

[Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services - Behested Payment Waiver]

Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's Executive Director, Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors to solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

WHEREAS, The Mission of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH" or "Department") is to prevent homelessness when possible and make homelessness rare, brief and one-time in the City and County of San Francisco ("the City") through the provision of coordinated, compassionate and high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, With the enactment of Resolution No. 319-18 in October 2018, the Board of Supervisors and Mayor London N. Breed declared a shelter crisis and affirmed San Francisco's commitment to a continuum of shelter and service options for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, As of the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, there were approximately 8,323 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco on any given night, 52% of whom were unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, In April 2023, the city released the five-year strategic plan "Home by the Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco" which calls for resources including 1,075 new shelter beds to meet the goals set out in the plan, including the goal to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 50%; and

1 WHEREAS, While HSH continues to expand shelter, prevention, housing and other
2 resources, we know that more resources need to be made available to address the crisis
3 on our streets; and

4 WHEREAS, HSH has established successful and innovative public-private
5 partnerships to expand shelter and other services to meet the critical needs of people
6 experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

7 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Fund for the Homeless (Administrative Code,
8 Section 10.100-106) was established as a category eight fund to receive all private
9 donations, grants, gifts and bequests of money, to assist people in need finding long-term
10 housing and overcome barriers to employment by supporting outreach services, shelters,
11 navigation centers, flexible housing assistance, housing and other resources; and

12 WHEREAS, HSH, as the designated administrator of the Mayor's Fund for the
13 Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-106) is required to report regularly to the
14 Homeless Oversight Commission on deposits and expenditures from the fund, as well as
15 furnish an annual report to the Board of Supervisors showing such gifts received, the
16 nature or amount of said gifts, and the disposition thereof (Administrative Code,
17 Section 10.100); and

18 WHEREAS, HSH works with philanthropic organizations, private companies and
19 community stakeholders including homeless service providers, often through grant
20 agreements; and

21 WHEREAS, On October 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
22 Resolution No. 483-23 authorizing a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance
23 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Office of the
24 Mayor and HSH, to the extent that it restricts the Mayor, Executive Director of HSH and
25 officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and HSH from soliciting financial support

1 or in-kind goods or services, from persons or entities that would be considered interested
2 parties, to support expansion of temporary shelter or other homeless services; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
4 Resolution No. 125-24 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments
5 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the
6 Office of the Mayor and HSH that is set to expire on October 18, 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, On October 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
8 Resolution No. 517-24 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments
9 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the
10 Office of the Mayor and HSH that is set to expire on April 17, 2025; and

11 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2025, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
12 Ordinance No. 010-25 authorizing the Office of the Mayor for six months to solicit donations
13 from various private entities and organizations to support the City's work on the Core
14 Initiatives, which include Projects Addressing Homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested
15 Payment Ordinance; and

16 WHEREAS, HSH seeks a new waiver of the City's Behested Payments Ordinance
17 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Sections 3.600 et seq.) for the Executive
18 Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and
19 Program Directors for a period of six months beginning on April 16, 2025; and

20 WHEREAS, HSH seek to fundraise or engage in philanthropic partnerships with the
21 entities that may be considered to be interested parties to one or more of the departments
22 due to advocacy related to homelessness policy or programs; and

23 WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of
24 Supervisors donations to the City that were solicited under this waiver; such reports will
25 identify the donor, the amount of the donation, and the interested relationship the donor

1 has with the department that solicited the donation; the department or office will submit the
2 reports to the Board within 60 days of the expiration of the 6-month period authorized by
3 this waiver; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental
5 Conduct Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested
6 Payment Ordinance for the Executive Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief
7 Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors, so that they may solicit donations from
8 private organizations and philanthropists to support the expansion of temporary shelter and
9 other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness for a period of six
10 months, beginning on April 16, 2025; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver serves the public interest by
12 supporting HSH to explore innovative opportunities to expand the availability of resources
13 to support people experiencing homelessness, specifically temporary shelter and other
14 homeless services to support bringing more people inside and off the streets; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver does not create an appearance of
16 impropriety.

RECOMMENDED:

/s/
Shireen McSpadden
Homelessness and Supportive Housing
Executive Director



City and County of San Francisco
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Resolution

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March 20, 2025 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

March 20, 2025 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

March 25, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar and Sherrill

Excused: 2 - Sauter and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/25/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

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Date Approved