

1 [Supporting United States Senate Bill No. 1218 (Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez) - Green New
2 Deal for Public Housing Act]

3 **Resolution supporting United States Senate Bill No. 1218, introduced by United States**
4 **Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, to provide**
5 **economic empowerment opportunities in the United States through the modernization**
6 **of public housing.**

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8 WHEREAS, On March 21, 2024, Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative
9 Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez reintroduced the Green New Deal for Public Housing, United States
10 Senate Bill 1218, to take on the affordable housing crisis and the existential threat of climate
11 change; and

12 WHEREAS, Data for Progress research found that a 10-year mobilization of up to \$172
13 billion would retrofit over 1 million public housing units, create over 240,000 jobs per year, and
14 cut 5.6 million tons of annual carbon emissions; and

15 WHEREAS, It would reduce public housing water bills by up to 30% per year, or \$97
16 million, and reduce public energy bills by up to 70% per year, or \$613 million; and

17 WHEREAS, The legislation would amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 by
18 striking the Faircloth Amendment; and

19 WHEREAS, The Faircloth Amendment capped the number of public housing units
20 Public Housing Authorities can own and operate to the number they had on October 1, 1999;
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22 WHEREAS, On April 2, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed
23 Supervisor Preston’s resolution calling for the San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) to
24 fully leverage the “Faircloth-to-RAD” option provided by the US Department of Housing and
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1 Urban Development (“HUD”) to create up to 3,668 new deeply affordable rental units with a
2 permanent federal subsidy in San Francisco; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s 2022 Housing Element mandated 46,500 units of
4 affordable housing by 2031; and

5 WHEREAS, San Francisco fell short of its affordable housing production goal by 9,000
6 units in the last RHNA cycle; and

7 WHEREAS, This 10-year mobilization would improve the living conditions of nearly two
8 million residents by taking a climate-conscious approach to expand access to public housing;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports United States
11 Senate Bill 1218; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports United
13 States Senate Bill 1218 and urges its swift passage and implementation to address climate
14 change and invest in public housing in San Francisco and across the nation; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution to
16 United States Senator Padilla, Senator Butler, Senator Sanders, Representative Pelosi, and
17 Representative Ocasio-Cortez.

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