

From: [Calder Lorenz](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:48:00 AM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Budget Chair Chan,

My name is Calder Lorenz, I live and work in the Mission District, and I am the Director of Operations for The Gubbio Project. Our organization is a member of HESPA and we are writing to voice our strong support for the coalition's budget proposals.

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. We also cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents. Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal, and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.

Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated money. Our asks include:

1. Reject any and all cuts to homeless and housing services. While no cuts have yet been proposed, we need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.
2. Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated money needs to be spent.
3. Invest in the long term health of the homeless response system so there is infrastructure to meaningfully enact new investments. This includes paying our workforce a living wage and training them in trauma informed care; committing to contracting practices that cover multiple service years with built-in inflation escalators.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

In Community, Calder

From: [Monica Steptoe](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:14:42 AM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Budget Chair Chan,
My name is [INSERT NAME] and I am writing on behalf of [INSERT ORG NAME] a member of HESPA to support the coalition's budget proposals .

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. We also cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents. Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal, and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.

Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated money. Our asks include:

1. Reject any and all cuts to homeless and housing services. While no cuts have yet been proposed, we need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.
2. Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated money needs to be spent.
3. Invest in the long term health of the homeless response system so there is infrastructure to meaningfully enact new investments. This includes paying our workforce a living wage and training them in trauma informed care; committing to contracting practices that cover multiple service years with built-in inflation escalators.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

Best,
[Monica Steptoe, Housing Director, HPP]

From: [Eleana Binder](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: GLIDE Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:54:52 AM
Attachments: [2024.04.16 GLIDE Support Letter for HESPA Budget Asks.pdf](#)

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Chair Chan and Supervisors,

Please see attached for GLIDE's support letter for HESPA's budget asks. We look forward to engaging with you during the Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing tomorrow.

Thank you,

Eleana

--

Eleana Binder

Policy Manager

Center for Social Justice

GLIDE 330 Ellis Street, Room 511, San Francisco, CA 94102

OFFICE (415) 674-6162 | **MOBILE** (510) 926-2834 | **PRONOUNS** She/Her

This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to which they are addressed. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender. Please note that any views or opinions presented in this email are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Glide. Finally, the recipient should check this email and any attachments for the presence of viruses. GLIDE accepts no liability for any damage caused by any virus transmitted by this email.

From: [Alisha Zhao](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 3:48:25 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-1brrmtm4.png](#)
[Outlook-bmtodekl.png](#)
[Outlook-vcsu0nfr.png](#)
[Outlook-f1ce1ptu.png](#)
[Outlook-lhnsanbl.png](#)
[Outlook-fictamxu.png](#)

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Budget Chair Chan,

My name is Alisha, and I am writing on behalf of Compass Family Services, a member of HESPA, to support the coalition's budget proposals.

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. We also cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents. Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal, and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.

Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated money. Our asks include:

1. Reject any and all cuts to homeless and housing services. While no cuts have yet been proposed, we need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.
2. Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated money needs to be spent.
3. Invest in the long term health of the homeless response system so there is infrastructure to meaningfully enact new investments. This includes paying our workforce a living wage and training them in trauma informed care; committing to contracting practices that cover multiple service years with built-in inflation escalators.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

Best,
Alisha



Alisha Zhao

She/Her ([Why pronouns?](#))

Policy and Organizing Manager

Compass Family Services

37 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 | tel 415-644-0504 x 1134

www.compass-sf.org



From: [Karin Adams](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:10:12 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Budget Chair Chan,

My name is Karin Adams and I am writing on behalf of Homeless Youth Alliance, a member of HESPA, to support the coalition's budget proposals .

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. We also cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents. Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal, and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.

Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated money. Our asks include:

1. Reject any and all cuts to homeless and housing services. While no cuts have yet been proposed, we need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.
2. Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated money needs to be spent.
3. Invest in the long term health of the homeless response system so there is infrastructure to meaningfully enact new investments. This includes paying our workforce a living wage and training them in trauma informed care; committing to contracting practices that cover multiple service years with built-in inflation escalators.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, especially young people experiencing homelessness, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

Best,

Karin Adams
Director of Programs
Homeless Youth Alliance
Cell: 415-216-5135
Pronouns: They/She
www.homelessyouthalliance.org

Mailing Address:
PO BOX 170427
San Francisco, CA 94117



Confidentiality Notice - This e-mail transmission may contain confidential or legally privileged information that is intended only for the individual or entity named in the e-mail address. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution, or reliance upon the contents of this e-mail is strictly prohibited. If you have received this e-mail transmission in error, please reply to the sender, to arrange for proper delivery, and then please delete the message from your in-box. Thank you.

From: [Anna Berg](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:19:00 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Budget Chair Chan,

My name is Anna Berg and I am writing on behalf of the Harm Reduction Therapy Center, a member of HESPA, to support the coalition's budget proposals.

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. We also cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents. Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal, and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.

Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated money. Our asks include:

1. Reject any and all cuts to homeless and housing services. While no cuts have yet been proposed, we need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.
2. Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated money needs to be spent.
3. Invest in the long term health of the homeless response system so there is infrastructure to meaningfully enact new investments. This includes paying our workforce a living wage and training them in trauma informed care; committing to contracting practices that cover multiple service years with built-in inflation escalators.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

Best,
Anna

From: [Marnie Regen](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:47:35 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Budget Chair Chan,

My name is Marnie Regen, and I am writing on behalf of Larkin Street Youth Services, a member of HESPA to support the coalition's budget proposals. I am also a resident of D1.

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. **But we cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents.** Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.

Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated/collected revenue for homeless services. Our asks include:

- Reject all cuts to homeless and housing services. While no cuts have yet been proposed, we need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.
- Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated funds already collected through Prop C must be spent.
- Invest in the housing and services continuum that we know to be effective. These interventions create system flow to get people off the streets, into housing, and stabilized for long term success. Divesting from these interventions will take us back as a city significantly.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

Sincerely,

Marnie Regen
she/her pronouns
Division Director of Government Relations

Larkin Street Youth Services
134 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco CA 94109
Cell [\(415\) 579-1780](tel:4155791780)
Office [\(415\) 673-0911 x310](tel:4156730911x310)
larkinstreetyouth.org

Larkin Street creates a continuum of services that inspires youth to move beyond the street. We nurture potential, promote dignity, and support bold steps by all. We live and work on the unceded ancestral homeland of the [Ramaytush Ohlone peoples](#) who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. We acknowledge that colonization continues to harm indigenous people and while a land acknowledgement is a first step in honoring the resiliency and resistance of the Ramaytush Ohlone people throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, our equity efforts cannot stop there. To learn about returning land to indigenous peoples please visit [LANDBACK](#) and [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#).

The information in this email and in any attachments is confidential and may be legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please destroy this message, delete any copies held on your systems and notify the sender immediately. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, you should not retain, copy, or use this email for any purpose, nor disclose all or any part of its content to any other person. Thank you.

From: [Solinna Ven](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for HESPA Budget Asks
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 9:08:45 AM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Budget Chair Chan,
My name is [INSERT NAME] and I am writing on behalf of [INSERT ORG NAME] a member of HESPA to support the coalition's budget proposals .

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. We also cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents. Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal, and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.

Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated money. Our asks include:

1. Reject any and all cuts to homeless and housing services. While no cuts have yet been proposed, we need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.
2. Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated money needs to be spent.
3. Invest in the long term health of the homeless response system so there is infrastructure to meaningfully enact new investments. This includes paying our workforce a living wage and training them in trauma informed care; committing to contracting practices that cover multiple service years with built-in inflation escalators.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

Best,
Solinna Ven

From: [T.Flandrich](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Item #2 240319 SF Continuum of Services of Housing & Tenant Protections
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 4:40:56 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

16.April 2024

Dear Chair Chan and Supervisors,

I understand & appreciate that you are tasked with making difficult decisions during this current budget cycle, and implore you to not balance this budget on the backs of those who need the most.

I urge you to continue to prioritize the needs of San Franciscans for habitable housing and other essential services of support & care. Please continue to support free tenant legal defense and counseling services to keep all of us in our homes. When our communities are stable, when basic human needs are met, we can better support our neighbors during difficult times.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,
Theresa Flandrich
North Beach Tenants Committee