

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - San Francisco Interfaith Council - San Francisco Navigation  
2 Center - \$2,925,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Mayor's Office of Housing Opportunity,**  
4 **Partnerships and Engagement to accept and expend a grant in the amount of**  
5 **\$2,925,000 from the San Francisco Interfaith Council for the purpose of renovating and**  
6 **opening the San Francisco Navigation Center and assisting with supportive housing**  
7 **exits for a one-year term for the period of January 26, 2015, through January 31, 2016.**

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9 WHEREAS, The 2013 Homeless Count identified 6,436 individuals who are homeless  
10 in the City and County of San Francisco, including 3,400 individuals living on the street; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC) has worked in partnership  
12 with San Francisco City Government since the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake to provide  
13 emergency shelter services, especially in the Winter months; for homeless persons; and

14 WHEREAS, SFIC received a donation in December, 2014 of \$2,925,000 for the  
15 purpose of supporting new, innovative efforts by the City and County of San Francisco to  
16 assist individuals who have lived on our streets or in encampments for long periods of time;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Many of these individuals have lived on our streets or in isolated  
19 encampments for years because existing emergency shelters do not (1) have the capacity to  
20 accommodate possessions, (2) allow couples to stay together or (3) allow pets, that are not  
21 registered service animals, to be close to their owners; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Emergency Shelters are generally 97% occupied, limiting  
23 capacity for exits for those individuals who have become stuck living on our streets or in  
24 encampments; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mayor Edwin M. Lee, in conjunction with his Office of HOPE and other City  
2 Departments developed a new concept, called the SF Navigation Center, to help individuals,  
3 couples and encampments exit chronic street homelessness by removing barriers that often  
4 prevent individuals from accessing temporary housing: providing accessible storage, allowing  
5 couples to remain together, pets to stay with their owners and embracing a low-threshold  
6 approach emphasizing respect and flexibility, with no metal detectors, curfews or limitations  
7 when guests have meals, showers or do laundry; and

8           WHEREAS, On January 26, 2015, SFIC signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the  
9 Mayor's Office of HOPE specifying the purposes for this donation to immediately renovate and  
10 open a facility for the SF Navigation Center and to support the City's efforts to secure  
11 additional permanent housing for guests of the Center; and

12           WHEREAS, The goals of SFIC and the Mayor's Office of HOPE were to quickly identify  
13 and renovate a location for the Navigation Center so that the donor, or other donors, might  
14 provide additional resources to support this effort; and

15           WHEREAS, With the support of the City's Real Estate Department (RED) and the  
16 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), the 1950 Mission Street  
17 site was identified as a potential location for the SF Navigation Center with its large open  
18 space, fenced area and twelve mobile classrooms/bungalows offering safe and secure areas  
19 for sleeping, community gathering and meal space, showers, laundry and bathrooms and  
20 program and on-site case management and City services space for up to 75 formerly  
21 homeless guests and their pets at any time; and

22           WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of HOPE quickly embarked upon a robust community  
23 outreach effort with the support and involvement of the District Supervisor, the Honorable  
24 David Campos, to garner community input and support; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works was tasked with leading the immediate  
2 renovation of this site and its facilities through its Bureau of Building Repair (BBR); and

3           WHEREAS, In response to the urgency of unprecedented numbers of citizens living  
4 unsafely on streets and under freeways and the shared pledge by HOPE and SFIC to meet  
5 the donor's wishes that the Navigation Center be opened quickly, the Department of Public  
6 Works issued an Emergency Order on January 16, 2015 to expedite their authority to  
7 complete renovations required at 1950 Mission Street, since the building had been unused for  
8 almost a decade and required upgrades, including accessibility compliance; and

9           WHEREAS, All branches and agencies of San Francisco City government, including  
10 the Mayor's Office, Board of Supervisors, City Administrator, Public Works, Human Services  
11 Agency, Public Health Department, City Controller, City Planning, Building Inspection  
12 Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Animal Care and Control, Adult Probation  
13 Department, Public Defender and Recreation and Parks Department, among others, worked  
14 together in an incredibly dedicated and expeditious manner to establish the site, program  
15 design and public support needed for success; and

16           WHEREAS, The SF Navigation Center opened to guests on Monday, March 30, 2015  
17 and has had over 125 guests in its first three months; and

18           WHEREAS, The 2015-2016 City Budget that has been approved by the Board of  
19 Supervisor's Budget and Finance Committee contains funding for five new master-leases for  
20 Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels that will provide over 500 housing placements, many  
21 of which serving guests of the SF Navigation Center; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby retroactively authorizes Bevan  
23 Dufty, Director of the Mayor's Office of HOPE, or his designee, on behalf of the City and  
24 County of San Francisco, to accept and expend the grant award of \$2,925,000 from the San  
25 Francisco Interfaith Council for the purpose of the creation and renovation of the SF

1 Navigation Center and related program services, as provided in the Public Works Emergency  
2 Declaration and SFIC Memorandum of Agreement; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors accepts the renovations of  
4 1950 Mission Street, valued at \$579,151.24, as funded by the SFIC grant, as a gift to the City  
5 and County of San Francisco.

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7 Recommended:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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10 Department Head

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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