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1 [Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services - Behested Payment Waiver]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to**
4 **solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the**
5 **expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people**
6 **experiencing homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Mission of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive
9 Housing (“HSH” or “Department”) is to prevent homelessness when possible and make
10 homelessness rare, brief and one-time in the City and County of San Francisco (“the City”)
11 through the provision of coordinated, compassionate and high-quality services; and

12 WHEREAS, With the enactment of Resolution No. 319-18 in October 2018, the
13 Board of Supervisors and Mayor London N. Breed declared a shelter crisis and affirmed
14 San Francisco’s commitment to a continuum of shelter and service options for people
15 experiencing homelessness; and

16 WHEREAS, As of the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, there were approximately 8,323
17 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco on any given night, 52% of whom
18 were unsheltered; and

19 WHEREAS, In April 2023, the city released the five-year strategic plan “Home by the
20 Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco” which
21 calls for resources including 1,075 new shelter beds to meet the goals set out in the plan,
22 including the goal to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 50%; and

23 WHEREAS, While HSH continues to expand shelter, prevention, housing and other
24 resources, more resources need to be made available to address the crisis on the City’s
25 streets; and

1 WHEREAS, HSH has established successful and innovative public-private
2 partnerships to expand shelter and other services to meet the critical needs of people
3 experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Fund for the Homeless (Administrative Code, Section
5 10.100-106) was established as a category eight fund to receive all private donations,
6 grants, gifts and bequests of money, to assist people in need finding long-term housing and
7 overcome barriers to employment by supporting outreach services, shelters, navigation
8 centers, flexible housing assistance, housing and other resources; and

9 WHEREAS, HSH, as the designated administrator of the Mayor’s Fund for the
10 Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-106) is required to report regularly to the
11 Homeless Oversight Commission on deposits and expenditures from the fund, as well as
12 furnish an annual report to the Board of Supervisors showing such gifts received, the
13 nature or amount of said gifts, and the disposition thereof (Administrative Code, Section
14 10.100); and

15 WHEREAS, HSH works with philanthropic organizations, private companies and
16 community stakeholders including homeless service providers, often through grant
17 agreements; and

18 WHEREAS, On October 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
19 Resolution No. 483-23 authorizing a waiver of the City’s Behested Payment Ordinance
20 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Office of the
21 Mayor and HSH, to the extent that it restricts the Mayor, Executive Director of HSH and
22 officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and HSH from soliciting financial support
23 or in-kind goods or services, from persons or entities that would be considered interested
24 parties, to support expansion of temporary shelter or other homeless services; and

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1 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
2 Resolution No. 125-24 authorizing a six-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments
3 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the
4 Office of the Mayor and HSH that is set to expire on October 18, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
6 Resolution No. 517-24 authorizing a six-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments
7 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the
8 Office of the Mayor and HSH that is set to expire on April 17, 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2025, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
10 Ordinance No. 010-25 authorizing the Office of the Mayor for six months to solicit donations
11 from various private entities and organizations to support the City's work on the Core
12 Initiatives, which include Projects Addressing Homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested
13 Payment Ordinance; and

14 WHEREAS, HSH seeks a new waiver of the City's Behested Payments Ordinance
15 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Sections 3.600 et seq.) for the Executive
16 Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and
17 Program Directors for a period of six months beginning on April 16, 2025; and

18 WHEREAS, HSH seek to fundraise or engage in philanthropic partnerships with the
19 entities that may be considered to be interested parties to one or more of the departments
20 due to advocacy related to homelessness policy or programs; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental
22 Conduct Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested
23 Payment Ordinance for the Executive Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief
24 Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors, so that they may solicit donations from
25 private organizations and philanthropists to support the expansion of temporary shelter and

1 other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness for a period of six
2 months, beginning on April 16, 2025; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver serves the public interest by
4 supporting HSH to explore innovative opportunities to expand the availability of resources
5 to support people experiencing homelessness, specifically temporary shelter and other
6 homeless services to support bringing more people inside and off the streets; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver does not create an appearance of
8 impropriety.

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Shireen McSpadden
Homelessness and Supportive Housing
Executive Director

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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DANIEL LURIE
MAYOR

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
RE: [Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services - Behested Payment Waiver]
DATE: February 25, 2025

Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

Should you have any questions, please contact Adam Thongsavat at adam.thongsavat@sfgov.org