

1 [Concurring in Actions to Meet Local Emergency - Coronavirus Response - Forty-Fifth
2 Supplement]

3 **Motion concurring in actions taken by the Mayor in the Forty-Fifth Supplement to the**
4 **Proclamation of Emergency to meet the ongoing local emergency related to the novel**
5 **coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic by requiring City decision making boards and**
6 **commissions created in the Charter to hold in-person meetings starting on March 7,**
7 **2022, and creating rules for such meetings, and requiring other City boards,**
8 **commissions, and advisory bodies to continue to meet remotely; and authorizing the**
9 **Human Services Agency to extend certain emergency contracts for the City’s use of**
10 **hotel rooms.**

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12 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed declared a local
13 emergency to exist in connection with the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19; and

14 WHEREAS, The Mayor transmitted a copy of that Proclamation Declaring the
15 Existence of a Local Emergency to the Board of Supervisors (the “Proclamation”), and on
16 March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the Proclamation and in the actions
17 taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; the Proclamation and the Board’s concurring
18 motion are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 200228; and

19 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the Health Officer declared a local health emergency
20 under Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, and the Board of Supervisors
21 concurred in that declaration on March 10, 2020; and

22 WHEREAS, During the local emergency, as authorized by State and local law, City
23 boards, commissions, and advisory bodies have met remotely with very limited exceptions,
24 and members of the public have observed and participated in meetings by phone or through
25 online platforms; on December 17, 2021, the Mayor issued the Forty-First Supplement to the

1 Proclamation, authorizing certain exceptions to the remote meeting requirement in anticipation
2 of a return to in-person meetings by February 28, 2022; the City later experienced a drastic
3 increase in COVID-19 cases due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant; given the
4 current public health indicators, the City anticipates that it will be able to safely hold in-person
5 meetings of some City policy bodies beginning on March 7, 2022, which is also the current
6 date for City employees to return to in-person work; it is in the public interest to require City
7 boards and commissions created in the Charter that are not advisory bodies to begin to hold
8 in-person meetings and allow members of the public to attend starting on March 7, 2022; it is
9 also in the public interest to allow members of such bodies who are particularly vulnerable to
10 COVID-19 to continue to appear remotely if necessary; and

11 WHEREAS, In the Thirty-Fifth Supplement to the Proclamation dated February 21,
12 2021, the Mayor authorized the extension of certain emergency contracts related to the City's
13 response to the pandemic for an additional twelve months; the City previously contracted with
14 a number of hotels to house individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals at
15 heightened risk of contracting severe COVID-19; the term of these agreements authorized
16 under the Thirty-Fifth Supplement is nearly expired, and due to the need for additional time to
17 wind down the program and locate suitable placements for the individuals staying in these
18 locations, it is in the public interest to authorize the extension of such hotel agreements for an
19 additional limited period; and

20 WHEREAS, On February 10, 2022, the Mayor took additional steps to meet the
21 emergency by issuing the Forty-Fifth Supplement to the Proclamation, ordering two actions to
22 meet the emergency; the Forty-Fifth Supplement is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
23 Supervisors in Board File No. 220163; and

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1 WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 8550 et seq. and Charter, Section 3.100
2 provide for the concurrence by members of the Board of Supervisors in such emergency
3 declaration and in action taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; now, therefore, be it

4 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors concurs with the following actions taken by the
5 Mayor to meet the local emergency included in the Mayor's Forty-Fifth Supplement to the
6 Proclamation, dated February 10, 2022, as such actions are described in full in the Forty-Fifth
7 Supplement and summarized as follows:

8 Action 1: Revising and replacing Section 1 of the Forty-First Supplement to
9 the Emergency Proclamation to make the following changes for public meetings of City policy
10 bodies other than the Board of Supervisors. Decision making boards and commissions
11 created in the Charter ("Charter Commissions") must begin holding in-person meetings on
12 March 7, 2022. Charter Commissions must allow the public to observe and provide public
13 comment at such meetings and must also provide the public the opportunity to observe and
14 provide public comment remotely. Commissioners with a COVID-related reason, including
15 being a member of a population at heightened risk of severe illness from COVID-19 or being
16 required to quarantine due to COVID illness or exposure, can appear remotely at in-person
17 meetings of Charter Commissions. All other City boards, commissions, and policy bodies
18 must continue to meet remotely subject to limited exceptions as authorized by the Mayor;

19 Action 2: Amending Section 1 of the Thirty-Fifth Supplement to the
20 Emergency Proclamation to authorize the Executive Director of the Human Services Agency
21 to amend existing agreements for the use of hotel rooms to house individuals experiencing
22 homelessness or individuals at heightened risk of developing severe COVID-19, to extend the
23 term of such agreements up to August 31, 2022, and requiring that any further extension to be
24 approved by the Board of Supervisors.

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