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# MEMORANDUM

Date:       June 2, 2020

To:         Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health

From:       Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Subject:    Urging Implementation of Additional Health Provisions to Address Social and Health Inequities Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic (File No. 200432)

On May 5, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 207-20, sponsored by Supervisor Shamann Walton (File No. 200432, Urging Implementation of Additional Health Provisions to Address Social and Health Inequities Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic); enacted on May 15, 2020.

Attached please find a copy of the Resolution for your Department's information and consideration, which is being sent as directed by the Resolution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.


c:      Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Shamann Walton,
        Dean Preston, Matt Haney, Sandra Lee Fewer, Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin,
        Hillary Ronen, Ahsha Safai
        Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health
        Dr. Naveena Bobba, Department of Public Health
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1   [Urging Implementation of Additional Health Provisions to Address Social and Health
    Inequities Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic]

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3   **Resolution urging the Department of Public Health to implement additional health**

4   **provisions to address social and health inequities exacerbated due to the COVID-19**

5   **pandemic.**

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7           WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the San Francisco Health Officer issued a Declaration

8   of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which

9   was preceded by a March 4, 2020, proclamation of State of Emergency issued by Governor

10  Gavin Newsom, and a February 25, 2020, proclamation by Mayor Local existence of a local

11  emergency; and

12          WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is currently experiencing an

13  outbreak of COVID-19, which has been deemed a global pandemic by the World Health

14  Organization; and

15          WHEREAS, As of Tuesday, April 28, 2020, the San Francisco Department of Public

16  Health has reported 1,468 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in San Francisco, and 23 deaths;

17  and

18          WHEREAS, Among the 1,468 cases, the majority of the cases are spread across

19  Districts 6, 9, 10, and 11, with 182 in 94110, 162 in 94112, 116 in 94103, 113 in 94124, and

20  95 in 94107; and

21          WHEREAS, Based on data from the Department of Public Health, the top five zip

22  codes with the highest cases per 10,000 residents are in 94103, 94107, 94127, 94110, and

23  94158 spread across Districts 6, 9 and 10; and

24          WHEREAS, A long history of health disparities and social inequities exist within the top

25  zip codes with the highest COVID-19 confirmed cases in Districts 6, 9, and 10; and

1    WHEREAS, The race and ethnicity breakdown of the cases are 31% Latinx, 17%

2    White, 14% Asian, 5% African American, 7% other and 24% unknown; and

3    WHERAS, Among the 23 COVID-19 related deaths, 75% of people of color, 12 are

4    Asian, 5 are White, 3 are African American, 2 are Latinx, and 1 other; and

5    WHEREAS, Neighborhoods with the highest concentration of people of color often lack

6    access to healthy food options such as grocery stores, preventative healthcare, adequate

7    housing, and are often disproportionately affected by hazardous environmental factors; and

8    WHEREAS, These neighborhoods that are predominantly in Districts 6, 9, and 10,

9    have the highest percentage of poverty, predisposed health conditions, and lower life

10   expectancy compared to the rest of San Francisco and are more vulnerable in contracting

11   COVID-19; and

12   WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Homeless Point in Time Count conducted

13   on January 24, 2019, the same districts, 6, 9, 10 also has the highest concentration of

14   residents experiencing homelessness with 3,659 in District 6, 1,820 in District 10, and 661 in

15   District 9 respectively; and

16   WHEREAS Majority of San Francisco's congregate settings for unhoused residents

17   including shelters, navigation centers, and single room occupancy hotels are concentrated in

18   Districts 3, 6, and 9; and

19   WHEREAS, The high rates of COVID-19 affecting communities of color are located in

20   the zip codes with the most health and social inequities are reflective of the external historical

21   factors that have impacted the neighborhood's health and these impacts have been further

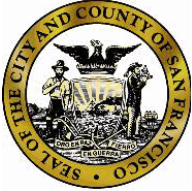22   exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis; and

23   WHEREAS, COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting people of color with rates and

24   people of color are more likely to die a COVID-19 related death in San Francisco; now,

25   therefore, be it

1        RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Department of

2   Public Health to adopt the following health provisions to address the health and social

3   inequities further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic:

4        1) Implement pop up testing sites throughout zip codes with the highest rates of

5            COVID-19 case and these sites should also test asymptomatic residents to prevent

6            the spread and avoid an increase of cases and deaths; and

7        2) Implement additional field care clinics in areas with the highest number of COVID-

8            19 cases in order to provide necessary medical treatment and urgent care support,

9            and

10       3) Deploy proper personal protective equipment for all employees and members of

11           communities in area more vulnerable and susceptible to contracting COVID-19, and

12       4) Increase resources for outreach and education in areas that need a more

13           concentrated and culturally competent strategies to inform people about the latest

14           heath orders and imperative updates to increase compliance, and

15       5) Immediately work with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

16           and the Healthy Streets Operation Center Homeless Outreach to provide testing to

17           the homeless population including asymptomatic people n congregate settings such

18           as single room occupancy hotels, shelters, navigations centers and encampments,

19           and

20       6) Immediately work with Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the

21           Healthy Streets Operation Center Homeless Outreach, Human Services Agency,

22           and the Emergency Operations Center to place homeless people who are capable

23           of caring for themselves in hotels to prevent further transmission in an already

24           vulnerable population living on the streets; and, be it

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1    FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public

2    Health to implement these health provisions immediately in order to prevent the spread of

3    COVID-19 and address the health and social inequities in our communities.

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**Resolution**

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**File Number:** 200432 **Date Passed:** May 05, 2020

Resolution urging the Department of Public Health to implement additional health provisions to address social and health inequities exacerbated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 05, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200432

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/5/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

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**Angela Calvillo**
**Clerk of the Board**

_____Unsigned_____
**London N. Breed**
**Mayor**

_____05/15/2020_____
**Date Approved**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/15/2020

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Date