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Board Item No. 32

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1 [Urging Pharmacies and Medical Providers to Address Pharmacy Deserts by Expanding  
2 Services in Underserved Neighborhoods]

3 **Resolution urging pharmacies and medical providers to address pharmacy deserts by**  
4 **expanding services in underserved neighborhoods.**

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6 WHEREAS, Access to pharmacies is an essential component of public health,  
7 providing residents with life-saving medications, vaccinations, and basic healthcare services  
8 and products; and

9 WHEREAS, The closure of pharmacies disproportionately affects low-income  
10 residents, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those with limited mobility, who often rely  
11 on nearby pharmacy locations for their daily medical needs and affordable daily products; and

12 WHEREAS, Walgreens has announced the closure of 12 store locations across San  
13 Francisco, including the last two remaining pharmacies in District 10, located at 5300 3rd  
14 Street and 1189 Potrero Avenue, effectively turning these neighborhoods into pharmacy  
15 deserts; and

16 WHEREAS, Many independent neighborhood pharmacies in San Francisco have been  
17 forced to shut down over the years due to the expansion of large pharmacy chains, leaving  
18 many communities—particularly in historically underserved areas—without adequate  
19 pharmacy access; and

20 WHEREAS, The absence of local pharmacies forces many residents to travel long  
21 distances for essential prescriptions, rely on mail-order services, or attempt to navigate online  
22 pharmacy options—an unfeasible solution for seniors and individuals facing technological or  
23 financial barriers; and

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1           WHEREAS, The lack of accessible pharmacies exacerbates existing health disparities,  
2 making it more difficult for residents to manage chronic conditions, obtain preventative care,  
3 and access over-the-counter medical supplies; and

4           WHEREAS, Ensuring equitable access to pharmacy services aligns with San  
5 Francisco’s commitment to public health, racial and economic equity, and the well-being of all  
6 residents, particularly those in marginalized communities; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges existing pharmacies, healthcare  
8 providers, and medical institutions of San Francisco to expand their services into  
9 neighborhoods affected by pharmacy closures and address the growing issue of pharmacy  
10 deserts; and, be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls upon the San Francisco  
12 Department of Public Health and other relevant agencies to explore partnerships with  
13 independent pharmacies, community health centers, and nonprofit healthcare providers to  
14 expand pharmacy access in underserved neighborhoods; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Walgreens and other  
16 major pharmacy chains to reconsider planned closures, extend their operating timelines  
17 where possible, and work collaboratively with city officials to ensure a smooth transition for  
18 affected residents; and, be it

19          FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the leadership of  
20 Walgreens, CVS, Target, Safeway, Lucky’s, and other pharmacy providers, as well as the San  
21 Francisco Department of Public Health and local healthcare organizations including Kaiser  
22 Permanente, UCSF, Sutter Health, Dignity Health, North East Medical Services, urging them  
23 to take immediate steps to prevent further pharmacy deserts and safeguard equitable access  
24 to healthcare in San Francisco.

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## 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)*
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor  inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission       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):

- Yes                       No

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Subject:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: