

1 [Urging the Sheriff’s Department and Department of Public Health to Conduct a Good Food
2 Purchasing Baseline Assessment]

3 **Resolution urging the Sheriff’s Department and Department of Public Health to conduct**
4 **a baseline assessment of existing food vendors to evaluate vendor alignment with the**
5 **Good Food Purchasing standards.**

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7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has long been committed to good
8 food policies, through initiatives like Mayor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Directive to promote
9 Healthy and Sustainable Food in 2009, the first-ever comprehensive food policy to approach
10 the food system holistically, from production and distribution to consumption and waste; and

11 WHEREAS, Other efforts for healthy and sustainable food include a recent Ordinance
12 (File No. 170763) passed unanimously by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, requiring
13 the reporting of antibiotics in meat and poultry from grocers selling raw meat and/or poultry in
14 the City of San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, The Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) was developed in 2012 to
16 incentivize public institutions to procure food produced through values-driven purchasing
17 standards; and

18 WHEREAS, The Good Food Purchasing Program is a collaborative initiative of cross-
19 sector national and local partners coordinated by the Center for Good Food Purchasing, which
20 provides planning, implementation and evaluation support for institutions using the GFPP
21 framework; and

22 WHEREAS, The Good Food Purchasing Program values prioritize nutrition,
23 affordability, geography, and sustainable production practices including sound environmental
24 practices, fair prices for producers, safe and fair working conditions for employees, and
25 humane conditions for animals; and

1 WHEREAS, Good Food Purchasing refers to the sourcing and procurement of all foods
2 and beverages procured with public institution funds, providing a metric-based framework and
3 set of tools that guides organizations to direct their buying power towards suppliers in
4 alignment with the above values; and

5 WHEREAS, The Good Food Purchasing Program works with institutions to establish
6 supply chain transparency from farm to fork, evaluates how current purchasing practices align
7 with a set of standards, assists with goal setting, measures progress, and celebrates
8 institutional successes in shifting toward a values-based purchasing model; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District unanimously passed a
10 Resolution in 2016 adopting Good Food Purchasing as district policy; and

11 WHEREAS, Good Food Purchasing has been adopted by school districts and public
12 institutions across the country, including the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Unified
13 School District in 2012, Oakland Unified School District in 2016, and the City of Chicago and
14 Chicago Public Schools in 2017, and is currently being explored for adoption in Austin,
15 Baltimore, Boulder, Cincinnati, Minneapolis—St. Paul, New York City, and Washington D.C.;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Mayor’s Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking,
18 in 2017, took a position in support of Good Food Purchasing in alignment with valued
19 workforce standards in addition to other standards; and

20 WHEREAS, The Sheriff’s Department and the Department of Public Health have a
21 commitment to healthy and sustainable food and have engaged in exploration of purchasing
22 policies to embody that commitment; and

23 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health serves approximately 6,000 meals per
24 day, totaling over two million meals per year, and the Sheriff’s Department serves
25 approximately 4,200 meals per day, totaling more than 1.5 million meals per year; and

1 WHEREAS, With almost \$7 million combined spent on food procurement annually
2 through the Sheriff’s Department and the Department of Public Health, a Good Food
3 Purchasing policy would allow the City and County’s values to influence contracted food
4 vendors to be in alignment with good food standards; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Sheriff’s Department and the
6 Department of Public Health, in order to facilitate the adoption of a good food purchasing
7 policy for each of their respective departments, to conduct a baseline assessment of existing
8 food vendors to evaluate vendor alignment with the Good Food Purchasing standards; and,
9 be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Sheriff’s Department
11 and the Department of Public Health to complete their departmental baseline assessments
12 within four months from passage of this Resolution; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon completion of the baseline assessment, the Board
14 of Supervisors urges the Sheriff’s Department and the Department of Public Health to report
15 to the Board of Supervisors the results of their baseline assessments and action plans for
16 meeting and/or exceeding baseline targets within each of the five value categories of the
17 Good Food Purchasing Program, within six months of passage of this Resolution.