

AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE - 3/9/05

FILE NO. 041582

RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Continuum of Care Plan—Homeless Board Membership.]

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3 **Resolution amending the Continuum of Care Plan to dissolve the current Local**
4 **Homeless Coordinating Board and to restructure it to reflect the recently adopted Ten**
5 **Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness reducing its membership to nine: four**
6 **appointed by the Mayor; four appointed by the Board of Supervisors; and one**
7 **appointed by the Controller.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the Continuum of Care Plan as San
10 Francisco's homeless policy document governing the development of an integrated, effective
11 and coordinated system of health care, housing, employment and support services to prevent
12 and reduce homelessness, by Resolution No. 827-97; and

13 WHEREAS, A component of the Continuum of Care Plan was the creation of a Local
14 Homeless Coordinating Board (Local Board) to advise City departments, commissions, and
15 the Board of Supervisors on policy decisions and budget allocations consistent with the Plan;
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17 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Local Board has struggled to fulfill its charge,
18 maintain a quorum, and be viewed as the homeless policy making body for San Francisco,
19 often being overlooked by policy makers when homeless policy was debated; and

20 WHEREAS, In May 2002, both the Controller and the Civil Grand Jury published
21 reports criticizing the way homeless policy is formulated in San Francisco and recommending
22 dramatic changes to the structure, size and membership of the Local Homeless Coordinating
23 Board; and

24 WHEREAS, Local, State and federal homeless policy priorities and direction has
25 changed since the completion of the first Continuum of Care Plan in 1996; and

1 WHEREAS, Beginning in late 2003, the newly formed Presidential Interagency Council
2 on Homelessness shifted the National homeless policy debate from “managing
3 homelessness” to “ending chronic homelessness”; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco established a planning
5 group in the Spring of 2004 entitled, “The Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
6 Council”; and

7 WHEREAS, The Council published a report in July 2004 with a series of
8 recommendations aimed at ending chronic homelessness by 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, The Continuum of Care Plan is no longer San Francisco's only homeless
10 policy document governing the development of an integrated, effective and coordinated
11 system of health care, housing, employment and support services to prevent and reduce
12 homelessness; and

13 WHEREAS, Successful implementation of the Ten Year Plan will require integration
14 and coordination with the Continuum of Care Plan; and

15 WHEREAS, The current Local Board was a direct outgrowth of the original Continuum
16 of Care Plan and does not reflect current trends in homeless policy; and

17 WHEREAS, The Local Board held a retreat in November 2004 with the goal of
18 restructuring the Board to be a more effective body responsive to the needs of San
19 Franciscan’s and incorporating the direction of the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic
20 Homelessness; and

21 WHEREAS, Following the retreat, the Local Board formed an Ad Hoc committee to
22 develop a proposal to present to the Board of Supervisors by December 31, 2004 for
23 reconstituting itself; and

24 WHEREAS, After exploring best practices by other Local Boards, consulting with
25 experts in the field and reviewing the Controller’s and Civil Grand Jury reports, the consensus

1 proposal developed by the Ad Hoc committee and unanimously approved by the Local Board
2 January 10, 2005 would dissolve the Local Board and reconstitute its membership; and

3 WHEREAS, The current members of the Local Board believe that this proposal
4 represents the best opportunity for a revitalized and viable Local Homeless Coordinating
5 Board in keeping with the City's goal to end homelessness; and

6 WHEREAS, This consensus document includes planning assumptions, vision and
7 mission, goals, the size of the Local Board, appointment process, functions, committee
8 structure and required staffing levels; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors amends the Continuum of Care Plan to
10 incorporate the recommendations of the above proposal and hereby disbands, effective
11 August 1, 2005, the current Local Board and reconstitutes, effective August 1, 2005, the Local
12 Board to nine members; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will appoint one member from
14 the disabled community and three members from one of the following constituencies:
15 representatives of homeless, formerly homeless, community and advocacy organizations,
16 service-provider agencies, business and corporate sectors and the foundation community, but
17 will not involve designating specific seats for specific constituencies; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor shall appoint one member from the disabled
19 community and three members from one of the following constituencies: representatives of
20 homeless, formerly homeless, community and advocacy organizations, service-provider
21 agencies, business and corporate sectors and the foundation community, but will not involve
22 designating specific seats for specific constituencies; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Controller shall appoint one member from one of the
24 aforementioned categories; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff from the Department of Human Services, the
2 Department of Public Health, the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Mayor's Office of Community
3 Development and the Mayor's Office of Disability will support Local Board efforts, will provide
4 relevant information and act as a resource for the Local Board; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Local Board shall, on a semi-annual basis, provide a
6 written report to the Board of Supervisors consisting of the following information: updates on
7 the implementation of the Continuum of Care Plan and the Ten Year Plan, the status of the
8 integration and coordination of the Ten Year Plan with the Continuum of Care Plan, the status
9 of McKinney funding, a report from the Shelter Monitoring Committee and any other policy
10 issues of which the Local Board wishes to inform the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that funding for an
12 Executive Director to the Local Board should be included in this year's budget and the Board
13 of Supervisors urges the Mayor to include funding for an Executive Director position in the
14 2005-2006 budget and further urges the Mayor to determine whether any additional staff are
15 necessary for the Local Board and, if so, to also include in budget the appropriate level of
16 funding for those potions; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, Members of the Local Board shall serve four year terms at the
18 pleasure of their appointing officer. To stagger the terms, four members shall serve an initial
19 term of two years and five members shall serve an initial term of five years. The terms shall
20 be determined by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by the drawing of lots.

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