

1 [Supporting Variance to Progress Further into State’s COVID-19 Resilience Roadmap]

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3 **Motion supporting the Health Officer’s attestation for a local variance to allow San**
4 **Francisco to progress further into California’s COVID-19 Resilience Roadmap as the**
5 **Health Officer determines is appropriate based on local health conditions and directing**
6 **Clerk of the Board to prepare a letter of support.**

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8 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation declaring a local
9 emergency to exist in connection with the imminent spread within the City of a novel (new)
10 coronavirus (“COVID-19”), and on March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the
11 Proclamation; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of
13 emergency to exist within the State due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

14 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the Local Health Officer declared a local health
15 emergency under Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, and the Board of
16 Supervisors concurred in that declaration on March 10, 2020; and

17 WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the Local Health Officer issued a stay safe at home
18 order, requiring most people to remain in their homes subject to certain exceptions including
19 obtaining essential goods such as food and necessary supplies, and requiring the closure of
20 non-essential businesses; the Health Officer has amended the order to modify the ongoing
21 restrictions and resume certain businesses and other activities in a phased and measured
22 way, based on health data and local COVID-19 indicators, to help keep San Francisco
23 residents safer and healthier; and

24 WHEREAS, In coordination with the Health Officer and consistent with that phased and
25 measured approach, the City has prepared a plan for recovery

1 (https://sf.gov/information/reopening-san-francisco), as that plan may be modified by the
2 Health Officer depending on local public health indicators and guidance from the State; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20,
4 directing residents to heed the State Public Health Officer's stay at home order, which
5 requires residents to stay at home except for work in critical infrastructure sectors or otherwise
6 to facility authorized necessary activities; and on April 14, 2020, the State presented the
7 Resilience Roadmap, a four-stage plan to modifying the State's stay at home order; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 7, 2020, as directed by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-
9 60-20, the State Public Health Officer issued a process for seeking a local variance from the
10 Resilience Roadmap; the process requires a county self-attestation submitted at the discretion
11 of the county's Local Health Officer based on a set of criteria related to county disease
12 prevalence and preparedness; this variance allows counties to move through the roadmap at
13 a rate and an order determined by the Local Health Officer; and

14 WHEREAS, The readiness criteria that the state requires to submit this attestation
15 include: stable hospitalization of COVID-19 patients on a 7-day average of daily percent
16 change of less than 5% or no more than 20 COVID-19 hospitalizations on any single day in
17 the past 14 days; no more than 25 new cases per 100,000 residents in the past 14 days or
18 less than 8% positive test results in the past 7 days; daily testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000
19 residents per day; testing availability for at least 75% of residents within 30 minutes driving
20 time; hospital capacity to accommodate a 35% surge in COVID-19 cases while maintaining
21 care to non-COVID-19 patients; sufficient protective supplies for essential workers, including
22 having a more than 14-day supply of personal protective equipment for skilled nursing
23 facilities; and availability of temporary housing for 15% of homeless residents; and

24 WHEREAS, The process further provides that the Local Health Officer's attestation be
25 accompanied by a letter of support from the county's board of supervisors; and

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Health Officer, Dr. Tomás Aragón, has indicated that San
2 Francisco meets the readiness criteria and other factors required to apply for a variance
3 seeking to progress further into the Resilience Roadmap, and Dr. Aragón is in the process of
4 preparing an attestation in support of the variance; now, therefore, be it

5 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the Health Officer’s decision to
6 prepare and submit an attestation seeking a variance to allow San Francisco to progress
7 further into the Resilience Roadmap as the Health Officer determines appropriate and
8 consistent with the City’s phased and measured approach to help keep San Francisco
9 residents safer and healthier; and, be it

10 FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall prepare a letter of support from
11 the Board of Supervisors to accompany the attestation of the Health Officer, and transmit that
12 letter to the Health Officer within 48 hours of the effective date of this motion for submission to
13 the California Department of Public Health.