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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Relief for Small Businesses Impacted by the Islais Creek Bridge Replacement Project]
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3	Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to establish a Small Business
4	Relief Fund for merchants affected by the Islais Creek Bridge Replacement Project
5	along the Third Street corridor.
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7	WHEREAS, The Islais Creek Bridge on Third Street, a critical corridor for transit,
8	pedestrians, and commerce, is set to undergo full demolition and reconstruction beginning as
9	early as January 2027, with construction expected to last up to three years; and
10	WHEREAS, This bridge replacement will result in the full closure of Third Street
11	between Marin Street and Cargo Way, cutting off direct vehicle, pedestrian, and light-rail
12	access through this essential economic and transit corridor for an extended period; and
13	WHEREAS, The Islais Creek Bridge, originally built as a bascule drawbridge over 70
14	years ago, has not opened in over 15 years, is structurally deteriorating and seismically
15	vulnerable, and must be replaced to ensure public safety and long-term climate resilience;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, The project is part of the broader Islais Creek Adaptation Strategy, which
18	seeks to address sea level rise, seismic upgrades, and mobility improvements in a region that
19	has historically experienced underinvestment, industrial pollution, and disproportionate climate
20	risks; and
21	WHEREAS, Small businesses in Bayview-Hunters Point and adjacent neighborhoods
22	rely heavily on foot traffic, local transit access, and street visibility from Third Street to
23	maintain their customer base and revenue; and
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WHEREAS, The Third Street Bayview corridor in particular is home to many long standing small businesses that are essential to the cultural and economic fabric of the
 neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The anticipated disruption to Muni's T-Third line service, which will be
 replaced with shuttle buses during construction, along with detours and reduced access, will
 significantly harm the visibility, accessibility, and economic viability of businesses along the
 corridor, increasing the risk of layoffs, closures, and permanent displacement; and

- 8 WHEREAS, Merchants in the area have raised ongoing concerns about the lack of
 9 clear mitigation plans, community engagement, or support strategies from the City as they
 10 brace for the impact of construction; and
- WHEREAS, The economic and racial inequities faced by businesses in southeastern San Francisco are well-documented, and the City has a responsibility to proactively mitigate harm caused by its public infrastructure projects, especially in historically marginalized communities; and
- WHEREAS, The bridge replacement is a critical public safety and climate resilience
 project, but must be implemented with equitable safeguards to protect working-class
 neighborhoods from unintended economic displacement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Mayor, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the Controller's Office, and the SFMTA to establish a targeted Small Business Relief Fund for the Third Street corridor to mitigate the impacts of the Islais Creek Bridge Replacement Project; and, be it

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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That this relief program should include, but not be limited to,
2	direct financial assistance, rent support, fee waivers, marketing assistance, technical support,
3	and dedicated culturally competent outreach to impacted merchant corridors; and, be it
4	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to prioritize
5	funding for this relief in upcoming fiscal cycles, and to coordinate with all relevant City
6	departments to ensure implementation before construction begins; and, be it
7	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City shall commit to working with local merchants,
8	community stakeholders, and neighborhood associations along Third Street to identify needs
9	and track outcomes throughout the life of the project.
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(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee 3. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. 8. Reactivate File No. 9. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission □ Youth Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department □ Planning Commission General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): 🗆 No \Box Yes (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Supervisors Walton Subject: [Relief for Small Businesses Impacted by the Islais Creek Bridge Replacement Project Long Title or text listed: Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to establish a Small Business Relief Fund for

merchants affected by the Islais Creek Bridge Replacement Project along the Third Street corridor.