

1 [Board Response - Civil Grand Jury - San Francisco Homeless Health and Housing: A Crisis
2 Unfolding on Our Streets]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings**
4 **and recommendations contained in the 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled**
5 **“San Francisco Homeless Health and Housing: A Crisis Unfolding on Our Streets;” and**
6 **urging the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted findings and**
7 **recommendations through his/her department heads and through the development of**
8 **the annual budget.**

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10 WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code, Section 933 et seq., the Board of
11 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
12 Court on the findings and recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and

13 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), if a finding or
14 recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a
15 county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head
16 and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the
17 response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over
18 which it has some decision making authority; and

19 WHEREAS, Under San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(a), the Board of
20 Supervisors must conduct a public hearing by a committee to consider a final report of the
21 findings and recommendations submitted, and notify the current foreperson and immediate
22 past foreperson of the civil grand jury when such hearing is scheduled; and

23 WHEREAS, In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(b),
24 the Controller must report to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of

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1 recommendations that pertain to fiscal matters that were considered at a public hearing held
2 by a Board of Supervisors Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled “San Francisco Homeless
4 Health and Housing: A Crisis Unfolding on Our Streets” (Report) is on file with the Clerk of the
5 Board of Supervisors in File No. 160618, which is hereby declared to be a part of this
6 Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

7 WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the Board of Supervisors respond
8 to Finding Nos. F.A.4, F.D.2 and Recommendation Nos. R.A.1.1, R.A.4 and R.D.2 contained
9 in the subject Report; and

10 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.A.4 states: “Police Ticket: Faced with multiple requests for
11 their service, police use judgment regarding enforcement considering the best chance to have
12 a successful outcome. When called to help, they generally do not ticket because it is not
13 productive;” and

14 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.D.2 states: “Centers: Reports on the pilot Navigation Center
15 show success in welcoming clients, gathering intake data, tracking the human outcomes,
16 connecting people to services and monitoring exits for recidivism. One key to the success of
17 the Navigation Center has been the innovative partnership with the Controller’s Office to track
18 and report on human outcomes;” and

19 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.A.1.1 states: “The number of SF HOT [San
20 Francisco Homeless Outreach Team] personnel should be increased so that they will be
21 available to respond;” and

22 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.A.4 states: “Police policies and legal
23 consequences need to be better coordinated so that police are not put in a position where
24 citations have no effect;” and

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1 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.D.2 states: “The Mayor should explore and
2 acquire new sites where additional Navigation Centers can be opened. The Board of
3 Supervisors should urge the Mayor to fund these additional sites:” and

4 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), the Board of
5 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
6 Court on Finding Nos. F.A.4, F.D.2 and Recommendation Nos. R.A.1.1, R.A.4 and R.D.2
7 contained in the Report; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the
9 Superior Court that they agree with Finding No. F.A.4; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that they agree with
11 Finding No. F.D.2; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
13 No. R.A.1.1 will not be implemented per the Mayor’s and the Department’s response that
14 increasing SF HOT personnel in order for them to act as first responders is not within SF
15 HOT’s job expertise and training, level of staffing, capacity or enforcement authority; and, be

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
17 No. R.A.4 has been implemented through the creation and integration of the Department of
18 Homelessness and Supportive Housing into the overall network of City departments’ support
19 services for homeless residents; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that Recommendation
21 No. R.D.2 has been implemented with the passage of File No. 160278 (Administrative Code –
22 City Navigation Centers for the Homeless) and will continue to be implemented through the
23 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s ongoing efforts to open and maintain
24 Navigation Center sites throughout the City; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the
2 implementation of the accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department
3 heads and through the development of the annual budget.

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