

1 [Extending the SRO Task Force]

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3 **Resolution amending the single room occupancy (SRO) task force to extend it three**  
4 **years beyond the current sunset date of December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2012 and**  
5 **increasing its membership by one member to fourteen to include an additional tenant**  
6 **representative: Nine members appointed by the Board of Super; four appointed by**  
7 **designated department heads; and one chair appointed by the Director of Health. \**

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9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the Single Room Occupancy Health,  
10 Stabilization and Safety Task Force in August 1999 in response to a rash of fires that resulted  
11 in over 900 low income, single room occupancy (SRO) units that were eliminated from the  
12 housing market due to fire since 1988; and

13 WHEREAS, the Task Force was successful in fulfilling its original mission, expanding  
14 its goals in 2003 to include families living in SRO's, and other quality of life issues faced by  
15 residents of SRO hotels; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Board of Supervisors reconfigured the task force renaming it  
17 the SRO Task Force, reducing the membership from thirty-two to thirteen representatives and  
18 extending its term for three years with a sunset date of December 31, 2009 ; and

19 WHEREAS, The SRO Task Force has been in existence for ten years and has been  
20 successful in improving and coordinating SRO legislation and outreach incorporating new  
21 challenges as they emerge reflecting current trends in SRO policy; and

22 WHEREAS, the restructured thirteen member Task Force has been a more effective  
23 body responsive to the needs of San Franciscan's and incorporating the direction of City  
24 policy makers than the original larger task force that often could not achieve a quorum; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Task Force believes that the voice of those living in SRO's should be  
2 stronger because tenants have first hand knowledge of the challenges of living in an SRO  
3 hotel; and

4           WHEREAS, the Task Force recommends increasing the membership by one tenant  
5 representative to bring the total number of tenants on the Task Force to two; and

6           WHEREAS, there is still a lot of work that needs to be accomplished to improve the  
7 quality of life for residents living in SRO hotels: the Task Force provides an excellent vehicle  
8 for cross dialogue and discussion between city departments, SRO owners and managers and  
9 tenants; and

10           WHEREAS, the Task Force believes that it plays an important role in facilitating this  
11 dialogue and has been effective in problem solving; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors amends the SRO Task Force legislation  
13 extend its sunset to December 31, 2012 and to expand the seats from thirteen to fourteen  
14 voting members plus a nonvoting Chair (except in the event of a tie vote); and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors will appoint nine members of the  
16 Task Force: two SRO tenant; two private SRO owners/operators, one non-profit SRO  
17 operator/owner, and one representative from each of the four SRO Collaboratives; and be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the relevant City Departments will appoint four members  
19 of the Task Force: Director of the Human Services Agency will appoint one representative,  
20 the Director of Department of Building Inspections one representative, the City Attorney one  
21 representative from the Code Enforcement Task Force, and the Director of the Department of  
22 Public Health one representative from Housing and Urban Health and one from Environmental  
23 Health; and be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of the Department of Public Health will appoint a  
25 non-voting (except in the case of a tie vote) Chair; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRO Task Force shall monitor and make policy  
2 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and annually report its progress; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRO Task Force will adopt and assist in the  
4 implementation of the following two goals:

5 A. Goal 1: San Francisco SRO Hotels are safe, accessible, stable, and 'just' places to  
6 live in.

7 1. Identify and provide training, consultation and direct services furthering  
8 this goal.

9 2. Develop and advocate legislation, regulations, policies and/or procedures  
10 furthering this goal.

11 3. Monitor compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies and/or  
12 procedures.

13 B. Goal 2: Affordable, healthy, and appropriate housing options are available in San  
14 Francisco so that extremely low-income families do not have to raise their children  
15 in SRO Hotels.

16 1. Advocate strategies to move families out of SROs and into permanent  
17 housing.

18 2. Advocate goals for assuring San Francisco housing and supportive  
19 housing units are affordable to 0-25% medium income families will be  
20 advocated for.

21 3. Advocate strategies to prevent families from losing their housing.

22 4. Review San Francisco Planning Code, Administrative Code, and other  
23 pertinent City Ordinances and recommend amendments necessary to  
24 implement Goal 2.

25 FURTHER RESOLVED, That after three years, the Task Force will sunset.

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