

1 [Urging Criminal Justice Partners to Communicate Prior to Seeking Transfer of Inmates to  
2 Custody in San Francisco Under the Jurisdiction of Outstanding Warrants]

3 **Resolution urging the District Attorney, Sheriff, Adult Probation, and Police Department**  
4 **to communicate prior to seeking the transfer of inmates to custody in San Francisco on**  
5 **outstanding warrants in order to determine whether the transfer of custody serves the**  
6 **interest of public safety and efficient use of local resources.**

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8 WHEREAS, Outstanding warrants based on charges for which either evidence no  
9 longer exists or a prosecuting agency no longer wishes to pursue criminal prosecution present  
10 a significant challenge to the criminal justice system, and can result in needless transfers of  
11 detained people from other jurisdictions back to San Francisco on charges for which they will  
12 not be prosecuted; and

13 WHEREAS, The strategic use of limited resources allows San Francisco’s criminal  
14 justice partners to better protect the public safety; and

15 WHEREAS, Many agencies around the country have taken steps to erase old and void  
16 warrants from shared law enforcement databases; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the District Attorney,  
18 Sheriff, Adult Probation and Police Department to communicate prior to seeking the transfer of  
19 inmates to custody in San Francisco on outstanding warrants such that a timely request can  
20 be made to the Superior Court to withdraw the warrant issued by the Court; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That prior to seeking transfer of custody of an inmate to San  
22 Francisco based on an outstanding warrant, that the relevant departments determine that  
23 transfer of custody serves the interest of public safety and the efficient use of local resources;  
24 and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the District Attorney, Sheriff, Adult Probation and Police  
2 Department put procedures and policies in place to ensure effective communication about  
3 transfer of custody of inmates on outstanding warrants; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
5 to send a copy of this resolution to District Attorney George Gascon, Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi,  
6 Chief Adult Probation Officer Karen Fletcher, and Police Chief Greg Suhr.

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