

1 [Affirming San Francisco’s Commitment to the Success of the Department of Homelessness
and Supportive Housing]

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3 **Resolution affirming that the Board of Supervisors will not approve policies or submit**
4 **ballot measures that underfund or otherwise undermine the ability of the Department of**
5 **Homelessness and Supportive Housing to successfully implement a housing first and**
6 **public health approach to addressing homelessness.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has approved the creation of a new Department
9 of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, as outlined in File No.160638, which is hereby
10 declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, tasked with carrying out
11 homeless-related functions previously performed by the Department of Human Services; and

12 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reserved over \$11,000,000 in the
13 FY2016-2017 budget for the near-term implementation of the new Department of
14 Homelessness and Supportive Housing functions; and

15 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is committed to implementing a housing first
16 approach to addressing homelessness, as well as augmenting housing with behavioral health
17 services and job training; and

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is committed to empowering and enabling the
19 new Director of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to fulfill his chartered obligations and
20 duties, including allowing sufficient time for the Department to be staffed and allocating
21 sufficient funding and resources for the Department to be operational; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Budget & Legislative Analyst has identified twenty-three
23 separate “quality of life” laws that are currently utilized by law enforcement to cite individuals
24 for violations related to being homeless, which collectively cost San Francisco over
25 \$20,000,000 a year to enforce; and

1 WHEREAS, The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA)
2 estimates that transitioning our existing adult homeless shelter sites into a network of shelter
3 sites that operate as fully functional Navigation Centers costs less than \$4,000,000 per year;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors pledges that for at least one year it shall
6 not approve additional laws or policies that will underfund or otherwise undermine the ability of
7 the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing implement a housing first and
8 public health approach to addressing homelessness; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors pledges that for at least one
10 year it shall not place ballot measures before the voters that will further hamper the ability of
11 the new Director of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to fulfill his chartered obligations
12 and duties; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will work directly and
14 collaboratively with the new Director of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to develop a
15 work plan to address the issue of encampments throughout the city.

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