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MEMORANDUM

PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Matt Dorsey, Chair
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk

DATE: July 10, 2026

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

The following file should be presented as COMMITTEE REPORT during the Board meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. This ordinance was acted upon during the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

BOS Item No. 251003 File No. 41

[Administrative Code - Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing]

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RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Matt Dorsey – Aye
Supervisor Danny Sauter – Aye
Supervisor Alan Wong – Aye

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

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Prepared by: Monique Crayton

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NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncoded text** are in plain Arial font.
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Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 12K, consisting of Sections 12K.1 through 12K.7, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 12K: PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; DRUG-FREE PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

SEC. 12K.1. FINDINGS.

(a) Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) plays a significant role in San Francisco’s response to homelessness by combining affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services intended to address the myriad needs of chronically homeless people, including families with children, seniors, and persons with chronic disabilities. These support services are intended to build independent living and tenancy skills, and connect people with community-based health care, treatment, and employment services.

(b) With few exceptions, San Francisco's PSH sites currently adhere to the drug-tolerant policies reflected in California's current implementation of the "Core Components of Housing First," as set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255. These policies apply to state-funded PSH, and provide that "use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not a reason for eviction," and that supportive services must be "informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants' lives." Some – but not all – of San Francisco's PSH is state-funded, and subject to the state's current Housing First mandates. To the extent locally funded PSH in San Francisco adheres to drug-tolerant provisions, however, it does so as a voluntary policy choice subject to revision by the Board of Supervisors.

(c) The near universality of drug-tolerant policies in San Francisco’s PSH portfolio fails to serve the needs of many PSH residents seeking to stabilize their lives as they exit homelessness. This is especially true for those residents who are in recovery or seeking to recover from substance use disorders (“SUDs”), but it is similarly true for those supportive housing residents not in recovery who

1 would prefer to avoid the myriad harms and risks associated with living in a residential community
2 where the use of illicit drugs is expressly tolerated.

3 (d) Moreover, many of the externalities that arise from residents' illicit drug use overburden
4 the City's public health and public safety resources because of elevated acuity and drug-related
5 behavioral health challenges, diminishing San Franciscans' confidence in their city government's
6 response to homelessness overall. According to data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner,
7 between June 2024 and July 2025, 26% of overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a higher percentage than
8 in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street. Drug-related behaviors and associated
9 lawlessness lead to public nuisances that routinely rob law-abiding PSH residents and neighbors of the
10 quiet enjoyment of their own residences and neighborhoods. Just one PSH facility alone generated 654
11 police calls for service in a single year — averaging nearly two calls per day. A sample of 15 PSH sites
12 showed 5,872 police calls for service during that same time frame.

13 (e) Drug-Free PSH operates as a residential community free of illicit drug use, avoiding the
14 multitude of negative externalities of illicit drugs that bedevil many Drug-Tolerant PSH sites in San
15 Francisco. As compared to Drug-Tolerant PSH, drug-free housing options would also better support
16 individuals exiting homelessness who are in recovery from addiction or alcoholism as well as those at
17 elevated risks to develop SUDs. The 2025 Homelessness Needs Assessment, published by the Our City,
18 Our Home Oversight Committee in accordance with Business and Tax Regulations Code Section
19 2810(e)(2)(B), reported that 53% of single adults and 28% of families served through HSH's housing
20 programs had substance use or mental health disorders.

21 (f) As of March 2026, the choices afforded to program participants are insufficiently prioritized
22 in San Francisco's current operation of PSH. More Drug-Free PSH options would add an important
23 new choice for PSH residents exiting homelessness, and would broaden the City's array of evidence-
24 based solutions to more effectively address homelessness and substance use disorders that are so
25 visible on City streets. By removing barriers to drug-free options for formerly unhoused persons and

1 honoring the choice of some PSH residents who would prefer to live in a drug-free residential
2 community, the policies advanced in this Chapter 12K would better serve many PSH residents, who
3 include families with children, seniors, and individuals at all stages of recovery from SUDs and at
4 heightened risk of suffering harms associated with illicit drug use.

5 (g) Although evictions from site-based PSH are relatively rare, they do occur, due to
6 nonpayment of rent and lease violations. According to the Annual Tenant Eviction Reports,
7 which San Francisco Administrative Code Article XIV requires HSH to publish annually, in
8 Fiscal Year 2023-24, 106 households were evicted from PSH that did not prohibit onsite illicit
9 drug use (representing 1.17% of PSH households), and in Fiscal Year 2024-25, 156
10 households were evicted from the same category of PSH (representing 1.8% of PSH
11 households). By contrast, HSH has operated a drug-free PSH site at 1174 Folsom Street
12 since early 2025 that has not seen a single eviction since it opened.

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14 **SEC. 12K.2. DEFINITIONS.**

15 For purposes of this Chapter 12K, the following definitions apply:

16 “City” means the City and County of San Francisco.

17 “Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing” or “Drug-Free PSH” means Site-Based PSH
18 where on-site Illicit ~~De~~rug ~~U~~se is prohibited and is grounds for relocation to another housing or
19 shelter option, or, eviction, ~~where good faith relocation offers are refused,~~ provided that
20 participation in Medication-Assisted-Treatment, administered by a licensed healthcare provider in
21 accordance with applicable laws and medical guidance, shall not be deemed Illicit ~~De~~rug ~~U~~se.

22 “Drug-Tolerant Permanent Supportive Housing” or “Drug-Tolerant PSH” means Site-Based
23 PSH where the use of illicit drugs, without any other lease violation, is not a basis for eviction, and
24 applicants are accepted regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or
25 participation in recovery services.

1 "Illicit ~~De~~rug ~~U~~se" means the use of a controlled or regulated substance in a manner that is
2 unlawful under state or federal law, including use without a valid prescription or outside the scope of
3 lawful medical or other legally permitted use, regardless of whether the substance itself may be
4 lawfully possessed or used under other circumstances.

5 "PSH Resident Survey" means the survey described in Section 12K.5.

6 "Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing" or "Site-Based PSH" means subsidized rental
7 housing where 100% of the units are for individuals and households with a history of homelessness, in
8 a building that is owned or master leased by the City or a non-profit organization funded by the City,
9 that imposes no time limit on occupancy, and provides supportive services to help residents maintain
10 housing.

11 "Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing Portfolio" means the total number of Site-Based
12 PSH units that are operated or funded by the City at a given time.

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14 **SEC. 12K.3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

15 It shall be City policy to expand the availability of Drug-Free PSH to meet the demand from
16 individuals in need of Site-Based PSH who prefer that option as an alternative to Drug-Tolerant PSH.
17 The goal of this policy is to promote long-term housing stability and minimize returns to homelessness.

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19 **SEC. 12K.4. USE OF CITY FUNDS FOR ~~DRUG-TOLERANT~~EXPANSION OF**
20 **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PORTFOLIO ~~PROHIBITED~~MUST BE FOR DRUG-**
21 **FREE HOUSING EXCEPT WHERE DRUG-FREE HOUSING MODEL CONFLICTS WITH**
22 **LAW OR FUNDING CONDITION, FUNDING IS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, OR BOARD**
23 **OF SUPERVISORS WAIVER.**

24 (a) Except as stated in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section 12K.4, the City shall ~~not expend~~
25 ~~funds for~~ include in any contract, grant agreement, or loan agreement to increase the City's Site-

1 Based Permanent Supportive Housing Portfolio ~~unless the contract, grant agreement, or loan~~
2 ~~agreement would exclusively fund Drug-Free PSH~~ a requirement that the Site-Based PSH
3 operator operate the Site-Based PSH as Drug-Free Housing PSH, consistent with the
4 regulations adopted by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH"), as
5 set forth in Section 12K.6 of this Article 12K.

6 (b) The ~~prohibition~~ requirement set forth in subsection (a) includes, but is not limited to: (1)
7 entering into a grant agreement to fund an organization to provide services or operations for new
8 ~~Drug-Tolerant~~ Site-Based PSH, (2) entering into a grant agreement to subsidize operations and/or
9 rents for new ~~Drug-Tolerant~~ Site-Based PSH, and (3) entering into a loan agreement for the
10 redevelopment of any existing building for use as and construction of any new ~~Drug-~~
11 ~~Tolerant~~ Site-Based PSH.

12 (c) The ~~prohibition~~ requirement set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to: (1) any contract,
13 grant agreement, or loan agreement for Site-Based PSH where operation of such Site-Based PSH as
14 Drug-Free PSH would be prohibited by law or in conflict with applicable conditions of funding; or (2)
15 any contract, grant agreement, or loan agreement for the development and construction of a
16 new building to house Site-Based PSH.

17 (d) The Board of Supervisors may waive the ~~prohibition~~ requirement set forth in subsection (a)
18 by resolution only if the Board makes the following findings:

19 (1) Such waiver is necessary to meet the demand for Drug-Tolerant PSH as determined
20 by the PSH Resident Survey conducted under section 12K.5, or is otherwise determined by the Board to
21 be in the public interest; and

22 (2) Waiver is recommended by either the Department of Homelessness and
23 Supportive Housing ("HSH") or the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development; and

24 (3) The sponsoring Department has committed to entering into a Good Neighbor
25 Agreement with the housing operator intended to address anticipated neighborhood concerns.

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2 **SEC. 12K.5. MEASURING DEMAND FOR DRUG-TOLERANT AND DRUG-FREE**

3 **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.**

4 (a) Within six months of the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 251003
5 enacting this Chapter 12K, HSH shall, in collaboration with the Controller's Office, conduct a survey
6 of PSH residents to assess their interest in living in Drug-Free PSH as an alternative to Drug-Tolerant
7 PSH ("PSH Resident Survey"). The survey instrument shall explain the drug-related policies that apply
8 in each type of housing.

9 (b) Within one month of the completion of the PSH Resident Survey, HSH and the Controller's
10 Office shall prepare a report summarizing the results of the survey and shall submit the report to the
11 Board of Supervisors, along with a resolution for the Board to acknowledge receipt of the survey
12 report.

13 (c) Within three months of the completion of the PSH Resident Survey, HSH shall prepare a
14 report describing the strategies it intends to implement to meet the demand measured in the PSH
15 Resident Survey for Drug-Free PSH and Drug-Tolerant PSH, in accordance with Section 12K.3, and
16 shall submit that report to the Board of Supervisors together with a resolution for the Board to
17 acknowledge its receipt.

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19 **SEC. 12K.6. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

20 HSH, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall promulgate rules and
21 regulations to carry out the provisions of this Chapter 12K, that:

22 (a) Establish standards for City-funded Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing operators
23 that:

24 (1) Prohibit the use of illicit drugs on the premises; and

25 (2) Prohibit eviction for Illicit Drug Use ~~for~~ based solely on a single relapse or

1 instance of Illicit Drug Use:-

2 ~~—— (2) Provide that a single relapse or instance of Illicit drug use may not be~~
3 ~~treated as an automatic cause for eviction or termination from a program, but that participants~~
4 ~~be offered relapse support; and~~

5 ~~—— (3) Provide that an operator may seek to terminate a resident's tenancy when a~~
6 ~~participant's behavior substantially disrupts or impacts the welfare of the community in which~~
7 ~~the participant resides;~~

8 (3) Provide that an operator may seek to terminate a resident's tenancy when a
9 participant's behavior substantially disrupts or impacts the welfare of the community in which
10 the resident resides or is otherwise in violation of their lease; and

11 (4) Provide that before an operator may evict a resident who has engaged in
12 Illicit Drug Use but is otherwise in compliance with all lease terms, the operator must receive
13 confirmation from HSH that the resident has been offered alternative housing or shelter to
14 ensure that they are not evicted into homelessness.

15 (b) Establish agency protocols for providing support to residents facing eviction from
16 Drug-Free Housing for solely on the basis of Illicit Drug Use, by:

17 (1) Ensuring that such residents may continue to access case management
18 and supportive services appropriate to their needs and housing stability, including but not
19 limited to housing retention, money management, and benefits enrollment support;

20 (2) Offering such residents appropriate alternative housing, shelter
21 placement, or a pathway to housing prior to program discharge or eviction; and

22 (3) In collaboration with the Department of Public Health, making a good faith
23 effort to accommodate such residents' housing and service needs when identifying alternative
24 placements, with the goal of avoiding returns to homelessness.

25 ~~—— (2) Reaffirm HSH's commitment to use its best efforts to provide alternative~~

1 ~~housing or shelter to an individual who is living in Drug-Free PSH, where such individual is at~~
2 ~~risk of eviction, or is discharged from the program.~~

3 (c) HSH shall submit such rules and regulations to the Board of Supervisors prior to the
4 implementation of any new Drug-Free PSH site.

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6 **SEC. 12K.7. UNDERTAKING FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

7 In enacting and implementing this Chapter 12K, the City is assuming an undertaking only to
8 promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an
9 obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach
10 proximately caused injury.

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12 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective at ~~12:00 a.m.~~ on the
13 31st day after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor
14 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it,
15 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
17 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

18 By: /s/
19 ANNE PEARSON
20 Deputy City Attorney

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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
Amended in Committee – July 9, 2026

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Existing Law

Currently, there is no law requiring or prohibiting the City from funding any model of permanent supportive housing.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would state that it is City policy to expand the availability of Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing that prohibits on-site illicit drug use (“Drug-Free PSH”) to meet the demand from individuals who prefer that option. The goal of this policy is to promote long-term housing stability and minimize returns to homelessness.

The ordinance would also require the City to include in any contract, grant agreement, or loan agreement to increase the City’s Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing Portfolio a requirement that the Site-Based PSH operator operate the Site-Based PSH as Drug-Free Housing, consistent with the regulations adopted by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”). This requirement would not apply where operation of the new housing as Drug-Free PSH would conflict with standards imposed by law or by a condition of other funding or where the City agreement is to fund the development and construction of a new building. In addition, the Board of Supervisors may waive the requirement based on findings that such waiver is necessary to meet the demand for Drug-Tolerant PSH; the waiver is recommended by HSH or the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development; and

the sponsoring department has committed to enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the housing operator.

The ordinance would require HSH to survey residents of Site-Based PSH to assess their interest in living in Drug-Free PSH, and submit a report to the Board of Supervisors summarizing their findings and plans to meet demand.

Finally, the ordinance would require HSH to adopt rules establishing standards for City-funded Drug-Free PSH and agency protocols for providing support to residents facing eviction from Drug-Free Housing for Illicit Drug Use.

Background Information

This ordinance is a substitute of the ordinance in Board File No. 25-1003, which was introduced on October 7, 2025. This legislative digest reflects amendments made on May 28, 2026 and July 9, 2026, in the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. Those amendments:

- reframed the policy as a requirement that the City include operating standards in funding agreements for the operation of Drug-Free Housing;
- added a requirement that HSH develop rules and regulations governing resident evictions for illicit drug use and agency protocols relating to supportive services;
- provide that before an operator may evict a resident who has engaged in Illicit Drug Use but is otherwise in compliance with all lease terms, the operator must receive confirmation from HSH that the resident has been offered alternative housing or shelter to ensure that they are not evicted into homelessness.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Shireen McSpadden, Director, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
Daniel Tsai, Director, Department of Public Health

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: March 24, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, substituted by Supervisor Dorsey on March 17 2026.

File No. 251003 (Substituted)

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If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: monique.crayton@sfgov.org.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joy Zhan, Interim Director, Youth Commission

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: April 1, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

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Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

_____ No Comment
_____ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

C: Office of Chair Dorsey

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RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: 05/05/2026

 No Comment
X Recommendation Attached

Gabrielle Listana

Chairperson, Youth Commission



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

CC: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

FROM: 2025-2026 Youth Commission

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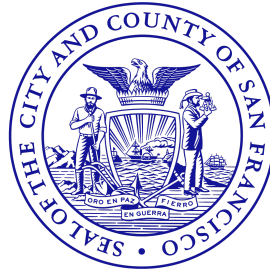
RE: SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION LEGISLATION REFERRED 04/01/26

At the Youth Commission's in-person meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, the Commission discussed and took action on BOS File No. 251003:

1. The Youth Commission negatively recommends this legislation to the full Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office with a vote of 12 ayes, 2 nays, and 3 absent.
2. The Youth Commission supports the increased options of permanent supportive housing and the expansion of sober housing.
3. The Youth Commission has the following concerns regarding the legislation:
 - Due to the fiscal analysis and the fiscal constraints of the City, there is the possibility of pitting resources against each other, which could halt future permanent supportive housing development.
 - There is a lack of an outline of how people would be evicted and a lack of uniformity of eviction criteria, since the Commission wants better protections for tenants.
4. In its current legislative form as of May 4, 2026, while the Youth Commission sees the benefit of the legislation and letting young people access sober living options, the Commission hopes to see the legislation improved to address the concerns above.

Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff at (415) 554-7112 with any questions. Thank you.

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**Rebuttal to the San Francisco Marin Medical Society's 'Oppose Unless Amended'
letter regarding the Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation, File No. 251003**

Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, the San Francisco Marin Medical Society (SFMMS) on April 21, 2026 submitted an "Oppose Unless Amended" letter¹ regarding legislation I authored (File No. 251003) to expand Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing, or PSH, citywide.

Going back more than a decade, I've had many occasions to stand with this organization on the public health priorities we shared, including efforts while I served on former City Attorney Dennis Herrera's executive staff to help defend San Francisco's enforcement of

¹ San Francisco Marin Medical Society letter Re: Ordinance 251003 (Dorsey) Position: Oppose Unless Amended, April 21, 2026, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:us:03442291-856f-4ea9-9d69-2320b6d021f1>.

health warnings on ads for sugary beverages;² as a private-sector campaign strategist who helped lead the convincing, come-from-behind defeat of a 2019 ballot measure by Juul Labs that sought to preserve e-cigarette sales and repeal city restrictions on flavored tobacco;³ as a supervisor in 2024 to pass legislation I authored requiring that all retail pharmacies stock sufficient quantities of buprenorphine citywide;⁴ and most recently to enact a groundbreaking "Recovery First" ordinance that established a self-directed and healthy life, free from illicit drug use, as the primary goal of San Francisco's drug policy.⁵

While I appreciate SFMMS's decision to weigh in on a legislative priority that Board President Rafael Mandelman and I have been working on for the better part of two years, I was surprised and disappointed to see such an unexpectedly sweeping set of demands for amendments just 48 hours before the legislation's April 23, 2026 hearing.

Far more disappointing to me, however, was that SFMMS's eleventh hour engagement — *on a topic it had never before raised with me until two weeks prior* — advanced material mischaracterizations of my legislation that, if left unaddressed, risk misleading Board members and the public about its intent and effect if enacted. Indeed, in key respects, SFMMS critiques the proposed ordinance for doing the *exact opposite* of what it actually does. Beyond these misrepresentations, too, SFMMS proposes problematic policy changes I would strongly oppose as either antithetical to the legislation's intent, unsupported by facts or evidence, or needlessly duplicative of existing law.

I offer this rebuttal letter to set the record straight.

² "Big Soda falls flat: Herrera beats back motion by American Beverage Association to preliminarily enjoin San Francisco from enforcing health warnings on fixed ads for sugary beverages," City Attorney Dennis Herrera News Release, May 17, 2016, <https://sfcityattorney.org/big-soda-falls-flat/>.

³ "Juul dominates SF ballot measure spending, shelling out \$4.3 million to defend vaping" by Catherine Ho, *San Francisco Chronicle*, August 19, 2019, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Juul-dominates-SF-ballot-measure-spending-14339354.php>.

⁴ San Francisco Marin Medical Society letter Re: Buprenorphine Ordinance, File No. 240502, (Dorsey) Position: Support, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:46c3e27f-c91b-4c61-82e5-05a421abab88>.

⁵ "Dorsey to amend 'Recovery First' legislation to win backing from the S.F. Marin Medical Society; Legislation would prioritize long-term remission from Substance Use Disorder — 'free from illicit drug use,' through process of recovery — as S.F.'s primary goal," Office of Supervisor Matt Dorsey, April 24, 2025, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:0ce48c9d-954a-4f8a-a687-cee2a291ee58>

Summary of the Proposed Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance

The Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance⁶ I’ve proposed is a modest, targeted, incremental, and forward-looking policy reform that would add much-needed flexibility to address the structural imbalance in San Francisco’s PSH portfolio by introducing and expanding a housing model that is almost entirely absent now: Drug-Free PSH.

It would accomplish this in three ways:

- **First**, it would require that all new city-funded Permanent Supportive Housing be illicit-drug-free — with the same lease rules governing evictions for the use of illicit drugs as all standard residential leases in San Francisco. (See Sec. 12K.4.)
- **Second**, it would require a survey of PSH residents *themselves* to ask which option they would prefer as PSH options scale up in years to come: whether to live in a “drug-tolerant” or “drug-free” residential community. (See Sec. 12K.5.)
- **Third**, it would establish as city policy San Francisco’s intent to ultimately meet the demand of what PSH residents *themselves* want in terms of drug-tolerant or drug-free residential communities. (See Sec. 12K.3.)

Importantly, there is nothing novel about illicit-drug-free housing, which reflects longstanding lease provisions that are standard under California and local law, and which currently govern approximately 240,000 residential tenancies across San Francisco. Only PSH leases — *and PSH leases uniquely among all other residential tenancies citywide* — expressly include provisions that prohibit evictions for the use of illicit drugs on site.

As with all standard residential leases, Drug-Free PSH would prohibit unlawful activity on the premises — including the use of illicit drugs — while permitting *lawful* conduct that includes the use of such legal intoxicants as alcohol or marijuana. In this respect, the proposed ordinance would merely extend to new implementations of city-funded PSH the

⁶ File No. 251003, “Administrative Code - Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing” (Dorsey) Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=15325376&GUID=08D77728-1F83-4632-A3A0-9EE7B8F3EDF4>.

very same baseline residential expectations that protect the rights of tenants throughout the private residential rental market in San Francisco and throughout California.

In short, the defining ethos of this proposed legislation is to *center the choices of Permanent Supportive Housing residents themselves*. My legislation seeks to move city policy beyond the ill-informed and frankly arrogant presumption that everyone in Permanent Supportive Housing is an active drug user — and that all PSH residents deserve a tenancy standard substantively below that of other residential tenants in San Francisco.

I think that’s unfair, and this rigidly inflexible status quo is what my legislation aims to fix.

SFMMS’s Letter is at Odds with Nationally Recognized Addiction Medicine Experts

Although SFMMS acknowledges that it represents local physicians “of every medical specialty and mode of practice,” its opposition makes no representation that it reflects any specialized expertise in the realm of addiction medicine beyond the summary recitation of “Housing First” principles it outlines.

By contrast, supporters of the Drug-Free Housing legislation I’ve proposed include two of the nation’s most widely recognized experts in addiction medicine.

Keith Humphreys, PhD., endorses the Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation.

- Dr. Humphreys is the Esther Ting Memorial Professor of Psychiatry at Stanford University School of Medicine. He served in President Obama’s White House as senior policy advisor in the Office of National Drug Control Policy, is a senior research career scientist in the Veterans Administration, and is a nationally sought-after expert on drug addiction and its effect on public health and safety.
- Dr. Humphreys’s letter of support⁷ noted that “drug-free housing options particularly benefit people struggling with their use of methamphetamine,

⁷ Keith Humphries, Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, letter Re: Drug-Free Housing, File #251003 (Dorsey) Position: Support, April 22, 2026, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:us:c09de162-2d24-4a35-9220-3101ec7c35e7>.

fentanyl, and other drugs,” citing a DePaul University study of individuals in substance-free settings “with a pro-recovery culture” that reported “double the rate of abstaining from substance use,” with a 50 percent greater likelihood to have a job than those residing in non-sober settings.

- Dr. Humphreys added: “Under current California law, it is unfortunately not legal to use state housing dollars to create drug-free housing options that would yield benefits like this. The only option San Francisco therefore has is what this proposal offers, namely using local funds to support such therapeutic living environments. I believe that doing so will greatly aid people who are seeking recovery from addiction and I therefore respectfully urge you to support this proposal.”

Dr. Anna Lembke endorses the Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation.

- Dr. Lembke is the Medical Director of Addiction Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine, where she also serves as a professor and program director of the Stanford Addiction Medicine Fellowship. Her 2016 book, “Drug Dealer, MD — How Doctors Were Duped, Patients Got Hooked, and Why It’s So Hard to Stop” won praise from the *New York Times* as one of the top five books to help understand the opioid epidemic. Her 2021 book, “Dopamine Nation: Finding Balance in the Age of Indulgence,” is an international bestseller that examines the neuroscience of addiction and the wisdom of abstinence-based recovery traditions.
- Dr. Lembke’s email of support⁸ expressed gratitude to me “from the bottom of my heart for the good and important work you are doing,” adding: “It strikes me as simple common sense that people would want to live in a place where illicit drug use is prohibited, especially women and families with young children, whether or not they’re in recovery. Illicit drug use is closely linked to violence, crime, and trauma. People living on the street are seeking and deserve not just housing, but safe housing.”

⁸ Dr. Anna Lembke, Medical Director of Addiction Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, Re: San Francisco legislation: “Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance,” May 1, 2026, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:e5284025-f9ba-4d92-9faa-6b4998fea992>.

SFMMS Would Exclude Families With Children from Drug-Free Supportive Housing

Among the contentions in its counterproposal I found surprising, SFMMS's dismissive exclusion of "families seeking a less disorderly living environment" from the likely benefits of a drug-free supportive housing option was one I would least have predicted.

In SFMMS's reimagination of the legislation I have proposed, this "set of individuals" — *families with children!* — would "likely be best served by housing with diligent property management," yet denied the choice of an alternative to the exclusively drug-tolerant standard contemplated in California's implementation of "Housing First."

SFMMS then seeks to wholly re-define Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing in a manner that would be strictly limited to individuals or families "in recovery" or seeking recovery services, noting that this set of individuals "would need diligent property management combined with recovery services, which require a different set of resources, staffing, and coordination with the health care system, among other considerations."

While I don't disagree with the notion that individuals and families in recovery or who seek recovery services should have access to them, the legislation as currently proposed is, *again*, intentionally designed to make voluntary residential choice (and not a medical diagnosis) the standard by which PSH residents might access a drug-free alternative.

I strongly disagree with SFMMS that families with children should be excluded from a drug-free supportive housing alternative, if that's the option that would choose. Indeed, whatever else we supervisors may disagree about on topics of drug policy, housing, or homelessness services, I would hope we could find broad agreement that families exiting homelessness face circumstances and sensitivities that deserve far better than solely "diligent property management" within explicitly drug-tolerant residential communities.

'Drug-Free Supportive Housing' is NOT 'Sober Housing' or 'Recovery Housing'

Although SFMMS urges this Board of Supervisors to amend the ordinance in a manner that would limit its benefits to those diagnosed with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs), the Drug-Free Supportive Housing option contemplated in the proposed legislation is not

intended to be “sober housing.” Neither is it designed to be a “Recovery Residence” (as defined by AB 1556⁹) or a “Supportive-Recovery Residence” (as defined by AB 255¹⁰). Rather, it is intended to offer PSH residents a wholly voluntary choice — whatever their circumstances may be — to access an alternative to the solely drug-tolerant housing model now available to them.

The proposed ordinance is intentionally designed to make voluntary residential choice — *and not a clinical diagnosis* — the standard for which PSH residents could seek a new drug-free option.

To be sure, individuals in recovery from SUDs would likely benefit from a new drug-free PSH option as an alternative to the mandatory drug-tolerant rules governing virtually all PSH units citywide — as would families with children, seniors and others our PSH portfolio was designed to serve. Accordingly, these vulnerable populations were referenced in the legislation’s findings; but it was never to suggest that drug-free options be limited to them.

SFMMS Misrepresents the Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance as Inflexible

Despite an “Oppose Unless Amended” position that, by definition, argues to retain an inflexible status quo as the preferred alternative to my proposal as written, SFMMS argues without evidence that my legislation “goes against [the] principle of flexibility.”

This representation is patently false.

In truth, it is the *current system* that’s wholly inflexible. San Francisco’s PSH portfolio is virtually *entirely* governed by drug-tolerant policies rooted in state Housing First core components¹¹ — whether legally required as a condition of funding or not — and there are no meaningful drug-free options available today for PSH residents in San Francisco.

⁹ California Assembly, Assembly Bill 1556 (Haney), 2025–2026 Regular Session, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1556.

¹⁰ California Assembly, Assembly Bill 255 (Haney), 2025–2026 Regular Session, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB255.

¹¹ California Welfare and Institutions Code § 8255(b), “Core Components of Housing First,” https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=WIC&division=8.&title=&part=&chapter=6.5.&article=

However, a new drug-free option is not the *only* way my proposed Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation would add flexibility to the currently inflexible, “one-size-fits-all” status quo that SFMMS evidently prefers. The proposed legislation would additionally maximize flexibility over existing city policy in the following ways, by ensuring...

- That not a single dollar in state funding to add more Drug-Tolerant PSH models would be delayed or prohibited. (See Sec. 12K.4 (c))
- That even blended or braided funding schemes that *include* Housing-First-encumbered state funding with city dollars be exempted. (See Sec. 12K.4 (c))
- And that waivers from the ordinance's restrictions, if found broadly “in the public interest,” are possible by resolution by a simple majority vote. (See Sec. 12K.4 (d))

In other words, the ordinance doesn't solely introduce a second lane to what is currently a one-lane system; it goes above and beyond in other ways to facilitate unfettered state funding for PSH, and to ensure maximum flexibility for any unforeseen eventuality.

So, SFMMS's charge of inflexibility is not a difference of opinion; it is flatly incorrect.

SFMMS Baselessly Alleges Obstacles to Housing and Needed Services

Escalating even more outrageously on its factually unsupported “Parade of Horribles” my legislation would purportedly risk, SFMMS leans in with some particularly absurd showstoppers that insultingly presume some dark ulterior motive to restrict funding as “the main reason this ordinance was introduced.” To the contrary, Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing — exactly as the legislation is entitled — is the main reason this ordinance was introduced. As SFMMS wrote...

Mandating exclusive funding for recovery housing, and creating obstacles to override that mandate, reduces the City's ability to meet other housing needs as they arise (e.g., mental health housing, veterans housing, or housing for those who are unable or unwilling to discontinue substance use). Presumably restrictive funding policy is the main reason this ordinance was introduced. San Francisco should not make the same mistake of creating another restricted funding source. SFMMS agrees that, due to current circumstances, a prioritization of funding for recovery housing is appropriate, but does not

agree with creating obstacles to the City's ability to use its own housing funding in the most appropriate manner identified at any given point in time.

SFMMS's above-cited claims aren't just overstated; they are flatly contradicted by the plain text of the ordinance itself. Resting on a fictional premise that simply does not exist in the legislation, SFMMS advances scorched-earth arguments here I would expect from a negative campaign ad or political rival — but not from a good-faith policymaking partner.

First, leaving aside the fact that the legislation doesn't apply to "recovery housing" *at all*, there is nothing in the proposed ordinance "mandating exclusive funding for recovery housing" in the rigid, inflexible way SFMMS states. As outlined previously, the Drug-Free Supportive Housing proposal expressly preserves flexibility in two separate and meaningful ways: (1) it allows funding for drug-tolerant housing wherever required by law or funding conditions (see Sec. 12K.4 (c)); and (2) it authorizes the Board of Supervisors, by a simple majority vote, to waive the funding preference whenever doing so is in the public interest and supported by the relevant departments (see Sec. 12K.4 (d)).

That is not rigidity — it is a thoughtful, responsibly crafted policy preference paired with explicit, built-in override authority.

Second, SFMMS offers no evidence whatsoever — none — that this ordinance would reduce housing production or impair the City's ability to fund other housing needs. That omission is telling. The legislation does not reduce funding levels, redirect existing appropriations, or eliminate any funding source. It simply establishes a standard residential lease condition as a requirement for how local dollars are spent within a portion of the City's portfolio as a routine and necessary function of policymaking. To leap from that to claims about reduced production or impaired system capacity is factually unsupported and irresponsible.

Third, the SFMMS position ignores a central reality the ordinance is designed to address: San Francisco already operates under a de facto monopoly of drug-tolerant PSH, driven in large part by state Housing First requirements to which city-funded PSH adheres voluntarily — even while having long had the legal option to do otherwise.

Again, the legislation does not “reduce” flexibility — it introduces it, for the first time, by creating a meaningful alternative using local funds where the City actually has discretion. SFMMS’s position effectively defends the status quo while labeling any deviation from it as “inflexible,” which turns the concept on its head.

Finally, the suggestion that prioritizing drug-free housing somehow crowds out mental health housing, veterans housing, or other needs is a false tradeoff. Drug-Free PSH is not a separate population silo: it is a housing model that likely can and will serve many of the same individuals, including those with co-occurring SUDs or mental health issues. The ordinance explicitly contemplates a mixed portfolio aligned with resident demand, and informed by a required citywide survey. ~~OBJ~~As drafted, this legislation creates a data-driven allocation framework; not a constraint on it.

In short, SFMMS is warning of harms that the ordinance does not create, while ignoring the flexibility it plainly offers. Its claim that this measure would undermine housing production or constrain funding decisions is unsupported by the text, unsupported by evidence, and, I hope, unpersuasive to your consideration of SFMMS’s position.

The Legislation Doesn’t Undermine ‘Housing First,’ But Adjusts For Its Limitations

In the context of the proposed ordinance, SFMMS invokes Housing First as a settled, consistently interpreted, and uniformly successful model for which there should be no amendment or alternative.

In fact, Housing First is neither consistently interpreted nor uniformly successful, and I am mystified why a public health advocacy organization would dismiss evidence from the legislation’s findings — that PSH in San Francisco accounts for fully 26 percent of overdose fatalities citywide, a higher percentage than in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street — and yet support retaining the status quo over a modestly incremental effort to extend the option of a drug-free residential lease provision to PSH residents who choose it. (Importantly, again, SFMMS’s position on this legislation is not “Support If Amended,” but “Oppose Unless Amended” — meaning it advocates for a preferred status quo over the proposed legislation, rather than mere neutrality.)

First, California's implementation of Housing First in 2016¹² defied guidance from the Obama Administration's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the prior year, which strongly encouraged the inclusion of recovery housing models "so long as entry into the program is based on the choice of the program participant." As the 2015 HUD Recovery Housing Policy Brief¹³ noted:

HUD strongly encourages CoC's ["Continuums of Care"] to adopt a system-wide Housing First orientation that removes barriers whenever possible and that addresses the housing needs of people at all stages of recovery. When operated in a manner consistent with this guidance, Recovery Housing might not be in conflict with this approach so long as entry into the program is based on the choice of the program participant. [Emphasis added.]

Second, even leading experts in addiction policy have informed this debate that Housing First has *not* been uniformly successful for all the residents it endeavors to serve. As noted by Dr. Keith Humphreys in his letter of support for the legislation¹⁴ I've proposed, a review by the National Academies of Sciences found no evidence that Housing First programs help in reducing substance use.

These distinctions matter.

My proposed ordinance would *not* dismantle Housing First. It would leave it intact where it is required, and it wouldn't undo it wherever it is already implemented. What it *would* do is acknowledge that a single, harm-reduction-only model is insufficient to meet the full range of needs in our PSH population, particularly given that many PSH residents have substance use or mental health challenges. Adding a drug-free option is not a rejection of Housing First. It is a recognition of limitations that would be informed by data on residential choices.

¹² California Senate, Senate Bill 1380 (Mitchell) Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, 2015-2016 Regular Session, https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1380.

¹³ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Recovery Housing Policy Brief, December 2015, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:us:c09de162-2d24-4a35-9220-3101ec7c35e7>.

¹⁴ Keith Humphreys, Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, letter Re: Drug-Free Housing, File #251003 (Dorsey) Position: Support, April 22, 2026, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:us:c09de162-2d24-4a35-9220-3101ec7c35e7>.

Section 12K.4 Is a Deliberate Policy Correction, Not an Arbitrary Constraint

SFMMS proposes wholly deleting Section 12K.4, which governs the use of City funds. This would effectively eliminate the ordinance's operational mechanism. The purpose of Section 12K.4 is to ensure that local funding is used to address an unmet need — namely, the absence of drug-free housing options — while preserving...

- Legal compliance with state and federal funding rules; and
- Board discretion through a waiver process based on findings.

Without this provision, the City would simply continue its existing funding patterns, and the “choice” the ordinance seeks to create would remain largely theoretical.

Eviction and Relapse Protections Are Built In

SFMMS raises concerns about eviction practices and proposes writing highly prescriptive procedural requirements into the legislation. It would do so in a way that, in my view, reflects exigencies more appropriate to the SUD-restricted approach SFMMS seeks in its “gut-and-amend” recommended amendments, and that should be left to departmental experts in developing rules and regulations.

As written, the ordinance already provides important guardrails on some of what SFMMS seeks:

- A single relapse is not grounds for automatic eviction. (See Sec. 12K.6 (a)(2))
- Residents must be offered relapse support. (See Sec. 12K.6 (a)(2))
- Eviction is tied to behavior that disrupts the community, not mere use alone. (See Sec. 12K.6 (a)(3))
- HSH must use its best efforts to provide alternative housing or shelter for any individual at risk of displacement for illicit drug use. (See Sec. 12K.6 (b))

In its wholesale reimagination of the Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation, SFMMS's proposal would layer on prescriptive clinical requirements that would be more

appropriate to licensed treatment programs than for a housing model based on standard, non-PSH residential leases in San Francisco and elsewhere. The likely result would be to deter providers from participating and to limit the scalability of Drug-Free PSH.

Beyond the fact that SFMMS's proposed changes to this section reflect half-baked public policy, I think we also recognize as elected policymakers that it is a generally sound lawmaking practice to avoid overly prescriptive elements when assigning rulemaking responsibilities to those with relevant expertise, as Section 12K.6 of the proposed legislation does with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) in consultation with the Department of Public Health (PDH).

I would welcome SFMMS's advocacy and participation in the rulemaking process, of course. In addition, we as members of the Board of Supervisors will have ample opportunity to review and provide feedback on the rules and regulations "prior to the implementation of any new Drug-Free PSH site," given Section 12K.6 of the legislation, which will require HSH to submit its rules and regulations to the Board.

SFMMS's Equity and Oversight Amendment Betrays Its Ignorance of Existing Law

Lastly, SFMMS expressed reasonable concerns "about the historic pattern of eviction disproportionately affecting marginalized communities" in its request for specific additions to the legislation that would monitor eviction patterns in Drug-Free PSH.

Common sense, of course, would suggest such worthwhile metrics be compiled for the full panoply of shelter and supportive housing services HSH provides — rather than solely for a discrete category of Drug-Free PSH, which would be likely to start out small and take years to build out.

Fortunately, more than a decade ago, San Francisco already enacted the "Tenant Eviction Annual Reports Ordinance" (S.F. Admin. Code § 20.500),¹⁵ which together with HSH's

¹⁵ San Francisco Administrative Code, Article XIV: Tenant Eviction Annual Reports, added by Ord. 11-15, File No. 141122, App. 2/2/2015, Eff. 3/4/2015, https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san_francisco/latest/sf_admin/0-0-0-50453.

Home by the Bay Plan¹⁶ and Home by the Bay Equity Analysis¹⁷ already does what SFMMS now seeks to legislate anew.

No one doubts the value of monitoring homeless services for inequitable outcomes, of course, including in Drug-Free Supportive Housing, if enacted. In the unlikely circumstance that existing law somehow prevented HSH from assessing outcomes in Drug-Free PSH, that would more properly be addressed as a clean-up amendment to S.F. Admin. Code § 20.500.

I have asked the City Attorney for guidance on whether updates to HSH’s tenant eviction equity analyses would be advised if the proposed legislation passes; I have asked that this guidance be shared with the full board and Mayor’s Office before Tuesday’s vote.

Conclusion

At its core, SFMMS’s position is not whether drug-free supportive housing should exist. SFMMS agrees it should. Rather, its stated opposition is rooted in its belief that Drug-Free PSH be strictly medicalized — supporting *only* “individuals and families in recovery or seeking to recover from substance use disorders (‘SUDs’)” — rather than reflecting voluntary choices PSH residents may wish to make for themselves or their families.

Indeed, SFMMS’s proposed amendments would effectively redefine Drug-Free PSH into a legal synonym for “Recovery Residence,” as currently contemplated under pending state legislation.¹⁸ While I strongly support expanding funding to Recovery-Supportive PSH models, that is far more complex than what the proposed ordinance coming up on a vote on first reading Tuesday seeks to accomplish.

¹⁶ “Home by the Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco, 2023 – 2028,” City and County of San Francisco, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-08/Home-by-the-Bay-Single_Page-Layout.pdf.

¹⁷ “Home by the Bay Equity Analysis: Executive Summary,” City and County of San Francisco, HSH, Nov. 2025, https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/Equity_Analysis_-_Executive_Summary.pdf.

¹⁸ California Assembly, Assembly Bill 1556 (Haney), 2025–2026 Regular Session, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1556.

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As stated earlier, the defining ethos of the Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation is to center the choices of PSH residents themselves, and to move city policy beyond ill-informed and arrogant presumptions that all PSH residents deserve a drug-tolerant tenancy standard substantively different from that of all other residential tenants.

It's about basic fairness.

I am happy to answer any questions your or your legislative staffers may have before you vote tomorrow and (hopefully) next week on second reading. I hope this modest, thoughtfully crafted and incremental effort to create drug-free options in San Francisco's PSH portfolio will earn your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matt Dorsey', with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

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INITIAL POLICY REVIEW: Drug Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File #251003)

Purpose

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 188-19, the Office of Racial Equity (ORE) is required to provide an objective analysis to the Board of Supervisors about the racial equity impacts of pending ordinances.

The Board of Supervisors is considering a proposed ordinance – Expanding Drug Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File #251003) – to increase long-term housing stability and minimize returns to homelessness by expanding housing options for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) residents.

ORE has conducted an initial analysis of this ordinance, drawing on subject matter expertise from senior staff in relevant City departments and the Human Rights Commission Equity Advisory Committee Housing Subcommittee. This memo summarizes preliminary findings and recommended amendments to ensure the ordinance achieves its policy objectives.

Initial analysis

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is designed to provide long-term housing stability for vulnerable residents.** There are currently more than 9,000 people living in the City’s site-based PSH:
 - **Over 2,400 current PSH residents have experienced chronic homelessness.**^{1,2} As defined by the federal government, these residents have a disability and have previously been unsheltered for at least 12 months within the last three years.
 - **About 2,000 current PSH residents have had a long-term substance use condition.**³ Scientists and medical professionals widely agree that substance use disorder is a chronic medical condition.⁴ As with many chronic medical conditions, it typically involves “cycles of recovery, relapse, and repeated treatments,” in contrast to the older conceptual model of lifelong abstinence.⁵
- **The ordinance, as initially drafted, proposes allowing or requiring Permanent Supportive Housing providers to evict residents for substance use. This has the potential to increase homelessness and create additional strain on hospitals, emergency responders, law enforcement, and the broader community.**
 - The ordinance conflicts with federal and state commitments to “Housing First,” which provides PSH without preconditions related to sobriety or treatment.^{6, 7, 8}
 - Research demonstrates that “Housing First” policies significantly reduce homelessness and improved housing stability, particularly for those with mental illness.⁹
- **The ordinance as written would prohibit the City from funding effective, evidence-based housing models and increase operational challenges for housing providers.**
 - PSH development is costly and time-intensive, making it critical that each site be matched to actual community needs. The ordinance prohibits “Housing First”

policies at locally funded PSH sites, even though those policies reduce housing instability.

- Instead, the City and local housing providers would be restricted to an untested housing model, unless the Board of Supervisors were to grant a waiver on a site-by-site basis. Roughly one-fifth of PSH in San Francisco – 33 out of 153 sites – are entirely locally funded and could be subject to these new restrictions.
- The ordinance also introduces significant operational challenges by requiring housing providers to monitor individual residents for substance use or obtain access to their health-related information. A comprehensive study has shown that housing assistance programs across the U.S. are unable to conduct substance use assessments consistently or without bias.¹⁰
- **The ordinance does not align with City racial equity goals and would not improve access to housing in San Francisco.**
 - Its impacts would likely fall most heavily on communities that are already overrepresented in PSH and in the criminal legal system due to systemic racism – including American Indian, Black, transgender, gender non-conforming, and veteran residents (see appendix).
 - Policies that enable eviction or denial of PSH based on substance use will recreate the racial disparities of past criminalization efforts and conflict with this City’s legislative mandate to dismantle structural racism in City services.

Recommendations

- **Amend the ordinance to conduct a survey of Permanent Supportive Housing needs at this time, and introduce a separate, subsequent ordinance on housing models after the survey is completed OR**
- **Amend the ordinance to support Recovery-Focused Permanent Supportive Housing as follows:**
 - **Housing models:**
 - Rename “Drug-Free” Permanent Supportive Housing to “**Recovery-Focused Permanent Supportive Housing**”
 - Rename “Drug-Tolerant” Permanent Supportive Housing to “**Standard (or Low-Barrier) Permanent Supportive Housing**”
 - **Policy statement:**
 - Clarify that City policy is to expand Permanent Supportive Housing – **including different models, unit availability, service types, and site locations** – to meet people’s needs, create long-term housing stability, and minimize returns to homelessness
 - **City funding restrictions:**

- Allow City funding for Permanent Supportive Housing to be for **both “Recovery-Focused Permanent Supportive Housing” and “Standard (or Low-Barrier) Permanent Supportive Housing”**.
- Remove the requirements that City-funded Permanent Supportive Housing allow **evictions for drug use**
- **Resident surveys:**
 - Clarify that resident surveys should assess **housing preferences, neighborhood preferences, recovery goals, and support needs, and be conducted with a neutral third-party research organization**
 - Add a similar survey or study of **Permanent Supportive Housing providers and research experts**
- **Data and evaluation:**
 - Strengthen data and evaluation requirements to include **housing retention, health outcomes, resident satisfaction, including an analysis of potential disparate impacts by race**

Summary

- This ordinance underscores the profound difficulty of recovering from substance use disorder within a context of extreme housing unaffordability, wealth inequality, limited healthcare, and persistent racial and gender discrimination.
- Without the recommended amendments, this ordinance could destabilize PSH residents, impose new operational challenges on housing providers, and restrict the ability of the City to fund evidence-based housing models.

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² U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, “Definition of Chronic Homelessness,” 2025. <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/definition-of-chronic-homelessness/>

³ San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. Data available on request. December 2025.

⁴ National Institute for Drug Abuse, “Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction,” July 2020. <https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugs-brains-behavior-science-addiction/treatment-recovery>

⁵ Dennis, M. and C. Scott. “Managing Addiction as a Chronic Condition,” *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice*, December 2007. <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC2797101/>

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⁷ California Interagency Council on Homelessness, “Cal ICH Guide to California’s Housing First Law,” October 2024. https://bcsh.ca.gov/calich/documents/housingfirstguidance_20241003.pdf

⁸ U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, “Housing First Training: Putting Plans Into Practice in California.”

<https://www.usich.gov/sites/default/files/document/Slides%20for%20California%20Housing%20First%20Training.pdf>

⁹ U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, “The Evidence Behind Approaches that Drive an End to Homelessness,” December 2017. <https://www.usich.gov/sites/default/files/document/evidence-behind-approaches-that-end-homelessness.pdf>

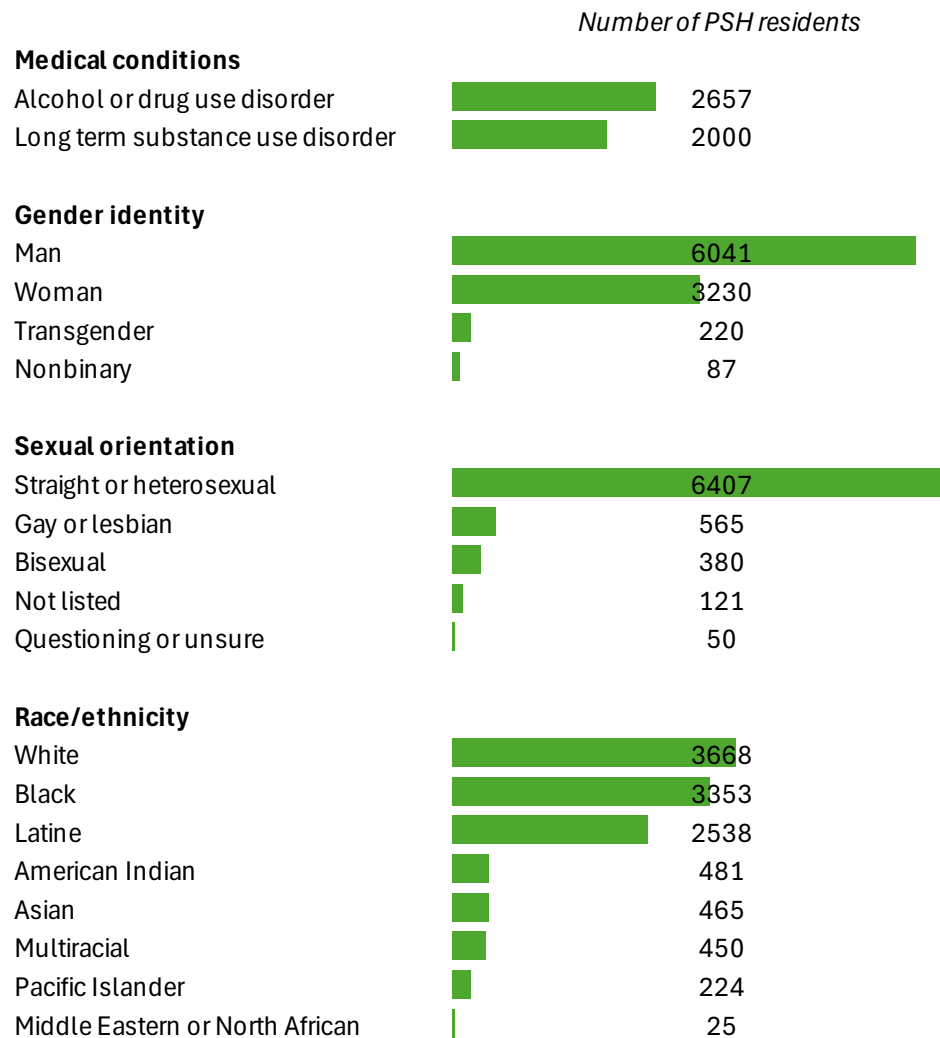
¹⁰ Curtis, M. et al., “Alcohol, Drug, and Criminal History Restrictions in Public Housing,” *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research*, 2013.

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San Francisco Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing

Resident demographics

December 2025

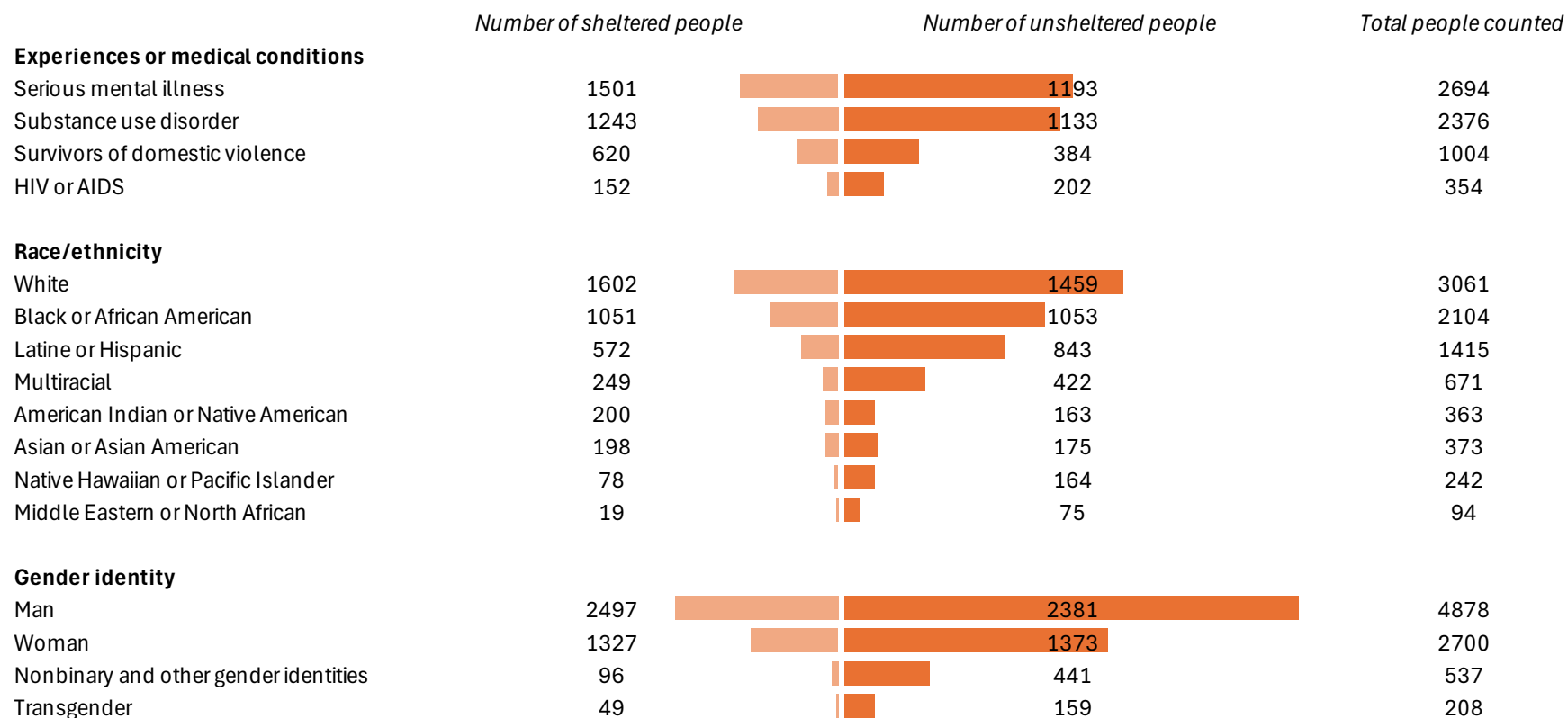


Notes: This chart shows voluntary responses from residents of site-based permanent supportive housing. Not all residents were asked to provide information about their medical conditions. To qualify for permanent supportive housing, families must have been chronically homeless and have an adult or child living with a disability. Data provided by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

San Francisco Point-in-Time Homelessness Count

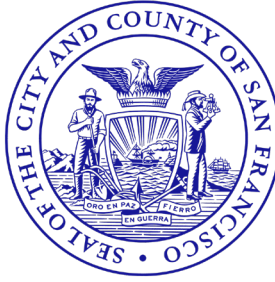
Demographics of people experiencing homelessness

January 2024



Notes: The Point-in-Time Homelessness Count is an estimate of people experiencing homelessness. “Unsheltered” includes people living outdoors, in tents, and in cars. “Sheltered” includes emergency shelters and transitional housing. Data about prior experiences and medical conditions were collected from adults only. Due to the limits of what is visible to outreach workers and volunteers, point-in-time counts are known to undercount many communities, especially people who are American Indian or transgender. Data provided by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

City and County
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Member, District 6,
Board of Supervisors

MATT DORSEY
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DATE: Thursday, July 2, 2026

TO: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Dorsey
Chairperson

RE: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, as a Committee Report:

(File 251003) Administrative Code - Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to state that it is City policy to expand the availability of Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) that prohibits on-site illicit drug use among residents (“Drug-Free PSH”) to meet the demand of people experiencing homelessness who prefer such a residential option; require that City funding for new Site-Based PSH for people experiencing homelessness be used for Drug-Free PSH except where operation of the housing as Drug-Free PSH would conflict with standards imposed by law or by a condition of other funding, where the funding is for new construction, or the Board of Supervisors has waived the funding requirement based on specific findings; require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to survey residents of Site-Based PSH to assess their interest in living in either Drug-Tolerant PSH or Drug-Free PSH and report on the survey findings and HSH’s strategies to meet PSH residents’ demands; and require HSH to adopt rules and regulations establishing standards and protocols for evictions from City-funded Drug-Free Housing.

This matter will be heard in the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

[Administrative Code - Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to state that it is City policy to expand the availability of Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) that prohibits on-site illicit drug use among residents (“Drug-Free PSH”) to meet the demand of people experiencing homelessness who prefer such a residential option; ~~bar the~~ require that City ~~from funding for~~ new Site-Based PSH for people experiencing homelessness be used for Drug-Free PSH that prohibits evictions on the basis of drug use alone (“Drug-Tolerant PSH”), except where operation of the housing as Drug-Free PSH would conflict with standards imposed by law or by a condition of other funding, where the funding is for new construction, or the Board of Supervisors has waived the funding prohibition requirement based on specific findings; and require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to survey residents of Site-Based PSH to assess their interest in living in either Drug-Tolerant PSH or Drug-Free PSH and report on the survey findings and HSH’s strategies to meet PSH residents’ demands; and require HSH to adopt rules and regulations establishing standards and protocols for evictions from City-funded Drug-Free Housing.

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncoded text** are in plain Arial font.
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Deletions to Codes are in ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman font~~.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

1 Section 1. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 12K,
2 consisting of Sections 12K.1 through 12K.7, to read as follows:

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4 **CHAPTER 12K: PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; DRUG-FREE PERMANENT**
5 **SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

6 **SEC. 12K.1. FINDINGS.**

7 (a) Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) plays a significant role in San Francisco’s
8 response to homelessness by combining affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services
9 intended to address the myriad needs of chronically homeless people, including families with children,
10 seniors, and persons with chronic disabilities. These support services are intended to build independent
11 living and tenancy skills, and connect people with community-based health care, treatment, and
12 employment services.

13 (b) With few exceptions, San Francisco’s PSH sites currently adhere to the drug-tolerant
14 policies reflected in California’s current implementation of the “Core Components of Housing First,”
15 as set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255. These policies apply to state-
16 funded PSH, and provide that “use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is
17 not a reason for eviction,” and that supportive services must be “informed by a harm-reduction
18 philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants’ lives.” Some – but
19 not all – of San Francisco’s PSH is state-funded, and subject to the state’s current Housing First
20 mandates. To the extent locally funded PSH in San Francisco adheres to drug-tolerant provisions,
21 however, it does so as a voluntary policy choice subject to revision by the Board of Supervisors.

22 (c) The near universality of drug-tolerant policies in San Francisco’s PSH portfolio fails to
23 serve the needs of many PSH residents seeking to stabilize their lives as they exit homelessness.
24 This is especially true for those residents who are in recovery or seeking to recover from substance use
25 disorders (“SUDs”), but it is similarly true for those supportive housing residents not in recovery who

1 would prefer to avoid the myriad harms and risks associated with living in a residential community
2 where the use of illicit drugs is expressly tolerated.

3 (d) Moreover, many of the externalities that arise from residents' illicit drug use overburden
4 the City's public health and public safety resources because of elevated acuity and drug-related
5 behavioral health challenges, diminishing San Franciscans' confidence in their city government's
6 response to homelessness overall. According to data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner,
7 between June 2024 and July 2025, 26% of overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a higher percentage than
8 in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street. Drug-related behaviors and associated
9 lawlessness lead to public nuisances that routinely rob law-abiding PSH residents and neighbors of the
10 quiet enjoyment of their own residences and neighborhoods. Just one PSH facility alone generated 654
11 police calls for service in a single year — averaging nearly two calls per day. A sample of 15 PSH sites
12 showed 5,872 police calls for service during that same time frame.

13 (e) Drug-Free PSH operates as a residential community free of illicit drug use, avoiding the
14 multitude of negative externalities of illicit drugs that bedevil many Drug-Tolerant PSH sites in San
15 Francisco. As compared to Drug-Tolerant PSH, drug-free housing options would also better support
16 individuals exiting homelessness who are in recovery from addiction or alcoholism as well as those at
17 elevated risks to develop SUDs. The 2025 Homelessness Needs Assessment, published by the Our City,
18 Our Home Oversight Committee in accordance with Business and Tax Regulations Code Section
19 2810(e)(2)(B), reported that 53% of single adults and 28% of families served through HSH's housing
20 programs had substance use or mental health disorders.

21 (f) As of March 2026, the choices afforded to program participants are insufficiently prioritized
22 in San Francisco's current operation of PSH. More Drug-Free PSH options would add an important
23 new choice for PSH residents exiting homelessness, and would broaden the City's array of evidence-
24 based solutions to more effectively address homelessness and substance use disorders that are so
25 visible on City streets. By removing barriers to drug-free options for formerly unhoused persons and

1 honoring the choice of some PSH residents who would prefer to live in a drug-free residential
2 community, the policies advanced in this Chapter 12K would better serve many PSH residents, who
3 include families with children, seniors, and individuals at all stages of recovery from SUDs and at
4 heightened risk of suffering harms associated with illicit drug use.

5 (g) Although evictions from site-based PSH are relatively rare, they do occur, due to
6 nonpayment of rent and lease violations. According to the Annual Tenant Eviction Reports,
7 which San Francisco Administrative Code Article XIV requires HSH to publish annually, in
8 Fiscal Year 2023-24, 106 households were evicted from PSH that did not prohibit onsite illicit
9 drug use (representing 1.17% of PSH households), and in Fiscal Year 2024-25, 156
10 households were evicted from the same category of PSH (representing 1.8% of PSH
11 households). By contrast, HSH has operated a drug-free PSH site at 1174 Folsom Street
12 since early 2025 that has not seen a single eviction since it opened.

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14 **SEC. 12K.2. DEFINITIONS.**

15 For purposes of this Chapter 12K, the following definitions apply:

16 “City” means the City and County of San Francisco.

17 “Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing” or “Drug-Free PSH” means Site-Based PSH
18 where on-site Illicit ~~De~~rug ~~U~~se is prohibited and is grounds for relocation to another housing or
19 shelter option, or, eviction, ~~where good faith relocation offers are refused,~~ provided that
20 participation in Medication-Assisted-Treatment, administered by a licensed healthcare provider in
21 accordance with applicable laws and medical guidance, shall not be deemed Illicit ~~De~~rug ~~U~~se.

22 “Drug-Tolerant Permanent Supportive Housing” or “Drug-Tolerant PSH” means Site-Based
23 PSH where the use of illicit drugs, without any other lease violation, is not a basis for eviction, and
24 applicants are accepted regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or
25 participation in recovery services.

1 "Illicit ~~D~~rug ~~U~~se" means the use of a controlled or regulated substance in a manner that is
2 unlawful under state or federal law, including use without a valid prescription or outside the scope of
3 lawful medical or other legally permitted use, regardless of whether the substance itself may be
4 lawfully possessed or used under other circumstances.

5 "PSH Resident Survey" means the survey described in Section 12K.5.

6 "Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing" or "Site-Based PSH" means subsidized rental
7 housing where 100% of the units are for individuals and households with a history of homelessness, in
8 a building that is owned or master leased by the City or a non-profit organization funded by the City,
9 that imposes no time limit on occupancy, and provides supportive services to help residents maintain
10 housing.

11 "Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing Portfolio" means the total number of Site-Based
12 PSH units that are operated or funded by the City at a given time.

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14 **SEC. 12K.3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

15 It shall be City policy to expand the availability of Drug-Free PSH to meet the demand from
16 individuals in need of Site-Based PSH who prefer that option as an alternative to Drug-Tolerant PSH.
17 The goal of this policy is to promote long-term housing stability and minimize returns to homelessness.

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19 **SEC. 12K.4. USE OF CITY FUNDS FOR ~~DRUG-TOLERANT~~EXPANSION OF**
20 **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PORTFOLIO ~~PROHIBITED~~MUST BE FOR DRUG-**
21 **FREE HOUSING EXCEPT WHERE DRUG-FREE HOUSING MODEL CONFLICTS WITH**
22 **LAW OR FUNDING CONDITION, FUNDING IS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, OR BOARD**
23 **OF SUPERVISORS WAIVER.**

24 (a) Except as stated in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section 12K.4, the City shall ~~not expend~~
25 ~~funds for~~ include in any contract, grant agreement, or loan agreement to increase the City's Site-

1 Based Permanent Supportive Housing Portfolio unless the contract, grant agreement, or loan
2 agreement would exclusively fund Drug-Free PSH a requirement that the Site-Based PSH
3 operator operate the Site-Based PSH as Drug-Free Housing PSH, consistent with the
4 regulations adopted by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH"), as
5 set forth in Section 12K.6 of this Article 12K.

6 (b) The prohibition requirement set forth in subsection (a) includes, but is not limited to: (1)
7 entering into a grant agreement to fund an organization to provide services or operations for new
8 Drug-Tolerant Site-Based PSH, (2) entering into a grant agreement to subsidize operations and/or
9 rents for new Drug-Tolerant Site-Based PSH, and (3) entering into a loan agreement for the
10 redevelopment of any existing building for use as and construction of any new Drug-
11 Tolerant Site-Based PSH.

12 (c) The prohibition requirement set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to: (1) any contract,
13 grant agreement, or loan agreement for Site-Based PSH where operation of such Site-Based PSH as
14 Drug-Free PSH would be prohibited by law or in conflict with applicable conditions of funding; or (2)
15 any contract, grant agreement, or loan agreement for the development and construction of a
16 new building to house Site-Based PSH.

17 (d) The Board of Supervisors may waive the prohibition requirement set forth in subsection (a)
18 by resolution only if the Board makes the following findings:

19 (1) Such waiver is necessary to meet the demand for Drug-Tolerant PSH as determined
20 by the PSH Resident Survey conducted under section 12K.5, or is otherwise determined by the Board to
21 be in the public interest; and

22 (2) Waiver is recommended by either the Department of Homelessness and
23 Supportive Housing ("HSH") or the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development; and

24 (3) The sponsoring Department has committed to entering into a Good Neighbor
25 Agreement with the housing operator intended to address anticipated neighborhood concerns.

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2 **SEC. 12K.5. MEASURING DEMAND FOR DRUG-TOLERANT AND DRUG-FREE**
3 **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.**

4 (a) Within six months of the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. _____
5 enacting this Chapter 12K, HSH shall, in collaboration with the Controller's Office, conduct a survey
6 of PSH residents to assess their interest in living in Drug-Free PSH as an alternative to Drug-Tolerant
7 PSH ("PSH Resident Survey"). The survey instrument shall explain the drug-related policies that apply
8 in each type of housing.

9 (b) Within one month of the completion of the PSH Resident Survey, HSH and the Controller's
10 Office shall prepare a report summarizing the results of the survey and shall submit the report to the
11 Board of Supervisors, along with a resolution for the Board to acknowledge receipt of the survey
12 report.

13 (c) Within three months of the completion of the PSH Resident Survey, HSH shall prepare a
14 report describing the strategies it intends to implement to meet the demand measured in the PSH
15 Resident Survey for Drug-Free PSH and Drug-Tolerant PSH, in accordance with Section 12K.3, and
16 shall submit that report to the Board of Supervisors together with a resolution for the Board to
17 acknowledge its receipt.

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19 **SEC. 12K.6. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

20 HSH, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall promulgate rules and
21 regulations to carry out the provisions of this Chapter 12K, that:

22 (a) Establish standards for City-funded Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing operators
23 that:

24 (1) Prohibit the use of illicit drugs on the premises; and

25 (2) Prohibit eviction for Illicit Drug Use **forbased solely on** a single relapse or

1 instance of Illicit Drug Use:-

2 ~~——— (2) Provide that a single relapse or instance of Illicit drug use may not be~~
3 ~~treated as an automatic cause for eviction or termination from a program, but that participants~~
4 ~~be offered relapse support; and~~

5 ~~——— (3) Provide that an operator may seek to terminate a resident's tenancy when a~~
6 ~~participant's behavior substantially disrupts or impacts the welfare of the community in which~~
7 ~~the participant resides;~~

8 (3) Provide that an operator may seek to terminate a resident's tenancy when a
9 participant's behavior substantially disrupts or impacts the welfare of the community in which
10 the resident resides or is otherwise in violation of their lease; and

11 (4) Provide that before an operator may evict a resident who has engaged in
12 Illicit Drug Use but is otherwise in compliance with all lease terms, the operator must receive
13 confirmation from HSH that the resident has been offered alternative housing or shelter to
14 ensure that they are not evicted into homelessness.

15 (b) Establish agency protocols for providing support to residents facing eviction from
16 Drug-Free Housing for solely on the basis of Illicit Drug Use, by:

17 (1) Ensuring that such residents may continue to access case management
18 and supportive services appropriate to their needs and housing stability, including but not
19 limited to housing retention, money management, and benefits enrollment support;

20 (2) Offering such residents appropriate alternative housing, shelter
21 placement, or a pathway to housing prior to program discharge or eviction; and

22 (3) In collaboration with the Department of Public Health, making a good faith
23 effort to accommodate such residents' housing and service needs when identifying alternative
24 placements, with the goal of avoiding returns to homelessness.

25 ~~——— (2) Reaffirm HSH's commitment to use its best efforts to provide alternative~~

1 ~~housing or shelter to an individual who is living in Drug-Free PSH, where such individual is at~~
2 ~~risk of eviction, or is discharged from the program.~~

3 (c) HSH shall submit such rules and regulations to the Board of Supervisors prior to the
4 implementation of any new Drug-Free PSH site.

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6 **SEC. 12K.7. UNDERTAKING FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

7 In enacting and implementing this Chapter 12K, the City is assuming an undertaking only to
8 promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an
9 obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach
10 proximately caused injury.

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12 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective at ~~12:00 a.m.~~ on the
13 31st day after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor
14 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it,
15 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
17 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

18 By: /s/
19 ANNE PEARSON
20 Deputy City Attorney

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to support Supervisor Matt Dorsey's ordinance to expand drug free housing options in San Francisco.

Supportive housing residents deserve a real choice in the kind of environment they live in. For many, that means the option to live in a safe, drug free residential community.

San Francisco's current approach inflicts a 100 percent drug tolerant Housing First model on everyone. It allows rampant illegal drug use, including fentanyl and methamphetamine, with zero consequences. That is why Supervisor Dorsey is sponsoring this legislation to give residents of permanent supportive housing the choice to live in safe, drug free communities.

This legislation is about:

- Giving residents the ability to choose what works for them
- Creating safer and more stable living environments
- Moving beyond a one size fits all system

No one should be forced into a housing environment that does not support their well being.

Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Hello,

Please see attached 28 letters previously sent to the Supervisors regarding File No. 251003.

Thank you,

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see attached 28 letters from members of the public and various organizations regarding:

File No. 251003 - Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to state that it is City policy to expand the availability of Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) that prohibits on-site illicit drug use among residents (“Drug-Free PSH”) to meet the demand of people experiencing homelessness who prefer such a residential option; bar the City from funding new Site-Based PSH for people experiencing homelessness that prohibits evictions on the basis of drug use alone (“Drug-Tolerant PSH”), except where operation of the housing as Drug-Free PSH would conflict with standards imposed by law or by a condition of other funding, or the Board of Supervisors has waived the funding prohibition based on specific findings; and require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to survey residents of Site-Based PSH to assess their interest in living in either Drug-Tolerant PSH or Drug-Free PSH and report on the survey findings and HSH’s strategies to meet PSH residents’ demands.

Regards,

Richard Lagunte

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Subject: RE: Rebuttal to SFMMS opposition to Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:15:25 PM
Attachments: [SFMMS Response on Ordinance 251003 \(Dorsey\) 2026.pdf](#)

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Hello All,

Please see a response from the San Francisco Marin Medical Society attached.

Thank you,

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached my detailed rebuttal to the San Francisco Marin Medical Society's letter of opposition to the Expanding Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation (File No. 251003) that is up for a vote on first reading tomorrow.

Please note that two of the nation's leading experts in addiction medicine — Dr. Keith Humphreys and Dr. Anna Lembke, both of Stanford University's School of Medicine — have endorsed this legislation. As my letter explains, the sweeping last-minute amendments SFMMS has proposed are highly problematic for being ill-advised, antithetical to the legislation's intent, unsupported by facts or evidence, and needlessly duplicative of existing law.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or my staff. I'm happy to discuss it.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

Best,
MATT DORSEY

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Re: Ordinance 251003 (Dorsey) Response

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Marin Medical Society (SFMMMS) represents more than 3,500 physicians of every medical specialty and mode of practice in San Francisco and Marin Counties and is a component society of the California Medical Association. Many of our physician members work in community clinics, hospitals, treatment centers, and emergency rooms, and are experts in addiction medicine and behavioral health. They continue to save lives and help in the recovery journeys of countless individuals struggling with substance use disorders and homelessness. Additionally, SFMMMS has presented conferences on substance use disorders (SUD) and addiction for years, co-sponsored with UCSF and the San Francisco Department of Public Health. UCSF has renowned programs in training, treating, and researching SUD and addiction. These physician experts and their colleagues inform and determine SFMMMS policies and positions on legislation, including proposed amendments, based on extensive experience, education, and training.

SFMMMS recognizes that Supervisor Dorsey is addressing serious and complex issues pertaining to substance use disorders in San Francisco. SFMMMS has worked closely with the Supervisor on related ordinance, and our physicians stood proudly next to Mayor Lurie when the Supervisor's "Recovery First" ordinance was signed into law. Supporting Housing First principles does not have to be in direct conflict with the goal of adding and prioritizing sober-living options in San Francisco. This false dichotomy unnecessarily pits advocates with the same goal – helping people overcome their substance use disorders – against one another. In that spirit, SFMMMS remains focused on core aspects of this ordinance, which we continue to believe can be improved. To that end, SFMMMS feels compelled to clarify its position so that our proposed amendments might be considered in the same spirit in which they were offered.

"Oppose Unless Amended" is a routine position to take based on the contents of a bill. It does not indicate an intransigence or unwillingness to reach compromise, or that the organization is opposed to the concept of the bill and all of its provisions. If specific areas of the bill were appropriately addressed, the organization would remove its Opposition and possibly Support the bill's passage. Unfortunately, there are aspects of the current version of the Drug-Free Housing ordinance to which SFMMMS must object if not changed. The most pressing of which are:

- 1) SFMMMS believes if an individual is evicted from housing based solely on their addiction to and use of an illicit substance, the language of the bill should ensure that this individual is not at risk of a return to homelessness as a result of that eviction.
- 2) SFMMMS believes, at a time of constrained funding and access to supportive housing, the city should prioritize drug-free housing but not create new obstacles or be restrictive in funding for supportive housing.

While there are other provisions in the legislation that SFMMS would like to see changed, the two policy issues above are of significant importance. Of note, the Mayor's sponsored state bill, AB 1556 (Haney), contains language that appropriately addresses these issues, explicitly protecting evicted tenants and providing flexibility in funding, which is why SFMMS has adopted a Support position on AB 1556. SFMMS' proposed amendments were intended to add similar minimum requirements to the Supervisor's ordinance.

An individual with a substance use disorder evicted from housing because of relapses should be moved to a setting with *more* intensive services. The ordinance as currently written does not contain minimum guardrails that, at the very least, would ensure that the evicted individual is not relegated to an undetermined setting with less support and possibly homelessness. An amendment to create this minimum protection seems both reasonable and in keeping with the goals of the administration, and should not be left to an indeterminate process.

Supervisor Dorsey rightly points out that funding for drug-free and recovery housing is restricted at the State level. SFMMS agrees that this type of housing should be prioritized in San Francisco and has worked to support State legislation that would create flexibility in funding. This call for change is based on the belief that San Francisco needs to offer a range of housing best suited for an individual or family's needs. It seems inconsistent that the ordinance as currently written works against that principle of flexibility, designating city funds to only one purpose and creating obstacles to adjust that requirement.

We appreciate the partnership of our legislators, and continue to be available to Supervisor Dorsey, staff and members of the Board of Supervisors, and any government official or organization who might want more information about our positions and the evidence-based rationale behind them.

Sincerely,
Heyman Oo, MD
Chair, Advocacy and Policy Committee
San Francisco Marin Medical Society

CC: Angela Cavillo, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
Kunal Modi, Office of Mayor Daniel Lurie, Chief of Health, Homelessness, and Family Services
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

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Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

David Shields

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Jacob Blair

94102

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Hugo Mercado

94103

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Joey Tillapaugh](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Lily Crawford](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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South San Francisco , California 94080

From: [Ann Krabbenschmidt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Friday, May 8, 2026 10:23:37 AM

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From: [Wren Murphy](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Cole Rothman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Monica Berini](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 7:51:44 AM

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); info@drugfreesidewalks.org
Subject: Re: Support Drug-Free Housing Ordinance (File #251003) - Walter Garrison
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 10:18:40 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to express my support for expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner highlights the need for improvements in our housing policy - between June 2024 and July 2025, 26% of overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a higher percentage than in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street.

Today, under California's Housing First law, state funds are prohibited from being used for drug-free housing. San Francisco funds are not subject to the same law, however San Francisco voluntarily decided to follow suit. As a result, if a family or an individual living deeply below the poverty line qualifies for permanent supportive housing, almost 100% of these units allow illicit drug use. A single PSH building averages two calls per day to the police. This is a tough environment for a person in recovery, much less a child.

We have nearly 10,000 site-based PSH units and their status as drug-tolerant will not change under this ordinance. But we can change future permanent supportive housing funded by the city to be drug-free so that people have options.

The last thing I want to see is an increase in the number of people living on the streets. The good news is that this ordinance has been written so that people who have a single relapse are not automatically evicted, instead they will be offered relapse services. And, if a person's behavior continues to substantially disrupt their building, the City will seek to find the person housing that is appropriate for their situation.

The number of overdose deaths barely budged between 2024 and 2025 in San Francisco. It's time to expand our housing solutions and it starts by allowing drug-free housing options.

Thank you.
Walter Garrison

From: [Luca Nelson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 2:52:07 PM

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From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 4:18:11 PM

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to support Supervisor Matt Dorsey's ordinance to expand drug free housing options in San Francisco.

Supportive housing residents deserve a real choice in the kind of environment they live in. For many, that means the option to live in a safe, drug free residential community.

San Francisco's current approach inflicts a 100 percent drug tolerant Housing First model on everyone. It allows rampant illegal drug use, including fentanyl and methamphetamine, with zero consequences. That is why Supervisor Dorsey is sponsoring this legislation to give residents of permanent supportive housing the choice to live in safe, drug free communities.

This legislation is about:

- Giving residents the ability to choose what works for them
- Creating safer and more stable living environments
- Moving beyond a one size fits all system

No one should be forced into a housing environment that does not support their well being.

Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Thiago Esteves Marinho

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From: [Dimitry Yakoushkin](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Dimitry Yakoushkin
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29 Ford St
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From: [Kristin Tieche](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 1:46:00 PM

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2277 Fulton Street
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From: [Steve Hong](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Steve Hong
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P.O. Box 210774
San Francisco , California 94121

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 3:32:00 PM

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Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Steffan Ammons

94102

From: [Kendal Peirce](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 6:41:24 PM

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kepeirce@gmail.com
1666 Page St, Apt B
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Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
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Sincerely,

Lorena Hernández

94102

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 10:17:57 PM

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David Lovell

94110

From: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [De Asis, Edward \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Operations](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 251003 - 2 Letters
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026 12:01:08 PM
Attachments: [251003 2 letters.pdf](#)

Dear Supervisors,

Please see attached 2 letters, from members of the public, regarding:

File No. 251003 - Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to state that it is City policy to expand the availability of Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) that prohibits on-site illicit drug use among residents (“Drug-Free PSH”) to meet the demand of people experiencing homelessness who prefer such a residential option; bar the City from funding new Site-Based PSH for people experiencing homelessness that prohibits evictions on the basis of drug use alone (“Drug-Tolerant PSH”), except where operation of the housing as Drug-Free PSH would conflict with standards imposed by law or by a condition of other funding, or the Board of Supervisors has waived the funding prohibition based on specific findings; and require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to survey residents of Site-Based PSH to assess their interest in living in either Drug-Tolerant PSH or Drug-Free PSH and report on the survey findings and HSH’s strategies to meet PSH residents’ demands.

Regards.

Richard Lagunte
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 4:02:32 PM

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Michael Lata

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Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 2:23:25 PM

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David Shields

From: [Cal Lorenz](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 2:17:51 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Cal Lorenz
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From: [Nayeli Maxson Velazquez](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:13:59 PM

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From: [Audrey Fisher](#)
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From: [Kevin Liu](#)
To: [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
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Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 1:38:55 PM
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[Public Comments - Drug-Free Housing Ordinance.pdf](#)

Dear Supervisor Mahmood and the entire Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached file for two letters from TNDC residents addressing the ordinance "Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing."

Kindly,

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From: [Aria C](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS

May 5, 2026

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Rebuttal to the Matt Dorsey Rebuttal to San Francisco Marin Medical Society, File 251003

Dear Supervisors,

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify statements made by Supervisor Dorsey regarding his legislation in his rebuttal.

We can and should do sober housing, have done sober housing and simply need to recognize that by doing so we don't want to drive up evictions. Diversifying our PSH is a great idea. Intentional sober housing should be designed to succeed for the individual – not just the person who doesn't have a SUD but also for those who do. They should be allowed to go to a program and return to housing. That is NOT allowed the way the legislation is currently written, as it mandates eviction on second return to use. Evictions are expensive, take months and anyway why in the world would we want more of them?

From the beginning, there has been multiple efforts to collaborate with Supervisor Dorsey on this legislation, and I have made multiple unsuccessful attempts to meet with his office to both clarify the intent of this legislation, and to modify the language.

First, on several occasions verbally and in writing the Supervisor has said there are good guard rails in the legislation regarding eviction. However, the legislation creates a new form of PSH that *literally is defined as evicting based on drug use*. He correctly notes that already illicit substances are banned in all leases. He then incorrectly notes that evicting for illicit substances is explicitly prohibited in PSH leases. Addendum A of leases clearly prohibit use of illicit drugs and alcohol in common areas, but no language protects drug use. There is a soft suggestion in legal text to provide alternative housing, which is contradicted by the definition and the limited exclusion of a single relapse.

Supervisor Dorsey also notes that he is centering the choices of PSH residents. However, his legislation calls for a survey AFTER the ban takes place. Nowhere in this process have PSH residents been consulted in a meaningful way. *If they were, Supervisor Dorsey would have likely found, as we have, that the small portion of PSH residents who support sober housing, and would like to move into it, overwhelmingly oppose evicting for drug use, and would prefer scattered site sober housing.*

Dorsey says this legislation is needed because Sober Housing is not allowed and then says it is allowed by naming 1174 Folsom Street. In his letter, he quotes Dr. Humphreys who incorrectly asserts that it is currently illegal to use state dollars for drug free housing. In fact, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness released [these guidelines](#) proceeding Governor Newsom stating that indeed yes state dollars can be used on drug free or sober housing.

In addition, the legislation bans new funding on non-sober housing. This unnecessarily creates obstacles for backfilling Trump HUD cuts, and for projects in the pipeline. Yes, the board can require an extra step to do a resolution to override this. The board can also just amend the legislation now to fix what will be more red tape later.

In these days of discarding and disrespecting expertise, except those few cherry-picked voices outside the mainstream who happen to agree, it is especially important to honor science and the experience of those living and working on these issues daily. No need to get stuck. Working together will improve this legislation, and working together could have avoided any conflict to start with. Building consensus is how we get to best of both worlds.

Please amend this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JFR', written in a cursive style.

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Executive Director

May 4, 2026

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Re: Ordinance 251003 (Dorsey) Response

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Marin Medical Society (SFMMS) represents more than 3,500 physicians of every medical specialty and mode of practice in San Francisco and Marin Counties and is a component society of the California Medical Association. Many of our physician members work in community clinics, hospitals, treatment centers, and emergency rooms, and are experts in addiction medicine and behavioral health. They continue to save lives and help in the recovery journeys of countless individuals struggling with substance use disorders and homelessness. Additionally, SFMMS has presented conferences on substance use disorders (SUD) and addiction for years, co-sponsored with UCSF and the San Francisco Department of Public Health. UCSF has renowned programs in training, treating, and researching SUD and addiction. These physician experts and their colleagues inform and determine SFMMS policies and positions on legislation, including proposed amendments, based on extensive experience, education, and training.

SFMMS recognizes that Supervisor Dorsey is addressing serious and complex issues pertaining to substance use disorders in San Francisco. SFMMS has worked closely with the Supervisor on related ordinance, and our physicians stood proudly next to Mayor Lurie when the Supervisor's "Recovery First" ordinance was signed into law. Supporting Housing First principles does not have to be in direct conflict with the goal of adding and prioritizing sober-living options in San Francisco. This false dichotomy unnecessarily pits advocates with the same goal – helping people overcome their substance use disorders – against one another. In that spirit, SFMMS remains focused on core aspects of this ordinance, which we continue to believe can be improved. To that end, SFMMS feels compelled to clarify its position so that our proposed amendments might be considered in the same spirit in which they were offered.

"Oppose Unless Amended" is a routine position to take based on the contents of a bill. It does not indicate an intransigence or unwillingness to reach compromise, or that the organization is opposed to the concept of the bill and all of its provisions. If specific areas of the bill were appropriately addressed, the organization would remove its Opposition and possibly Support the bill's passage. Unfortunately, there are aspects of the current version of the Drug-Free Housing ordinance to which SFMMS must object if not changed. The most pressing of which are:

- 1) SFMMS believes if an individual is evicted from housing based solely on their addiction to and use of an illicit substance, the language of the bill should ensure that this individual is not at risk of a return to homelessness as a result of that eviction.
- 2) SFMMS believes, at a time of constrained funding and access to supportive housing, the city should prioritize drug-free housing but not create new obstacles or be restrictive in funding for supportive housing.

While there are other provisions in the legislation that SFMMS would like to see changed, the two policy issues above are of significant importance. Of note, the Mayor's sponsored state bill, AB 1556 (Haney), contains language that appropriately addresses these issues, explicitly protecting evicted tenants and providing flexibility in funding, which is why SFMMS has adopted a Support position on AB 1556. SFMMS' proposed amendments were intended to add similar minimum requirements to the Supervisor's ordinance.

An individual with a substance use disorder evicted from housing because of relapses should be moved to a setting with *more* intensive services. The ordinance as currently written does not contain minimum guardrails that, at the very least, would ensure that the evicted individual is not relegated to an undetermined setting with less support and possibly homelessness. An amendment to create this minimum protection seems both reasonable and in keeping with the goals of the administration, and should not be left to an indeterminate process.

Supervisor Dorsey rightly points out that funding for drug-free and recovery housing is restricted at the State level. SFMMS agrees that this type of housing should be prioritized in San Francisco and has worked to support State legislation that would create flexibility in funding. This call for change is based on the belief that San Francisco needs to offer a range of housing best suited for an individual or family's needs. It seems inconsistent that the ordinance as currently written works against that principle of flexibility, designating city funds to only one purpose and creating obstacles to adjust that requirement.

We appreciate the partnership of our legislators, and continue to be available to Supervisor Dorsey, staff and members of the Board of Supervisors, and any government official or organization who might want more information about our positions and the evidence-based rationale behind them.

Sincerely,
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Chair, Advocacy and Policy Committee
San Francisco Marin Medical Society

CC: Angela Cavillo, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
Kunal Modi, Office of Mayor Daniel Lurie, Chief of Health, Homelessness, and Family Services
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

April 21, 2026

Supervisor Matt Dorsey
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Re: Ordinance 251003 (Dorsey)
Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Supervisor Dorsey:

The San Francisco Marin Medical Society (SFMMS), representing more than 3,500 physicians of every medical specialty and mode of practice in San Francisco and Marin Counties, has adopted an Oppose Unless Amended position on Ordinance 251003 – Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). While SFMMS agrees with the goal of adding and prioritizing sober-living options in the city’s PSH portfolio, we have several concerns with the ordinance as currently drafted.

Defining Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing

The ordinance’s findings indicate that the type of housing to be funded would be for two different populations that have two very different sets of needs:

- 1) Unhoused individuals and families seeking a less disorderly living environment.
- 2) Unhoused individuals in recovery or seeking recovery services.

The first set of individuals would likely be best served by housing with diligent property management. The second set would need diligent property management combined with recovery services, which require a different set of resources, staffing, and coordination with the health care system, among other considerations. To simplify our input, SFMMS has focused its amendments on addressing the needs of individuals suffering or recovering from SUDs who seek to live in Drug-Free PSH.

As such, SFMMS requests that SEC. 12K.2. DEFINITIONS be amended to read:

“Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing” or “Drug-Free PSH” means Site-Based PSH that supports individuals and families in recovery or seeking to recover from substance use disorders (“SUDs”), prohibits the use of illicit drugs, and where multiple instances of on-site illicit drug use in combination with a stated goal of not reducing use is grounds for eviction.

“Illicit drug use” means the use of a controlled or regulated substance in a manner that is unlawful under state or federal law, including use without a valid prescription or outside the scope of lawful medical or other legally permitted use, regardless of whether the substance itself may be lawfully possessed or used under other circumstances. Participation in Medication-Assisted-Treatment, administered by a licensed healthcare provider in accordance with applicable laws and medical guidance, shall not be deemed illicit drug use.

This includes deleting the definition of “Drug Tolerant” housing here and throughout the ordinance.

Prioritizing and Funding Drug-Free PSH

Longstanding state and county homeless policy adheres to the “Housing First” principle, which prioritizes moving people off the streets and into permanent, stable living situations, and using that as a foundation to improve the health of individuals struggling with substance use or other mental health conditions. This strategy is based on [decades of strong research and data](#) as to its effectiveness. In these settings, the use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself is not an allowable reason for eviction without other lease violations (such as disturbing neighbors, damaging property, etc.). Because of this policy, California and other potential funders of supportive housing have set strict limitations on the type of housing their funds can be used to support.

SFMMS shares your belief that “Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing” is worthy of funding and that Drug-Free PSH would be beneficial to current and future residents seeking to stabilize their lives as they exit homelessness, particularly those who are in recovery or seeking to recover from SUDs. SFMMS also supports a wide array of treatment, services, and housing options for those that need them. To that end, SFMMS supported California Assembly Bill 255 (Haney) in 2025, and Assembly Bill 1556 this year – both aimed at creating flexibility to fund recovery oriented supportive housing at the state level.

Ordinance 251003, however, goes against that principle of flexibility. Mandating exclusive funding for recovery housing, and creating obstacles to override that mandate, reduces the City’s ability to meet other housing needs as they arise (e.g., mental health housing, veterans housing, or housing for those who are unable or unwilling to discontinue substance use). Presumably restrictive funding policy is the main reason this ordinance was introduced. San Francisco should not make the same mistake of creating another restricted funding source. SFMMS agrees that, due to current circumstances, **a prioritization of funding for recovery housing is appropriate**, but does not agree with creating obstacles to the City’s ability to use its own housing funding in the most appropriate manner identified at any given point in time.

As such, SFMMS requests that SEC. 12K.4 be deleted, and SEC. 12K.3 be amended to read:

It shall be City policy to expand the availability of, and prioritize City funding for, Drug-Free PSH to meet the demand from individuals in need of Site-Based PSH who prefer that option. The goal of this policy is to promote long-term housing stability, and minimize returns to homelessness and substance use.

Rules and Regulations For Evictions and PSH Operators

SFMMS is also concerned about the process and justification for removing individuals from Drug-Free PSH, particularly related to an individual with an SUD. SFMMS appreciates the changes made in the current draft of the ordinance, but does not believe enough clarity has been provided as to the process of eviction, or the step-up in care an individual would need when in a health and housing crisis. At a very basic level, individuals with an SUD evicted from supportive housing because of relapses should be moved to a setting with more intense services, not relegated to an unknown setting with less support and possibly homelessness. As currently written, the ordinance fails to ensure this important outcome, and does not require the process necessary to ensure a vulnerable individual does not fall through the cracks.

As such, SFMMS requests that Sec 12k.6(a) be amended to read:

(4) Stipulate that an operator may not evict an individual based solely on substance use until new housing or a residential treatment placement has been secured; and

5) Establish minimum action requirements when a documented use of illicit drugs by a tenant occurs, including:

i) A qualified behavioral health provider conducts a standardized assessment to establish whether a tenant has a diagnosis of a substance use disorder;

ii) Documenting and implementing a care plan that includes the tenant's goals with their substance use;

iii) In the event the tenant's goals are no longer remission and abstinence from substance use, assist the tenant in transitioning to new housing.

(b) Establish processes and policies for a tenant's transition away from Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing, including:

1) That the tenant maintains at least the same level of access to case management and support as was received in Drug-Free PSH;

2) Individuals are not evicted until they have a confirmed shelter bed placement or alternate PSH site or another location of the individual's choosing.

3) In the event that the alternate placement is not to the individual's satisfaction, a good faith attempt should be made to accommodate the tenant's needs, with re-entry back into the coordinated entry assessment queue as a last resort.

Monitoring Eviction Patterns in Drug-Free PSH

Lastly, SFMMS is concerned about the historic pattern of eviction disproportionately affecting marginalized communities. As such, SFMMS requests that a Section be added that states:

(a) HSH shall annually compile and publish a report that includes statistics related to evictions from Drug-Free PSH.

(b) Based on the findings and analysis of that report, HSH shall institute policy changes, if necessary, to ensure people of color or marginalized groups are not disproportionately affected by such evictions.

In addition to the issues described above and which SFMMS seeks to address in its proposed amendments, there are several other remaining questions and concerns:

- What will enforcement of "Drug-Free" policies look like in these new settings?
- Does Drug-Free PSH prohibit offsite substance use and how is that addressed?
- How will a person be monitored and determined to be using illicit drugs?
- How will "demand" for this type of housing be defined and continuously evaluated?

Should you have any questions about these proposed amendments, please do not hesitate to contact Adam Francis, Senior Director of Advocacy and Policy (afrancis@sfmmsf.org). As always, we greatly appreciate your efforts on this matter, as well as your openness to continued dialogue as we work through these complicated important issues.

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Iris Bucchioni

Email irismvbucchioni@yahoo.com

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent Kate English

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From your constituent Holly Dungan

Email hollydungan@gmail.com

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COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS

December 12, 2025

Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Chair, Public Safety Committee
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlet Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: 251003- Expanding Drug Free Permanent Supportive Housing – Oppose as currently written

Dear Supervisor Dorsey,

This letter is in regards to your legislation, file 251003- Expanding Drug Free Permanent Supportive Housing. The Coalition on Homelessness organizes homeless people to create permanent solutions to homelessness while protecting the human rights of those forced to remain on the streets. We fully support attempts to diversify the system to meet the varied needs of our unhoused community members. The push to have more recovery housing options is laudable, as recovering from an addiction disorder is commonly a difficult and individually unique journey with many starts and stops. There are many people living in Supportive Housing that would benefit from recovery support, and many more who are seeking both housing and recovery and would like intentional housing options that are recovery friendly, such as sober living, scattered site housing or site based supportive housing with enhanced recovery services such as trauma therapy. Unfortunately, this legislation misses the mark and will not achieve that, instead pitting models against each other and hampering the flexibility the city needs to create as many forms of housing as possible.

Standard language in leases is the prohibition of illegal activity already, so the legislation creates confusion for supportive housing providers. Illegal drug use, smoking and drinking in common areas are already prohibited. Meanwhile, the inside of

housing units is private and not surveilled.

PSH is neither drug tolerant nor drug free, it is designed to be low barrier so all unhoused people who may need additional support due to health and behavioral health issues can thrive and the basic dignity of a home. The third category, Supportive Recovery, would not evict for drug use, and would have enhanced recovery services, following Housing First guidelines and could be created without the need for legislation.

The legal text creates new categories of supportive housing, using stigmatizing language. Stigma acts as a deterrent to seeking help for drug addiction and increases overdose rates.

Negatively Impact Pipeline and Ability to Backfill Federal Funding Losses

This legislation would negatively impact housing in the pipeline by putting confusing requirements on it. All homeless housing has braided funding - no PSH site-based buildings are from a single source of funds, but from various state, federal and local sources. The bill would impact locally funded strands, thus potentially negatively impacting the entire project.

In addition, we are set to lose federal funding for housing, with the potential loss of HUD and other housing resources. This legislation will create a complication in utilizing new funding to backfill the potential losses, as well as DSHS is about to issue new contracts for all homeless housing projects. It is unclear if this will be considered new funding and may negatively impact flexibility in this process.

System is short beds and units in every category

The legislation only calls for an expansion of “drug free supportive housing” and “supportive recovery” housing, without recognizing the fact that thousands of households are on the waitlist for and in need of PSH.

Ninety-seven percent of Permanent Supportive Housing residents are successfully housed. It is not designed for all homeless people; some unhoused people may need more support, for example someone with dementia may need board and care, while a working homeless person may just need a housing subsidy for extremely low-income housing. However, we simply do not have enough PSH to meet the specific category of unhoused people who need it and are many thousand units short.

Adding “supportive recovery housing”, typically called “step down” housing or “sober living” to our continuum *is needed*. We have both sober living buildings that are publicly and privately funded in San Francisco, but we are far short of meeting the need. Many individuals graduate from treatment programs onto the streets. We also need more PSH and we need more treatment, and we need more step-down housing. We also need housing tailored to higher acuties such as Board and Cares, and Co-ops. The different

models should not be pitted against each other, and this legislation does just that by calling for one, without recognizing the need for more of the other.

Impact on family and domestic violence

The legislation does not address families with children who have a parent who experiences a recurrence of use, likely putting the whole family in eviction proceedings, involvement with Child Protective Services, and loss of home.

Driving up Homelessness

The legislation calls for support to move out under recovery housing, but does not detail how that would work. It calls for evictions under Sober housing which will simply drive up street homelessness, and thus increase acuity related to addiction disorders. Homelessness drives up rates of substance use disorders.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a chronic, treatable condition, and continued or intermittent use of drugs is part of the reality of the disorder. National data show that recurrence of use is often part of the recovery journey, and not a failure of treatment. It can take years and multiple engagements in treatment to achieve sustained remission; risk for meeting SUD criteria can remain elevated for several more years after that. Shame, discharge, and disconnection increase risk for overdose, incarceration, and disengagement from care.

Legal and Operational Issues

The legislation creates legal and practical issues with evicting people for what they are doing in the privacy of their own homes. The system has been set up to address that by having long-term one- to two-year step-down or recovery housing programs where people are living independently but within an accountable and supportive recovery community. This form of housing certainly needs expanding but does not need to do so at expense of PSH. Both are needed.

Omits Alcoholism

The legislation strangely omits alcohol in the recovery housing model. Alcoholism is not only the most common form of addiction, it is also intertwined with other forms of substance addiction, as many individuals with SUDs are poly substance users. Good recovery programs are comprehensive in their approach, looking at all forms of harm associated with substance use but also underlying issues driving the addiction.

Conflates Substance Use with Addictive Disorders

The legislation is also misguided in that it conflates all substance use with addictive disorders. Many substance users are casual users and do not suffer from addiction. Addiction is a medical diagnosis that can require medically assisted treatment, and/or other forms of treatment. It is not a good use of city dollars to set up a program for people suffering from an SUD, serving people who do not have a diagnosable SUD, given the scarce resources available to treat SUD.

No Sunset Date

The legislation has no sunset date, so when needs change, this legislation will remain banning the expansion of the very successful Permanent Supportive Housing model. Program design through legislation is problematic because program design is meant to be nimble responding to changing needs and landscapes.

Fails to Include Overdose Prevention Strategies

The legislation attacks PSH for the high number of fatal overdoses but does nothing to ensure prevention of overdoses in these same programs that disproportionately serve individuals with SUDs. There is no requirement for overdose training, emergency call buttons, naloxone distribution, buddy systems, or any other proven effective intervention.

Data gathering post passage

The legislation requires a survey that would take place after legislation is passed not before. It also can prove to be biased if it is surveying PSH tenants without recovery needs about the recovery needs of others.

Fails to take into account what formerly homeless people in recovery are calling for

Many people in recovery are getting on with their lives but may still need a housing subsidy given the high cost of rents. They would like to access scattered site housing, or they are in supportive housing and would like to get a “moving-on” subsidy to move into the private market. This allows people the flexibility to live in areas outside of the central city and move away from places where they used substances in the past, but allow them to stay in San Francisco. In addition, the existing supportive housing programs need richer services as the acuties of tenants have sharply risen, including those with dual disorders. The legislation fails to identify this large need.

While we have many critiques, we believe this legislation can be amended to resolve most of these issues. We will be providing suggestions for these changes throughout the legislative process and look forward to working collaboratively with your office. Only by working together can we solve these pressing issues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JFR', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jennifer Friedenbach
Executive Director

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From: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Request for Amendments to Expanding Drug-Free Housing Ordinance
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 2:26:49 PM
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Hi Monique,

I think this is for File No. 251003, in psns.

Best regards,

Jocelyn Wong

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 11:23 AM

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Cc: Crayton, Monique (BOS) <monique.crayton@sfgov.org>

Subject: FW: Request for Amendments to Expanding Drug-Free Housing Ordinance

Hello – can my response be included in the file for this legislation? Thanks!

Madison Tam 譚詩薇 | Legislative Director
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From: Tam, Madison (BOS)
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Subject: RE: Request for Amendments to Expanding Drug-Free Housing Ordinance

Good morning Cody,

Thank you for sharing this letter. We appreciate the continued feedback and engagement of SHPN, HESPA, and the Coalition on Homelessness. We are taking your recommendations under advisement and are working with the City Attorney on amendments that make progress on the issues raised. We will be in touch when we have more updates to share.

Best,

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Dear Supervisor Dorsey,

On behalf of the Supportive Housing Provider Network (SHPN), the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA), and the Coalition on Homelessness, we are writing to share the attached letter regarding the Expanding Drug-Free Housing ordinance.

We appreciate the Board of Supervisors' continued commitment to addressing homelessness and expanding a range of housing options that support stability and recovery for San Franciscans. As the City considers this ordinance, we respectfully request several

amendments to ensure recovery-oriented housing can be expanded without unintended impacts on permanent supportive housing or local funding flexibility, particularly in light of current federal funding uncertainty.

The attached letter outlines our perspective on recent federal Continuum of Care funding changes and proposes amendments that we believe will allow San Francisco to move recovery-oriented housing forward while preserving the strength and stability of the City's existing housing system.

We appreciate your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these recommendations further.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued work to address homelessness in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Supportive Housing Provider Network (SHPN)
Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA)
Coalition on Homelessness

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March 12th, 2026

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Opportunity to move recovery housing forward with pending federal funding priorities

Dear Supervisors,

We appreciate the City and of San Francisco's continued focus on addressing homelessness and expanding housing options that meet the diverse needs of San Franciscans. We share the goal of ensuring people have access to housing models that support recovery, stability, and long-term well-being. We support the expansion of recovery housing and agree that a continuum of housing options, including recovery-oriented environments, are essential. At the same time, we want to ensure that one housing type is not moved forward at the expense of another housing type. Additionally, we want to avoid any unintended impacts on permanent supportive housing (PSH) as recovery-oriented housing is expanded during a period of federal funding uncertainty.

Congress recently passed legislation directing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Continuum of Care (CoC) funding and establishing a minimum Tier 1 funding threshold of 60% in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). While this directive provides important clarity, it represents a significant reduction from the prior Tier 1 threshold of approximately 87% nationally. For San Francisco, this change could result in a loss of approximately \$22 million in permanent supportive housing funding. This potential reduction introduces substantial financial uncertainty and underscores the importance of preserving local flexibility to sustain and protect San Francisco's permanent supportive housing portfolio.

These drastic funding changes have been seen across the federal government. Most recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) abruptly ended \$2 billion for behavioral health programs and services. While that funding was reinstated, the reality for local governments is that haphazard and significant federal policy and budget changes create too much uncertainty to hamstring local dollars. We also cannot only depend on legal remedies for these issues as such can be a luck of the draw. Accordingly, we request changes in the Expanding Drug-Free Housing legislation to ensure San

Francisco can use its resources effectively while moving recovery-oriented housing forward. We request these changes as amendments, which are described below.

1. Retitle drug-tolerant housing to low-barrier housing, drug-free housing to recovery-focused supportive housing, and recovery housing to recovery-focused transitional housing
2. Remove the total funding ban of low-barrier housing to allow local funding;
3. Expand recovery-oriented housing by implementing two pilots for recovery-focused supportive housing and recovery-focused transitional housing;
4. Ensure that evictions are for behavioral reasons versus relapse of substance use

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of these requests for the Expanding Drug-Free Housing ordinance. We believe that these provisions will allow San Francisco to better mitigate federal policy and funding shifts while locally advancing diverse housing options including recovery-oriented housing. Together, we can continue increasing and improving our housing system where recovery-housing is expanded in San Francisco.

In community,

Supportive Housing Provider Network (SHPN)

Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA)

Coalition on Homelessness

From: [Eben Marsh](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Eben Marsh

Email ebenmarsh@hotmail.com

Subject Supporting Drug Free Housing

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Thank you.

Eben Marsh

From: [Mari Murayama](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent Mari Murayama

Email mdmurayama@gmail.com

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Mari Murayama
District 1
San Francisco

Mari Murayama

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
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Email CalumLMackay@gmail.com

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From your constituent Carmen Morrison

Email nas4us@gmail.com

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From your constituent David Nolley
Email danolley@aol.com

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I am writing to express my strong support for Supervisor Matt Dorsey's legislation to expand the availability of drug-free and recovery-oriented Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in San Francisco. I take this position based upon my decades of professional relationships with California citizens as a California Licensed Psychologist specializing in Brain Injury Rehabilitation, some of my clients having experienced their brain injuries as the result of substance and/or alcohol abuse.

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
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Email Johnmburns48@yahoo.com

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Email gurdin@hotmail.com

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From your constituent richard brandi

Email rbrandi@earthlink.net

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Email plastique@kpobox.com

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Email martha@ehmannconte.com

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Email pattired12@gmail.com

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Email mcnamara229@hotmail.com

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Email kenglish1775@comcast.net

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Email djlevy1@comcast.net

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From your constituent Amy Murphy

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Dan Bowermaster

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting Drug Free Housing
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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Karen Breslin

Email kbsmail@sbcglobal.net

Subject Supporting Drug Free Housing

Message: Dear Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie,

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Email stephen@stephenmartinpinto.com

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Email efsullyjr@aol.com

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Erik Sens

Email esens123@yahoo.com

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Amanda Hoenigman

Email amanda@hoenigman.com

Subject Supporting Drug Free Housing

Message: Dear Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie,

I am just coming home from closing statements at the Hall of Justice where the defendant admitted on the stand that he is on meth every waking hour, and he steals in order to feed himself. He can spend his money on drugs and does not have to worry about paying rent because he lives in Supportive Housing.

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Amanda Hoenigman

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From your constituent vince hoenigman

Email Vince@Citymark.com

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Emily Borowski

Email ejborowski@icloud.com

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Emily Borowski

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From your constituent Kevin Wallace

Email kevinwallace415@gmail.com

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Kevin Wallace

From: [Nathan Lang](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Nathan Lang

Email nathanlang@comcast.net

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From your constituent Jane Day

Email janeday@earthlink.net

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Email hello@spencercamp.com

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From your constituent Stephanie Lehman

Email slehman21@yahoo.com

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From your constituent Machelle Burkstrand

Email mlburkstrand@gmail.com

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From: [Tracy Scruggs](#)
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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting Drug Free Housing
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026 12:09:41 AM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Desiree Maggiora Miles

Email desireemiles@msn.com

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Email to_fira@yahoo.com

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From your constituent Ali Mandviwala

Email samali48@yahoo.com

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From your constituent Cynthia Brown

Email cymphany@hotmail.com

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Date: Sunday, March 29, 2026 9:01:34 AM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Senta Tsantilis

Email sptsantilis@gmail.com

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Date: Monday, March 30, 2026 3:14:37 PM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Rebecca Saroyan

Email rebecca.saroyan@gmail.com

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From: [Andreas Mitchell](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:20:05 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Andreas Mitchell, MD, MPP, I'm a District 10 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

In my clinical practice as a primary care physician in the San Francisco safety net, I have cared for many patients with active substance use disorders who were fortunate enough to match into permanent supportive housing (PSH). In many cases, the stability offered by that housing set them on a path to managing their medical conditions, finding employment and eventually achieving recovery from their substance use disorder. But, they weren't ready for abstinence at the moment they entered housing, and if the only housing option offered included a threat of eviction for substance use, they would have ended up right back on the street.

Rather than prohibiting the use of funds for current models of permanent supportive housing, **the ordinance should be amended to create a pilot program for recovery housing.** This would encourage an exploration and evaluation of this model, without restricting funding or creating more barriers for PSH. The current waiver language would create another hurdle. A pilot program is proactive and will generate an additive model that creates more housing, rather than creating restrictions on desperately needed housing for people experiencing homelessness.

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We all want people to feel comfortable in their housing, and in order to make that happen, we need to be intentional in the creation of a new type of recovery housing. Tenants should feel that they made a voluntary choice to be there because they had other housing types and chose this option. Tenants should feel safe in admitting that they relapsed and need help because they are not afraid of ending up back on the street. Amending the ordinance will produce an effective type of recovery

housing that could be helpful and life-changing for tenants and communities.

Sincerely,

Andreas Mitchell, MD, MPP

From: [Yang, Jae](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:28:02 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Paul Yang, and I am a District 7 resident who works in District 10. I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing.

I support expanding housing options that provide a supportive, sober environment for individuals who wish to recover from substance use. However, as currently written, this ordinance may have unintended consequences—namely, making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which could ultimately lead to higher rates of street homelessness and public drug use.

I am a physician at both UCSF and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where I regularly care for patients experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders. Many of these patients express a desire to stop using substances and are connected to addiction care and harm reduction resources. However, they often face complex mental health and social challenges that contribute to relapse.

Clinical evidence shows that forced abstinence is often ineffective. While abstinence-based housing can be beneficial for some, recovery is not linear, and relapse is common. Housing models must account for this reality. Individuals should have access to safe, stable housing environments that support recovery—even if they relapse—rather than face eviction and return to homelessness.

Abstinence-only housing is also more resource-intensive and may result in high turnover, as residents who relapse are removed from programs. This disrupts continuity of care and undermines long-term recovery. Instead, we should ensure that housing models allow individuals to remain engaged in care and recovery, even when setbacks occur.

Rather than restricting funding for existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) models, I urge you to amend the ordinance to create a pilot program for recovery-focused housing. This approach would allow the City to evaluate the effectiveness of abstinence-based models without limiting funding for existing housing options or creating additional

barriers. A pilot program would expand housing solutions, rather than constrain them.

Additionally, the ordinance should include stronger eviction protections. If a tenant is at risk of eviction, they should be allowed to remain housed until alternative housing is secured. This should be a clear guarantee—not simply an aspiration—to prevent individuals from being displaced back onto the streets.

We all want residents to feel safe and supported in their housing. To achieve this, recovery housing must be voluntary, with individuals choosing it among multiple housing options. Tenants should feel safe disclosing relapse and seeking help without fear of eviction or homelessness.

With thoughtful amendments, this ordinance could support the development of effective, compassionate recovery housing that improves outcomes for individuals and strengthens our communities.

Sincerely,

Jae Hyun "Paul" Yang, MD

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Pronouns: he, him, his



From: [Katie Leiner](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:28:25 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Katie Leiner. I'm a District 5 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

I am an internal medicine resident at University of San Francisco and spend significant time working at the safety net hospital. Recently, I was working in the hospital on the cardiology service caring for a patient who has heart failure and uses methamphetamine. He shared with me that he would like to quit using methamphetamine; however, he continues to use it because he lives on the street and uses it to stay awake to make sure that he does not get assaulted on the street and so that he does not have his personal belongings stolen. If people are kicked out of their supportive housing after one instance of returning to use, they will be forced to live on the street. A person that returns to a little bit of use will then be at risk of using more because they are exposed to the elements on the street, like is the case with this patient. More use is worse for their personal health and also puts the general public at greater risk of being exposed to used needles and cookers on the open streets.

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From: [Beth Griffiths](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:33:36 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Elizabeth Griffiths, I'm a District 8 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

As a primary care physician who cares for patients with substance use disorders (aka addiction), I have seen firsthand the importance of having choice in housing options. Some of my patients prefer and would benefit from drug-free housing, and I am in support of this option. However, some of my patients with addiction also are not ready for drug-free housing but need housing first to be able to recover from their addiction, which the evidence strongly supports. I am very concerned that if only drug-free housing were built then people would only be offered drug-free housing. This ordinance should require that people who come to the top of the list be offered a choice of both types of housing, allowing them a free choice. I am also concerned that if people feel pressured to choose drug-free housing or were overly optimistic about their chances of abstinence that they would then be using in secret—something that could lead to fatal overdose and worsening addiction. I have seen this firsthand in my work as a physician.

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Griffiths, MD

From: [Yolanda C](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Dorsey Sober Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 1:14:55 PM

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I'm very disappointed at Supervisor Dorsey's proposed legislation. There are all kinds of reasons why people turn to drugs. Volunteering with Coalition on Homeless meeting, I am writing some things we would like to see changed.

People should not be evicted for using drugs just because they're poor and rely on government funded housing. Reminds me of early 1970s with Nixon's war on drugs fiasco.

File#251003 runs counter to San Francisco's progressive values.

I don't live in Supervisor Dorsey's district. As a resident of San Francisco, I am think of the poor. We should be able to live in our dwellings free from fear, free from want.

Respectfully,
Yolanda Catzalco

From: [Rick Girling](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 1:47:58 PM

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I have lived in SF for over 50 years and I can remember times when there were far fewer homeless folks on the streets. People could afford to pay rent and had a place to live, whether they used alcohol or other drugs.

My name is **R**ichard Girling, I'm a District 9 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

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From: [Larry Ackerman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 3:34:50 PM

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My late husband became addicted to meth and I and others spent years trying to get him into rehab. When he finally agreed and entered a program he had a relapse the first week and was kicked out of the house and program. This alienated him so much that he never returned to any kind of rehab and eventually overdosed. Thus I firmly believe that some people need a little leniency and not strict protocols as they slowly begin a new life.

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Monday, April 6, 2026 9:31:47 AM

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Subject: Supporting Drug Free Housing
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026 11:40:36 AM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Edward Mason

Email zabredala3@yahoo.com

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Email mlburkstrand@gmail.com

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Email rmorjikian@comcast.net

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Email twolffamily@gmail.com

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Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7:20:03 PM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Shari Jones

Email sharihatch@yahoo.com

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From: [Merwin, Madeline](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Monday, April 6, 2026 7:49:09 PM

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My name is Madeline Merwin , I'm a District 9 resident (in Potrero Hill), and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

I work directly with patients who are in recovery and are medically recommended to continue use of their non-prescribed opioids in order to avoid withdrawal, prevent relapse, increase success of long-term sobriety, and meet them at their recovery goals. When stopping fentanyl use and transitioning to methadone, the federal government designates the maximum starting methadone dose at 50 mg. This roughly equates to less than a fourth of the amount of fentanyl most of my patients use per day. This means that if patients do not continue using their non-prescribed substances, they will go into horrific withdrawal and relapse returning to use.

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Madeline Merwin, MD | she/her

Resident Physician, PGY-2

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From: [Carrie Hamilton](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
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From: [Mahal Montes](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2026 5:34:54 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Mahal Montes, I'm a District 3 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

I build community partnerships for the Institute on Aging in San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Time after time, I encounter clients who desperately need housing but cannot find subsidized options due to the scarcity of social housing available. A ban would squeeze the already lacking supply of affordable housing for folks with complex medical needs and histories of SUD.

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Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 3:34:45 PM

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My late husband became addicted to meth and I and others spent years trying to get him into rehab. When he finally agreed and entered a program he had a relapse the first week and was kicked out of the house and program. This alienated him so much that he never returned to any kind of rehab and eventually overdosed. Thus I firmly believe that some people need a little leniency and not strict protocols as they slowly begin a new life.

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Larry Ackerman

From: [Rick Girling](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 1:47:57 PM

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I have lived in SF for over 50 years and I can remember times when there were far fewer homeless folks on the streets. People could afford to pay rent and had a place to live, whether they used alcohol or other drugs.

My name is **R**ichard Girling, I'm a District 9 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

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From: [Yolanda C](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Dorsey Sober Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 1:14:55 PM

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I'm very disappointed at Supervisor Dorsey's proposed legislation. There are all kinds of reasons why people turn to drugs. Volunteering with Coalition on Homeless meeting, I am writing some things we would like to see changed.

People should not be evicted for using drugs just because they're poor and rely on government funded housing. Reminds me of early 1970s with Nixon's war on drugs fiasco.

File#251003 runs counter to San Francisco's progressive values.

I don't live in Supervisor Dorsey's district. As a resident of San Francisco, I am think of the poor. We should be able to live in our dwellings free from fear, free from want.

Respectfully,
Yolanda Catzalco

From: [Beth Griffiths](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:33:34 AM

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My name is Elizabeth Griffiths, I'm a District 8 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

As a primary care physician who cares for patients with substance use disorders (aka addiction), I have seen firsthand the importance of having choice in housing options. Some of my patients prefer and would benefit from drug-free housing, and I am in support of this option. However, some of my patients with addiction also are not ready for drug-free housing but need housing first to be able to recover from their addiction, which the evidence strongly supports. I am very concerned that if only drug-free housing were built then people would only be offered drug-free housing. This ordinance should require that people who come to the top of the list be offered a choice of both types of housing, allowing them a free choice. I am also concerned that if people feel pressured to choose drug-free housing or were overly optimistic about their chances of abstinence that they would then be using in secret—something that could lead to fatal overdose and worsening addiction. I have seen this firsthand in my work as a physician.

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From: [Katie Leiner](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:28:31 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Katie Leiner. I'm a District 5 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

I am an internal medicine resident at University of San Francisco and spend significant time working at the safety net hospital. Recently, I was working in the hospital on the cardiology service caring for a patient who has heart failure and uses methamphetamine. He shared with me that he would like to quit using methamphetamine; however, he continues to use it because he lives on the street and uses it to stay awake to make sure that he does not get assaulted on the street and so that he does not have his personal belongings stolen. If people are kicked out of their supportive housing after one instance of returning to use, they will be forced to live on the street. A person that returns to a little bit of use will then be at risk of using more because they are exposed to the elements on the street, like is the case with this patient. More use is worse for their personal health and also puts the general public at greater risk of being exposed to used needles and cookers on the open streets.

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To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:28:03 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Paul Yang, and I am a District 7 resident who works in District 10. I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing.

I support expanding housing options that provide a supportive, sober environment for individuals who wish to recover from substance use. However, as currently written, this ordinance may have unintended consequences—namely, making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which could ultimately lead to higher rates of street homelessness and public drug use.

I am a physician at both UCSF and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where I regularly care for patients experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders. Many of these patients express a desire to stop using substances and are connected to addiction care and harm reduction resources. However, they often face complex mental health and social challenges that contribute to relapse.

Clinical evidence shows that forced abstinence is often ineffective. While abstinence-based housing can be beneficial for some, recovery is not linear, and relapse is common. Housing models must account for this reality. Individuals should have access to safe, stable housing environments that support recovery—even if they relapse—rather than face eviction and return to homelessness.

Abstinence-only housing is also more resource-intensive and may result in high turnover, as residents who relapse are removed from programs. This disrupts continuity of care and undermines long-term recovery. Instead, we should ensure that housing models allow individuals to remain engaged in care and recovery, even when setbacks occur.

Rather than restricting funding for existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) models, I urge you to amend the ordinance to create a pilot program for recovery-focused housing. This approach would allow the City to evaluate the effectiveness of abstinence-based models without limiting funding for existing housing options or creating additional

barriers. A pilot program would expand housing solutions, rather than constrain them.

Additionally, the ordinance should include stronger eviction protections. If a tenant is at risk of eviction, they should be allowed to remain housed until alternative housing is secured. This should be a clear guarantee—not simply an aspiration—to prevent individuals from being displaced back onto the streets.

We all want residents to feel safe and supported in their housing. To achieve this, recovery housing must be voluntary, with individuals choosing it among multiple housing options. Tenants should feel safe disclosing relapse and seeking help without fear of eviction or homelessness.

With thoughtful amendments, this ordinance could support the development of effective, compassionate recovery housing that improves outcomes for individuals and strengthens our communities.

Sincerely,

Jae Hyun "Paul" Yang, MD

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Pronouns: he, him, his



From: [Andreas Mitchell](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Please Improve File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 11:20:05 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Andreas Mitchell, MD, MPP, I'm a District 10 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

In my clinical practice as a primary care physician in the San Francisco safety net, I have cared for many patients with active substance use disorders who were fortunate enough to match into permanent supportive housing (PSH). In many cases, the stability offered by that housing set them on a path to managing their medical conditions, finding employment and eventually achieving recovery from their substance use disorder. But, they weren't ready for abstinence at the moment they entered housing, and if the only housing option offered included a threat of eviction for substance use, they would have ended up right back on the street.

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From: [Julie Paul](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting Drug Free Housing
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026 1:35:41 PM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Julie Paul

Email juliepaul164@gmail.com

Subject Supporting Drug Free Housing

Message: Dear Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie,

I am writing to express my strong support for Supervisor Matt Dorsey's legislation to expand the availability of drug-free and recovery-oriented Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in San Francisco.

For too long, our city's approach to supportive housing has overlooked a vital segment of the unhoused population: those who are actively seeking or maintaining sobriety. Under the current "Housing First" framework, individuals in early recovery are frequently placed in environments where they are surrounded by the very substances and behaviors they are trying to escape. This lack of choice isn't just a policy gap, it is a barrier to life-saving recovery.

I support this legislation because:

Safety and Choice: Residents deserve the right to choose a living environment that supports their health goals. For many, a "drug-tolerant" building is not a bridge to stability, but a trigger for relapse.

Effective Use of Resources: By utilizing Prop 1 bond funds and other state resources specifically intended for recovery housing, we can expand our housing portfolio without taking away from existing "Housing First" programs.

Addressing the Overdose Crisis: With overdose deaths reaching record highs, we must provide every possible tool for long-term remission. Sober living environments are a proven component of successful recovery.

We cannot continue to offer a "one-size-fits-all" model for supportive housing. I urge you to vote YES on this ordinance to ensure that San Francisco provides a diverse range of housing options that honor and protect the hard work of recovery.

Thank you.

Julie Paul

April 10, 2026

City and County of San Francisco Supervisor Bilal Mahmood

1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Place

City Hall, Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Opportunity to move recovery housing forward with pending federal funding priorities

Dear Supervisors,

We appreciate the City and County of San Francisco's continued focus on addressing homelessness and expanding housing options that meet the diverse needs of San Franciscans, we share this goal. We support the expansion of recovery housing and agree that a continuum of housing options, including recovery-oriented environments, are essential. At the same time, we want to ensure that one housing type is not moved forward at the expense of another housing type. Additionally, we want to avoid any unintended impacts on permanent supportive housing (PSH) as recovery-oriented housing is expanded during a period of federal funding uncertainty.

Congress recently passed legislation directing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Continuum of Care (CoC) funding and establishing a minimum Tier 1 funding threshold of 60% in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). While this directive provides important clarity, it represents a significant reduction from the prior Tier 1 threshold of approximately 87% nationally. For San Francisco, this change could result in a loss of approximately \$22 million in permanent supportive housing funding. This potential reduction introduces substantial financial uncertainty and underscores the importance of preserving local flexibility to sustain and protect San Francisco's permanent supportive housing portfolio. It must also be said that housing first is a well-studied evidence-based practice that is essential to how we aim to tackle holes in the social safety

net in San Francisco. As stated earlier, we need every single tool available to us on the table, not less.

These drastic funding changes have been seen across the federal government. Most recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) abruptly ended \$2 billion for behavioral health programs and services. While that funding was reinstated, the reality for local governments is that haphazard and significant federal policy and budget changes create too much uncertainty to hamstring local dollars. We also cannot only depend on legal remedies for these issues as such can be a luck of the draw. Accordingly, we request changes in the Expanding Drug-Free Housing legislation to ensure San Francisco can use its resources effectively while moving recovery-oriented housing forward. We request these changes as amendments, which are described below.

1. Retitle drug-tolerant housing to low-barrier housing, drug-free housing to recovery-focused supportive housing, and recovery housing to recovery-focused transitional housing
2. Expand recovery-oriented housing by implementing two pilots for recovery-focused supportive housing and recovery-focused transitional housing;
3. Remove the total funding ban of low-barrier housing to allow local funding;
4. Ensure that no evictions are for recurrence of substance use.
5. Ensure that MAT/MOUD are all specifically permitted for use. Making sure to include these medications will help to ensure that people who are on their treatment journey will not be turned away.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of these requests for the Expanding Drug-Free Housing ordinance. The changes asked for in item #1 are critical to ensuring that the language we use does not stand to create more stigma for housing that already exists. We believe that these provisions will allow San Francisco to better mitigate federal policy and funding shifts while locally advancing diverse housing options including recovery-oriented housing which we fully support. Together, we can continue increasing and improving our housing system where recovery-housing is expanded in San Francisco.

In community,

Treatment on Demand Coalition & Safer Inside Coaliton

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Thank you.
Dustin Miller

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Raise raise kids on Julian Ave between 15th & 16th st. We have all seen the worst of the worse when it comes to drug tolerant people running a muck on our streets. Rotten flesh, drug dealing, crack pimpin, it is very dark to allow addicts to do whatever they want.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Lanier Coles



April 10, 2026

San Francisco Youth Commission
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 345
San Francisco, CA 94102-4532

Re: File No. 251003 — Administrative Code Amendment: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing

Honorable Chair and Members of the San Francisco Youth Commission,

Please accept this letter as formal public comment for the Commission’s next full meeting, which will revisit File No. 251003, an ordinance proposing amendments to the City’s Administrative Code regarding Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

We understand that this proposal is intended to address the serious drug crisis affecting San Francisco, and we also recognize that the ordinance excludes state funded PSH. However, as the state entity responsible for implementing Housing First, we offer this comment letter because Housing First is grossly mischaracterized in the findings of the local proposal.

Neither Housing First nor the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) desires individuals or communities to suffer the very real costs of substance use. Our concern is not with the City’s goal of reducing harm, but with ensuring that policy decisions are grounded in accurate representations of evidence-based practice and the needs of the population served.

As the Executive Officer of Cal ICH, I offer the following comments to support accuracy in legislative findings and Housing First as an evidence-based practice, and ultimately, sound policy development.

1. Section 12K.1 FINDINGS (b) inaccurately characterizes Housing First

The findings state that California’s Housing First framework requires that “use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not a reason for eviction” and that services must be “informed by a harm reduction philosophy” (Sec. 12K.1(b)). While these quotations are accurate, the surrounding narrative implies that Housing First is synonymous with “drug tolerant” housing. It is not.

Housing First is an evidence-based practice focused on low-barrier entry and tenancy retention. It does not require permissive onsite drug environments, nor does it prohibit operators from



enforcing reasonable health and safety rules. The framing in the ordinance misrepresents the model and may lead to confusion about state requirements.

Because the findings section will guide future interpretation, it is important that it accurately reflects the intent and scope of Housing First as defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code § 8255.

2. Section 12K.1 (FINDINGS (b)) identifies provider level performance issues, not a failure of Housing First

The proposed ordinance asserts that “the near universality of drug tolerant policies...fails to serve the needs of many PSH residents” (Sec. 12K.1(c)) and cites examples of police calls for service and overdose deaths in PSH.

These concerns are significant. However, they do not demonstrate that Housing First is ineffective. Instead, they may reflect:

- variation in provider capacity,
- insufficient clinical staffing,
- gaps in oversight, or
- mismatches between resident needs and available service models.

It is also important to recognize that PSH serves individuals and families experiencing homelessness who have qualifying disabling conditions, including serious mental illness, chronic physical health conditions, and substance use disorders. Many residents are medically fragile, aging, or have long histories of trauma. As a result, calls for service may include not only behavioral health related incidents but also medical emergencies, welfare checks, mobility related injuries, and other health related needs that reflect the vulnerability of the population rather than the effectiveness of the housing model.

3. Concerns regarding Sec. 12K.2 (DEFINITIONS, lines 16–19)

The definition of Drug-Free PSH states that onsite illicit drug use “is grounds for eviction” (Sec. 12K.2, lines 16–19). The ordinance does not specify whether residents who relapse would be assisted in relocating to another PSH site or shelter, or whether they would simply be evicted without placement—potentially returning people to homelessness while in active relapse. Given that PSH eligibility requires disabling conditions, this omission raises significant concerns about resident safety and continuity of care of a vulnerable population.



Cal ICH encourages the Commission to ask the City to clarify:

- whether residents evicted for onsite use would be guaranteed alternative placement,
- how the City would prevent evictions directly into homelessness, and
- how relapse support would be operationalized for a population clinically expected to experience relapse.

4. The ordinance presumes unmet resident preference before the required survey is conducted

Section 12K.1(f) states that “the choices afforded to program participants are insufficiently prioritized in San Francisco’s current operation of PSH.” This conclusion is presented before the resident survey required under Section 12K.5 has been conducted.

The ordinance mandates that HSH “assess [residents’] interest in living in Drug-Free PSH as an alternative to Drug Tolerant PSH” (Sec. 12K.5(a)). Until those data are collected, it is premature to assert that resident choice is currently insufficiently prioritized.

Cal ICH supports the use of resident preference data to inform system design. However, the findings should avoid presupposing the outcome of a survey that has not yet occurred.

Conclusion

Cal ICH appreciates the Youth Commission’s role in reviewing legislation that ultimately affects its community. To ensure accuracy and alignment with state law, we respectfully recommend that the Commission consider in its comments back to the City:

- correcting the characterization of Housing First to avoid conflating it with permissive drug use environments,
- distinguishing provider level operational challenges from the Housing First model itself,
- requesting detailed information on the nature of calls for service, including medical aid calls that reflect resident vulnerability,
- seeking clarification on how evictions for onsite use would be handled for residents with disabling conditions, and
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California Interagency Council on Homelessness

We remain available to provide technical assistance as the City continues to refine its PSH policies.

Sincerely,

Meghan Marshall

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CC: Tomiquia Moss, Secretary, BCSH
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Prior to getting permanent housing, a lot of people were evicted or suspended from their housing, which led to relapse in terms of their drug use. Also, people who are released from custody should be able to access Housing First permanent housing and make their own choice to live a crime-free, drug-free life. Homelessness shows we have poor community healthcare.

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I found "ok" housing and a social worker after being forced into 3 years of "homelessness" by my long-time friend "Roy," whom I lived with for 24 years. During my 3 years of homelessness, I lived in a tent. Most people that get housing through Housing First have been displaced. For instance, my neighbor used to live in the Fillmore; he struggles with his substance use and can be a disturbance to me sometimes as a result, and I believe he has a right to stay so that he can sleep and shower. In my case, I smoke tobacco, which makes my asthma worse, but I have housing and am able to control the asthma symptoms because of access to my own place to shower, free groceries from the 'produce drop' at my building, a social worker in the building, and connections with other tenants that help me access medications for my asthma as well as dental care. As for how I was originally displaced from housing, it was because Roy wouldn't pay the landlord of the condo we stayed at, which had a pool and access to a forest, since the price Roy was charged was way beyond the purchase price of the condo. Since Roy refused to pay, eventually the landlord summoned the police who asked him to walk NOW or be put in jail. "This cop is a powerless, hated hoodlum," Roy thought, and decided "No, I'll stay home." Next thing you know, Roy's in jail (and eventually died there), all our furniture is gone, and I had to leave.

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As a “no-anything” type of person, I would prefer there to be no use of anything addictive, and no smoking, at my residence. However, this should not take away from the reality that in order to make a vast improvement on the streets, there should be far more housing for everyone, especially those abusing any substance and want housing. I also question the financial risk this legislation may pose to current Housing First buildings, potentially destabilizing these buildings and directly impacting tenants like me. I wholeheartedly approve of the language of the amended legislation. We should expand housing by adding a pilot program for sober housing. And, of primary importance, are the phrases of the last page that tenants should “feel safe in admitting that they relapsed and need help” because they are not afraid of eviction. My model or analogy for Housing First is that it is like the paramedic’s priority of stabilizing the patient. Then, we should focus on adding more supportive services; for example, in my ideal world, with all the open land and buildings at the Presidio and other locations, we would encourage and incentivize Housing First tenants to get off the concrete and onto land and into the woods, with fresh air.

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April 20, 2026

Subject: MADAAD's Support for San Francisco's Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance (File No. 251003)

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We, the members of Mothers Against Drug Addiction & Deaths (MADAAD), write in strong support of the ordinance to expand Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in San Francisco.

As Bay Area mothers of children who have struggled with addiction — some in recovery, some incarcerated, some homeless, and some whom we have lost — we are forever grateful to the frontline workers, doctors, nurses, and case managers who fight every day for those suffering on San Francisco's streets.

When someone makes the courageous decision to begin their recovery journey, the last thing San Francisco should do is undermine that effort by placing them in housing where active drug use by a neighbor can trigger relapse. Yet this is precisely what is happening today. The city and state invest extraordinary resources in permanent supportive housing, only to see residents' recoveries jeopardized by unlimited drug use within those taxpayer-funded units.

It doesn't have to be this way. San Francisco is free to direct its housing dollars toward drug-free environments. Under this ordinance, new city-funded PSH can be designated drug-free — giving people in recovery the stable foundation they need to truly heal and rebuild their lives.

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Respectfully,

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

First off, before I put my name on this letter that was well written and I agree wholeheartedly, I need to express my personal feelings as well as my personal experience. I know first hand the success that can be had from living a life free from active addiction. I support drug-free housing.

Secondly, the experience I have witnessed in my own building, whereas two units were rented out by organizations to help the homeless and both have resulted in very alarming situations for all the regular tenants in the building. These individuals have brought their addiction habits and destructive lifestyles directly into the lives of innocent tenants.

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Aaron Thomas



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Board of Supervisors
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Re: Drug-Free Housing, File # 251003 — Position: Support

Dear Honorable Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

As someone who has studied addiction for over 35 years, served as the Senior Drug Policy Advisor in President Obama's White House, and currently volunteers in the Tenderloin, I am writing in support of this proposal to expand the availability of drug-free housing in San Francisco and to survey residents of publicly-supported housing on their housing preferences.

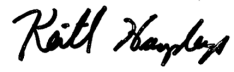
Housing First programs are important, particularly for people who suffer from serious mental illnesses such as schizophrenia. But a review of evidence by the National Academies of Science (<https://www.nationalacademies.org/projects/PGA-STIS-15-01>) concluded they not reduce substance use which poses a challenge for people who are facing addiction.

In contrast, drug-free housing options particularly benefit people struggling with their use of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other drugs. For example, a DePaul University study of individuals randomly assigned after addiction treatment either to Oxford House (a substance-free setting with a pro-recovery culture) or other forms of aftercare found that over the ensuing 2 years, Oxford House residents had double the rate of abstaining from substance use. and were 50% more likely to have a job.

Under current California law, it is unfortunately not legal to use state housing dollars to create drug-free housing options that would yield benefits like this. The only option San Francisco therefore has is what this proposal offers, namely using local funds

to support such therapeutic living environments. I believe that doing so will greatly aid people who are seeking recovery from addiction and I therefore respectfully urge you to support this proposal.

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Supervisor Matt Dorsey

Chair, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File 251003 – Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing – Oppose as Currently Written

Dear Supervisor Dorsey,

The Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco (TAC) and its affiliated tenant associations write regarding your legislation, File 251003 – Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing.

TAC is a grassroots coalition dedicated to protecting and expanding the rights of tenants across San Francisco, with a particular focus on vulnerable residents in supportive housing, SROs, and affordable housing programs. We strongly support efforts to diversify the city's housing and service system so it can better meet the varied and complex needs of people experiencing homelessness and those living in permanent supportive housing.

The goal of expanding recovery-oriented and sober housing options is laudable. Recovery from substance use disorder is a deeply personal and often nonlinear journey, with many starts and stops. Many current supportive housing residents would benefit from enhanced recovery supports, and many others actively seek intentional, recovery-friendly environments—whether through sober living, scattered-site housing, or site-based supportive housing with strengthened services such as trauma-informed therapy, peer support, and relapse-prevention resources.

Unfortunately, as currently written, this legislation misses the mark. Rather than expanding genuine choice and capacity, it risks pitting different housing models against one another and reducing the flexibility the City needs to develop the full range of housing options required to address homelessness effectively.

Standard lease language already prohibits illegal activity on the premises. Illegal drug use, as well as smoking and drinking in common areas, is already banned in supportive housing. The legislation as drafted creates unnecessary confusion for providers and operators while adding layers of bureaucracy that could slow down housing production and limit innovation in service delivery.

We urge you to reconsider the approach in File 251003. True solutions require a balanced, evidence-based strategy that preserves tenant protections, maintains housing stability as a foundation for recovery, and allows providers the flexibility to tailor models to individual needs—rather than imposing a one-size-fits-all framework that could lead to increased evictions and further destabilization.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with you and other stakeholders to develop policies that genuinely expand housing choice, support recovery where desired, and uphold the rights and dignity of all San Francisco tenants.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns with you or your staff in greater detail. Sincerely,

Michael Nulty
Program Director

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco
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Austen Woods

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is **Megan**, I'm a District 1 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

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Doreen Horstin

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To the Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, I am writing to oppose and express concerns regarding **File #251003**, the ordinance to expand drug-free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). While our office supports the goal of diversifying our city's supportive housing stock, we believe the ordinance, as currently drafted, risks harming our most vulnerable residents by increasing eviction rates among people who most need stability.

From our experience representing housing-insecure and unhoused clients, we know that secure housing is essential for stability and safety. While we agree that San Francisco should offer varied housing options, we are concerned that this ordinance prioritizes strict compliance over long-term stability—a shift that could inadvertently lead to a cycle of displacement for individuals in the middle of their recovery journey.

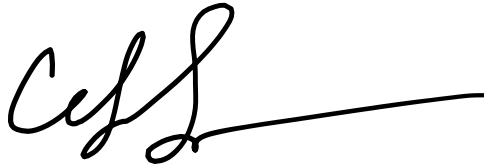
To mitigate these risks, we respectfully request that the ordinance be amended to provide **stronger, binding eviction protections**. If a tenant is at risk of losing their placement because they are still navigating their recovery, they must be allowed to remain in their unit until a move to an appropriate alternative placement is finalized. Currently, Section 12K.6.3b only "reaffirms a commitment to use best efforts" to provide alternative housing. This language offers no guarantee, leaving residents with the very real fear of returning to the streets. To be effective, the ordinance must move beyond a "commitment" and provide a **clear, binding guarantee of placement**. Research shows that homelessness exacerbates substance use disorders; we must ensure that an ordinance intended to support recovery does not instead drive people back into homelessness.

Our concerns are also rooted in the clinical reality of substance use disorder (SUD). As a chronic condition, intermittent use is often a part of the recovery process rather than a failure of treatment. It can take years of engagement to achieve sustained remission, and during that time, punitive measures like discharge and disconnection only increase the risk of overdose and incarceration. We must bear in mind that homelessness itself drives up rates of substance use disorders, which is not an outcome any of us wants.

Finally, we are concerned that this legislation risks creating confusion for supportive housing providers. Standard leases already prohibit illegal activity, as well as smoking and drinking in common areas; beyond these shared spaces, housing units are private, non-surveilled environments. We believe strongly that as a city, we need to increase the production of supportive and affordable housing, and we would not want to see our current or future pipeline impacted in a negative way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Carolyn Goossen (she/her)
SF Policy Director
San Francisco Public Defender
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My name is Javier Solorzano, I'm a District 5 resident, and I am writing to share concerns about File #251003, the ordinance Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing. I support expanding housing that provides a supportive environment to recover from drug use or live in a sober environment if that is what someone prefers. However, the way this ordinance is currently written will create the unintended consequences of making it more difficult to fund deeply affordable housing and increasing evictions, which would lead to increased street homelessness and public drug use.

I lived in a shelter for 2.5 years. When I was there, I shared space with drug users. People who find themselves at a shelter are already stressed, and the drugs help with coping. At the shelter, you often are not able to rest properly, which leads to more suffering. At the shelter I was at, when people struggling with their substance use asked for housing, they were told that they “actually don’t want housing.” I did not see this to be the case. Drug users were at the shelter specifically hoping for more permanent housing, but they were de-prioritized for housing; people with disabilities and the elderly who don’t struggle with their substance use were prioritized instead for placement into housing. I got housing after 1 year. However, for drug users and other folks, I think 5-7 years is typical. It makes a lot of sense for people struggling with their substance use to get housing because it is how they heal. With housing, you feel a sense of belonging and ownership of your own space in a way that helps you see a path towards better health, as you are able to take care of your body, shower more often, sleep, feed yourself better, and feel secure; you are treated as a normal part of society. The more help that drug users can get, the better. Instead, what we are seeing is that help for them is getting cut, which only leads to a steeper road for people to get off the streets and not struggle with their substance use. Further, with Sober Housing leading to evictions for drug use after people have already gotten the housing, this leads to more stress, since folks know how hard it is to get housing in the first place.

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Tenants of Housing First in TNDC buildings let me know the importance of their housing, and I want to take this opportunity to urge you to listen deeply to them if, as a city, we want to solve problems. People had a *hard time* on the streets before getting housing due to the *stigma* against using substances to cope and the *hardship* of living without sleep and security. Often, my friends in Housing First LOST their "normal" housing first, which unmasked prior substance use problems or led to low-level crimes or mental health disturbances. So, could it be that Housing is what Heals? Instead of sending folks repeatedly to emergency rooms or jails, how about we provide housing? For residents, researchers, and practitioners like me, it's evident that Housing First heals, so this proposal will lead to more homelessness and substance use on the streets. Further, consider that for folks who DECIDE to get treatment and achieve sobriety, or have always been sober, they also want Housing First for themselves and their neighbors who are not sober. Despite the disturbances that those struggling with their substance use in Housing First may cause to their neighbors, these neighbors express that all folks have the right to stay, and that there is a need for more support for those that are struggling. For my friend with a former alcohol problem and my friend that uses tobacco, Housing First has saved their lives. The social workers and community support in their housing helped and continues to help. As another friend suggests, enhancing support may look like offering Housing First tenants access to Green Space to benefit folks mentally and spiritually, as many people may know firsthand from the pandemic. Finally, let's talk about forced sobriety, relapse, and eviction. Forced sobriety is already a tough spot, and with relapse being a PART of recovery, eviction should never be the response to relapse. Housing heals because it offers dignity, allowing folks to take care of their bodies, sleep, have security, shower more, and eat better. Also, when folks can take care of themselves, they feel normal and a sense of belonging; for as long as we live in a world that stigmatizes folks for having foundational needs, this sense of normality and belonging people get from Housing First is indispensable.

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Dear Chair Dorsey and Members of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee,

My name is Curtis Bradford, and I am writing not from theory, ideology, or politics, but from lived experience.

I know what it means to struggle. I know what it means to lose my footing, to battle addiction, to live with shame, and to wonder whether life could ever become something steady, meaningful, and whole again. I also know what helped save me, and it was not rejection. It was not punishment. It was not being told I had to become perfect before I was worthy of safety.

What helped save my life was housing, stability, compassion, and the simple but profound truth that people need a safe place to land before they can truly begin to heal.

Supportive housing gave me that chance. Harm reduction gave me that chance. They created the space where recovery could become possible. They did not stand in the way of my recovery, they helped make it real.

Recovery is not something most people can build while being pushed from doorway to doorway, from shelter to street, from fear to fear. Recovery needs ground under it. It needs dignity. It needs consistency. It needs the kind of support that says, "You are still human, you are still valuable, and your life is still worth investing in, even now."

That approach saved me.

I was once homeless. I lived for many years in an SRO on disability. I know what it means to need affordable, supportive housing not as an abstract policy idea, but as a lifeline. Today, because people and systems did not give up on me, I have been clean and sober since January 10, 2011. Today I serve as Community Organizing Manager for a large Tenderloin CBO.. Today I help build resident leadership, community power, and civic participation in the Tenderloin and SoMa. Today I have a life filled with purpose, service, connection, and hope.

That life did not begin because someone demanded that I be fully healed before I could come inside. It began because I was allowed to survive long enough, safely enough, and with enough support, to find my way toward healing.

I support having recovery-focused housing options for people who want and need them. Choice matters. Sober housing has an important place in the continuum of care. But making sobriety a requirement for all new City-funded supportive housing is a dangerous mistake.

It misunderstands how recovery actually happens for many people. It turns housing from a platform for healing into a prize people must earn first. And for many of our most vulnerable neighbors, that will not lead to recovery, it will lead to more suffering, more instability, and more death.

The people I work with, and the community I come from, are not served by one-size-fits-all answers. People arrive with different histories, different traumas, different needs, and different stages of readiness. Real compassion means building a system large enough to hold that truth. Real public policy should widen the path to recovery, not narrow the doorway to housing.

I am living proof that supportive housing and harm reduction can save lives. I am living proof that a person's worst chapter does not have to be their final chapter. I am living proof that when we meet people with dignity instead of judgment, they can rise into lives of service, leadership, and love.

Please do not adopt a policy that would make it harder for people like me to get the foothold we need to survive and recover.

San Francisco should expand options, yes, including sober housing for those who want it, but it should not abandon the housing-first and harm-reduction principles that have helped so many people stay alive long enough to choose recovery.

My life is what can happen when the City chooses compassion over exclusion, support over stigma, and hope over fear.

Please reconsider File No. 251003 and work with community to draft amendments that really meet SF's residents' needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Curtis Bradford

District 6 Resident

DOCTORS AGAINST OVERDOSES

SAN FRANCISCO

April 21, 2026

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: *File #251003 - Position: Support* - Strong Support for Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing Legislation

Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of Doctors Against Overdoses, I write to express our strong and unequivocal support for Supervisor Matt Dorsey's legislation to expand Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in San Francisco.

This legislation addresses a fundamental gap in our current system—one that has real and measurable consequences. San Francisco's supportive housing model, while well-intentioned, has evolved into a system that offers too few viable options for individuals who are seeking recovery or who cannot stabilize in environments where ongoing illicit drug use is prevalent.

As a physician engaged in overdose prevention, I understand how profoundly environment influences outcomes. For many individuals, placement into settings where drug use is normalized is not simply suboptimal—it can actively undermine recovery, destabilize health, and increase the risk of overdose.

The absence of recovery-oriented housing options is not a neutral policy choice. It is a driver of continued instability and preventable harm.

Importantly, this legislation reflects a thoughtful and clinically grounded approach. It is not punitive. It explicitly recognizes that substance use disorder is a chronic,

relapsing condition, and includes safeguards such as support for relapse, the absence of automatic eviction for a single episode of use, and efforts to provide alternative housing when needed. It also requires the City to measure and respond to resident demand—an essential step in aligning policy with the needs of those it is intended to serve.

At the same time, available data underscores the urgency of expanding options. A substantial proportion of overdose deaths in San Francisco occur within Permanent Supportive Housing settings, highlighting that the current system is not adequately supporting all residents in achieving stability.

This legislation takes an important step toward correcting that imbalance by creating a voluntary, drug-free supportive housing option. It restores a basic principle that exists throughout the broader housing system: that individuals should be able to choose a residential environment that supports their safety, health, and personal goals.

We recognize and support the thoughtful concerns raised by the San Francisco Marin Medical Society (SFMMS). These concerns are not in opposition to this legislation—they are essential to its success. Implementation must ensure continuity of care, protection of medication-assisted treatment, and safe, structured transitions between housing settings.

From an overdose prevention perspective, expanding recovery-oriented housing options is not optional—it is necessary. Drug-free PSH should exist as part of a coordinated continuum of care that includes harm reduction, medical treatment, and other housing models. A single-model system cannot meet the complexity of substance use disorder.

San Francisco is confronting a public health crisis defined by overdose, instability, and fragmentation of care. Continuing to rely on a one-size-fits-all approach will not produce different results.

This legislation introduces needed balance, restores meaningful choice, and aligns housing policy more closely with clinical reality.

For these reasons, Doctors Against Overdoses strongly supports its passage.

Respectfully,

Laurence Wiener, MD
Founder, Doctors Against Overdoses
San Francisco

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Sincerely,

David Crane

94115

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Sincerely,

Maya Hovey

94109

From: [Chirag Bhakta](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

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PSH operators in San Francisco already evict tenants with extraordinary regularity and without meaningful accountability. Drug use that causes disruptive behavior is already grounds for lease enforcement. This ordinance does not solve a gap in the system. It hands publicly funded landlords another tool to cycle vulnerable tenants back to the street while collecting city contracts to do so. At the same time, it blocks the creation of new PSH during a period when

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Chirag Bhakta
chiragthebhakta@gmail.com
1750 Lombard street
San Francisco, California 94123

From: [Jennifer Hausler](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

In solidarity with the people you oppress,

Jennifer Hausler

jenniferchausler@gmail.com

329 Church St

San Francisco, California 94114

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Sincerely,

David Troup

94114

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Sherial Heller

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Karla Devine

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Jeri Pliner

94122

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Patrick Cross

94116

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Herbert Stackhouse

94134

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JAMES HIRSCH

94108

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Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Michael Eisler

94118

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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JEFFREY NIGH

94127

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Sincerely,

David Nolley

94122

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
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Sincerely,

Arlo Smith

94930

From: [Deirdre White](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 6:09:34 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Supervisor Shamann Walton,

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Sincerely,
Deirdre White

Deirdre White
deirdrewhite@hotmail.com
2414 24th street
San Francisco, California 94110

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

Karen Schwartz

94114

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

Linda Radler

94122

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

Nicole Flowers

94109

From: [Sarah Wilson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 8:16:56 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am a 27-year resident of San Francisco and a 15-year resident of District 11. I urge you to vote no on the Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance (File No. 251003). This ordinance is being presented as an expansion of sober housing, a goal that San Franciscans across the political spectrum share. But it does not simply create a sober housing option. It prohibits city funding for any new Permanent Supportive Housing that does not adopt a sobriety-conditioned model, effectively blocking the creation of housing that keeps people off the streets. Sober housing can and should be expanded without restricting the Permanent Supportive Housing pipeline. This ordinance does the opposite, and it will leave people homeless.

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Sarah Wilson
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285 London St Apt 2
San Francisco, California 94112

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

Han Myoung Park

94103

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

Michael Barker

94123

From: [Ken Tray](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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Ken Tray
ktray50@gmail.com
40 Virginia Ave
San Francisco, California 94110

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To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

Elmira Tap

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Sincerely,

Robert Rutkowski

66605

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To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

Steve Dalton

94102

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To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Emanuel Langit

94121

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To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Ditka Reiner

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Sincerely,

Brian Hill

94114

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Sincerely,

Karen Breslin

94127

From: [Matthew Denney](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 11:30:21 AM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

For over three years, I worked as an attorney for the Homeless Action Center of Alameda County, helping vulnerable populations to access public benefits.

From this experience, I urge you to vote no on the Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance (File No. 251003). This ordinance is being presented as an expansion of sober housing, a goal that San Franciscans across the political spectrum share. But it does not simply create a sober housing option. It prohibits city funding for any new Permanent Supportive Housing that does not adopt a sobriety-conditioned model, effectively blocking the creation of housing that keeps people off the streets. Sober housing can and should be expanded without restricting the Permanent Supportive Housing pipeline. This ordinance does the opposite, and it will leave people homeless.

This ordinance undermines Housing First, the evidence-based model that California has established as its standard for addressing homelessness. Housing First works because it treats stable housing as the foundation for recovery. A study of over 6,500 people across 86 California programs found that those with high fidelity to Housing First principles reduced days spent homeless by 87%, compared to just 34% in programs that deviated from the model. In San Francisco, 97% of PSH residents remain successfully housed. This ordinance moves the city away from a framework with a proven track record.

Overdose deaths in Permanent Supportive Housing are a crisis that demands serious response. But this ordinance misdiagnoses the cause. The City places its most vulnerable residents in PSH: people with severe substance use disorders, mental health conditions, and chronic health needs. A high overdose rate in that setting is not an indictment of the housing model. It is an indictment of uneven service provision across the portfolio. San Francisco PSH sites with peer-led overdose prevention programs are preventing deaths right now. Episcopal Community Services has implemented a successful Narcan floor captain program in its buildings that includes trained peer responders, onsite behavioral health services, and Narcan distribution. This ordinance does not require a single one of those interventions. Instead, it offers eviction.

PSH operators in San Francisco already evict tenants with extraordinary regularity and without meaningful accountability. Drug use that causes disruptive behavior is already grounds for

lease enforcement. This ordinance does not solve a gap in the system. It hands publicly funded landlords another tool to cycle vulnerable tenants back to the street while collecting city contracts to do so. At the same time, it blocks the creation of new PSH during a period when federal Continuum of Care funding faces cuts of up to \$22 million and the Lurie administration has announced plans to close existing PSH buildings. The result is a bottleneck with no mechanism to address it: more people pushed out of housing, fewer units to take them in, and longer waitlists for everyone. Eviction does not lead to recovery. It severs people from services, pushes them beyond the reach of care, and increases their risk of overdose and death.

I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Matthew Denney
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San Francisco, California 94109-6215

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
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Sincerely,

GLENN SAVAGE

94105

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Phyllis Ball

94114

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John Owl

94102

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Thomas Nieland

78516

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Michel Suas

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Edward Sullivan

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Jim Warshell

94102

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Christian Simonetti

94102

From: [James Galus](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 6:24:37 AM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Traci Mysliwiec](#)
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From: [Blueprint SF](#)
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Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 10:16:02 AM

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to support Supervisor Matt Dorsey's ordinance to expand drug free housing options in San Francisco.

Supportive housing residents deserve a real choice in the kind of environment they live in. For many, that means the option to live in a safe, drug free residential community.

San Francisco's current approach inflicts a 100 percent drug tolerant Housing First model on everyone. It allows rampant illegal drug use, including fentanyl and methamphetamine, with zero consequences. That is why Supervisor Dorsey is sponsoring this legislation to give residents of permanent supportive housing the choice to live in safe, drug free communities.

This legislation is about:

- Giving residents the ability to choose what works for them
- Creating safer and more stable living environments
- Moving beyond a one size fits all system

No one should be forced into a housing environment that does not support their well being.

Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Will Chang

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
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Sincerely,

Julien DeFrance

94109

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Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 11:09:20 AM

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Sincerely,

Russell Davis

94127

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Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Paul McLain-Lugowski

94111

From: [Shanti Singh](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote NO: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 2:41:50 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a constituent and tenant advocate deeply personally impacted by familial substance abuse, I urge you to vote NO on the Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance (File No. 251003). I cannot emphasize enough that this is the kind of policy that would have left my own loved ones homeless and resourceless, and blocked their path to recovery had they been subject to it.

This ordinance is being presented as an expansion of sober housing, a goal that San Franciscans across the political spectrum share. Sober housing has impacted my family's lives in a positive way at critical moments of crisis. This is not a hypothetical for me.

But this proposal does not simply create a sober housing option. It prohibits city funding for any new Permanent Supportive Housing that does not adopt a sobriety-conditioned model, effectively blocking the creation of housing that keeps people off the streets. Sober housing can and should be expanded without restricting the Permanent Supportive Housing pipeline. This ordinance does the opposite, and it will leave people homeless.

There is a reason that San Francisco housing advocates who normally find each other on opposing sides of many issues are in agreement over the harm that this bill will cause to tenants in recovery and to the construction of permanently supportive housing in future. When we are stretching every dollar of scarce public investment we have toward our housing goals, we should not be making PSH harder to build.

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homelessness, relapse, and possibly death.

PSH operators in San Francisco already evict tenants with extraordinary regularity and without meaningful accountability. Substance use that causes disruptive behavior is already grounds for for-cause eviction and lease enforcement.

This ordinance does not solve a gap in the system but will exacerbate its failures at considerable taxpayer expense. I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Edward Parillon](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I have worked in affordable housing for over 10 years, including multiple supportive housing projects. Like many in my field, I have spent time looking at the data, and I've spent time working with staff at supportive housing buildings. I am not going to argue that the model is perfect, and I won't argue that there is no room for sober housing at all. But the data is **extremely clear**. Requiring affordable housing to evict residents for drug use will literally kill people. Supervisor Dorsey loves to say that 30% of overdoses take place in supportive housing. Where do the other 70% take place? The streets, where his policies will send many, many people.

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From: [Nato Green](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 7:37:38 PM

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From: [Mark Hogan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As an architect who has worked on supportive housing and transitional housing within the City of San Francisco I can see how desperately needed it is, especially now with so many cuts at the national level. While I understand the desire to provide sober options for some individuals this is an extremely misguided policy.

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Mark Hogan

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San Francisco, California 94122-1614

From: [Stephen Woods](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 8:26:06 PM

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From: [scott.satterthwaite](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 8:42:13 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Zack Segall](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Cindy Changar](#)
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From: [Alex Lantsberg](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Noah Lantsberg](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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Sincerely, Noah

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From: [Brittany Hewett](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Katherine Law](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Stephen Martin-Pinto](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting Drug Free Housing
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:25:27 PM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent Stephen Martin-Pinto

Email stephen@stephenmartinpinto.com

Subject Supporting Drug Free Housing

Message: Dear Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie,

I am writing to express my strong support for Supervisor Matt Dorsey's legislation to expand the availability of drug-free and recovery-oriented Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in San Francisco.

For too long, our city's approach to supportive housing has overlooked a vital segment of the unhoused population: those who are actively seeking or maintaining sobriety. Under the current "Housing First" framework, individuals in early recovery are frequently placed in environments where they are surrounded by the very substances and behaviors they are trying to escape. This lack of choice isn't just a policy gap, it is a barrier to life-saving recovery.

I support this legislation because:

Safety and Choice: Residents deserve the right to choose a living environment that supports their health goals. For many, a "drug-tolerant" building is not a bridge to stability, but a trigger for relapse.

Effective Use of Resources: By utilizing Prop 1 bond funds and other state resources specifically intended for recovery housing, we can expand our housing portfolio without taking away from existing "Housing First" programs.

Addressing the Overdose Crisis: With overdose deaths reaching record highs, we must provide every possible tool for long-term remission. Sober living environments are a proven component of successful recovery.

We cannot continue to offer a "one-size-fits-all" model for supportive housing. I urge you to vote YES on this ordinance to ensure that San Francisco provides a diverse range of housing options that honor and protect the hard work of recovery.

Thank you.

Stephen Martin-Pinto

From: [Lisa King](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 10:27:00 AM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Maxine Doogan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: crittel.o@gmail.com
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [sara foster](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Larissa Petrucci](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Jennifer Keith](#)
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From: [Steven Collari](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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2010 Chestnut St, 307
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From: [Matthew Schaefer](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Shannon Perry](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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Shannon Perry
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1386 Haight St
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From: [Jonathan Custodio](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Monica Berini](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Don Ino](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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Don Ino
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From: [Alexander Turley](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Young Kim](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Brynne Burns](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [David Stuart Stoller](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Rhona Mahony](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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I am a San Francisco voter, living in District .

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Jacob Zwiebach](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [brandon kayes](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Peter O'Meara](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Dave McMahon](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Starley Shade](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Maya Woods-Arthur](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Benjamin Pankow](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Science says Housing First works - vote NO to expand Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 3:26:28 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Supervisor,

My name is Ben Pankow - I'm a San Francisco resident urging you to vote no on the ordinance "Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing." Permanent Supportive Housing is a core tenet of the evidence-backed "Housing First" approach to solving our homelessness and addiction crisis, and while affording the option for candidates to live in a sober environment is laudable, preventing building new PSH which does not mandate sobriety is counter effective and threatens to cut off the critical PSH pipeline.

To be clear - this policy will lead to more, not fewer, homeless San Franciscans. In San Francisco, 97% of PSH residents have stayed in their housing. Many of these residents are in the process of kicking addiction, but the stability offered by the PSH program enables them to get back on their feet and restore stability to their lives. The ordinance you are being asked to vote on will mandate that new PSH evict residents who use drugs, cutting short the stability they rely on.

Sober housing can and should be expanded without this unnecessary restriction on new PSH. Several PSH sites have enacted policies such as Episcopal Community Services' Narcan floor captain program that meaningfully reduce overdoses and keep residents safe. Rather than try to improve the PSH system, a lifeline for hundreds in our city, this ordinance cuts it off wholesale.

I ask you to vote no on this upcoming ordinance. Thank you for your time.

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From: [Erica Junghans](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [regina islas](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); info@drugfreesidewalks.org
Subject: Re: Support Drug-Free Housing Ordinance (File #251003) - Afshan Khan
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 7:38:24 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to express my support for expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner highlights the need for improvements in our housing policy - between June 2024 and July 2025, 26% of overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a higher percentage than in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street.

Today, under California's Housing First law, state funds are prohibited from being used for drug-free housing. San Francisco funds are not subject to the same law, however San Francisco voluntarily decided to follow suit. As a result, if a family or an individual living deeply below the poverty line qualifies for permanent supportive housing, almost 100% of these units allow illicit drug use. A single PSH building averages two calls per day to the police. This is a tough environment for a person in recovery, much less a child.

We have nearly 10,000 site-based PSH units and their status as drug-tolerant will not change under this ordinance. But we can change future permanent supportive housing funded by the city to be drug-free so that people have options.

The last thing I want to see is an increase in the number of people living on the streets. The good news is that this ordinance has been written so that people who have a single relapse are not automatically evicted, instead they will be offered relapse services. And, if a person's behavior continues to substantially disrupt their building, the City will seek to find the person housing that is appropriate for their situation.

The number of overdose deaths barely budged between 2024 and 2025 in San Francisco. It's time to expand our housing solutions and it starts by allowing drug-free housing options.

Thank you.
Afshan Khan

From: [Ian Ward Comfort](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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Dear supervisors, please vote NO on the Expanding Drug-Free PSH ordinance. Struggling San Franciscans need shelter before they need a paternalistic government agency scrutinizing their habits—to ensure they aren't using analgesic or recreational substances fully permitted in the wealthier parts of town. NO on File No. 251003!

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From: [Michael S](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Friday, April 24, 2026 3:08:26 AM

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From: [Jill Nicole Lederman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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Date: Friday, April 24, 2026 9:21:40 AM

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From: [Jennifer Friedenbach](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOs\)](#)
Subject: File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Friday, April 24, 2026 1:07:50 PM
Attachments: [New Redline to Drug-Free Housing.docx](#)
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Dear Supervisor,

Attached is a copy of our letter regarding File #251003 Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as the redline that the All Housing is Recovery Housing Coalition sent earlier.

We support recovery housing, and many of our members would benefit from this form of housing.

There are some slight modifications that the legislation needs to ensure success. Supportive housing providers and tenants, addiction experts have come to together not to kill this legislation but to collaborate to improve outcomes. Expertise and experience should matter- this is not about ideology, it is about positive results.

The amendments are quite reasonable:

- 1) **Don't evict for return to use.** The current language suggests an offer of alternative placement but does not require it, and refers to evicting for drug use. Instead have strong language that requires providers to allow tenants to transfer to other housing or allow folks to enter treatment and return. Recovery is a process and the expectation is that many people will return to use many times. Don't throw them out, that will only result in increased public drug use. Having evictions on individuals records is a huge barrier to ever being housed again, thus exacerbating homelessness. Eviction is a risk that will prevent tenants from being honest about their use with case workers and clinicians, and will discourage people from entering this type of housing.
- 2) **Don't ban funding for other forms of housing.** The language as written will negatively impact projects in the pipeline, and the ability to backfill federal reductions. It will add red tape for other forms of housing needed such as mental health focused housing, workforce housing and so forth. Rather than prohibiting the use of funds for current models of permanent supportive housing (PSH), **the ordinance should be amended to create a pilot program for recovery housing.** This would encourage an exploration and evaluation of this model, without restricting funding or creating more barriers for PSH. The current waiver language would create another hurdle. A pilot program is proactive and will generate an additive model that creates more housing, rather than creating restrictions on desperately needed housing for people experiencing homelessness. There may be other ways to achieve this goal, but the idea is to have legislation that proactively creates sober housing without hurting other models or restricting flexibility needed to address housing needs.

By working collaboratively, outcomes can be greatly improved, and good sound policy can be achieved. We hope you will support these modest amendments.

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COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS

December 12, 2025

Supervisor Matt Dorsey
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City Hall
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Re: 251003- Expanding Drug Free Permanent Supportive Housing – Oppose as currently written

Dear Supervisor Dorsey,

This letter is in regards to your legislation, file 251003- Expanding Drug Free Permanent Supportive Housing. The Coalition on Homelessness organizes homeless people to create permanent solutions to homelessness while protecting the human rights of those forced to remain on the streets. We fully support attempts to diversify the system to meet the varied needs of our unhoused community members. The push to have more recovery housing options is laudable, as recovering from an addiction disorder is commonly a difficult and individually unique journey with many starts and stops. There are many people living in Supportive Housing that would benefit from recovery support, and many more who are seeking both housing and recovery and would like intentional housing options that are recovery friendly, such as sober living, scattered site housing or site based supportive housing with enhanced recovery services such as trauma therapy. Unfortunately, this legislation misses the mark and will not achieve that, instead pitting models against each other and hampering the flexibility the city needs to create as many forms of housing as possible.

Standard language in leases is the prohibition of illegal activity already, so the legislation creates confusion for supportive housing providers. Illegal drug use, smoking and drinking in common areas are already prohibited. Meanwhile, the inside of

housing units is private and not surveilled.

PSH is neither drug tolerant nor drug free, it is designed to be low barrier so all unhoused people who may need additional support due to health and behavioral health issues can thrive and the basic dignity of a home. The third category, Supportive Recovery, would not evict for drug use, and would have enhanced recovery services, following Housing First guidelines and could be created without the need for legislation.

The legal text creates new categories of supportive housing, using stigmatizing language. Stigma acts as a deterrent to seeking help for drug addiction and increases overdose rates.

Negatively Impact Pipeline and Ability to Backfill Federal Funding Losses

This legislation would negatively impact housing in the pipeline by putting confusing requirements on it. All homeless housing has braided funding - no PSH site-based buildings are from a single source of funds, but from various state, federal and local sources. The bill would impact locally funded strands, thus potentially negatively impacting the entire project.

In addition, we are set to lose federal funding for housing, with the potential loss of HUD and other housing resources. This legislation will create a complication in utilizing new funding to backfill the potential losses, as well as DSHS is about to issue new contracts for all homeless housing projects. It is unclear if this will be considered new funding and may negatively impact flexibility in this process.

System is short beds and units in every category

The legislation only calls for an expansion of “drug free supportive housing” and “supportive recovery” housing, without recognizing the fact that thousands of households are on the waitlist for and in need of PSH.

Ninety-seven percent of Permanent Supportive Housing residents are successfully housed. It is not designed for all homeless people; some unhoused people may need more support, for example someone with dementia may need board and care, while a working homeless person may just need a housing subsidy for extremely low-income housing. However, we simply do not have enough PSH to meet the specific category of unhoused people who need it and are many thousand units short.

Adding “supportive recovery housing”, typically called “step down” housing or “sober living” to our continuum *is needed*. We have both sober living buildings that are publicly and privately funded in San Francisco, but we are far short of meeting the need. Many individuals graduate from treatment programs onto the streets. We also need more PSH and we need more treatment, and we need more step-down housing. We also need housing tailored to higher acuties such as Board and Cares, and Co-ops. The different

models should not be pitted against each other, and this legislation does just that by calling for one, without recognizing the need for more of the other.

Impact on family and domestic violence

The legislation does not address families with children who have a parent who experiences a recurrence of use, likely putting the whole family in eviction proceedings, involvement with Child Protective Services, and loss of home.

Driving up Homelessness

The legislation calls for support to move out under recovery housing, but does not detail how that would work. It calls for evictions under Sober housing which will simply drive up street homelessness, and thus increase acuity related to addiction disorders. Homelessness drives up rates of substance use disorders.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a chronic, treatable condition, and continued or intermittent use of drugs is part of the reality of the disorder. National data show that recurrence of use is often part of the recovery journey, and not a failure of treatment. It can take years and multiple engagements in treatment to achieve sustained remission; risk for meeting SUD criteria can remain elevated for several more years after that. Shame, discharge, and disconnection increase risk for overdose, incarceration, and disengagement from care.

Legal and Operational Issues

The legislation creates legal and practical issues with evicting people for what they are doing in the privacy of their own homes. The system has been set up to address that by having long-term one- to two-year step-down or recovery housing programs where people are living independently but within an accountable and supportive recovery community. This form of housing certainly needs expanding but does not need to do so at expense of PSH. Both are needed.

Omits Alcoholism

The legislation strangely omits alcohol in the recovery housing model. Alcoholism is not only the most common form of addiction, it is also intertwined with other forms of substance addiction, as many individuals with SUDs are poly substance users. Good recovery programs are comprehensive in their approach, looking at all forms of harm associated with substance use but also underlying issues driving the addiction.

Conflates Substance Use with Addictive Disorders

The legislation is also misguided in that it conflates all substance use with addictive disorders. Many substance users are casual users and do not suffer from addiction. Addiction is a medical diagnosis that can require medically assisted treatment, and/or other forms of treatment. It is not a good use of city dollars to set up a program for people suffering from an SUD, serving people who do not have a diagnosable SUD, given the scarce resources available to treat SUD.

No Sunset Date

The legislation has no sunset date, so when needs change, this legislation will remain banning the expansion of the very successful Permanent Supportive Housing model. Program design through legislation is problematic because program design is meant to be nimble responding to changing needs and landscapes.

Fails to Include Overdose Prevention Strategies

The legislation attacks PSH for the high number of fatal overdoses but does nothing to ensure prevention of overdoses in these same programs that disproportionately serve individuals with SUDs. There is no requirement for overdose training, emergency call buttons, naloxone distribution, buddy systems, or any other proven effective intervention.

Data gathering post passage

The legislation requires a survey that would take place after legislation is passed not before. It also can prove to be biased if it is surveying PSH tenants without recovery needs about the recovery needs of others.

Fails to take into account what formerly homeless people in recovery are calling for

Many people in recovery are getting on with their lives but may still need a housing subsidy given the high cost of rents. They would like to access scattered site housing, or they are in supportive housing and would like to get a “moving-on” subsidy to move into the private market. This allows people the flexibility to live in areas outside of the central city and move away from places where they used substances in the past, but allow them to stay in San Francisco. In addition, the existing supportive housing programs need richer services as the acuties of tenants have sharply risen, including those with dual disorders. The legislation fails to identify this large need.

While we have many critiques, we believe this legislation can be amended to resolve most of these issues. We will be providing suggestions for these changes throughout the legislative process and look forward to working collaboratively with your office. Only by working together can we solve these pressing issues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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[Administrative Code - Expanding ~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented Permanent Supportive Housing]

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Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to state that it is City policy to expand the availability of ~~Site-Based~~Recovery-Oriented Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) ~~that prohibits on-site illicit drug use among residents (“Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented PSH”) to meet the demand of people experiencing homelessness who prefer such a residential option; ~~bar the City from funding new Site-Based PSH for people experiencing homelessness that prohibits evictions on the basis of drug use alone (“Drug-Tolerant~~Low-barrier PSH”), starting with the creation of a pilot recovery oriented model, except where operation of the housing as ~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented PSH would conflict with standards imposed by law or by a condition of other funding, or the Board of Supervisors has waived the funding prohibition based on specific findings; and require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to survey residents of Site-Based PSH with Substance Use Disorders to assess their interest in living in either ~~Drug-Tolerant~~Low-barrier PSH or ~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented PSH and report on the survey findings and HSH’s strategies to meet PSH residents’ demands.

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1 subsections or parts of tables.

2 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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4 Section 1. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 12K,
5 consisting of Sections 12K.1 through 12K.7, to read as follows:
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7 **CHAPTER 12K: PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; ~~RECOVERY-ORIENTED~~**
8 **~~DRUG-FREE~~RECOVERY-ORIENTED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PILOT**
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10 **SEC. 12K.1. FINDINGS.**

11 *(a) Permanent Supportive Housing ("PSH") plays a significant role in San Francisco's*
12 *response to homelessness by combining affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services*
13 *intended to address the myriad needs of chronically homeless people, including families with children,*
14 *seniors, and persons with chronic disabilities. These support services are intended to build independent*
15 *living and tenancy skills, and connect people with community-based health care, treatment, and*
16 *employment services.*

17 *(b) With few exceptions, San Francisco's PSH sites currently adhere to the ~~drug-tolerant~~low-*
18 *barrier policies reflected in California's current implementation of the "Core Components of Housing*
19 *First," as set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255. These policies apply to*
20 *state-funded PSH, and provide that "use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease*
21 *violations, is not a reason for eviction," and that supportive services must be "informed by a harm-*
22 *reduction philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants' lives."*

1 Some – but not all – of San Francisco’s PSH is state-funded, and subject to the state’s current Housing
2 First mandates. To the extent locally funded PSH in San Francisco adheres to ~~drug-tolerant~~low-barrier
3 provisions, however, it does so as a voluntary policy choice subject to revision by the Board of
4 Supervisors.

5 (c) The near universality of ~~drug-tolerant~~low-barrier policies in San Francisco’s PSH portfolio
6 fails to –serve the needs of many PSH residents seeking to stabilize their lives as they exit
7 homelessness. This is especially true for those residents who are in recovery or seeking to recover
8 from substance use disorders (“SUDs”), but it is similarly true for those supportive housing residents
9 not in recovery who would prefer to avoid the myriad harms and risks associated with living in a
10 residential community where the use of illicit drugs is expressly tolerated.

11 (d) Moreover, many of the externalities that arise from residents’ illicit drug use overburden
12 the City’s public health and public safety resources because of elevated acuity and drug-related
13 behavioral health challenges, diminishing San Franciscans’ confidence in their city government’s
14 response to homelessness overall. ~~According to data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner,~~
15 ~~between June 2024 and July 2025, 26% of overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a higher percentage than~~
16 ~~in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street. Drug-related behaviors and associated~~
17 ~~lawlessness lead to public nuisances that routinely rob law-abiding PSH residents and neighbors of the~~
18 ~~quiet enjoyment of their own residences and neighborhoods. Just one PSH facility alone generated 654~~
19 ~~police calls for service in a single year — averaging nearly two calls per day. A sample of 15 PSH sites~~
20 ~~showed 5,872 police calls for service during that same time frame.~~

21 (e) ~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented PSH operates as a residential community free of illicit drug
22 and alcohol use, avoiding the multitude of negative externalities of illicit drugs and alcohol that bedevil

1 many ~~Drug-Tolerant~~Low-barrier PSH sites in San Francisco. As compared to ~~Drug-Tolerant~~Low-
2 barrier PSH, ~~drug-free~~Recovery-Oriented housing options would also better support individuals exiting
3 homelessness who are in recovery from addiction or alcoholism as well as those at elevated risks to
4 develop SUDs. The 2025 Homelessness Needs Assessment, published by the Our City, Our Home
5 Oversight Committee in accordance with ~~Business~~ and Tax Regulations Code Section 2810(e)(2)(B),
6 reported that 53% of single adults and 28% of families served through HSH's housing programs had
7 substance use or mental health disorders.

8 (f) As of March 2026, the choices afforded to program participants are insufficiently prioritized
9 in San Francisco's current operation of PSH. More ~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented PSH options would
10 add an important new choice for PSH residents exiting ~~homelessness~~, and would broaden the City's
11 array of evidence-based solutions to more effectively address homelessness and substance use
12 disorders that are so visible on City streets. By removing barriers to ~~drug-free~~Recovery-Oriented
13 options for formerly unhoused persons and honoring the choice of some PSH residents who would
14 prefer to live in a ~~drug-free~~Recovery-Oriented residential community, the policies advanced in this
15 Chapter 12K would better serve many PSH residents, who include families with children, seniors, and
16 individuals at all stages of recovery from SUDs and at heightened risk of suffering harms associated
17 with illicit drug use.

19 **SEC. 12K.2. DEFINITIONS.**

20 For purposes of this Chapter 12K, the following definitions apply:

21 "City" means the City and County of San Francisco.

22 "~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented Permanent Supportive Housing" or "~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented
PSH" means ~~Site-Based~~ PSH where on-site illicit drug use is prohibited and is grounds for

1 eviction that provides an intentional substance free community. ~~Provided that~~ participation in
2 Medication-Assisted-Treatment, administered by a licensed healthcare provider in accordance with
3 applicable laws and medical guidance, shall not be deemed illicit drug use or a recurrence of use and
4 shall not be used as a basis for denial of housing, eviction, or other adverse treatment. —This form of
5 housing adheres to housing first guidelines for recovery housing outlined by the California Interagency
6 Council on Homelessness. Individuals seeking to recover from a Substance Use Disorder coming out
7 of homelessness or transferring from other PSH shall be prioritized.

8 ~~“Drug-Tolerant~~Low-barrier Permanent Supportive Housing” or ~~“Drug-Tolerant~~Low-barrier
9 PSH” means Site-Based PSH where the use of illicit drugs, without any other lease violation, is not a
10 basis for eviction, and applicants are accepted regardless of their sobriety or use of substances,
11 completion of treatment, or participation in recovery services.

12 “Illicit drug use” means the use of a controlled or regulated substance in a manner that is
13 unlawful under state or federal law, including use without a valid prescription or outside the scope of
14 lawful medical or other legally permitted use, regardless of whether the substance itself may be
15 lawfully possessed or used under other circumstances.

16 “PSH Resident Survey” means the survey described in Section 12K.5.

17 “Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing” or “Site-Based PSH” means subsidized rental
18 housing where 100% of the units are for individuals and households with a history of homelessness, in
19 a building that is owned or master leased by the City or a non-profit organization funded by the City,
20 that imposes no time limit on occupancy, and provides supportive services to help residents maintain
21 housing.

22 “Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing Portfolio” means the total number of Site-Based
23 PSH units that are operated or funded by the City at a given time.

SEC. 12K.3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

1 It shall be City policy to expand the availability of ~~Drug-Free~~ Recovery-Oriented PSH to meet
2 the demand from individuals in need of ~~Site-Based~~ PSH who prefer that option as an alternative to
3 ~~Drug-Tolerant~~ Low-barrier PSH. The goal of this policy is to promote long-term housing stability and
4 minimize returns to homelessness. This policy shall be implemented in a manner that supports
5 evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders, including Medication-Assisted Treatment when
6 prescribed, and shall prohibit discrimination against individuals participating in such treatment.

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8 **SEC. 12K.4. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECOVERY-ORIENTED USE OF CITY FUNDS**
9 **FOR DRUG-TOLERANT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PILOT PROHIBITED**
10 **EXCEPT WHERE ~~DRUG-FREE~~ RECOVERY-ORIENTED HOUSING MODEL CONFLICTS**
11 **WITH LAW OR FUNDING CONDITION.**

12 (a) Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, the Department of
13 Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH"), through grant agreements with eligible non-profit
14 organizations, shall establish and operate a pilot of SSH to Recovery-Oriented housing. In establishing
15 the Pilot Program, HSH shall collaborate with the Department of Public Health and such other
16 departments, offices and commission as may be necessary or appropriate for successful implementation
17 of the Pilot Programs. Except as stated in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section 12K.4, the City shall
18 not expend funds for any contract, grant agreement, or loan agreement to increase the City's Site-
19 Based Permanent Supportive Housing Portfolio unless the contract, grant agreement, or loan
20 agreement would exclusively fund Drug-Free PSH.

21 (b) The prohibition set forth in subsection (a) includes, but is not limited to: (1) entering into a
22 grant agreement to fund an organization to provide services or operations for new Drug-Tolerant PSH.

1 ~~(2) entering into a grant agreement to subsidize operations and/or rents for new Drug Tolerant PSH,~~
2 ~~and (3) entering into a loan agreement for the development and construction of any new Drug Tolerant~~
3 ~~PSH.~~

4 ~~(c) The prohibition set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to any contract, grant agreement,~~
5 ~~or loan agreement for Site-Based PSH where operation of such Site-Based PSH as Drug-Free PSH~~
6 ~~would be prohibited by law or in conflict with applicable conditions of funding.~~

7 ~~(d) The Board of Supervisors may waive the pilot prohibition set forth in subsection (a) by~~
8 ~~resolution only if the Board makes the following findings:~~

9 ~~(1) Such waiver is necessary to meet the demand for Drug-Tolerant/Low-barrier PSH as~~
10 ~~determined by the PSH Resident Survey conducted under section 12K.5, or is otherwise determined by~~
11 ~~the Board to be in the public interest; and~~

12 ~~(2) Waiver is recommended by either the Department of Homelessness and~~
13 ~~Supportive Housing ("HSH") or the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development; and~~

14 ~~(3) The sponsoring Department has committed to entering into a Good Neighbor~~
15 ~~Agreement with the housing operator intended to address anticipated neighborhood concerns.~~

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17 **SEC. 12K.5. MEASURING DEMAND FOR ~~DRUG-TOLERANT/LOW-BARRIER AND~~**
18 **~~DRUG-FREE/RECOVERY-ORIENTED~~ PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.**

19 ~~(a) Within six months of the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. _____~~
20 ~~enacting this Chapter 12K, HSH shall, in collaboration with the Controller's Office, conduct a survey~~
21 ~~of PSH residents with Substance Use Disorders to assess their interest in living in Drug-~~
22 ~~Free/Recovery-Oriented PSH as an alternative to Drug-Tolerant/Low-barrier PSH ("PSH Resident~~

1 Survey"). The survey instrument shall explain the ~~substance used~~~~drug~~-related policies that apply in each
2 type of housing.

3 (b) Within one month of the completion of the PSH Resident Survey, HSH and the Controller's
4 Office shall prepare a report summarizing the results of the survey and shall submit the report to the
5 Board of Supervisors, along with a resolution for the Board to acknowledge receipt of the survey
6 report.

7 (c) Within three months of the completion of the PSH Resident Survey, HSH shall prepare a
8 report describing the strategies it intends to implement to meet the demand measured in the PSH
9 Resident Survey for ~~Drug-Free~~~~Recovery-Oriented~~ PSH and ~~Drug-Tolerant~~~~Low-barrier~~ PSH, in
10 accordance with Section 12K.3, and shall submit that report to the Board of Supervisors together with
11 a resolution for the Board to acknowledge its receipt.

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13 **SEC. 12K.6. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

14 HSH, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall promulgate rules and
15 regulations to carry out the provisions of this Chapter 12K, that:

16 (a) Establish standards for ~~Drug-Free~~~~Recovery-Oriented~~ Permanent Supportive Housing
17 operators that:

18 (1) Prohibit the use of illicit drugs on the ~~premises~~;

19 (2) Provide that ~~a single relapse~~~~recurrence of use~~ or instances of illicit drug or alcohol
20 use may not be treated as an automatic cause for eviction or termination from a program, but that
21 participants be offered ~~relapse~~~~support~~ for recurrence of use that meets tenants needs, including but not
22 limited to an option to enter residential treatment and return to a unit post treatment; and

1 i) HSH, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall establish
2 minimum clinical standards for operator response to recurrence of use, including: (1) a standardized
3 assessment process conducted by or in coordination with a qualified behavioral health provider; (2) a
4 documented care plan outlining support options offered to the resident; and (3) a defined timeframe
5 within which operators must initiate a response.

6 (3) Provide that an operator may seek to terminate a resident's tenancy when a
7 participant's behavior substantially disrupts or impacts the welfare of the community in which the
8 participant resides;

9 (b) Reaffirm HSH's commitment to use its best efforts to provide alternative housing or shelter
10 to an individual who is living in ~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented PSH, where such individual is at risk of
11 eviction, ~~or is discharged from the program,~~ including allowing resident to reside in housing until the
12 operator or participant secures a new placement option except in cases where basis for the eviction is
13 violence or other forms of extreme behavioral issues.

14 (c) HSH shall submit such rules and regulations to the Board of Supervisors prior to the
15 implementation of any new ~~Drug-Free~~Recovery-Oriented PSH site.

16 (d) Prohibit discrimination against or denial of housing, continued tenancy, or services to
17 any individual on the basis of their participation in medication-assisted treatment when prescribed.
18 Participation in such treatment shall not be considered illicit drug use, recurrence of use, or grounds
19 for eviction or program termination.

20 **SEC. 12K.7. UNDERTAKING FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

21 In enacting and implementing this Chapter 12K, the City is assuming an undertaking only to
22 promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an

1 obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach
2 proximately caused injury.

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4 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective at 12:00 a.m. on the

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8 31st day after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor
9 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it,
10 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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14 By: _____/S/_____
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This ordinance undermines Housing First, the evidence-based model that California has established as its standard for addressing homelessness. Housing First works because it treats stable housing as the foundation for recovery. A study of over 6,500 people across 86 California programs found that those with high fidelity to Housing First principles reduced days spent homeless by 87%, compared to just 34% in programs that deviated from the model. In San Francisco, 97% of PSH residents remain successfully housed. This ordinance moves the city away from a framework with a proven track record.

Overdose deaths in Permanent Supportive Housing are a crisis that demands serious response. But this ordinance misdiagnoses the cause. The City places its most vulnerable residents in PSH: people with severe substance use disorders, mental health conditions, and chronic health needs. A high overdose rate in that setting is not an indictment of the housing model. It is an indictment of uneven service provision across the portfolio. San Francisco PSH sites with peer-led overdose prevention programs are preventing deaths right now. Episcopal Community Services has implemented a successful Narcan floor captain program in its buildings that includes trained peer responders, onsite behavioral health services, and Narcan distribution. This ordinance does not require a single one of those interventions. Instead, it offers eviction.

PSH operators in San Francisco already evict tenants with extraordinary regularity and without meaningful accountability. Drug use that causes disruptive behavior is already grounds for lease enforcement. This ordinance does not solve a gap in the system. It hands publicly funded landlords another tool to cycle vulnerable tenants back to the street while collecting city contracts to do so. At the same time, it blocks the creation of new PSH during a period when

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From: [Renee Anderson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:33:01 PM

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From: [Jordan Wasilewski](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: You Can't Fool Me (RE: File 251003)
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 2:02:57 PM

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I just want to say that your statements at committee and your refusal to accept the Treatment on Demand Coalitions amendments have so much bullshit in them, they could reforest the Amazon.

You claim that you support having options, but the legislation clearly closes the door permanently, without any temporal sunset, on new low barrier housing (or as you like to call it "drug tolerant") without any temporal or goals based sunset. I am not a dum dum, OK, just because you can speak with a "mellifluous baritone reminiscent of a 1950s radio announcer" does not mean you are right.

And then there is the separate issue of plans to decommission PSH. The way the legislation is written, there can be no more low barrier housing, even to replace lost PSH units. You just want every unit to be drug free.

There is an old Polish proverb about this:

Bujać to las, a nie nas

You modscum claim that we are not "pragmatist", and you weaponize the term "common sense" as if we are stupid. Well, guess what, you are the extremists, and the Treatment on Demand Coalition are pragmatists.

You also claim that we can't be "prescriptive". Guess what, when it comes to low income/vulnerable populations, as well as general power dynamics, we have to be prescriptive to prevent abuse.

And I want to end with another Polish proverb about how ruthlessness will end.

Nosił wilk razy kilka ponieśli i wilka

Go fuck yourself,

Jordan Wasilewski (she/they)

From: [Julien Ball](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:43:05 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Julien Ball

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From: [Justice Dumlao](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 11:20:20 AM

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From: [Mike Pincus](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:51:16 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Supervisor Dorsey is pushing a plan that would increase homelessness in the city by penalizing drug users. Consequently, I urge you to vote no on the Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance (File No. 251003).

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From: [Laurence Adelman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 6:48:29 PM

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I am writing in opposition to Supervisor Dorsey's Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance (File No. 251003).

I support sober housing options. But I fear that as written, this ordinance prohibits City funding for any new Permanent Supportive Housing which does not adopt an abstinence model. That would be terrible and have the unintended consequence of increasing evictions and leaving people homeless. And homelessness makes people even more susceptible to substance abuse.

I urge you to vote no on File No. 251003. Let's not make the problem worse.

Sincerely,

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From: [Heather Peterson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Rachel Howard](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026 10:33:34 AM

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026 11:04:26 AM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am a home owner in District 5 living in San Francisco since 1983. My husband died from a methamphetamine overdose within a year of his expulsion from a rehab home for a relapse. He was devastated as I was. Not everyone can survive drug-free housing.

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From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026 11:32:55 AM

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to support Supervisor Matt Dorsey's ordinance to expand drug free housing options in San Francisco.

Supportive housing residents deserve a real choice in the kind of environment they live in. For many, that means the option to live in a safe, drug free residential community.

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This legislation is about:

- Giving residents the ability to choose what works for them
- Creating safer and more stable living environments
- Moving beyond a one size fits all system

No one should be forced into a housing environment that does not support their well being.

Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Kyle Politz

94121

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94112

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Sincerely,

Matthew Grisso

94118

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Sincerely,

Remi Tan

94115

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to express my support for expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner highlights the need for improvements in our housing policy - between June 2024 and July 2025, 26% of overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a higher percentage than in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street.

Today, under California's Housing First law, state funds are prohibited from being used for drug-free housing. San Francisco funds are not subject to the same law, however San Francisco voluntarily decided to follow suit. As a result, if a family or an individual living deeply below the poverty line qualifies for permanent supportive housing, almost 100% of these units allow illicit drug use. A single PSH building averages two calls per day to the police. This is a tough environment for a person in recovery, much less a child.

We have nearly 10,000 site-based PSH units and their status as drug-tolerant will not change under this ordinance. But we can change future permanent supportive housing funded by the city to be drug-free so that people have options.

The last thing I want to see is an increase in the number of people living on the streets. The good news is that this ordinance has been written so that people who have a single relapse are not automatically evicted, instead they will be offered relapse services. And, if a person's behavior continues to substantially disrupt their building, the City will seek to find the person housing that is appropriate for their situation.

The number of overdose deaths barely budged between 2024 and 2025 in San Francisco. It's time to expand our housing solutions and it starts by allowing drug-free housing options.

Thank you.
Serena Ramirez

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Connor Owens

94114

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Subject: RE: Rebuttal to SFMMS opposition to Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:15:25 PM
Attachments: [SFMMS Response on Ordinance 251003 \(Dorsey\) 2026.pdf](#)

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Hello All,

Please see a response from the San Francisco Marin Medical Society attached.

Thank you,

Adam Francis

Senior Director, Advocacy and Policy

San Francisco Marin Medical Society

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Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:50 AM

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Subject: Rebuttal to SFMMS opposition to Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation (File No. 251003)

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached my detailed rebuttal to the San Francisco Marin Medical Society's letter of opposition to the Expanding Drug-Free Supportive Housing legislation (File No. 251003) that is up for a vote on first reading tomorrow.

Please note that two of the nation's leading experts in addiction medicine — Dr. Keith Humphreys and Dr. Anna Lembke, both of Stanford University's School of Medicine — have endorsed this legislation. As my letter explains, the sweeping last-minute amendments SFMMS has proposed are highly problematic for being ill-advised, antithetical to the legislation's intent, unsupported by facts or evidence, and needlessly duplicative of existing law.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or my staff. I'm happy to discuss it.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

Best,
MATT DORSEY

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May 4, 2026

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Re: Ordinance 251003 (Dorsey) Response

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Marin Medical Society (SFMMS) represents more than 3,500 physicians of every medical specialty and mode of practice in San Francisco and Marin Counties and is a component society of the California Medical Association. Many of our physician members work in community clinics, hospitals, treatment centers, and emergency rooms, and are experts in addiction medicine and behavioral health. They continue to save lives and help in the recovery journeys of countless individuals struggling with substance use disorders and homelessness. Additionally, SFMMS has presented conferences on substance use disorders (SUD) and addiction for years, co-sponsored with UCSF and the San Francisco Department of Public Health. UCSF has renowned programs in training, treating, and researching SUD and addiction. These physician experts and their colleagues inform and determine SFMMS policies and positions on legislation, including proposed amendments, based on extensive experience, education, and training.

SFMMS recognizes that Supervisor Dorsey is addressing serious and complex issues pertaining to substance use disorders in San Francisco. SFMMS has worked closely with the Supervisor on related ordinance, and our physicians stood proudly next to Mayor Lurie when the Supervisor's "Recovery First" ordinance was signed into law. Supporting Housing First principles does not have to be in direct conflict with the goal of adding and prioritizing sober-living options in San Francisco. This false dichotomy unnecessarily pits advocates with the same goal – helping people overcome their substance use disorders – against one another. In that spirit, SFMMS remains focused on core aspects of this ordinance, which we continue to believe can be improved. To that end, SFMMS feels compelled to clarify its position so that our proposed amendments might be considered in the same spirit in which they were offered.

"Oppose Unless Amended" is a routine position to take based on the contents of a bill. It does not indicate an intransigence or unwillingness to reach compromise, or that the organization is opposed to the concept of the bill and all of its provisions. If specific areas of the bill were appropriately addressed, the organization would remove its Opposition and possibly Support the bill's passage. Unfortunately, there are aspects of the current version of the Drug-Free Housing ordinance to which SFMMS must object if not changed. The most pressing of which are:

- 1) SFMMS believes if an individual is evicted from housing based solely on their addiction to and use of an illicit substance, the language of the bill should ensure that this individual is not at risk of a return to homelessness as a result of that eviction.
- 2) SFMMS believes, at a time of constrained funding and access to supportive housing, the city should prioritize drug-free housing but not create new obstacles or be restrictive in funding for supportive housing.

While there are other provisions in the legislation that SFMMS would like to see changed, the two policy issues above are of significant importance. Of note, the Mayor's sponsored state bill, AB 1556 (Haney), contains language that appropriately addresses these issues, explicitly protecting evicted tenants and providing flexibility in funding, which is why SFMMS has adopted a Support position on AB 1556. SFMMS' proposed amendments were intended to add similar minimum requirements to the Supervisor's ordinance.

An individual with a substance use disorder evicted from housing because of relapses should be moved to a setting with *more* intensive services. The ordinance as currently written does not contain minimum guardrails that, at the very least, would ensure that the evicted individual is not relegated to an undetermined setting with less support and possibly homelessness. An amendment to create this minimum protection seems both reasonable and in keeping with the goals of the administration, and should not be left to an indeterminate process.

Supervisor Dorsey rightly points out that funding for drug-free and recovery housing is restricted at the State level. SFMMS agrees that this type of housing should be prioritized in San Francisco and has worked to support State legislation that would create flexibility in funding. This call for change is based on the belief that San Francisco needs to offer a range of housing best suited for an individual or family's needs. It seems inconsistent that the ordinance as currently written works against that principle of flexibility, designating city funds to only one purpose and creating obstacles to adjust that requirement.

We appreciate the partnership of our legislators, and continue to be available to Supervisor Dorsey, staff and members of the Board of Supervisors, and any government official or organization who might want more information about our positions and the evidence-based rationale behind them.

Sincerely,
Heyman Oo, MD
Chair, Advocacy and Policy Committee
San Francisco Marin Medical Society

CC: Angela Cavillo, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
Kunal Modi, Office of Mayor Daniel Lurie, Chief of Health, Homelessness, and Family Services
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

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Jacob Blair

94102

From: [Anne Richards](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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Sincerely,

Anne Richards
District 8 Resident

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Hugo Mercado

94103

From: [Calvin Fiske](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [Andy Simionas](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Friday, May 8, 2026 9:46:45 AM

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From: [Joey Tillapaugh](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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From: [Lily Crawford](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Friday, May 8, 2026 10:03:56 AM

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From: ellumun@gmail.com
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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South San Francisco , California 94080

From: [Ann Krabbenschmidt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Friday, May 8, 2026 10:23:37 AM

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From: [Wren Murphy](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Cole Rothman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Monica Berini](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 7:51:44 AM

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San Francisco , 9412

From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); info@drugfreesidewalks.org
Subject: Re: Support Drug-Free Housing Ordinance (File #251003) - Walter Garrison
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 10:18:40 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to express my support for expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner highlights the need for improvements in our housing policy - between June 2024 and July 2025, 26% of overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a higher percentage than in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street.

Today, under California's Housing First law, state funds are prohibited from being used for drug-free housing. San Francisco funds are not subject to the same law, however San Francisco voluntarily decided to follow suit. As a result, if a family or an individual living deeply below the poverty line qualifies for permanent supportive housing, almost 100% of these units allow illicit drug use. A single PSH building averages two calls per day to the police. This is a tough environment for a person in recovery, much less a child.

We have nearly 10,000 site-based PSH units and their status as drug-tolerant will not change under this ordinance. But we can change future permanent supportive housing funded by the city to be drug-free so that people have options.

The last thing I want to see is an increase in the number of people living on the streets. The good news is that this ordinance has been written so that people who have a single relapse are not automatically evicted, instead they will be offered relapse services. And, if a person's behavior continues to substantially disrupt their building, the City will seek to find the person housing that is appropriate for their situation.

The number of overdose deaths barely budged between 2024 and 2025 in San Francisco. It's time to expand our housing solutions and it starts by allowing drug-free housing options.

Thank you.
Walter Garrison

From: [Luca Nelson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to support Supervisor Matt Dorsey's ordinance to expand drug free housing options in San Francisco.

Supportive housing residents deserve a real choice in the kind of environment they live in. For many, that means the option to live in a safe, drug free residential community.

San Francisco's current approach inflicts a 100 percent drug tolerant Housing First model on everyone. It allows rampant illegal drug use, including fentanyl and methamphetamine, with zero consequences. That is why Supervisor Dorsey is sponsoring this legislation to give residents of permanent supportive housing the choice to live in safe, drug free communities.

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Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Thiago Esteves Marinho

94102

From: [Dimitry Yakoushkin](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2026 2:20:27 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Dimitry Yakoushkin
dimitry.multi@gmail.com
29 Ford St
San Francisco, California 94114

From: [Kristin Tieche](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 1:46:00 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Kristin Tieche
ktieche@gmail.com
2277 Fulton Street
San Francisco, California 94117

From: [Kristin Tieche](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
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Kristin Tieche
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2277 Fulton Street
San Francisco, California 94117

From: [Steve Hong](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 2:24:01 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Steve Hong
steveandcathy@gmail.com
P.O. Box 210774
San Francisco , California 94121

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 3:32:00 PM

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Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Steffan Ammons

94102

From: [Kendal Peirce](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Vote No on: Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (File No. 251003)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 6:41:24 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Kendal Peirce
kepeirce@gmail.com
1666 Page St, Apt B
San Francisco, California 94117

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 7:59:41 PM

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Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Lorena Hernández

94102

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 10:17:57 PM

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Sincerely,

David Lovell

94110

From: [Blueprint SF](#)
To: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fielder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); blueprint@sfbblueprint.org
Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 4:02:32 PM

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Michael Lata

94114

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Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 2:23:25 PM

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Lillyana Lonzanida

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Subject: Support Ordinance #251003: Support Drug-Free Housing.
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 4:19:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Keith Nishinoto

94102

From: [Ian Hewitt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Save PSH, vote no on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 4:06:02 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

Ian Hewitt
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238 San Carlos Street
San Francisco, California 94110

From: [Joshua Steighner](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Save PSH, vote no on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 5:52:38 PM

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I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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From: [First Name Last Name](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Felder, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting Drug Free Housing
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026 6:01:35 PM

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Message to the Supervisors, Dr. Tsai, Mr. Modi, and Mayor Lurie

From your constituent First Name Last Name

Email example@example.com

Subject Supporting Drug Free Housing

Message: Re: Geary/Larkin; Larkin/O'Farrell

The job of city leaders is to ensure safe public spaces, it isn't just expected, it is required. Yet, apocalyptic scenes still remain at the above locations. City leaders can clean it up in a couple hours by sending SFPD to arrest drug users and dealers; and sending foot patrols to secure the area. SFPD can claim understaffing but it also has a job to do, and cannot refuse to do it simply because they are understaffed. I was driving through the Tenderloin and whilst there were problems, the streets looked clean, but the above locations were one of the few areas where, in open daylight, 2023-style open air drug markets remain.

I will extend my deadline by one final month. This is my final letter.

First Name Last Name

From: [Haley Summerfield](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Save PSH, vote no on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 2:03:22 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

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From: [Jo Smith](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Save PSH, vote no on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 7:09:52 AM

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July 8, 2026

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Brothers Against Drug Deaths (BADD), we respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance (Version No. 4).

Although I am unable to attend the hearing due to previously scheduled medical appointments that cannot be postponed, we wanted to ensure BADD's voice is included in the public record.

BADD was founded by individuals and families whose lives have been directly impacted by substance use disorder, overdose, and recovery. Through our work, we have learned that recovery is not a one-size-fits-all journey. While many people benefit from harm reduction approaches, others seek housing that intentionally supports a drug-free lifestyle. Both options are important, and individuals deserve the opportunity to choose the environment that best supports their recovery.

We appreciate that this version of the ordinance expands recovery-oriented housing options while providing safeguards to ensure that a single relapse does not automatically result in eviction or abandonment. Recovery often includes setbacks, and compassionate support should remain available throughout that process.

We respectfully urge the Committee to advance this ordinance and continue expanding pathways to recovery, stability, and hope for San Franciscans.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to addressing the overdose crisis with thoughtful, balanced policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Theris L. Coats, Sr. & Richard Beal
Co-Founders
Brothers Against Drug Deaths (BADD)
www.badd-sf.org



July 8, 2026

The Honorable Matt Dorsey
Supervisor
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Drive, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance (SUPPORT)

Dear Supervisor Dorsey,

Thank you for introducing the Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance. The Bay Area Council is proud to support this measure as an urgently needed reform to save lives.

Drug-free housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness is almost non-existent in California. California's Housing First policy, enacted in 2016, prioritizes placing people into housing without preconditions such as sobriety or participation in treatment. While Housing First has expanded access to housing, it has also created challenges for programs that serve people who want and, at times need, drug-free environments, including families and people recovering from substance use disorder. That's why the Bay Area Council and Mayor Lurie are co-sponsoring AB 1556 (Haney), which would clarify state law to allow state funding for recovery housing.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, recovery housing is associated with a variety of positive outcomes for residents including decreased substance use, reduced likelihood of return to use, lower rates of incarceration, higher income, increased employment, and improved family relationships. The Obama Administration recommended recovery housing "be a component of any CoC that needs this type of resource to prevent and end homelessness in its community."

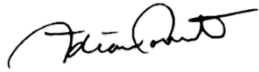
Drug free housing is in high demand. A 2023 Longitudinal Enumeration and Demographic Study conducted by RAND¹ found 35% of unsheltered individuals expressing a preference for "Recovery or sober living housing". That same year, a survey conducted by the Tenderloin Housing Clinic found 71% preferred recovery or drug-free housing.

Yet state support cannot solve this crisis alone. Cities must be part of the solution, especially San Francisco. San Francisco today provides 40 percent of the region's permanent supportive housing despite having only 10 percent of the region's population. Almost none of these sites are drug-free housing. The Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance is a commonsense measure to bring balance to the city's service space. Specifically, the ordinance would require new city-funded PSH units prohibit illicit drug use on site; recognize that relapse is a part of recovery by prohibiting evictions for a single relapse; and survey existing PSH residents within the city to determine preferences for drug-tolerant and drug-free housing options.

¹ https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA1890-2.html

For these reasons, the Bay Area Council is proud to support the Drug-Free Supportive Housing Ordinance. Thank you for your leadership and for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Covert", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adrian Covert
Senior Vice President, Public Policy
Bay Area Council

Date: 07/09/2026

Subject: Michael (Mirac) Fittro's Support for Drug-Free Supportive Housing

Dear Board Supervisors Dorsey (Chair), Sauter (Vice Chair) and Wong:

My name is Michael (Mirac) Fittro. I am a resident of District 8 (Castro District) and former resident of District 6.

Today, I am speaking not just on behalf of the American Addiction Recovery Association as a member of their Board of Governors, but as a gay man, a queer person living in recovery from substance use disorder and homelessness.

I moved to San Francisco in 2022, homeless and in active addiction. Coming from the South, I know what it is like to live in under-resourced communities, in states where Medicaid (Medi-Cal) is not a human right and the topics of drug use, addiction, and recovery are taboo.

What I have found to be taboo in San Francisco is being honest about the drug crisis and the fact that the city has long turned its nose up from individuals seeking services and housing that is drug-free and conducive to sobriety. I have found that the city has shamed and stigmatized individuals seeking safe and supportive housing, in the name of progressivism and being "compassionate."

Enabling deadly behavior and calling it management is not compassion. Forcing people who are fighting for their life into a life subjected to the very drugs that were killing them, is not compassionate. There were no drug-free housing options when I moved here, and I was constantly subjected to active drug use which put me in further relapse.

Housing is a human right, recovery is a human right, which means that having a safe and drug-free environment in which to live is also a human right. San Francisco has long paved the way on strong ideas which center each person's humanity, and it is time that San Francisco passes this critical life-saving legislation that centers the humanity of those who are exiting homelessness seeking an environment conducive to their growth and security. It is time that San **Francisco centers the humanity of individuals seeking a safe, drug-free way of living and investing in new permanent supportive housing that provides them a drug-free environment.**

Some people say that ALL housing is recovery housing. That is a lie. All housing cannot be recovery housing, when it forces those seeking refuge from the deadly grip of substance use disorder (addiction) to be exposed and subjected to the very drugs that were killing them and keeping them in chronic homelessness.

FACT: The State of California will still provide drug-tolerant PSH. San Francisco can fund drug-free housing options while are up to par with market lease rules and policies.

This is **not** about punishing individuals who continue to choose to use drugs. This **is** about protecting, uplifting, and supporting individuals **who want** to live in housing that does not subject them to deadly and illicit drug use. It is every person's HUMAN RIGHT to live a life in their own dwelling where they are not subjected to deadly and illicit drug use.

While being an addict is not a crime and should not be a crime, and harm reduction has its place – it IS a crime, if only morally, to force people into a one-size-fits-all approach which subjects the most vulnerable to illicit, uncontrolled and unmitigated drug use.

This is about choice. This is about safety and security. The most vulnerable and underserved deserve choice and deserve not to be forced into drug-tolerant housing.

It is time to pass Supervisor Dorsey's critical Drug-Free PSH legislation. It is time for San Francisco to serve all San Franciscans. It is time for San Francisco to be honest with itself and with each other.

Thank you,

Michael (Mirac) Fittro

Member, Board of Governors (AARA)

Vice President, San Francisco Young Democrats

From: [Griffin Lee](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [SauterStaff](#); [WongStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2026 9:28:46 AM

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Clerk Crayton, Supervisor Dorsey, Sauter and Wong -

On behalf of ConnectedSF we support the Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance led by Supervisor Dorsey. We appreciate Supervisor Dorsey's work in bringing this legislation to this point.

Given 26% of all overdose deaths occur in PSH today reflects that change is needed to address the drug crisis.

Providing an option for those who want to recover in a drug-free environment is common sense. We've seen recovery work at a very high percentage in drug free environments, such as the more recently opened facilities by The Salvation Army.

Let's please pass this ordinance today!

Ps. Would this ordinance (if passed) be eligible in the below scenario?

Shelters that have closed, are currently vacant, but might be converted and opened as a new PSH site.

All the best,

Griffin Lee
Fundraising, Policy and Community Lead
Personal cell: 650-862-8358

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[501c3: ConnectedSF Institute](#)

From: [Leah Edwards](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [SauterStaff](#); [WongStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Donovan, Dominica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Drug-Free Housing
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 4:08:59 PM

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Dear Supervisor Dorsey, Supervisor Sauter, and Supervisor Wong,

I have lived in SOMA West for over a decade. I am writing in support of expanding drug-free Permanent Supportive Housing.

I watch what drug-tolerant housing does to a neighborhood every day. The buildings that concentrate active use here do not contain it. Dealers set up where the customers are. Sidewalks around supportive sites become open-air markets. Site managers tell us they call the police about drug activity in their own buildings and no one comes. Meanwhile, SOMA absorbs a share of the city's supportive housing far beyond anything approaching equitable, and the externalities land on residents, small businesses, and the people in those buildings trying to stay clean.

That last group is the reason I am writing. A person in recovery in San Francisco who qualifies for permanent supportive housing has almost no drug-free option. We ask people to get sober and then house them inside the conditions that made them sick. Children live in these buildings too.

The Chief Medical Examiner's data is the strongest argument for change. Between June 2024 and July 2025, roughly a quarter of the city's overdose deaths occurred in PSH, a larger share than in shelters, hospitals, private homes, or on the street. Housing that was supposed to be a lifeline has become the most common place to die of an overdose in this city. That is a policy failure, not an unavoidable outcome.

State law bars Housing First funds from being used for drug-free housing. San Francisco is not bound by that restriction and chose to adopt it anyway. This ordinance changes that choice going forward. It does not touch the roughly 10,000 existing site-based units. It creates an option where none exists.

We have spent a decade running one model. It has not worked — not for the people it was meant to serve, and not for the neighborhood asked to host a disproportionate share of it. Give people a real choice.

Please pass this ordinance.

Thank you,
Leah Edwards

From: [Manuel, Zach \(AHR\)](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chicuata, Brittini \(AHR\)](#); [Tseng, Sarah \(AHR\)](#)
Subject: Office of Racial Equity Recommendations for the Public Record & Question of Public Comment on July 14
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2026 11:45:35 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-n0b2mfuh.png](#)

Hello Ms. Crayton,

I hope you are doing well.

On behalf of the Office of Racial Equity, I am submitting the following recommendations for inclusion in the public record for the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee's consideration of this legislation.

I'm also curious, would you also be able to clarify if public comment will be available at the July 14th meeting when this ordinance goes before the full board?

1. Definitions (Sec. 12K.2)

Recommendation: Rename "**Drug-Tolerant Permanent Supportive Housing**" to "**Standard Permanent Supportive Housing**" throughout the legislation.

Amendment (p. 4, line 15):

"Standard Permanent Supportive Housing" means Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing where the use of illicit drugs, without any other lease violation, is not a basis for eviction, and applicants are accepted regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in recovery services.

Rationale:

- Removes stigmatizing language.
- "Drug-tolerant" is an inaccurate description of Permanent Supportive Housing residents. Recovery is multifaceted and includes recovery from homelessness, economic instability, mental health challenges, and substance use.
- The term "drug-tolerant" can serve as a dog whistle for groups seeking to stigmatize Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Supervisors and voters may be less likely to support funding for housing described as "drug-tolerant."
- The terminology would effectively label the City's existing portfolio of

approximately 9,000 Permanent Supportive Housing units as "drug-tolerant."

2. Effective Date (Sec. 12K.7)

Recommendation: Amend page 9, line 5, to read:

"This ordinance shall become operative six months after the date of enactment."

Rationale: Allow sufficient time for rulemaking and completion of the required survey.

3. Remove eviction as a possible path after 2nd drug use.

Recommendation: Amend the definition of "**Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing**" by removing eviction as a consequence of on-site illicit drug use and limiting the response to relocation to another appropriate housing or shelter option.

Rationale: Prevent further destabilization for victims of substance use by removing housing, a key tenant to recovery.

Thank you for including these recommendations in the official legislative record. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Warm regards,

Zach Manuel

Zach Manuel (he/him)

Community Development Specialist | SF Human Rights Commission

 [Book time to meet with me](#)

From: [Messinger, John](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Alan \(BOS\)](#); [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Barsky, Benjamin](#); [Beletsky, Leo](#)
Subject: Letter of Concern Regarding Ordinance 251003
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 9:30:59 AM
Attachments: [Letter of Concern - Ordinance 251003.docx](#)

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Dear Supervisor Dorsey and members of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee,

I am a physician currently practicing in San Francisco's safety net system and a resident of District 7 of San Francisco. I am writing on behalf of a group of physicians and lawyers to share a letter of concern regarding proposed Ordinance 251003 on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing.

Our specific concerns rise from the lack of protections for eviction in response to relapse to substance use and how this interacts with disability protections from the Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act, both of which have recognized people with substance use disorder as a protected class.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our letter and would be happy to meet and discuss further if it would be helpful as you continue to iterate and move forward with this legislation.

Sincerely,

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July 8, 2026

Supervisor Matt Dorsey
San Francisco City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Regarding: Ordinance 251003

Dear Supervisor Dorsey,

We, a group of physicians and lawyers with expertise at the intersection of addiction, homelessness, and disability rights, are writing to address concerns we have with the proposed Ordinance 251003 – Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Specifically, we would like to highlight definitions and regulations of the proposed “Drug-Free Supportive Housing” that conflicts with well-recognized disability protections.

We agree that there is a role for “Drug-Free Supportive Housing” to provide a variety of options to people experiencing homelessness with or without substance use disorders (SUD) to accommodate a diverse population with complex needs. However, if we are to restrict the funding of new PSH to only support creation of “Drug-Free Supportive Housing” or “Supportive-Recovery Housing”, these options must provide protection and support in response to relapse rather than expose individuals with SUD to more harm during their time of greatest need.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) National Network has released guidance that [clearly identifies SUD and alcohol use disorder \(AUD\) as disabilities](#) protected under federal law. The [Fair Housing Act \(FHA\) also recognizes SUD and AUD as protected disabilities](#) and provides additional protections from discriminatory housing practices. Guidance from the ADA National Network includes protections for people with SUD and AUD who are in recovery or seeking treatment for their addiction. Threatening or enforcing eviction for people with histories of substance use may be interpreted as a form of discrimination under the ADA and FHA, particularly if affected individuals are actively seeking or engaging with treatment for their addiction.

In line with these acts, we would advocate for the following eviction protections to be included in the proposed legislation or implemented by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing in administration of this PSH to best adhere to disability law:

- (a) An individual may NOT be evicted if they vacate Drug-Free Supportive Housing or Supportive-Recovery Housing to attend residential treatment programming for their addiction for up to 180 days in line with national standards.*
- (b) An individual may NOT be evicted from Drug-Free Supportive Housing or Supportive-Recovery Housing on the grounds of illegal substance use if they are actively seeking treatment for their addiction.*

July 8, 2026

This change aligns with our medical understanding of [addiction as a chronic, relapsing and remitting disease](#) where return to alcohol or substance use is a common and often expected part of an individual's disease course. Introducing the threat of eviction for any identified relapse to substance use may interfere with an individual's ability to seek addiction treatment and create circumstances that lead to more significant and harmful drug use during a very crucial moment in their disease trajectory.

This threat may prevent an individual from seeking out or enrolling in residential treatments that may effectively break the cycle of relapse if participation in these programs could be used as grounds for eviction. Additionally, it may limit the therapeutic relationship of people struggling with addiction and on-site healthcare providers if they fear sharing details of their SUD that may be used against them in eviction proceedings. Finally, if an individual is to be evicted and is forced into a less supported environment, such as returning to shelter or street homelessness, they will be more susceptible to further and potentially more harmful relapse that perpetuates a vicious cycle of substance use and homelessness.

The opinions expressed in this letter are solely those of the authors listed below and do not reflect official positions of our affiliated institutions. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our proposed changes, please contact Dr. John C. Messinger (john.messinger@ucsf.edu). We would be more than happy to find a time to meet and discuss our concerns further if it would be helpful for the success of the proposed ordinance. We appreciate your efforts on this issue and your openness to ongoing improvements for this legislation to maximize its positive impact for our community members.

Sincerely,

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From: [Monica Berini](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: Save PSH, vote no on Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026 6:59:47 AM

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I urge you to vote no on the Expanding Drug-Free Permanent Supportive Housing ordinance (File No. 251003). This ordinance is being presented as an expansion of sober housing, a goal that San Franciscans across the political spectrum share. But it does not simply create a sober housing option. It prohibits city funding for any new Permanent Supportive Housing that does not adopt a sobriety-conditioned model, effectively blocking the creation of housing that keeps people off the streets. Sober housing can and should be expanded without restricting the Permanent Supportive Housing pipeline. This ordinance does the opposite, and it will leave people homeless.

This ordinance undermines Housing First, the evidence-based model that California has established as its standard for addressing homelessness. Housing First works because it treats stable housing as the foundation for recovery. A study of over 6,500 people across 86 California programs found that those with high fidelity to Housing First principles reduced days spent homeless by 87%, compared to just 34% in programs that deviated from the model. In San Francisco, 97% of PSH residents remain successfully housed. This ordinance moves the city away from a framework with a proven track record.

Overdose deaths in Permanent Supportive Housing are a crisis that demands serious response. But this ordinance misdiagnoses the cause. The City places its most vulnerable residents in PSH: people with severe substance use disorders, mental health conditions, and chronic health needs. A high overdose rate in that setting is not an indictment of the housing model. It is an indictment of uneven service provision across the portfolio. San Francisco PSH sites with peer-led overdose prevention programs are preventing deaths right now. Episcopal Community Services has implemented a successful Narcan floor captain program in its buildings that includes trained peer responders, onsite behavioral health services, and Narcan distribution. This ordinance does not require a single one of those interventions. Instead, it offers eviction.

PSH operators in San Francisco already evict tenants with extraordinary regularity and without meaningful accountability. Drug use that causes disruptive behavior is already grounds for lease enforcement. This ordinance does not solve a gap in the system. It hands publicly funded landlords another tool to cycle vulnerable tenants back to the street while collecting city contracts to do so. At the same time, it blocks the creation of new PSH during a period when

federal Continuum of Care funding faces cuts of up to \$22 million and the Lurie administration has announced plans to close existing PSH buildings. The result is a bottleneck with no mechanism to address it: more people pushed out of housing, fewer units to take them in, and longer waitlists for everyone. Eviction does not lead to recovery. It severs people from services, pushes them beyond the reach of care, and increases their risk of overdose and death.

I ask you to vote no on File No. 251003.

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
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- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☒ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Long Title or text listed:

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to state that it is City policy to expand the availability of Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing ("PSH") that prohibits on-site illicit drug use among residents ("Drug-Free PSH") to meet the demand of people experiencing homelessness who prefer such a residential option; bar the City from funding Site-Based PSH for people experiencing homelessness that prohibits evictions on the basis of drug use alone ("Drug-Tolerant PSH"), except where operation of housing as Drug-Free PSH would conflict with standards imposed by law or by a condition of other funding; and require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH") to survey residents of Site-Based PSH to assess their interest in living in either Drug-Tolerant PSH or Drug-Free PSH and report on the survey findings and HSH's strategies to meet PSH residents' demands.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: