

1 [Urging State of California to Restore Proposed Cuts to Affordable Housing Programs]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom to reinstate, and state legislators to reject,**
4 **a proposed \$1,200,000,000 in cuts to affordable housing programs and to fulfill Fair**
5 **Housing mandates for California residents.**

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7 WHEREAS, The greatest impediment to developing affordable housing is lack of
8 funding; and

9 WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom delivered his statewide budget to the legislature
10 on January 10, 2024, seeking to balance the budget with significant cuts proposed for
11 affordable housing programs, totaling more than \$1,200,000,000; and greatest impediment to
12 developing affordable housing is lack of funding; and

13 WHEREAS, The impacts of Governor Newsom’s proposed cuts include eliminating
14 approximately 6,400 affordable homes for Californians, resulting in tens of thousands without
15 homes, lost jobs and economic opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, This cut would jeopardize \$1,600,000,000 in leveraged federal housing
17 resources; and

18 WHEREAS, These proposed cuts have brought together a broad multi-sector coalition
19 of over 70 affordable housing, homelessness, and housing justice advocates to urge state
20 leaders to restore this funding; and

21 WHEREAS, These proposed cuts are at odds with the state's legal responsibility under
22 AB686 to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing, due to the disparate impacts on protected
23 classes and historically marginalized communities, including American Indian, Black, and
24 other Communities of color, immigrant, LGBTQ+, low-income and no-income folks, seniors,
25 and people with disabilities; and

1 WHEREAS, These groups already face the worst impacts of the ongoing housing
2 affordability and homelessness crisis in San Francisco and across the state; and

3 WHEREAS, Housing security is foundational to the health of individuals and
4 communities so that critical investments for working-class and vulnerable groups will prevent
5 much costlier interventions in the future; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco produces more affordable housing per capita than any
7 other jurisdiction in California, but still fell short by more than 9,000 affordable units in the last
8 RHNA cycle; and

9 WHEREAS, The housing production mandate in San Francisco tripled to 46,598 units
10 of affordable housing in the current eight-year cycle from 2023-2031 under Senate Bill 828;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A May 19, 2022 hearing at the Government Audit and Oversight
13 Committee on funding shortfalls of San Francisco to reach its affordable housing goals
14 revealed that the city would need to find \$19 billion over the eight-year period; and

15 WHEREAS, The California Department of Housing and Community Development has
16 warned the city that its non-compliance with its Housing Element may result in punitive action;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The increased production necessary to reach the mandated goals in this
19 RHNA cycle would be severely hampered by the decrease in funding as proposed by
20 Governor Newsom; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the state legislature to reject these
22 deep cuts during the budget process and to restore the investments to critical affordable
23 housing programs; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Governor Gavin Newsom
25 to work with the State Legislature to restore those funding commitments to affordable housing

1 in the State Budget, preventing harms that would be inflicted on protected classes and
2 historically marginalized communities across the State and particularly in San Francisco, and
3 abide by its legal responsibilities to affirmatively further fair housing.

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