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September 1, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of the State of California 1020 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 379-23

Dear Governor Newsom:

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Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned	07/28/2023
London N. Breed Mayor	Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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September 1, 2023

The Honorable Scott Wiener California State Senator California State Capitol 1021 O Street, Suite 6630 Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 379-23

Dear Senator Wiener:

On July 18, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 379-23 (Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 326 (Eggman) and Assembly Bill No. 531 (Irwin) - Modernize California's Behavioral Healthcare System), which was enacted on July 28, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

One copy of Resolution No. 379-23 (File No. 230819)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

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c. Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Rafael Mandelman, Catherine Stefani, Joel Engardio, Matt Dorsey, Ahsha Safai Tom Paulino, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors Sarah Owens, Mayor's Manager of State and Federal Legislative Affairs Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director Susanna Conine-Nakano, Mayor's Office Paul Yoder, Karen Lange, Erica Smith, City Lobbyists - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.

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WHEREAS, In San Francisco, 52% of people experiencing homelessness suffer from mental health issues and/or substance use disorders and among Californians experiencing homelessness, nearly 40,000 have a severe mental illness, and over 36,000 have a chronic substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, Within the first five months of 2023 alone, 346 people died in San Francisco from accidental drug overdoses; and

WHEREAS, As California began shuttering State hospitals in the 1950s and shifting responsibility to counties to finance and implement mental health services, people experiencing severe mental illness became overrepresented in the State's carceral system. As of May 2023, more than 50% of over 96,000 inmates incarcerated in California State prisons were being treated for varying levels of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, California's lack of mental health infrastructure and facilities to meet acute, subacute, and community residential levels of care has contributed to system bottlenecks, and California's five State hospitals, which treat the most critically ill patients, have a severe shortage of beds with wait times of one year or longer; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Services Act, authored by then-Senator Darrell Steinberg and passed as Proposition 63 by voters in 2004, instituted a 1% income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million per year to fund a continuum of prevention, early intervention, and service needs for those experiencing or at risk of severe mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The MHSA requires reforms to better align with current service gaps across the State, including resources for people with the most acute behavioral health issues and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 320 (SB 326), authored by Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman with the endorsement of Mayor Steinberg, updates the Mental Health Services Act as the Behavioral Health Services Act, expanding services to include treatment for substance use disorders (SUD) alone and allowing counties to use funds in combination with federal funds to expand SUD services; and

WHEREAS, SB 326 also requires that 30% of county allocations, which equates to almost \$1 billion per year, be reserved for housing interventions for children and families, youth, adults, and older adults living with severe mental illness, severe emotional disturbance, and/or SUD who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, which include rental subsidies, operating subsidies, shared housing, and family housing; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 531 (AB 531), authored by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, authorizes a \$4.68 billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the March 2024 ballot intended to fund the construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation of unlocked, voluntary, community-based residential care settings for individuals with behavioral health needs, increasing the availability of care settings that support rehabilitation and recovery; and

WHEREAS, As more than 70% of veterans experiencing homelessness are affected by SUD, AB 531 dedicates a portion of bond funding to be disbursed as grants for new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, or preservation of affordable multifamily housing to provide interim, transitional, and permanent supportive housing for veterans who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and living with behavioral health challenges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports SB 326 and AB 531, which will both be placed before the voters together as a March 2024 ballot initiative; and, be it



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