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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Olson Lee, Director, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development  
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FROM: *ll*  
*for* Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: October 3, 2016

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Kim on, September 20, 2016:

**File No. 161027**

**Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to convene a working group comprised of affordable housing developers, homelessness experts, labor organizations, and City staff to develop a blueprint for a modular housing pilot program.**

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: [alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org).

c: Eugene Flannery, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development  
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1 [Urging the City to Convene a Working Group Around Modular Housing Options for the  
2 Homeless]

3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to convene a working group**  
4 **comprised of affordable housing developers, homelessness experts, labor**  
5 **organizations, and City staff to develop a blueprint for a modular housing pilot**  
6 **program.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a national leader in the creation and effective use  
9 of supportive housing to get its homeless residents off the streets and keeping them housed;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The City's 10-Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness created in 2004  
12 detailed the need to house the 3,000 chronically homeless individuals at the time; and

13 WHEREAS, Twelve years later, the City has about 6,000 units in which formerly  
14 homeless people are living which is insufficient to house San Francisco's current population of  
15 approximately 6,700 homeless residents, including 1,500 who are considered chronically  
16 homeless; and

17 WHEREAS, The cost to the City of serving each chronically homeless individual is  
18 about \$80,000 per person, per year in police, ambulance, hospital and other emergency  
19 services; and

20 WHEREAS, The City's challenge is to create enough supportive housing and quickly  
21 enough to move all 1,500 chronically homeless individuals off the street as well as the newly  
22 homeless that City officials estimate as about 450 new chronically homeless people each  
23 year; and

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1           WHEREAS, Supportive housing units cost about \$400,000 each to construct from the  
2 ground up and supportive housing services cost \$20,000 per year--\$60,000 less than the cost  
3 of services for the unhoused and chronically homeless; and

4           WHEREAS, Modular housing has been used in New York and Los Angeles to house  
5 homeless people at a lower cost of about \$200,000 per unit and is able to be constructed in  
6 months, not years; and

7           WHEREAS, San Francisco cannot wait for a perfect solution to address the homeless  
8 crisis that is resulting in encampments in residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors  
9 throughout the City to the detriment of all our residents whether housed or not; now, therefore,  
10 be it

11           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City to immediately convene a  
12 working group comprised of affordable housing developers, experts in homelessness and  
13 supportive services, labor organizations, City staff, and any other relevant experts who can  
14 assist in the creation of a blueprint on how the City can effectively use modular housing  
15 options to address our homeless crisis; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That this workgroup be convened immediately and tasked  
17 with presenting this blueprint to the Board of Supervisors within three months of its initial  
18 convening.