

1 [Supporting United State House of Representatives Bill 1856 - Ending Homelessness Act of
2019]

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3 **Resolution supporting United States House of Representatives Bill 1856, the Ending**
4 **Homelessness Act of 2019, which appropriates funds to provide a path to end**
5 **homelessness in the United States, and for other purposes.**

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7 WHEREAS, Homelessness in many parts of America has reached crisis proportions;
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9 WHEREAS, The results of the 2018 Department of Housing and Urban Development
10 (“HUD”) point-in-time (“PIT”) count found that 552,830 people are experiencing homelessness
11 in this country, including nearly 160,000 children and youth, and nearly 38,000 veterans; and

12 WHEREAS, The results of the 2018 Department of Homelessness and Supportive
13 Housing (“HSH”) PIT count found 7,499 people are experiencing homelessness in this county;
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15 WHEREAS, As the recipient of the second largest allocation of federal homeless
16 funding grants in the country, The City and County of San Francisco relies on federal funding
17 to address homelessness; and

18 WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 2018, San Francisco received \$44,537,520 from HUD
19 through its Continuum of Care Competition; and

20 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco’s HSH current annual budget is
21 \$284.5 million, or approximately 5% of the city’s total budget; and

22 WHEREAS, On March 25, 2019, Representative Maxine Waters [D-CA-43],
23 Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee introduced H.R. 1856, the Ending
24 Homelessness Act of 2019 in the United States House of Representatives to provide a path to
25 end homelessness in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 is currently co-sponsored by 46 members of the House of
2 Representatives; and

3 WHEREAS, In introducing H.R. 1856, Chairwoman Waters stated “In the richest
4 country in the world, it is simply unacceptable that we have people living in the streets”; and

5 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate \$13.27 billion in mandatory emergency relief
6 funding over the next five years to federal programs and initiatives to prevent and address
7 homelessness; and

8 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate \$5 billion over five years to McKinney-Vento
9 Homeless Assistance Grants, which is expected to provide 85,000 new permanent housing
10 units; and

11 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate \$2.5 billion over five years for new Special
12 Purpose Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (“HCV”), which are expected to provide an
13 additional 300,000 housing vouchers and would give preference to those who are homeless
14 or at risk of becoming homeless; and

15 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate \$1.05 billion annually in mandatory spending
16 dedicated to the National Housing Trust Fund, which in the first five years of funding is
17 expected to create 25,000 new units affordable to extremely low-income households, with a
18 priority for housing the homeless; and

19 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate \$500 million over five years in outreach
20 funding to ensure that homeless people are connected to the resources they need; and

21 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate \$20 million for states and localities to provide
22 technical assistance to help state and local governments coordinate and integrate their
23 healthcare and housing initiatives that are funded by federal programs; and

24 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 is supported by the Center for Supportive Housing, Community
25 Solutions, Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, Drug Policy Alliance, Lawyers’

1 Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Leading Age, Local Initiatives Support Corporation,
2 National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Alliance to End Homelessness, National
3 Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, National Coalition for Homeless
4 Veterans, National Housing Conference, National Housing Law Project, National Housing
5 Trust, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, National Low Income Housing
6 Coalition, National Rural Housing Coalition, PATH (People Assisting the Homeless), Public
7 Housing Authority Directors Association, Stewards for Affordable Housing for the Future, and
8 TELACU Residential Management; and

9 WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 was passed up by the House Financial Services Committee on
10 March 28, 2019, with 32 Yeas and 26 Nays; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Chairwoman Waters'
12 agenda to renew the Federal Government's commitment to the national goal to end
13 homelessness and provide localities with additional support; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco supports the Ending Homelessness Act of
15 2019 (H.R. 1856); and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco calls on United States Congresswomen
17 Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi, and United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala
18 Harris to support H.R. 1856; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
20 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution to United States Congresswomen
21 Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi, and United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala
22 Harris.

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