

From: [Malin Alegria](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: No child sleeping on the street
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:55:49 AM

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Please support Faith in Action motion for no niños dormir di en la calle. I am a kindergarten teacher with 6 years in the district. We need to really be a sanctuary city and support all of sfusd's students.

Thank you,
Malin Ramirez
Hillcrest elementary
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melissa Grasso Luna](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Cc: fiaba@faithinactionba.org; galmanza@uesf.org
Subject: Re: Urgent: No more children living on the streets!
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:30:44 AM

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Dear Mayor Breed,

I am a 3rd grade teacher that serves newcomer students at SFUSD's Mission Education Center. Every day my students come in tired from sleepless nights from sleeping on the streets or having to wake up early due to shelters shuffling families out. The trauma of our students' and families journeys are compounded with the trauma of being forced onto the streets with no place to go after their vouchers have expired.

According to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN); chronic stress associated with homelessness can lead to alterations in brain structure and function, affecting areas responsible for memory, learning, and emotional regulation. Early intervention and stable housing are crucial to mitigate these effects and promote healthy brain development in children experiencing homelessness.

How urgently will the City address the critical issue of children exposed to houselessness, considering the profound and lasting impact on their brain development, and what immediate actions will be taken to provide them with stable housing and supportive services to mitigate these detrimental effects?

Although our students are resilient, there is no need for them to have to be constantly exposed to the trauma of houselessness on a daily basis in a sanctuary city like San Francisco. They deserve the right to a warm home, a good night's rest and the ability to come to school safely.

Regards,
Melissa Grasso Luna
3rd Grade, bilingual Educator
Mission Education Center, SFUSD

From: [Kathleen Purcell](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: SF families without shelter
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:03:03 AM

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SF is a city with a character, a personality, an identity and a responsibility. The Board of Supervisors and the Mayor have tremendous power over what SF is and will be. Your decisions in many ways determine the character and identity of San Francisco. That is your power, and that is your responsibility.

We cannot be a city where children sleep on the streets. Of course, I ask for more than that. Homelessness and the need to address it effectively goes far beyond just children. But care for our children is the bare minimum. Anything else is shameful. We look to you to keep San Francisco from that shame. We look to you to take up the responsibility to assure that SF does the right thing. Families, including immigrant families, need to be given priority in shelter and supportive housing. We call upon you to act now.

Kathleen Purcell, Lifelong resident of San Francisco

From: [Alexa Frankenberg](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:00:38 AM

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Hi--I write as a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church's Living Sanctuary group. We have supported a number of families seeking asylum who live/lived in San Francisco and have seen firsthand the barriers that they face.

Related to the hearing this morning on the resolution to address families forced to wait for housing, I request that Supervisors address the following:

- why must families wait two weeks and face homelessness, with all of the challenges this poses particularly for minor children, when then city could find alternatives?
- specifically, why can't the hotel voucher program be expanded or permanent housing be made available to move other families out of shelters to free up space?
- why is there not transparency on this waiting list so that families can have more certainty and make plans?

I am incredibly concerned about the impact of homelessness particularly on children's safety and well-being and their ability to learn. I believe this currently policy is inconsistent with values that I and many other San Franciscans hold to support all who live here.

Alexa

From: [Jamie Richardson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Support of the Resolution urging the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter.
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:35:27 AM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor London Breed,

I am writing to you today in support of the Resolution urging the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter.

The current state of play for migrant arrivals cannot hold. San Francisco is a Sanctuary City, a beacon of hope for all who come to live and contribute here-- from our queer and trans ancestors, looking for a place that would accept them, to immigrants of decades past, looking for a home to rebuild their lives-- San Francisco has been that beacon. However, the current policies in place to address the homelessness crisis we face as a city lack the cultural competency and awareness to better meet the moment we are facing.

I understand the situation is dire and that our homelessness crisis has been around for a long time. But refusing to acknowledge new and intentional systems and policies that need to be implemented to meet the needs of migrant families-- who are incredibly vulnerable sleeping in temporary shelters or on the streets-- is downright cruel. We must take action as San Franciscans, and we must live up to what it means to be a City of Welcome.

Child homelessness is a crisis that cannot be understated. The mental, health, and social development impacts of child homelessness aren't fixed when a family is housed eventually. Every day that a child is homeless, can compound into lifelong traumas. Child homelessness is the number one indicator of adult homelessness. And for children from migrant families, the added challenges of navigating a new culture, country, and environment, is devastating.

Now is the time to take action, to devise a comprehensive plan to support these families in finding shelter. The City MUST respond and respond quickly.

Thank you,

Jamie Richardson
District 8 resident

From: [Kathy Ciabattoni](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support Immigrant Families Resolution/Hearing 4/22/24
Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 10:16:40 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to ask you to pay attention to the urgent moral crisis facing homeless families in San Francisco. We cannot have children sleeping on the streets of our great Sanctuary city!

Please support the demands of immigrant families, and all homeless families:

The immigrant families' demands are simple and cost-effective, and based on their lived experience and months of research:

1. We call on the Department of Homelessness to guarantee shelter space or a hotel voucher the same day that any family with children arrives at a City Access Point.
2. We call on the Department of Homelessness to expedite the movement of families from shelters into more permanent housing, with an online public dashboard where families and the public can monitor the waiting list and movement of families into permanent housing

And I add a request as a retired City Department of Human Services employee, please ask the Mayor to hold the Department of Homelessness staff accountable for the affordable housing units that sit vacant as so many families are without shelter. It is bureaucracy failing San Francisco once more. Please help get families into those units!

As members of Calvary Presbyterian Church and long time residents of San Francisco, we ask you to address this moral crisis. Our city is suffering with too many homeless, it affects the quality of life for all of us. And no children should ever be sleeping on the streets of this, so called, Sanctuary city.

Thank you for your thoughtful deliberation and support of the requested action for the Department of Homelessness.

Yours sincerely,
Alger and Kathleen Ciabattoni
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