

1 [Urging Prioritization and Equitable Distribution of Rent Relief Funds to Small Property
2 Owners and Affordable Housing Providers]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development to**
4 **prioritize small property owners and affordable housing providers in the distribution of**
5 **rent relief funds and design the rent relief program to be fully accessible in multiple**
6 **languages and ensure equitable access to the program in all neighborhoods.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco Mayor and Board of Supervisors
9 have adopted a series of orders and ordinances to prevent the evictions of tenants who are
10 unable to pay rent due to financial hardship arising from the COVID-19 emergency; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco, along with Federal and State agencies, have established
12 and funded rent relief programs in part to mitigate the economic impacts of eviction controls
13 on landlords; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 16, 2021, the City and County of San Francisco Board of
15 Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 21-292 entitled “Urging Removal of
16 Language Barriers from the State’s Rent Relief Program” that highlighted the need for rent
17 assistance programs to assure access to tenants and landlords with limited English
18 proficiency or reliable internet skills or fluency, on file with the Clerk of the Board of
19 Supervisors in File No. 210292, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if
20 set forth fully herein; and

21 WHEREAS, On June 4, 2021, the City and County of San Francisco Board of
22 Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 21-572 entitled “Urging the Prioritization of
23 Small Property Owners and Affordable Housing Providers in the Distribution of Rent Relief
24 Funds” that urged the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD)
25 prioritize small property owners and affordable housing providers before corporate landlords

1 in the distribution of rent relief funds, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
2 No. 210572, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The City's rent relief program is reported to have approximately \$24 million
5 remaining in previously approved local funding, a sum unlikely to serve all of the potentially
6 eligible tenants who owe unpaid rent due to COVID related financial hardship; and

7 WHEREAS, Small property owners and affordable housing providers do not have
8 access to resources such as extensive staff, industry contacts, and capital sources to aid in
9 recovery, unlike larger real estate investment firms; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to include
11 within the administration of the City's rent-relief program a priority to assist tenants of small
12 property owners with unpaid rent arising during the COVID emergency eviction controls; and,
13 be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to provide
15 information in multiple languages regarding its rent relief programs addressed to tenants,
16 affordable housing organizations, and small property owners and to ensure equitable access
17 to the program in all neighborhoods across the City including providing timely in-person
18 assistance in multiple languages for those who are challenged in navigating the internet; and,
19 be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to provide a
21 report to the Board of Supervisors regarding its policies and practices that advance the above
22 priorities and to provide a month-by-month amount of federal, state, and local rent relief funds
23 received by each landlord in San Francisco.

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