

1 [Calling on the Mayor to Fund 2,000 New Shelter or Temporary Housing Placements]

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3 **Resolution calling on Mayor London N. Breed to fund 2,000 new shelter or temporary**  
4 **housing placements over the next two fiscal years.**

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6 WHEREAS, In June, 2022, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted File No.  
7 220281, the Place for All Ordinance, establishing the policy goal of providing immediate exits  
8 from the street for everyone willing to accept them, as soon as possible; and

9 WHEREAS, This was a significant change in policy direction, driven by a growing  
10 realization among San Franciscans that shelter for all is a humanitarian imperative, and the  
11 quickest way to end unsheltered homelessness with limited resources; and

12 WHEREAS, The evidence shows that shelter for all policies are the quickest, most cost  
13 effective way to end unsheltered homelessness; and

14 WHEREAS, In New York City, which provides over twice as many shelter placements  
15 per capita than San Francisco and guarantees residents a legal right to shelter, 96.2% of  
16 people experiencing homelessness have some form of shelter or transitional housing; and

17 WHEREAS, In Boston, which provides over twice as many shelter placements per  
18 capita than San Francisco, 95.2% of people experiencing homelessness have some form of  
19 shelter or transitional housing; and

20 WHEREAS, On January 31, 2023, Supervisor Mandelman submitted a letter of inquiry  
21 to the Department of Emergency Management requesting a summary of resources needed to  
22 ensure prompt citywide removal of encampments within 24 hours; and

23 WHEREAS, On February 28, 2023, the Department responded that “under the context  
24 of ample shelter for all that is accessible 24 hours a day and if we preserved the current

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1 resource levels from each department, we would be able to respond to everything rapidly –  
2 likely within 24 hours”; and

3 WHEREAS, All Home’s 2021 Regional Action Plan, on file with the Clerk of the Board  
4 of Supervisors in File No. 220281, found that “in order to reduce unsheltered homelessness  
5 rapidly, most cities or counties will need to frontload investment into interim housing options,  
6 such as leasing or purchasing motels, tiny homes, mobile homes, or other temporary housing  
7 options”; and

8 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Council Economic Institute’s 2021 Report on  
9 Homelessness, titled New Urgency, New Solutions, on file with the Clerk in File No. 220281,  
10 found that “a Bay Area Shelter mandate could shelter the vast majority of the region’s  
11 homeless population for approximately \$245 million in one-time capital expenditures and \$481  
12 million in annual spending on services and management”; and

13 WHEREAS, In a March 17 letter to the Board of Supervisors, on file with the Clerk in  
14 File No. 230115, Bay Area Council CEO Jim Wunderman called on the City to focus on  
15 shelter, highlighting the fact that HSH estimates they can stand up seven shelter placements  
16 for the cost of one permanent housing placement; and

17 WHEREAS, A broad coalition of San Francisco stakeholders have called for the City to  
18 prioritize a rapid expansion of shelter, including the San Francisco Travel Association, SF  
19 Benefit District Alliance, Council of District Merchants Associations, Coalition for San  
20 Francisco Neighborhoods, SF Marin Medical Society, Union Square Alliance, and SF Bar  
21 Owners’ Alliance; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby calls on Mayor  
23 Breed to fund 2,000 new shelter or temporary housing placements over the next two fiscal  
24 years.

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