

1 [Urging Geographic Equity and Appropriateness of Homeless Services and Facilities]

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3 **Resolution stating the intent of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to urge the**
4 **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to create an approval process**
5 **and criteria to implement when establishing new homeless services and facilities that**
6 **accounts for citywide geographic equity and distribution of appropriate services.**

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8 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
9 San Francisco has a homeless population of 6,996, which constitutes 23.5% of California's
10 entire homeless population of 29,802; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in
12 2016 California had the 2nd highest rate of unsheltered homeless individuals in the nation,
13 with 86.9% of the state's homeless population unsheltered; and

14 WHEREAS, The SF Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Dignity Health City Beat Poll found
15 that 60% of respondents identified homelessness and street behavior as a major issue facing
16 San Francisco, 90% of respondents said they support Navigation Centers, 77% of
17 respondents said they would support navigation centers in their neighborhood, and 79% said
18 they support giving budget priority to creating enough shelter beds; and

19 WHEREAS, Homelessness is a public health issue that impacts the entire city of San
20 Francisco not just parts of the city; and

21 WHEREAS, According to the Performance Audit of Homeless Services in San
22 Francisco 2016 BLA report the City does not conduct formal needs assessments and service
23 gap analyses to understand the scope of homeless service needs within the City; and

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1 WHEREAS, These analyses would help prioritize programs and services according to
2 highest need, and estimate the gap between the number of homeless individuals currently
3 receiving services and those who could benefit from additional services; and

4 WHEREAS, To maximize efficiency, services need to be aligned with data proven
5 needs of each area of San Francisco; and

6 WHEREAS, Facilities should be designed, operated, and placed to meet the distinct
7 needs of homeless people in all districts; and

8 WHEREAS, The current distribution of shelters and navigation centers is densely
9 concentrated and does not provide geographic equity preventing San Francisco from
10 providing resources on a city wide scale; and

11 WHEREAS, The emergency shelter and navigation center locations listed by the
12 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing are distributed as follows: three in the
13 Tenderloin, three in South of Market, two in the Mission, one in the Western Addition and one
14 in Bayview; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges the
16 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to consider geographic equity when
17 identifying locations for new homeless services in San Francisco; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares intent
19 to create a citywide network of services to address the issue of homelessness to ensure that
20 homelessness is adequately addressed in every district in San Francisco.

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