

1 [Urging Specific Citywide Cooperative Living Opportunities for Mental Health Priorities in  
2 the FYs 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budgets]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor to fund the Cooperative Living Opportunities for**  
4 **Mental Health Program in the FYs 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 budgets, and using**  
5 **excess Education Revenue Augmentation Fund revenues received by the City and**  
6 **County of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Mayor of San Francisco will release the proposed two-year  
9 budget for the City and County of San Francisco for FYs 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 on  
10 June 1, 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has discretionary authority  
12 to amend and supplement the Mayor’s proposed Budget through the legislative process;  
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14 WHEREAS, The Budget and Legislative Analyst identified mental health and  
15 substance use to be a key budget priority for the Board of Supervisors, as reflected in  
16 their presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee on March 13, 2019, and which  
17 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190265, which is declared  
18 to be part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

19 WHEREAS, There is a significant lack of housing options for people exiting acute  
20 residential treatment care programs, leading to disastrous consequences for people who  
21 cycle from street to hospital to shelter to street; and

22 WHEREAS, For many people who are dealing with a combination of psychiatric  
23 and addiction issues, the key to stability and success is to be away from chaotic  
24 neighborhoods and hectic surroundings that can trigger continued crises, and the  
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1 cooperative living opportunities model provides facilitated communal living in non-  
2 institutional, low-profile, neighborhood-based, household settings with 24-7 on call  
3 individual and household case management services, which for many people, is the  
4 housing type that promotes housing stability and mental health; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, several local mental health providers have  
6 been master-leasing apartments and single-family homes to create scattered site,  
7 Cooperative Living Opportunities for people with chronic mental illness; and

8 WHEREAS, Currently, San Francisco mental health providers house about 263  
9 individuals in approximately 50 Community Living properties in neighborhoods across  
10 the city; and

11 WHEREAS, Placing four or five residents together to share a home, these  
12 organizations provide 24-7 on-call/off-site individual and household case management  
13 services that are funded by leveraging Medi-Cal, state, and other public funds; and

14 WHEREAS, Expansion of the Cooperative Living Opportunities model would  
15 create an economical and stable stock of the units to address immediate and long-term  
16 needs; and

17 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on May 14, 2019, and  
18 which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190510, urging the  
19 Mayor to prioritize key behavioral health investments in the FY2019-2020 budget,  
20 including investment to acquire cooperative living units for individuals with chronic mental  
21 health needs; and

22 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate 50% of all  
23 excess Education Revenue Augmentation Fund revenues received by the City to an  
24 Affordable Housing Production and Preservation Fund, leaving the remaining 50% of  
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1 such revenue for general one-time or ongoing uses, subject to the fiscal and budgetary  
2 provisions of the Charter; and

3 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to create the Cooperative  
4 Living Opportunities for Mental Health Program and to establish the Cooperative Living  
5 Opportunities for Mental Health Loan Fund to receive any monies appropriated or  
6 donated for the purpose of creating and expanding opportunities for people with chronic  
7 mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders to live in communal, non-institutional,  
8 neighborhood-based, household settings with 24-7 on call individual and household case  
9 management services; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors herein urges the Mayor to fund the  
11 Cooperative Living Opportunities for Mental Health Program in the FYs 2019-2020 and  
12 2020-2021 budgets, by appropriating \$25,000,000 of remaining excess Education  
13 Revenue Augmentation Fund revenues received by the City to the Cooperative Living  
14 Opportunities for Mental Health Loan Fund.

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