

1 [Urging City Departments to investigate the viability of Jim Reid’s Shelter-One house for use
2 as a model homeless shelter]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office of Homelessness, the Department of Building**
4 **Inspection, and the Planning Department to investigate the viability of using Jim Reid’s**
5 **Shelter-One (the smallest house in San Francisco) as a potential homeless shelter in a**
6 **test pilot project.**
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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco is currently looking for innovative solutions to housing the
9 homeless; and

10 WHEREAS, A study conducted by SPUR (San Francisco Planning and Research
11 Association) concluded that San Francisco spends hundreds of millions of dollars on
12 homeless programs that concentrate on the symptoms of homelessness rather than the
13 problem – housing; and

14 WHEREAS, Jim Reid’s Shelter-One is a housing solution; and

15 WHEREAS, Shelter-One is designed to house a single individual in 100 square feet of
16 space (less than the size of a parking space) that includes a ceramic tiled bathroom, toilet,
17 wall sink and bathtub/shower; a small kitchen with sink, refrigerator and microwave; a single
18 bunk bed raised 5 feet above the floor with a desk/office below and a chair; space for a TV or
19 computer; additional storage space, a washer/dryer; and

20 WHEREAS Jim Reid’s Shelter-One housed 10 homeless people successfully over the
21 course of a year, 7 of whom were able to move on to better placements, jobs or permanent
22 housing simply by virtue of having a stable home and an address; and
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1 WHEREAS, Shelter-One was embraced by the community, supported by neighbors
2 and was able to successfully house homeless people in a residential neighborhood for over a
3 year at the address of 116 Franconia Street; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Reid was evicted from his home because Shelter-One was sited on
5 said property and was deemed non-compliant with city codes and zoning regulations; and

6 WHEREAS, Shelter-One houses are small, handsome, easily moved, stackable,
7 fireproof, earthquake safe, sound proof, capable of being prefabricated and can be affixed
8 with wheels and attached to the back of a truck for purposes of transport; and

9 WHEREAS, During the 1906 earthquake over 10,000 homeless people were housed
10 in similar units to Shelter-One, allowing them to successfully recover from personal loss and
11 injury; and

12 WHEREAS, Such shelters if proven successful could be used to prevent
13 homelessness by providing an immediate safety net in the form of a ready stock of pre-fab
14 housing for those who face imminent homelessness and need an urgent remedy before they
15 end up on the street; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor's Office of
17 Homelessness to visit Shelter-One and explore the possibility of creating a pilot program that
18 could verify Jim Reid's success; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Building Inspections and the Planning
20 Department should visit Shelter-One and report to the Board on any amendments to the code
21 that would be necessary so that Shelter-One could be sited as part of a pilot program.

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