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[Families in the City shelter system] SUPPORTING A POLICY OF GIVING HIGH PRIORITY TO HOMELESS FAMILIES IN THE CITY SHELTER SYSTEM, SUCH THAT NO FAMILY SEEKING EMERGENCY SHELTER SHOULD BE TURNED AWAY OR KEPT ON THE CONNECTING POINT WAITING LIST BECAUSE THE SYSTEM IS FULL BUT SHOULD INSTEAD BE GIVEN EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATIONS UNTIL SHELTER PLACEMENT IS AVAILABLE.

WHEREAS, The current housing shortage has resulted in increasing numbers of homeless families with children; and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco should take responsibility for the safety and well-being of its children; and,

WHEREAS, The nonprofit and charitable service providers' resources are strained by their current caseloads, and the City and County shelters are an integral part of the safety net for homeless families; and,

WHEREAS, Relying heavily on hotel units to house homeless families has been both costly and ineffective; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports a policy of giving high priority to homeless families in the City shelter system; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no family seeking emergency shelter should be turned away of kept on the Connecting Point waiting list because the system is full but should instead be given emergency accommodations until shelter placement is available; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That families placed in emergency hotel rooms should be able to maintain that space until shelter placement is available; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That every family should remain intact while awaiting shelter placement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a policy of giving high priority to homeless families in the City shelter system will not supersede planning or funding efforts to provide long term, stable housing for homeless families.



## City and County of San Francisco Tails

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## Resolution

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Resolution supporting a policy of giving high priority to homeless families in the City shelter system, such that no family seeking emergency shelter should be turned away or kept on the connecting point waiting list because the system is full but should instead be given emergency accommodations until shelter placement is available.

November 2, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom,

Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 2, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young (Clerk of the Board

Mayor WillidL. Brown Jr.

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