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1 2	[Urging the Mayor and HSH to Explore and Implement a Fair Distribution of Homeless Shelters Across All Districts]
2	Resolution urging the Mayor and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive
4	Housing (HSH) to explore and implement a fair distribution of new homeless shelters
5	across all districts in the City and County of San Francisco.
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7	WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco continues to face a homelessness
8	crisis, with an estimated 7,175 individuals and 405 families experiencing homelessness as of
9	the 2024 Point-in-Time Count; and
10	WHEREAS, Addressing homelessness continues to be a top priority for the city,
11	requiring a comprehensive and balanced approach to provide shelter, services, and long-term
12	housing solutions; and
13	WHEREAS, The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) has
14	made efforts to expand shelter capacity and provide supportive housing, however, the
15	inequitable distribution of shelters across the City geography persists; and
16	WHEREAS, The burden of addressing homelessness has disproportionately fallen on
17	certain districts, particularly District's 10, 9, 6 and 5, which have consistently borne the brunt
18	of shelter and service sites; and
19	WHEREAS, According to data from HSH, as of September 2023, San Francisco had
20	approximately 3,140 homeless shelter beds across 50 active sites - excluding confidential
21	locations - with the majority concentrated in District 6, while Districts 1, 2, 4, and 7 on the
22	city's west side had only seven combined; and
23	WHEREAS, The districts most impacted by this inequitable distribution of shelters and
24	services are predominately home to communities of color and lower-income residents, further
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exacerbating systemic inequities and disproportionately impacting those already marginalized;
 and

WHEREAS, The lack of equitable distribution of shelters and services across the city
places undue strain on specific communities while leaving other areas underutilized in
addressing this citywide crisis; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Addressing homelessness is a shared responsibility that requires
 7 collective action and resource allocation across all neighborhoods so that no single district or
 8 a few districts are overburdened; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In 2017, Supervisors Jane Kim, Hillary Ronen, and Malia Cohen

10 introduced Board of Supervisors File No. 170568, urging the Department of Homelessness

11 and Supportive Housing to create an approval process and criteria for establishing new

12 homeless services and facilities that account for citywide geography equity and distribution of

13 appropriate services; and

WHEREAS, It is critical for the City to consider potential shelter sites in districts that
 currently have fewer facilities and to ensure that all residents have equitable access to
 resources and services; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and HSH have the authority and resources to lead the city to
adopt equitable, citywide strategies to address homelessness and ensure that all districts
contribute fairly to housing and shelter solutions; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor and HSH to explore and 21 implement a fair distribution of new homeless shelters across all districts in San Francisco; 22 and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor and HSH to
 engage in transparent and inclusive community outreach and planning processes to ensure

that new shelter sites are fairly distributed, sustainable, and supported by their respective
neighborhoods; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor and HSH actively work to address the disproportionate impacts of homelessness and services siting on communities of color and lower-income neighborhoods by prioritizing equity and fairness in their planning and decision-making processes; and, be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution affirms the City's commitment to addressing homelessness as a shared responsibility, ensuring that every district contributes to the solutions necessary to uphold the dignity and safety of all San Franciscans, while prioritizing equity and justice for the communities most affected and impacted by the current distribution of service and shelter sites.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee 3. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. 8. Reactivate File No. 9. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission \Box Youth Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Planning Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): 🗆 No □ Yes (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Walton Subject: Urging the Mayor & Department of Homelessness to Explore and Implement a Fair Distribution of Homeless Shelters Across All Districts Long Title or text listed: Resolution urging the Mayor and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to explore and implement a fair distribution of new homeless shelters across all districts in San Francisco.