

1 [Prioritize Emergency Response to Drug Activity Near Parks, Playgrounds, and Schools]

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3 **Resolution urging the Police Department and the Department of Emergency**  
4 **Management to designate all 911 calls reporting drug use or suspected drug activity**  
5 **within 1,500 feet of parks, playgrounds, and schools as “Priority A” calls requiring**  
6 **swift and immediate response.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a responsibility to protect the  
9 health, safety, and welfare of all residents, especially children, families, and vulnerable  
10 populations who frequent parks, playgrounds, and schools; and

11 WHEREAS, The ongoing public health crisis involving the open use and trafficking of  
12 illicit drugs in public spaces has raised significant concern among residents, educators,  
13 parents, and community leaders; and

14 WHEREAS, Parks, playgrounds, and schools are essential public spaces that provide  
15 opportunities for recreation, education, and healthy development, and these public spaces  
16 must be protected as safe and drug-free zone; and

17 WHEREAS, Numerous incidents of drug use and drug-related activity have been  
18 reported near playgrounds and schools, in some cases resulting in life-threatening situations  
19 involving children; and

20 WHEREAS, Exposure to drug use or paraphernalia poses serious risks to the physical  
21 and emotional health of children, undermining the safety and integrity of surrounding  
22 neighborhoods; and

23 WHEREAS, Numerous incidents of drug use and drug-related activity have been  
24 reported in close proximity to these sensitive community sites, threatening the public safety,  
25 livability, and integrity of neighborhoods throughout San Francisco; and

1           WHEREAS, The Police Department and the Department of Emergency Management  
2 categorize 911 calls into priority levels based on urgency where “Priority A” calls involve  
3 serious crimes in progress, threats to life or public safety, or situations requiring immediate  
4 police intervention; and

5           WHEREAS, Calls to 911 reporting drug use or related activity near schools and parks  
6 are not consistently treated as Priority A, resulting in delayed responses that can place  
7 vulnerable populations at increased risk; and

8           WHEREAS, The Department of Emergency Management, in coordination with the  
9 Police Department, determines call prioritization, and this categorization directly impacts the  
10 speed and level of response residents receive; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
12 urges the Police Department and the Department of Emergency Management to immediately  
13 revise their dispatch protocols to classify all 911 calls reporting drug use, visible narcotics  
14 activity, or suspected drug trafficking within 1,500 feet of any park, playground, or school as  
15 “Priority A” calls; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution does not change existing criminal justice  
17 policies or laws, but affirms the City’s duty to ensure public safety and calls for operational  
18 prioritization of these calls; and, be it

19           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Police Department  
20 and Department of Emergency Management send a report to the Board within 60 days of the  
21 passage of this Resolution on implementation steps taken and any additional resources  
22 needed to fully effectuate this change; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit  
24 copies of this Resolution to the Police Department and Department of Emergency  
25 Management for immediate consideration and action.