

1 [Commending Supervisor Hillary Ronen]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Hillary Ronen for her distinguished**
4 **service as the District 9 Supervisor for the City and County of San Francisco, and**
5 **declaring December 22, 2024, as Supervisor Hillary Ronen Day in the City and County**
6 **of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, Supervisor Hillary Ronen has served the residents of District 9 and the
9 people of the City and County of San Francisco with passion and integrity for eight years; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen was elected in November 2016 and re-elected
11 November 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, Prior to her election to the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Ronen served
13 as Chief of Staff and a legislative aide to her predecessor, Supervisor David Campos, and
14 previously worked as a Workers' Rights attorney at La Raza Centro Legal; and

15 WHEREAS, During her tenure on the Board, Supervisor Ronen chaired Rules; Budget
16 and Finance; Budget and Appropriations; Youth, Young Adults, and Families; Homelessness
17 and Behavioral Health Special Committees; and the Local Agency Formation Commission;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen also served as San Francisco's representative to the
20 Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, where she
21 was a leading and passionate voice for public transit, affordable housing, and the region's
22 working families and low-income residents; and

23 WHEREAS, In her capacity as a member of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor
24 Ronen passed groundbreaking legislation that has left profound and positive impacts on San
25 Franciscans; and

1 WHEREAS, She created Mental Health SF, a proactive and coordinated system of
2 care designed to serve the most vulnerable members of our community experiencing mental
3 and/or behavioral health crises in an effective and sustained way; and

4 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen passed with overwhelming voter support the Student
5 Success Fund, a \$60M grant program to improve the academic achievement and
6 social/emotional well-being of students in San Francisco public schools; and

7 WHEREAS, She established the Right to Recover Program, which helped over 13,000
8 essential workers quarantine and recover from COVID-19 during the pandemic by
9 guaranteeing two weeks of paid wages to anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 and did
10 not have alternative access to income or benefits; and

11 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen passed legislation creating the Office of Sexual
12 Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP), the first of its kind in the
13 country, mandated with helping survivors navigate an unfriendly and disjointed system in their
14 attempt to achieve justice and advising City departments on policy changes to make their
15 processes more effective, expedient, and sensitive to survivors needs; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen authored First Year Free, a successful new initiative to
17 support and revive small businesses in the wake of the Covid pandemic, and today has
18 enrolled over 8,000 small businesses that have been able to open their doors for business
19 after having many of their first-year business permits waived; and

20 WHEREAS, She championed the development of over 3,000 affordable housing units
21 in District 9; and

22 WHEREAS, She has won significant funding for essential community and citywide
23 services each fiscal year, especially those that impact immigrant rights, workers' rights,
24 treatment options for individuals with substance use disorder, access to programming for
25 students, and services for the homeless community in San Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, She fought to save critical community fixtures including the Alemany
2 Farmers and Flea Markets, Mission Language Vocational School (MVLS) now considered
3 Mission City Hall, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, Casa Sanchez, the Redstone
4 Building, the Carnaval and Chata Gutierrez murals, ActivSpace, and recognized many District
5 9 legacy businesses, including Rainbow Grocery, La Mejor Bakery, Cafe La Boheme, Bissap
6 Baobab, and more; and

7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen has been a leader in establishing our City’s Cultural
8 Districts, including passing legislation to create the nation’s first American Indian Cultural
9 District, and strengthening the Mission’s Calle 24 Latino Cultural District; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen has been instrumental in expanding the City’s shelter
11 capacity and championed the opening of multiple sites throughout her district including the
12 Safe Sleeping Village at 1515 South Van Ness, the Division Circle Navigation Center, the
13 1979 Mission Cabins, and the Buena Vista Horace Mann Stay Over Program; and

14 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen has led the Board of Supervisors’ efforts to uplift and
15 defend San Francisco’s immigrant community, including passing legislation to expand legal
16 representation for immigrants facing deportation, and successfully blocking efforts to weaken
17 our City’s sanctuary and due process ordinances; and

18 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen has led efforts to promote transparency and
19 accountability in technology by establishing an inventory of artificial intelligence technologies
20 used by City departments; and

21 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen has diligently responded to the needs and concerns of
22 constituents in District 9 neighborhoods, and lifted up the commercial corridors of Bernal
23 Heights, the Mission, and the Portola; and

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1 WHEREAS, Supervisor Ronen has been a vocal advocate and supporter of slow
2 streets, protected bike lanes, transit lanes, slow speeds, and safe street conditions for transit
3 riders, and people who walk, bike, or roll in San Francisco; and

4 WHEREAS, Some might describe her as “Difficult” but those of us who know her would
5 best describe her as generous, big-hearted, intensely hard-working, brilliant, kind, and with
6 excellent taste in shoes; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends Supervisor
8 Hillary Ronen for her demonstrated commitment to San Francisco and all of its residents; and,
9 be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of their officers,
11 employees and residents of this City, recognizes Supervisor Ronen’s vast contributions to
12 improving District 9 and our entire City, and wishes her the very best in her next endeavors;
13 and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares December 22, 2024,
15 as Supervisor Hillary Ronen Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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