

1 [Urging Implementation of Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Strategy in San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution urging the implementation of a comprehensive drug market intervention**
4 **(DMI) strategy to address San Francisco's Fentanyl Crisis**

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6 WHEREAS, Drug Market Intervention (DMI) is a proven strategy for dismantling open-
7 air drug markets, with successful applications in cities such as High Point, North Carolina,
8 where it significantly reduced violent crime and drug trafficking; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC),
10 including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, has unanimously supported DMI, recognizing its
11 effectiveness in addressing open-air drug markets; and

12 WHEREAS, DMI focuses the criminal legal system on disrupting public drug markets
13 by: acknowledging that enforcement alone cannot eliminate the market and should be
14 minimized whenever possible; prioritizing interagency collaboration between law
15 enforcement, public health, and social service agencies; replacing enforcement with direct
16 communication and deterrence whenever feasible; and providing nonviolent dealers and
17 users with pathways to employment, education, and rehabilitation; and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco remains in the midst of a deadly fentanyl crisis, with 633
19 fatal overdoses reported in 2024—down from 810 in 2023 but still far above pre-pandemic
20 levels; and

21 WHEREAS, Fentanyl is responsible for approximately 80% of overdose deaths in
22 recent years, with even trace amounts proving fatal, exacerbating public health and safety
23 concerns; and

24 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods account for over 40%
25 of the city's overdose deaths, many occurring outdoors in open-air drug markets; and

1 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin is home to approximately 3,500 children—the densest
2 population of children in San Francisco—who must navigate these streets daily, witnessing
3 the devastating effects of open-air drug markets; and

4 WHEREAS, These open-air drug markets have decimated small businesses in the
5 Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods, contributing to economic decline and
6 shaping a global perception of San Francisco as a city in crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, The Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC), launched in
8 2023 to enhance coordination among the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco
9 District Attorney's Office, San Francisco Sheriff's Department, Department of Public Works,
10 and the Department of Emergency Management, has made significant progress, including
11 the seizure of over 300 pounds of fentanyl and more than 2,000 felony drug arrests; and

12 WHEREAS, Despite DMACC's efforts, enforcement is currently limited to 3-5 days per
13 week, underscoring the need for a sustained and comprehensive strategy to disrupt drug
14 markets and illegal vending markets, and reduce overdoses; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College,
16 led by Professor David Kennedy, has successfully implemented DMI strategies nationwide to
17 curb violent crime and drug trafficking; and

18 WHEREAS, Adapting this model to San Francisco's fentanyl crisis through a formal
19 engagement with Professor Kennedy and the City University of New York (CUNY) would
20 make San Francisco the first city to implement a fentanyl-focused DMI strategy; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Mayor Daniel Lurie
23 to make use of the emergency powers recently granted him in Ordinance No. 010-25 (File #:
24 250040) to engage NNSC to develop and implement a comprehensive DMI strategy as a key
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1 element of the ongoing fentanyl emergency initiative that the legislation made possible; and,
2 be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the full cooperation of
4 city, state, and federal agencies in implementing a comprehensive DMI strategy, coordinated
5 by NNSC and tailored to San Francisco, over a two-year period to systematically dismantle
6 open-air drug markets and expand pathways to treatment and rehabilitation; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this strategy should involve collaboration among law
8 enforcement, behavioral health professionals, housing specialists, social service providers,
9 and community leaders to reduce overdose deaths, support addiction recovery, and restore
10 public safety in affected neighborhoods; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recommends allocating
12 necessary resources to fully implement a DMI strategy, including increasing support for
13 workforce and youth development programs, and strengthening community-based drug
14 market disruption initiatives.



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Resolution

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March 13, 2025 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

March 13, 2025 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

March 25, 2025 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 9 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar and Sherrill

Excused: 2 - Sauter and Walton

March 25, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 7 - Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar and Sherrill

Noes: 2 - Chan and Fielder

Excused: 2 - Sauter and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** on
3/25/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the
City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

4/4/2025

Date Approved

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



A Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

4/4/2025

Date