

1 [Committing to a Food Secure and Hunger Free San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution committing the City and County of San Francisco to a food secure and**
4 **hunger free San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Access to safe, nutritious, and culturally acceptable food is a basic human
7 right and is essential to human health; and

8 WHEREAS, Food security is a state in which all persons obtain a nutritionally
9 adequate, culturally acceptable diet at all times through local non-emergency sources; and

10 WHEREAS, Food insecurity results in poorer nutritional intake, unhealthy eating
11 behaviors that persist sometimes for decades after the food insecurity experience, and is
12 associated with poor health outcomes in all populations; and

13 WHEREAS, As 1 in 4 San Franciscans, especially low income residents, seniors,
14 families with children, immigrants, and people who are homeless, suffer disproportionately
15 from hunger and food insecurity; and

16 WHEREAS, A 2013 report by the Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality and the
17 San Francisco and Marin Food Banks estimates that despite government and nonprofit food
18 programs, in 2012 the unmet need for food in San Francisco grew from previous years and
19 equaled at least 74 million missing meals; and

20 WHEREAS, San Franciscans' food insecurity is due to the inability to secure sufficient
21 financial resources to purchase enough nutritious food to support a healthy diet on a
22 consistent basis; the inability to access affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods
23 safely and conveniently; and the inability to prepare healthy meals and/or the knowledge of
24 basic nutrition, safety, and cooking; and

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1 WHEREAS, The key challenges to San Franciscans' ability to afford enough nutritious
2 food to support a healthy diet on a consistent basis include the high cost of living; low benefit
3 levels and under enrollment in CalFresh (known nationally as Supplemental Nutrition
4 Assistance Program (SNAP) and formerly known as Food Stamps); ineligibility of many food
5 insecure San Franciscans to receive CalFresh including 45,000 residents receiving
6 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits living below the poverty level; and

7 WHEREAS, The key challenges to San Franciscans' ability to access affordable,
8 nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods safely and conveniently are insufficient healthy and
9 affordable food retail outlets; nonprofit food programs are at capacity including a growing wait
10 list for meals for homebound seniors and adults with disabilities and at free congregate dining
11 rooms; low participation in school meals; inadequate capacity for out-of-school time meals;
12 and rising food cost; and

13 WHEREAS, The key challenges to San Franciscans' ability to prepare healthy meals
14 includes the lack of complete kitchens in over 19,000 housing units and limited knowledge of
15 how to cook nutritious meals, especially with limited equipment and space; and

16 WHEREAS, The Food Security Task Force and the Tenderloin Hunger Task Force
17 have prepared assessments of food security and hunger including recommendations that will
18 move San Francisco to being food secure and hunger free; and

19 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that hunger, food
20 insecurity, and poor nutrition are pressing health issues that require immediate action; and

21 WHEREAS, It will take collaboration and collective action among the public and private
22 sectors to change policies, systems, and the environment to ensure that all San Franciscans
23 are food secure and hunger free; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San Francisco
2 commit to ensuring that all San Franciscans are food secure and hunger free by 2020; and,
3 be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That in order to ensure that all San Franciscans are food
5 secure and hunger free, the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San Francisco
6 commits to increasing usage of federal nutrition programs; supporting community partners'
7 ability to meet the growing need for food; working with the private sector to create a local food
8 supplement to support healthy eating and food security; and working with the private sector to
9 increase all resident's ability to prepare food, especially residents of single room occupancy
10 hotels (SROs); and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, In order to advance the highest priority solutions for achieving
12 food security, defined as those solutions that provide the greatest likelihood of improving food
13 security for the largest number of people or the most vulnerable populations, the Board of
14 Supervisors and the City and County of San Francisco requests further analysis and
15 assessment of information; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, By March, 2014 the CalFresh Program is requested to
17 develop targeted strategies for increasing CalFresh enrollment among specific populations
18 that have been identified as good targets for outreach; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Department of Aging and Adult Services is requested to
20 provide an analysis of the funding required and policies needed to ensure homebound seniors
21 and disabled adults are served within 30 days, and, in an emergency, within 2 to 5 days and
22 to report back by March 2014; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, By March 2014 the Department of Aging and Adult Services
24 will convene community based organizations providing home-delivered groceries to develop a
25 cost-effective city-wide program; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, For the purpose of providing information that can inform food
2 security strategies for people who are homeless, the Housing and Homeless Division of the
3 Department of Human Services, in partnership with the City's homeless services providers, is
4 requested by March 2014 to determine the (extra) cost of providing shelter meals that meet
5 nutritional standards required of senior congregate meal programs; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Department of Children, Youth and their Families is
7 requested to work with community groups to develop a plan to expand the number of
8 sponsors providing meals and snacks to youth in San Francisco and to report back by March
9 2014; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Food Security Task Force is requested to explore
11 strategies (and associated costs) for a voucher redeemable for healthy foods at local retailers
12 including grocery stores, corner stores, farmers markets, modeled after similar vouchers in
13 other cities, and to report back by March 2014; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, By March 2014 the Food Security Task Force is requested to
15 provide additional information on strategies to improve food security among residents of
16 SROs; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Food Security Task Force will work with city agencies to
18 develop a plan to make food program datasets available to the public through DataSF; and,
19 be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Planning Department will consider food
21 security matters as part of its planning process for General Plan updates and major area
22 plans. Food security considerations would be incorporated as feasible and appropriate.
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