

1 [Urging MOHCD to Release Notices of Funding Availability for Affordable Housing]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development**
4 **(MOHCD) to release Notices of Funding Availability for the construction, development,**
5 **acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of critical affordable housing for survivors of gender-**
6 **based domestic violence, sexual abuse and assault, human trafficking, or street**
7 **violence in the furtherance of the City’s and voters’ shared goal of housing women in**
8 **crisis as soon as possible.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the 10-Year Capital Plan on May 19,
11 2023, which included a commitment to scheduling a 2024 Affordable Housing Bond for
12 consideration by the voters, in light of the pressing mandate from the State to build 46,000
13 new homes affordable to very low-, low- and moderate-income residents over the next eight
14 years, a category of housing demand that San Francisco has struggled to meet for years
15 given the lack of dedicated funding for affordable housing; and

16 WHEREAS, On July 7, 2023, a half-day work retreat to strategize solutions to women’s
17 homelessness was convened by the Board President, the Women’s Housing Coalition,
18 philanthropic and non-profit partners, and City agencies, including the Mayor’s Office of
19 Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), Department of Homelessness and
20 Supportive Housing (HSH), Department of Public Health (DPH), City Attorney’s Office, District
21 Attorney’s Office, Sheriff’s Office, District Attorney’s Office, Department on the Status of
22 Women (DOSW), Adult Probation, and more; and

23 WHEREAS, One of the top consensus action items to come out of the July 7, 2023
24 work retreat was a commitment to piloting a gender-based housing project or project(s) that
25 would demonstrate that the City could model stable and safe longer-term transitional and

1 permanent affordable housing for women and women-identified San Franciscans, and plans
2 began in earnest to collaboratively move this strategy forward, including private fundraising
3 efforts; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor and Board of Supervisors duly placed Proposition A: Affordable
5 Housing Bond on the March 5, 2024 ballot, with \$30 million dedicated to build, buy or
6 rehabilitate housing for survivors of gender-based domestic violence, sexual abuse and
7 assault, human trafficking or street violence, a first for San Francisco, and it was embraced by
8 the voters of San Francisco by a 70.38% vote; and

9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco will likely also have an opportunity
10 in November of 2024 to help pass another affordable housing bond, proposed by the regional
11 Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA), which could generate up to \$20 billion of
12 affordable housing funding for the Bay Area, with San Francisco already preparing an
13 Expenditure Plan to outline the City's vision for building, acquiring, converting, and
14 rehabilitating affordable housing to meet its State-mandated goals; and

15 WHEREAS, Before voters approve another affordable housing bond, it is critical that
16 the City demonstrate it has a plan for spending its local commitment, and continue its
17 collaborative work with the affordable housing community to document clear criteria for timely
18 issuance of Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) and a clear vision and plan for public
19 dollars; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 urges the Mayors Office of Housing and Community Development to continue its collaborative
22 process with stakeholders with increased urgency and clarity, including releasing NOFA's with
23 information on funding availability to build, buy or rehabilitate housing for survivors of gender-
24 based domestic violence, sexual abuse and assault, human trafficking or street violence in the
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1 furtherance of the City's and voters' shared goal of housing women in crisis as soon as
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