

1 [Urging the Continuation of Services After the Closure of the Tenderloin Center]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office and Department of Public Health to ensure no gap**
4 **in services for the hundreds of people served daily by the Tenderloin Center.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin Center, formerly known as the Linkage Center and located
7 at 1170 Market Street, was launched in January 2022, pursuant to an emergency declaration
8 by Mayor London Breed and her administration (the Administration), and was a landmark part
9 of the Tenderloin Initiative; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite the expiration of the Mayor’s declaration in March 2022, the
11 Tenderloin Center has continued operating and has already served over 104,230 guests,
12 serving up to 441 guests a day; and

13 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin Center offers a plethora of services, including meals,
14 restrooms, showers, laundry, overdose prevention services, enrollment in treatment and state
15 benefits, wound care, HIV/STI/COVID-19 testing, housing/shelter assessment, employment
16 services, and other activities and services; and

17 WHEREAS, Although some of these services, such as some harm reduction services,
18 have been offered by various providers for many years and continue being offered today,
19 other services offered at the Tenderloin Center, such as overdose prevention, showers, and
20 linkage to housing/benefits, are either unavailable in other locations or not as easily
21 accessible for the population served by the Tenderloin Center; and

22 WHEREAS, Overdose prevention services are a key part of the Tenderloin Center: at
23 least 249 overdoses have been reversed and thousands of doses of Naloxone distributed by
24 staff at the Tenderloin Center, undoubtedly saving many lives; and

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1 WHEREAS, The most recent report by the Medical Examiner’s Office shows that San
2 Francisco’s overdose deaths remain at crisis levels, and 451 people have died from overdose
3 as of the end of September 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor has announced her plan to close the Tenderloin Center in
5 December of 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, As of the writing of this Resolution, the Administration has yet to announce
7 any plan to ensure no gap in services for the hundreds of people served daily by the
8 Tenderloin Center;

9 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health (DPH) prepared and recently released its
10 Overdose Prevention Plan, which includes plans to invest further into harm reduction services,
11 treatment, and create “Wellness Hubs” that will offer overdose prevention services, but has
12 offered no public information regarding the locations and precise timing for these
13 commitments; and

14 WHEREAS, Shutting down the Tenderloin Center without an operational replacement
15 nearby to offer services to the hundreds of people who utilize the center every day would
16 create an untenable situation in the Tenderloin, Civic Center, and surrounding neighborhoods;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Leaving the Tenderloin and Civic Center without an operational site
19 nearby to offer overdose prevention services would place the people who currently rely on
20 those services at higher risk of overdosing; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Administration to commit to
22 ensuring that there is no gap in services from the closure of the Tenderloin Center; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Administration to commit to ensure
24 that a replacement site and services are opened by the anticipated date of closure for the
25 Tenderloin Center; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Administration to commit to ensure
2 that any replacements are reasonably situated to serve at minimum the people currently
3 served by the Tenderloin Center; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Administration to immediately
5 publicly release its plan for ensuring that the people who utilize the Tenderloin Center will be
6 offered comparable services elsewhere upon closure of the Tenderloin Center; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in the event that no suitable replacements near the
8 Tenderloin Center can be mobilized or opened by the date of the Tenderloin Center's planned
9 closure, the Board of Supervisors urges the Administration to commit to extending operations
10 for the Tenderloin Center until such time as those replacement services become available to
11 ensure that the hundreds of people who are currently served by the Tenderloin Center are not
12 left without sufficient access to the resources currently offered there.

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