

1 [Keep Pier 94 Backlands Temporary Shelter Site Open]

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3 **Resolution urging the Port of San Francisco, San Francisco Port Commission,**  
4 **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and the Homelessness**  
5 **Oversight Commission to keep the Pier 94 Backlands Temporary Shelter Site open to**  
6 **prevent the eviction of over 100 residents.**

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8 WHEREAS, In April 2020, at the beginning of the global pandemic, the City acquired  
9 120 recreational vehicles (RVs) and trailers from the Governor’s Office of Emergency  
10 Services to house people experiencing homelessness in the Bayview Hunters Point  
11 neighborhood; and

12 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Port Commission unanimously approved the plan with  
13 a 5-0 vote on April 28, 2020, to allow the City to put the 120 RVs and trailers at Pier 94  
14 Backlands (Port Commission Resolution No. 20-20), also known as Seawall Lot 344 and Site  
15 F; and

16 WHEREAS, Pier 94 was chosen in order to reach some of the city’s historically  
17 disadvantaged residents experiencing homelessness in the Bayview as well as the location’s  
18 size, access to utilities, land management capabilities, and rent relief opportunities, among  
19 other factors; and

20 WHEREAS, The RVs and trailers are all equipped with showers and restrooms,  
21 including ADA accessible mobile options, to provide an optimal non-congregate housing  
22 opportunity for people who were living on the streets in the Bayview; and

23 WHEREAS, The shelter site at Pier 94 also included street counselors and other  
24 supportive staff for the residents who began moving in around May 2020; and

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1           WHEREAS, Residents at Pier 94 have been receiving two meals a day, on-site medical  
2 services, on-site behavioral health services, electricity, laundry service, propane service,  
3 shelter shuttle service, weekly RV maintenance, and connections to additional support  
4 services; and

5           WHEREAS, Since opening in April 2020, the site has served 303 unique guests and  
6 among those served, 37 guests have been connected to permanent housing; and

7           WHEREAS, 70% of guests served were Black, African American, or African; and

8           WHEREAS, According to a Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) site update  
9 on December 14, 2020, the Pier 94 “site provides vital shelter and support services to people  
10 experiencing homelessness within the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, helping to keep  
11 everyone in the community safer;” and

12           WHEREAS, On April 11, 2023, the Port Commission heard a presentation from the  
13 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing on a planned closure the Pier 94  
14 Backlands Temporary Shelter Site; and

15           WHEREAS, On April 25, 2023, the Port Commission was presented with a new  
16 agreement between the Port and HSH that will give the city 10 months to wind down  
17 operations and permanently close the site; the Port Commission motioned to defer the  
18 agreement to a later meeting date of May 9, 2023; and

19           WHEREAS, As of April 4, 2023, there are 118 guests across 114 units, and if this site  
20 were to close, there would be over 100 individuals, mostly Black and African American,  
21 without a plan to be housed in the immediate future; and

22           WHEREAS, The proposal of shutting down the Pier 94/Seawall Lot 344/Site F comes  
23 at a time when the city is in the middle of a housing crisis, a crisis in terms of people  
24 experiencing homelessness, as well as an acute shortage of shelter beds; and

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1           WHEREAS, Under the 2022 Point-in-Time Homeless Count and Survey conducted by  
2 the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), 7,754 people were  
3 experiencing homelessness in San Francisco and 1,115 of those counted lived in District  
4 10, the second highest of any Supervisorial District; and

5           WHEREAS, According to the 2022 Point-in-Time Homeless Count and Survey, Black,  
6 African American, and African unhoused people are overrepresented at 38% of the total  
7 unhoused population compared to six percent of the general population; and

8           WHEREAS, Closure of the Pier 94 Temporary Shelter Site will have significant  
9 negative impacts on the city, immediate Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, as well as the  
10 site's residents who do not have an immediate alternative placement; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes that this will be  
12 a travesty if Pier 94/Seawall Lot 344/Site F is shut down and residents are evicted by HSH  
13 and the Port without alternative placements for its residents; and, be it

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Port of  
15 San Francisco, San Francisco Port Commission, the Department of Homelessness and  
16 Supportive Housing, and the Homelessness Oversight Commission to keep the Pier 94  
17 Backlands/Seawall Lot 344/Site F Temporary Shelter Site open to prevent evicting over 100  
18 residents, mostly of Black, African American, or African descent, back to the streets; and

19           FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the  
20 Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to every Commissioner on the San  
21 Francisco Port Commission and the Homelessness Oversight Commission, to the Director of  
22 the Port of San Francisco, and to the Director of the Department of Homelessness and  
23 Supportive Housing.