## AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 11/13/2025

FILE NO. 250991	RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Prioritize Public Safety Response to Drug Activity Near Parks, Playgrounds, and Schools]
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3	Resolution urging the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to develop and
4	implement a comprehensive enforcement and intervention plan to address drug use or
5	suspected drug activity especially within 250 feet of parks, playgrounds, schools, and
6	youth centers including issuing citations, conducting assessments, and removing
7	individuals for processing or detoxification services.
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9	WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a responsibility to protect the
10	health, safety, and welfare of all residents - especially children, families, and vulnerable
11	populations who frequent parks, playgrounds, and schools; and
12	WHEREAS, The ongoing public health crisis involving the open use and trafficking of
13	illicit drugs in public spaces has raised significant concern among residents, educators,
14	parents, and community leaders; and
15	WHEREAS, San Francisco Police Department officers are dedicated to keeping San
16	Francisco residents and visitors safe; and
17	WHEREAS, San Francisco residents and visitors regularly express frustration and
18	confusion about which City service to contact in response to illegal or unsafe activity in their
19	neighborhoods, often receiving conflicting or inconsistent guidance about whether to call 3-1-
20	1, San Francisco Police Department's non-emergency number, or 9-1-1, particularly in
21	situations involving public drug use, open-air dealing, or other ongoing street-level offenses;
22	and
23	WHEREAS, This lack of clarity undermines residents' confidence in the City's public
24	safety response, delays timely reporting, and places both community members and
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1	emergency dispatchers in difficult positions when they are forced to guess which number to
2	call in situations that are urgent but not always life-threatening; and
3	WHEREAS, Parks, playgrounds, schools, and youth centers are essential public
4	spaces that provide opportunities for recreation, education, and healthy development, and
5	must be protected as safe and drug-free zones; and
6	WHEREAS, Numerous incidents of drug use and drug-related activity have been
7	reported near playgrounds and schools, in some cases resulting in life-threatening situations
8	involving children; and
9	WHEREAS, Exposure to drug use or paraphernalia poses serious risks to the physical
10	and emotional health of children and undermines the safety and integrity of surrounding
11	neighborhoods; and
12	WHEREAS, Repeated drug activity in close proximity to these sensitive community
13	sites threatens public safety and the livability of neighborhoods throughout San Francisco;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, A coordinated public safety and public health response is necessary to
16	ensure that drug activity near parks, playgrounds, and schools is addressed promptly and
17	appropriately, balancing the need for enforcement with compassion and access to treatment;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and the Board of Supervisors
20	support police officers enforcing the laws of the City and County of San Francisco and the
21	State of California regarding the sale and public consumption of illicit drugs; now, therefore,
22	be it
23	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24	urges the San Francisco Police Department, the Department of Emergency Management, and

the Department of Public Health to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to respond

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1	to drug use, visible narcotics activity, or suspected drug trafficking occurring within 250 feet of
2	any park, playground, or school, which shall include but not be limited to: Issuing citations to
3	individuals engaged in unlawful drug activity in these areas, conducting on-site assessments
4	to evaluate individuals' health and needs and removing individuals from the vicinity for
5	processing and prioritizing intervention by referring and connecting individuals engaged in
6	unlawful drug activity to crisis stabilization, detoxification or treatment services, as
7	appropriate; and, be it
8	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9	Francisco urges the SFPD to adopt technology tools, pursuant to our city's technology
10	policies, including but not limited to: Chapter 19B, and 22J to reduce the time and increase
11	the accuracy of citation writing and incident reporting in all forms; and, be it
12	FURTHER RESOLVED, That this comprehensive plan be in pursuit of an immediate
13	future where San Francisco's sidewalks and public spaces are free of the sale and use of illicit
14	drugs; and, be it
15	FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution does not change existing laws or criminal
16	justice policies, but reaffirms the City's duty to ensure the safety of public spaces and to
17	provide coordinated interventions for individuals struggling with substance use; and, be it
18	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the San Francisco

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this resolution to the San Francisco Police Department, the Department of Emergency Management, and the Department of Public Health for their review, collaboration, and immediate consideration.

detailed plan for implementation, including timelines, resource needs, coordination with health

Police Department to report back within 60 days of the passage of this Resolution with a

and emergency departments, and any anticipated challenges; and, be it

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