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Board Item No. 26

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Prepared by: Lisa Lew

Date: April 4, 2025

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Declaring the City and County of San Francisco as a Sanctuary for Women Seeking Housing]

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3 **Resolution declaring San Francisco as a sanctuary for women seeking housing and**  
4 **urging City Departments to coordinate resources and investments for safe shelter,**  
5 **affordable housing, and wrap-around services, specifically for women and women-**  
6 **identified survivors of domestic abuse, sexual exploitation and violence, human**  
7 **trafficking, and street entrapment and trauma.**

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9 WHEREAS, Over 41% of the homeless population surveyed in the Department of  
10 Homelessness and Supportive Housing's 2024 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count identified  
11 as women, transgender, or gender nonbinary, while less than 5% of San Francisco's  
12 homeless services are in gender-specific safe spaces; and

13 WHEREAS, A report authored by the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing  
14 Initiative found that survivors of domestic violence are at greater risk of homelessness and  
15 that nearly one in five cisgender homeless women endured physical violence or abuse from  
16 their partner in the six months prior to losing their housing; and

17 WHEREAS, Congress established the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) through the Victims  
18 of Crime Act of 1984, which provides funding for victim assistance programs in all 50 states  
19 and six U.S. territories through fines and penalties from individuals convicted of federal  
20 crimes; and

21 WHEREAS, Resources from the Crime Victims Fund supports thousands of victims  
22 and includes programs such as child advocacy centers, domestic violence agencies, and rape  
23 crisis centers, serving an average of 3.7 million victims of crime per year; and

1 WHEREAS, Federal funding for crime victim support has dropped by 37% from 2023 to  
2 2024, including a cut to California's Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) funding from \$153  
3 million to \$87 million, severely impacting victim resource programs and leaving victims and  
4 their families in vulnerable positions; and

5 WHEREAS, Governor Newsom has allocated \$103 million in one-time state money to  
6 close this gap in funding, but this does not guarantee long term stability for victim services;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, More than 200 organizations, including San Francisco-based nonprofit  
9 organizations Asian Women's Shelter, Bay Area Legal Aid, Black Women Revolt Against  
10 Domestic Violence, Coalition for Community Safety and Justice, Community United Against  
11 Violence, Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic, Futures Without Violence, Rally Family  
12 Visitation Services of SFMH, Safe & Sound, San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium,  
13 San Francisco Women Against Rape, Self-Help for the Elderly, and W.O.M.A.N., Inc., have  
14 called on the Governor and legislature to provide \$176 million every year for five years to  
15 address continuous cuts to the federal Victims of Crime Act Fund and prevent the potentially  
16 catastrophic impact these cuts will have on survivors of crime; and

17 WHEREAS, Victim service organizations in California assisted over 816,000 survivors  
18 in FY22-23, including domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and child advocacy  
19 programs, whose programs are most impacted by these funding cuts; and

20 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that stable safe housing is key to prevent the  
21 revictimization of survivors and their children; and

22 WHEREAS, The Mayor and Board of Supervisors placed Proposition A: Affordable  
23 Housing Bond on the March 5, 2024 ballot, with \$30 million dedicated to build, buy or  
24 rehabilitate housing for survivors of gender-based domestic violence, sexual abuse and  
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1 assault, human trafficking or street violence, a first for San Francisco, and it was embraced by  
2 the voters of San Francisco by a 70.38% vote; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2024, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed (Resolution No.  
4 513-24) and reaffirmed its commitment to “to supporting initiatives that raise awareness,  
5 prevent domestic violence, and provide resources and services to survivors”; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares the City and  
8 County of San Francisco as a sanctuary for women seeking housing, committing to a  
9 coordinated, collaborative, and sustained effort to ensure women in San Francisco,  
10 particularly survivors of gender-based violence, human trafficking, and street violence, have  
11 access to safe, gender-specific, affordable housing and essential services; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges City Departments to  
13 coordinate resource and investments into safe shelter, affordable housing, and wrap-around  
14 services, specifically for women and women-identified survivors of domestic abuse, sexual  
15 exploitation and violence, human trafficking, and street entrapment and trauma; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco affirms its  
17 commitment to ensuring the safety, dignity, and well-being of women and, and pledges to  
18 uphold its role as a leader in addressing homelessness and gender-based violence through  
19 compassionate, evidence-based solutions and community collaboration.

## Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. \_\_\_\_\_ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission    ☐ Youth Commission    ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission    ☐ Building Inspection Commission    ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes    ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Chan, Chen, Melgar, Fielder

Subject:

Declaring the City and County of San Francisco a Sanctuary for Women Seeking Housing

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution declaring San Francisco a sanctuary for women seeking housing and urging City Departments to coordinate resources and investments for safe shelter, affordable housing, and wrap-around services, specifically for women and women-identified survivors of domestic abuse, sexual exploitation and violence, human trafficking, and street entrapment and trauma.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

