

1 [Urging to Establish a Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Program for Family Child
2 Care Home Operators]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development to**
4 **collaborate with the Office of Early Care and Education, Office of Economic and**
5 **Workforce Development, Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), Homeownership SF, and**
6 **other partners to establish a homeownership down payment assistance pilot program**
7 **for licensed, quality family child care home operators.**

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9 WHEREAS, Homeownership offers families housing security and the ability to build
10 assets and accumulate generational wealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Due to historic racist housing and financing laws, such as redlining, Black,
12 Latinx, Indigenous, and other communities of color are less likely to have the capital or access
13 to own their homes; and

14 WHEREAS, Saving enough to offer a down payment is a barrier to homeownership,
15 particularly in a competitive housing market like San Francisco, in which the median price of a
16 home is well over \$1 million; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco is one of many municipalities that offers downpayment
18 assistance programs for first-time homebuyers; and

19 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Housing currently administers five downpayment
20 assistance programs for low-to middle- income households, with dedicated funding for first
21 responders and San Francisco public school; and

22 WHEREAS, Family child care operators are licensed by the State of California and
23 offer early care and education for children within residential facilities; and can serve up to 8
24 children depending on age and requirements or up to 14 children for Large Family Child Care
25 Homes; and

1 WHEREAS, Family Child Care Homes offer affordable programs to families and
2 flexibility in schedules, such as extended hours and weekend hours; while also offering a
3 comfortable, home setting for young children adapting to a new learning environment; and

4 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, there were over 700 Family Child Care Homes serving
5 over 6,000 slots during the 2017 Early Care and Education Needs Assessment; and

6 WHEREAS, Early care educators are historically underpaid despite the level of training,
7 skills, licensing requirements, and quality assessments that are required to run early care and
8 education programs; and

9 WHEREAS, When a family child care home is displaced or evicted, there is a triple
10 impact: the family loses their home, the families served by the provider need to seek new
11 care, and the community loses the child care slots further impacting the waitlists; and

12 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 crisis hit the Family Child Care Homes hard with many
13 operators having to close or suspend their programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Housing insecurity will continue to be a critical vulnerability for many
15 households after the pandemic is over, including Family Child Care Home operators who will
16 also need to rebuild their programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Offering long-lasting financial support for homebuyers and homeowners
18 will support community stabilization and help low-income and middle-income households
19 recover from the economic shutdown; now therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor’s Office of Housing and
21 Community Development to collaborate with the Office of Early Care and Education, the
22 Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF),
23 Homeownership SF, Family Child Care Association of San Francisco, and other partners to
24 establish a homeownership down payment assistance pilot program for licensed, early care
25 educators operating Family Child Care Homes.

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to transmit
2 copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community
3 Development, Director of the Office of Early Care and Education, and the Acting Director of
4 the Mayor’s Office of Economic Workforce Development.

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