

1 [Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services - Behested Payment Waiver]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s**  
4 **Executive Director, Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors to**  
5 **solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the**  
6 **expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people**  
7 **experiencing homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Mission of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive  
10 Housing (“HSH” or “Department”) is to prevent homelessness when possible and make  
11 homelessness rare, brief and one-time in the City and County of San Francisco (“the City”)  
12 through the provision of coordinated, compassionate and high-quality services; and

13 WHEREAS, With the enactment of Resolution No. 319-18 in October 2018, the  
14 Board of Supervisors and Mayor London N. Breed declared a shelter crisis and affirmed  
15 San Francisco’s commitment to a continuum of shelter and service options for people  
16 experiencing homelessness; and

17 WHEREAS, As of the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, there were approximately 8,323  
18 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco on any given night, 52% of whom  
19 were unsheltered; and

20 WHEREAS, In April 2023, the city released the five-year strategic plan “Home by the  
21 Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco” which  
22 calls for resources including 1,075 new shelter beds to meet the goals set out in the plan,  
23 including the goal to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 50%; and

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1           WHEREAS, While HSH continues to expand shelter, prevention, housing and other  
2 resources, we know that more resources need to be made available to address the crisis  
3 on our streets; and

4           WHEREAS, HSH has established successful and innovative public-private  
5 partnerships to expand shelter and other services to meet the critical needs of people  
6 experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

7           WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Fund for the Homeless (Administrative Code,  
8 Section 10.100-106) was established as a category eight fund to receive all private  
9 donations, grants, gifts and bequests of money, to assist people in need finding long-term  
10 housing and overcome barriers to employment by supporting outreach services, shelters,  
11 navigation centers, flexible housing assistance, housing and other resources; and

12           WHEREAS, HSH, as the designated administrator of the Mayor’s Fund for the  
13 Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-106) is required to report regularly to the  
14 Homeless Oversight Commission on deposits and expenditures from the fund, as well as  
15 furnish an annual report to the Board of Supervisors showing such gifts received, the  
16 nature or amount of said gifts, and the disposition thereof (Administrative Code,  
17 Section 10.100); and

18           WHEREAS, HSH works with philanthropic organizations, private companies and  
19 community stakeholders including homeless service providers, often through grant  
20 agreements; and

21           WHEREAS, On October 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
22 Resolution No. 483-23 authorizing a waiver of the City’s Behested Payment Ordinance  
23 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Office of the  
24 Mayor and HSH, to the extent that it restricts the Mayor, Executive Director of HSH and  
25 officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and HSH from soliciting financial support

1 or in-kind goods or services, from persons or entities that would be considered interested  
2 parties, to support expansion of temporary shelter or other homeless services; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
4 Resolution No. 125-24 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments  
5 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the  
6 Office of the Mayor and HSH that is set to expire on October 18, 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, On October 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
8 Resolution No. 517-24 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments  
9 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the  
10 Office of the Mayor and HSH that is set to expire on April 17, 2025; and

11 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2025, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved  
12 Ordinance No. 010-25 authorizing the Office of the Mayor for six months to solicit donations  
13 from various private entities and organizations to support the City's work on the Core  
14 Initiatives, which include Projects Addressing Homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested  
15 Payment Ordinance; and

16 WHEREAS, HSH seeks a new waiver of the City's Behested Payments Ordinance  
17 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Sections 3.600 et seq.) for the Executive  
18 Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and  
19 Program Directors for a period of six months beginning on April 16, 2025; and

20 WHEREAS, HSH seek to fundraise or engage in philanthropic partnerships with the  
21 entities that may be considered to be interested parties to one or more of the departments  
22 due to advocacy related to homelessness policy or programs; and

23 WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of  
24 Supervisors donations to the City that were solicited under this waiver; such reports will  
25 identify the donor, the amount of the donation, and the interested relationship the donor

1 has with the department that solicited the donation; the department or office will submit the  
2 reports to the Board within 60 days of the expiration of the 6-month period authorized by  
3 this waiver; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental  
5 Conduct Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested  
6 Payment Ordinance for the Executive Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief  
7 Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors, so that they may solicit donations from  
8 private organizations and philanthropists to support the expansion of temporary shelter and  
9 other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness for a period of six  
10 months, beginning on April 16, 2025; and, be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver serves the public interest by  
12 supporting HSH to explore innovative opportunities to expand the availability of resources  
13 to support people experiencing homelessness, specifically temporary shelter and other  
14 homeless services to support bringing more people inside and off the streets; and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver does not create an appearance of  
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