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URGING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO COORDINATE WITH CENSUS 2000 TO PERFORM A CENSUS OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION AND TO ESTABLISH AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO

CONDUCT A HOMELESS CENSUS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to providing services to all of its citizens, including its most vulnerable population - those who suffer from poverty and homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, Over the course of a one year period, 1998, City officials estimated the number of homeless persons within a range of between as few as 4,000 to as many as 16,000; and,

WHEREAS, A homeless census will enable us to accomplish many goals, including:

- 1. Determining the demographics of the City's homeless population, by age, sex, ethnicity, and sexual orientation,
- 2. Determining how many homeless persons are Veterans, and thus eligible for federal benefits,
- 3. Categorizing people according to various needs such as health, mental health, and substance and alcohol abuse,
- 4. Discovering how long homeless persons have been in San Francisco and where they came from,
- 5. Mapping out what populations are in each neighborhood and what facilities accommodate their needs,
- 6. Monitoring yearly changes in the homeless population, allowing us to shift budget priorities accordingly,
- 7. Monitoring for results from year to year; now, therefore, be it

SUPERVISORS

GAVIN NEWSOM, BIERMAN, KATZ

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Mayor's Office of Homelessness and the Department of Human Services to coordinate with census 2000 to perform a census of the homeless population and to establish an infrastructure to conduct a homeless census on an annual basis; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby request that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor's Office of Homelessness and the Department of Human Services.



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February 7, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Newsom

Absent: 5 - Becerril, Kaufman, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 7, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young/ Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: February 18, 2000

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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