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[Supporting National and State Housing Efforts.]

Resolution supporting national and state housing efforts identified at the San Francisco Summit on Homelessness, and urging swift action.

WHEREAS, The housing crisis is a national, statewide and local condition and all levels of government have a responsibility to participate in the construction of permanent affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS, Federal and State spending levels for permanent affordable housing have been cut drastically in the past two decades, corresponding to the rise in homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, There is an extreme shortage of rental housing in California, particularly for lower income renters. 1/2 of all low-income renters, and 3/4 of all very low-income renters spend more than 50% of their income for housing; and,

WHEREAS, In California, nearly 500,000 households languish on Section 8 waiting lists. Most wait more than three years for their name to come up. In San Francisco, over 30,000 people on such lists; and,

WHEREAS, Over 360,000 Californians are homeless, according to the Department of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, Over 70,000 federally funded affordable low-income rental units in California are at risk of conversion to market rate units; and,

WHEREAS, The National Affordable Housing Trust Fund legislation (HR2340; S1248) will come for a vote before the US Congress this Spring; which can provide 1.5 million new units of truly affordable housing in the coming decade; and,

WHEREAS, In California, Senate Bill 1227 will set forth to voters an opportunity to create 2.1 billion dollars for the construction of affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS, Participants at the San Francisco Summit on Homelessness expressed their strong support for these measures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board Of Supervisors urges Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to use her power as Democratic Whip in the House of Representatives to secure the swift passage of the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board Of Supervisors urges Senators Feinstein and Boxer to take leadership on this legislation of which they are already cosponsors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Senate Bill 1227; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That it will be the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to utilize any such funds in a way that quickly expands the resource of affordable housing for those feeling the brunt of the housing shortage.



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	File No. 02045	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 25, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.