

1 [Adopt the Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan as the 2020 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan]

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3 **Resolution adopting the Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan as San Francisco's**
4 **update to the 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

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6 WHEREAS, Local hazard mitigation planning is governed by the Stafford Act, as
7 amended by the Disaster Management Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), and by federal regulations
8 implementing the Stafford Act; and

9 WHEREAS, As revised by DMA 2000, the Stafford Act requires state, local, and tribal
10 governments to develop and submit for approval a mitigation plan that outlines processes for
11 identifying the natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities of the jurisdiction; and

12 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") requires local
13 governments to adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as a condition of future funding for
14 mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs, and
15 requires local governments to update their Hazard Mitigation Plans every five years; and,

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco last updated its Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2014 and is
17 therefore due for an update; and

18 WHEREAS, The Office of Resilience and Capital Planning within the Office of the City
19 Administrator led the effort to create the Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan (HCR) in
20 partnership with other departments and including additional assessment of climate change
21 risks and climate resilience strategies; and

22 WHEREAS, The HCR serves as an update to the 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP),
23 and will serve as the foundation for San Francisco's Community Safety Element and Climate
24 Action Strategy updates; and

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1 WHEREAS, the HCR would replace the HMP and all references in the Safety Element
2 to the HMP or “CCSF Hazard Mitigation Plan” will be deemed to refer to the HCR; and

3 WHEREAS, the HCR is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
4 200419, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

5 WHEREAS, San Francisco recognizes the threat that natural and human-caused
6 hazards pose to people and property within its community; and

7 WHEREAS, Undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to
8 people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal government defines "hazard mitigation" as "any action taken
10 to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards"; and

11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has experienced new and
12 unprecedented climate-related hazard events since 2014 such as the Labor Day 2017 heat
13 wave and November 2018 air quality events; and

14 WHEREAS, Climate change is expected to make some natural hazard events more
15 severe and frequent; and

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is in the midst of responding to
17 COVID-19, the novel coronavirus pandemic, that has the potential to overwhelm San
18 Francisco’s healthcare system and significantly damage the local economy; and

19 WHEREAS, The City fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning
20 process to prepare the HCR; and

21 WHEREAS, The California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA have pre-
22 approved the HCR, contingent upon official adoption of the Plan by the City; and

23 WHEREAS, Adoption of the HCR and providing it as an appendix to the Safety
24 Element of the General Plan, will maintain compliance with 44 CFR Part 201, Section 201.6,
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1 and Government Code, Sections 65302.6 and 8685.9 requirements, and associated eligibility
2 for mitigation grant funding; and

3 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 379 (2016) requires that when a jurisdiction update its Local
4 Hazard Mitigation Plan, they must also review and update as necessary the Safety Element of
5 the General Plan to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies; and

6 WHEREAS, Adoption of the HCR by the City demonstrates our commitment to hazard
7 mitigation and climate action, and to achieving the goals outlined in the Plan; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco adopts the HCR as the official
10 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Administrator shall submit this Resolution to the
12 FEMA Region IX officials to obtain final approval of the HCR.

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