

1 [Calling for Full-Service Grocery Store in the Tenderloin]

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3 **Resolution calling for a full-service grocery store in the Tenderloin and urging the**
4 **Human Services Agency, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and**
5 **Planning Department to provide report on all efforts to bring a full service grocery store**
6 **to the Tenderloin, all potential sites for a grocery store in the Tenderloin, and any**
7 **current efforts or plans for a grocery store to the Tenderloin.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin has lacked a full-service grocery store for decades; and

10 WHEREAS, The vast majority of individuals living in the Tenderloin do not have access
11 to a car, making it harder for them to have a variety of shopping choices; and

12 WHEREAS, Several grocery stores outside the Tenderloin are accessible by public
13 transit for Tenderloin residents, but navigating public transit with groceries can be difficult,
14 inconvenient, and for some impossible, with particular challenges for seniors and persons with
15 disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Healthy Retail SF was created through grassroots activism by the South
17 East Food Access in the Bayview and The Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition, and led
18 by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) in conjunction with the
19 Department of Public Health, to provide healthy and affordable food access to food, and has
20 successfully partnered with eight stores in the Tenderloin to date, but is not a replacement for
21 a full-scale grocery store; and

22 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin community also relies on the Heart of the City Farmers'
23 Market for certain types of fresh produce, but the Heart of the City Farmers' Market is only
24 open for limited hours for two days a week; and

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1 WHEREAS, In developing any plans for a full-scale grocery store in the Tenderloin, it is
2 essential to consult with vulnerable communities, including communities of color, people with
3 disabilities, and seniors, all of whom are disproportionately impacted by food insecurity; and

4 WHEREAS, It is important to consult with owners of corner stores and Healthy Retail
5 SF stores in developing any plans for a full-scale grocery store in the Tenderloin so that any
6 grocery store complements and does not harm local small businesses; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013, The Tenderloin Hunger Task Force released a report entitled
8 “Food Security and Services in San Francisco’s Tenderloin” noting as a barrier to food
9 security that “The neighborhood does not have a full grocery store;” and

10 WHEREAS, In 2017, the Tenderloin People’s Congress engaged over 1,200
11 community members in a conversation envisioning the neighborhood’s future, which resulted
12 in the Vision 2020 Plan, published in 2021, that included the need for a large, full-scale
13 grocery store; and

14 WHEREAS, In October 2023, Tenderloin residents and food justice leaders formed the
15 Tenderloin Food Policy Council, and through a community process elevated the need for a
16 large full-scale grocery store in the neighborhood; and

17 WHEREAS, Food insecurity has increased with budget cuts to the SF-Marin Food
18 Bank, elimination of CalFresh supplemental payments, and rising food costs; and

19 WHEREAS, Multiple attempts over many decades to attract a private, for-profit grocery
20 store in the Tenderloin have been unsuccessful; and

21 WHEREAS, There are many models of grocery stores in addition to major grocery
22 chains, including co-ops, family-owned grocery stores, and municipally-owned grocery stores;
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24 WHEREAS, Chicago recently announced that it is considering opening a municipally-
25 owned grocery store which would make it the first large U.S. city to do so, while smaller cities

1 like St. Paul, KS and Baldwin, FL have opened successful municipally-owned grocery stores;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors considers attracting a full-service grocery
4 store to the Tenderloin to be an urgent priority, as articulated in neighborhood planning efforts
5 for over a decade; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges City departments,
7 including the San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA), Office of Economic and
8 Workforce Development (OEWD), and Planning Department, to work collaboratively with all
9 stakeholders to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco
11 Human Services Agency (HSA), Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD),
12 and Planning Department to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days
13 describing: (a) all efforts in the past five years to bring a full service grocery store to the
14 Tenderloin, (b) all potential sites for a grocery store in the Tenderloin, and (c) any current
15 efforts or plans for a grocery store to the Tenderloin.

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