city,
11 requiring a comprehensive and balanced approach to provide shelter, services, and long-term
12 housing solutions; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) has
14 made efforts to expand shelter capacity and provide supportive housing, however, the
15 inequitable distribution of shelters across the City geography persists; and

16 WHEREAS, The burden of addressing homelessness has disproportionately fallen on
17 certain districts, particularly District's 10, 9, 6 and 5, which have consistently borne the brunt
18 of shelter and service sites; and

19 WHEREAS, According to data from HSH, as of September 2023, San Francisco had
20 approximately 3,140 homeless shelter beds across 50 active sites - excluding confidential
21 locations - with the majority concentrated in District 6, while Districts 1, 2, 4, and 7 on the
22 city's west side had only seven combined; and

23 WHEREAS, The districts most impacted by this inequitable distribution of shelters and
24 services are predominately home to communities of color and lower-income residents, further
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1 exacerbating systemic inequities and disproportionately impacting those already marginalized;
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3 WHEREAS, The lack of equitable distribution of shelters and services across the city
4 places undue strain on specific communities while leaving other areas underutilized in
5 addressing this citywide crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, Addressing homelessness is a shared responsibility that requires
7 collective action and resource allocation across all neighborhoods so that no single district or
8 a few districts are overburdened; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2017, Supervisors Jane Kim, Hillary Ronen, and Malia Cohen
10 introduced Board of Supervisors File No. 170568, urging the Department of Homelessness
11 and Supportive Housing to create an approval process and criteria for establishing new
12 homeless services and facilities that account for citywide geography equity and distribution of
13 appropriate services; and

14 WHEREAS, It is critical for the City to consider potential shelter sites in districts that
15 currently have fewer facilities and to ensure that all residents have equitable access to
16 resources and services; and

17 WHEREAS, The Mayor and HSH have the authority and resources to lead the city to
18 adopt equitable, citywide strategies to address homelessness and ensure that all districts
19 contribute fairly to housing and shelter solutions; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor and HSH to explore and
21 implement a fair distribution of new homeless shelters across all districts in San Francisco;
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24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor and HSH to
25 engage in transparent and inclusive community outreach and planning processes to ensure

1 that new shelter sites are fairly distributed, sustainable, and supported by their respective
2 neighborhoods; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor and HSH
4 actively work to address the disproportionate impacts of homelessness and services siting on
5 communities of color and lower-income neighborhoods by prioritizing equity and fairness in
6 their planning and decision-making processes; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution affirms the City's commitment to
8 addressing homelessness as a shared responsibility, ensuring that every district contributes to
9 the solutions necessary to uphold the dignity and safety of all San Franciscans, while
10 prioritizing equity and justice for the communities most affected and impacted by the current
11 distribution of service and shelter sites.