

1 [Definition of Homelessness]  
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3 **Resolution establishing an official citywide definition of homelessness for San**  
4 **Francisco to enable all City Departments and community based organizations to**  
5 **communicate and share information on the homeless population using the same terms**  
6 **and parameters.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco provides shelter, support and health  
9 and human services to the City's homeless population; and

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco does not have an official definition  
11 of homelessness and many different definitions of homelessness exist in the system including  
12 a Federal definition, departmental definitions, and grant driven definitions; and

13 WHEREAS, The policy making bodies of the City and County of San Francisco, the  
14 Board of Supervisors, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board and the Mayor are grappling  
15 with the costs of homelessness to the City; and

16 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has asked the Budget Analyst to update the  
17 homeless costs based on the formula used in 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, A number of City Departments have attempted to define the services  
19 provided to the homeless through qualitative and quantitative analysis; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health established a working definition of  
21 homelessness in the Fall of 2000 to assist in the goal of improving homeless services and in  
22 an attempt to inventory homeless programs within the Department; and

23 WHEREAS, The DPH definition of "HOMELESS" includes individuals or families who  
24 lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and who have a primary nighttime  
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1 residence in one or more of the following categories: Shelter, Street, Vehicle, Make-Shift,  
2 Doubled-Up, and Transitional; and

3 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services, the Local Homeless Coordinating  
4 Board and the Single Room Occupancy Task Force have all adopted this same working  
5 definition; and

6 WHEREAS, The Local Board is a key voice in the development of homeless policy  
7 made by the City and County of San Francisco; Now Therefore, Be It

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors formally adopt this definition  
9 of homelessness as the City and County's official definition; And, Be It

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this definition is not meant to supercede or replace  
11 definitions of homelessness that have been set forth by funding sources, contractual  
12 agreements, or existing data collection systems.

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## Tails Resolution

**File Number:** 012191

**Date Passed:**

Resolution establishing an official citywide definition of homelessness for San Francisco to enable all City Departments and community based organizations to communicate and share information on the homeless population using the same terms and parameters.

December 17, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

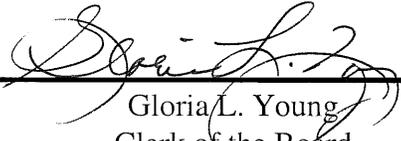
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

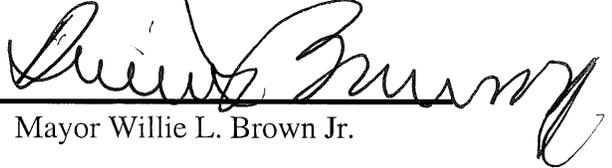
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 17, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved**

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.