

1 [Urging Specific City-Wide Homelessness and Affordable Housing Priorities in the FYs 2019-
2 2020 and 2020-2021 Budgets]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor to prioritize increased funding for problem-solving and**
4 **prevention of homelessness, exits from homelessness and the shelter system, targeted**
5 **funding to house key vulnerable populations, and affordable housing preservation and**
6 **production in all districts in San Francisco in the two-year budgets for FYs 2019-2020**
7 **and 2020-2021.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Mayor of San Francisco will release the proposed two-year budget for
10 the City and County of San Francisco for FYs 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 on June 1, 2019;
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12 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has discretionary authority to amend and
13 supplement the Mayor’s proposed Budget through the legislative process; and

14 WHEREAS, The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s (HSH) 2017
15 Point in Time (PIT) count estimated that there are approximately 7,500 people experiencing
16 homelessness on any given day in San Francisco, and there are an estimated 8,000 newly
17 homeless people each year in the City; and

18 WHEREAS, The Budget and Legislative Analyst identified affordable housing and
19 homelessness to be a key budget priority for the Board of Supervisors, as reflected in their
20 presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee on March 13, 2019, and which is on file
21 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190265, which is declared to be a part of
22 this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

23 WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee held a “Budget Priority Hearing” on
24 April 17, 2019, on Affordable Housing and Homelessness featuring presentations by the
25 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Mayor’s Office of Housing and

1 Community Services, Budget Legislative Analyst, and key community stakeholders, to assess
2 current funding levels, determine funding gaps and opportunities, and understand the
3 populations served in our City’s homelessness and affordable housing programs, which is on
4 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190368, and which is hereby
5 declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing,
7 an estimated 150 people newly experience homelessness per week in San Francisco, while
8 an approximate 50 persons exit homelessness per week; and

9 WHEREAS, The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing has goals to
10 reduce adult chronic homelessness by 50%, end family homelessness, reduce youth
11 homelessness by 50% and improve the City’s responsiveness to street homelessness within
12 five years; and

13 WHEREAS, “Problem Solving” as a strategy within the Department of Homelessness
14 and Supportive Housing redirects people who can resolve their homelessness through
15 eviction prevention, legal services, relocation programs, family reunification, mediation, move-
16 in assistance and flexible grants; and

17 WHEREAS, The City’s homelessness prevention strategies must be multi-pronged to
18 address the variety of reasons individuals enter homelessness, including job loss, mental
19 health, physical health, eviction, divorce and domestic violence; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing currently has
21 the capacity to offer approximately 2,500 people exits out of homelessness annually, and
22 plans to expand 700 new units to the stock of housing exits by 2021; and

23 WHEREAS, Even with these options, the demand for shelters, housing exits,
24 rental subsidies and other associated services far exceeds our current levels of funding
25 and programs; and

1 WHEREAS, The growing wealth gap in San Francisco needs to be studied with
2 regards to its impact on the growing numbers of homeless individuals in the city, and
3 policymakers should be considering the root causes of homelessness;

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development has
5 programs that include production of affordable housing, preservation of affordable housing,
6 and homeownership programs; and

7 WHEREAS, There are currently 691 developments with 26,375 units of affordable
8 rental and ownership housing in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Housing has produced and preserved 7,832
10 affordable homes between 2014-2018; and

11 WHEREAS, 25% of new units built in the last ten years have been affordable to very
12 low, low and moderate income people, and only 23 units out of a total 33,216 units have been
13 designated for middle income people; and

14 WHEREAS, The Planning Department submitted on April 1, 2019, for the Board’s
15 receipt and approval, the bi-annual Housing Balance Report covering the ten year calendar
16 period from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2018, as required by Planning Code,
17 Section 103, which was heard at Land Use and Transportation Committee on April 2nd, and
18 which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190364, which is
19 declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the bi-annual Housing Balance Report No. 8, only 22% of
21 new net units in the pipeline are projected to be affordable; and

22 WHEREAS, Also according to the Housing Balance Report No. 8, for every two
23 units of affordable housing built, the City has lost one unit to Ellis Act eviction, owner
24 move-in eviction, demolition or condo conversion; and

25 WHEREAS, There exists a need for not only preservation of affordable housing but

1 also the need to increase the capacity to acquire and manage such housing; and

2 WHEREAS, The revenue from developer fees is declining, and the City's reliance on
3 developer fees as a revenue source must be supplemented by other financing options for
4 affordable housing production and preservation; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor London Breed and Board President Norman Yee are proposing a
6 \$500,000,000 housing bond for the November 2019 ballot to begin addressing this affordable
7 housing financing gap; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors herein urges the Mayor to prioritize funding
9 for programs focused on the prevention of homelessness, such as problem solving and one-
10 time grants and eviction prevention, as well as speedy exits from homelessness in the FYs
11 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budgets; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to prioritize
13 funding for permanent housing solutions in the FYs 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budgets; and,
14 be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to prioritize
16 funding for specialized strategies for vulnerable populations that are unhoused or at risk of
17 homelessness, including seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, transitional aged youth,
18 transgender people, and individuals with mental health and substance use needs; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to prioritize
20 funding for both the production and preservation of affordable housing, including capacity-
21 building for small site acquisition, with geographic balance in districts across the City.

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