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Alliance for a Better District 6
San Francisco, California

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
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Re: Letter of Support for File No. 251254 – Ordinance Amending the Administrative Code (Mechanical Street Sweeping Performance Evaluations and Reporting) and the Health Code (Refuse Receptacles and Administrative Fines)

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Alliance for a Better District 6 writes in strong support of File No. 251254, the ordinance that requires the Department of Public Works to conduct periodic evaluations and submit written performance reports on mechanical street sweeping operations, while also updating outdated Health Code provisions on refuse receptacles and authorizing administrative fines.

This legislation is a critical step forward because the City must evaluate its performance in many ongoing tasks—particularly in the areas of Administrative and Health Codes concerning Mechanical Street Sweeping Performance and Refuse Receptacles. Public Works currently provides mechanical street sweeping services to approximately 90 percent of San Francisco’s streets, removing litter from residential neighborhoods and shopping corridors throughout Districts 3, 5, & 6. Yet, as the Budget and Legislative Analyst’s Office Performance Audit of October 29, 2025, clearly documented, the absence of comprehensive, regular evaluations has allowed outdated service patterns to persist, creating inefficiencies in cleanliness, cost, route scheduling, frequency, and labor allocation.

By mandating that the Public Works Director (or designee) submit a written report to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor at least every ten years—with the first report due no later than January 31, 2027—along with findings and actionable

recommendations for improvement, and by providing the Controller's City Services Auditor an opportunity to review and comment, this ordinance directly implements key recommendations from the 2025 audit. It brings long-overdue accountability and data-driven decision-making to an essential public service that directly affects the quality of life in Districts 3,5, & 6.

The ordinance also modernizes the Health Code by clarifying requirements for the storage and placement of refuse receptacles and establishing a fair, efficient process for imposing administrative fines on violations. These updates will reduce confusion, improve compliance, and strengthen enforcement without unnecessary burden on residents or businesses.

The Alliance for a Better District 6 membership believes that requiring regular performance evaluations and clearer, enforceable standards should become standard practice across City departments. We urge the Board of Supervisors to pass File No. 251254 promptly so that San Francisco can deliver cleaner, more efficiently managed streets and more effective refuse management for all our neighborhoods. Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important measure.

Sincerely,
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