

1 [SRO Task Force.]

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3 **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) HEALTH,**  
4 **STABILIZATION AND SAFETY TASK FORCE TO RENAME IT THE SINGLE ROOM**  
5 **OCCUPANCY (SRO) TASK FORCE, TO REDEFINE ITS MISSION AND DUTIES, TO**  
6 **DISSOLVE THE CURRENT SRO TASK FORCE AND TO RESTRUCTURE IT AS THE SRO**  
7 **TASK FORCE TO REFLECT THE CONDITIONS FACED IN 2006 BY SRO TENANTS,**  
8 **OPERATORS AND OWNERS, REDUCING ITS MEMBERSHIP TO THIRTEEN: EIGHT**  
9 **APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; FOUR APPOINTED BY DESIGNATED**  
10 **DEPARTMENT HEADS; AND ONE CHAIR APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH.**

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12 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the Single Room Occupancy Health,  
13 Stabilization and Safety Task Force in August 1999 in response to a rash of fires that resulted  
14 in over 900 low income, single room occupancy (SRO) units that were eliminated from the  
15 housing market due to fire since 1988; and

16 WHEREAS, In order to prevent further loss of low income housing and to enhance the  
17 City and County of San Francisco’s Emergency Response system, the Board of Supervisors,  
18 the Mayor’s Office, City and County of San Francisco Departments, survivors of SRO fires,  
19 the American Red Cross and other community-based organizations convened to formulate a  
20 strategic plan of action; and

21 WHEREAS, This coalition began meeting in February of 1999 and drafted the  
22 “Emergency Response Policy Coordinating Committee Report to the San Francisco Board of  
23 Supervisors;” and

24 WHEREAS, One of the policy recommendations of the report urged the San Francisco  
25 Board of Supervisors to create a Task Force comprised of survivors of SRO fires, community

1 based organizations, the American Red Cross and various City departments to develop  
2 further policy recommendations; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2001 the Task Force expanded its focus to address the Board of  
4 Supervisors resolution that the City implement the recommendations published in two reports  
5 by the Citywide Families in SROs Workgroup which addressed the detrimental health impacts  
6 of children living in private SROs and findings from its census/survey of the 450 families and  
7 760 children living in private SROs; and

8 WHEREAS, The SRO Task Force has been in existence for seven years and has been  
9 successful in improving, coordinating and institutionalizing the City's SRO fire response  
10 protocols; and

11 WHEREAS, the City passed a Sprinkler Ordinance in 2002 resulting in a dramatic  
12 decrease in fires in SRO's; and

13 WHEREAS, The original charge of the SRO Task Force has been fulfilled; and

14 WHEREAS, While the Task Force has been successful in meeting its original goals,  
15 recommendations related to families with children living in SROs have only been partially  
16 implemented and new challenges for all residents continue to emerge; and

17 WHEREAS, It has been difficult for the Task Force to reach a quorum in recent  
18 months, and many appointments are unfilled; and

19 WHEREAS, The current Task Force was a direct outgrowth of the SRO Fires in the  
20 1990's and does not reflect current trends in SRO policy; and

21 WHEREAS, The Task Force has met with the goal of restructuring to be a more  
22 effective body responsive to the needs of San Franciscan's and incorporating the direction of  
23 City policy makers; and

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1           WHEREAS, the SRO Task Force unanimously voted to forward a proposal to the  
2 Board of Supervisor's to dissolve the current Task Force and reconstitute its membership into  
3 a thirteen member committee; and

4           WHEREAS, The SRO Task Force developed a consensus document that includes  
5 planning assumptions, vision and mission, goals, the size of the SRO Task Force,  
6 appointment process, functions, committee structure and required staffing levels; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors amends the Single Room Occupancy  
9 (SRO) Health, Stabilization and Safety Task Force legislation to incorporate the  
10 recommendations of the above proposal which disbands the current Task Force and  
11 reconstitutes it as the SRO Task Force with seats for thirteen voting members plus a  
12 nonvoting Chair (except in the event of a tie vote); and, be it

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will appoint eight members of  
14 the Task Force: one SRO tenant; two private SRO owners/operators, one non-profit SRO  
15 operator/owner, and one representative from each of the four SRO Collaboratives; and be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the relevant City Departments will appoint four members  
17 of the Task Force: Director of the Human Services Agency will appoint one representative,  
18 the Director of Department of Building Inspections one representative, the City Attorney one  
19 representative from the Code Enforcement Task Force, and the Director of the Department of  
20 Public Health one representative from Housing and Urban Health and one from Environmental  
21 Health; and be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Director of the Department of Public Health will appoint a  
23 non-voting (except in the case of a tie vote) Chair; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SRO Task Force shall monitor and make policy  
2 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and annually produce a comprehensive report;  
3 and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SRO Task Force will adopt and assist in the  
5 implementation of the following two goals:

6 A. Goal 1: San Francisco SRO Hotels are safe, accessible, stable, and 'just' places to  
7 live in.

- 8 1. Identify and provide training, consultation and direct services furthering  
9 this goal.
- 10 2. Develop and advocate legislation, regulations, policies and/or procedures  
11 furthering this goal.
- 12 3. Monitor compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies and/or  
13 procedures.

14 B. Goal 2: Affordable, healthy, and appropriate housing options are available in San  
15 Francisco so that extremely low-income families do not have to raise their children  
16 in SRO Hotels.

- 17 1. Advocate strategies to move families out of SROs and into permanent  
18 housing.
- 19 2. Advocate goals for assuring San Francisco housing and supportive  
20 housing units are affordable to 0-25% medium income families will be  
21 advocated for.
- 22 3. Advocate strategies to prevent families from losing their housing.
- 23 4. Review San Francisco Planning Code, Administrative Code, and other  
24 pertinent City Ordinances and recommend amendments necessary to  
25 implement Goal 2.

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That after three years, the Task Force will sunset.

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