From: Board of Supervisors (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>; <u>BOS-Legislative Aides</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); BOS Legislation, (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS);

De Asis, Edward (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS)

Subject: FW: Item 45 - #221249 Urging the Mayor and HSH to Prevent Displacement of Families at the Oasis Inn

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 10:53:46 AM

Dear Supervisors,

Please see the communication below.

Regards,

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From: Calder Lorenz <calder@thegubbioproject.org>

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 2:28 PM

To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>

Subject: Item 45 - #221249 Urging the Mayor and HSH to Prevent Displacement of Families at the

Oasis Inn

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Dear Supervisors,

The Gubbio Project is writing in support of item #45, and strongly believe that every effort

should be made to acquire the Oasis Inn so that the City can safely house families experiencing homelessness.

It is the middle of winter, close to the holidays and we know that the health of those experiencing homelessness, especially families, are directly connected to the health and well being of our community. There must be a solution that does not include closing down such a vital family service. We are calling for a just and compassionate decision to be made by public agencies and policymakers.

For these reasons we are urging the Mayor and HSH to Prevent Displacement of Families at the Oasis Inn:

- Every single family in the 59-room shelter will be gone.
- There are over 70 pregnant people & families on the waitlist for shelter.
- Closing the Oasis will reduce family shelter by 25% at a time when countless families are turned away daily for shelter. This will result in dozens more children & pregnant people out on our streets. It is inhumane & unethical.
- The Oasis gives hope, basic security and peace of mind for families.
- Oasis is the last option and for many, a safe haven making the name 'Oasis' very fitting.
- Unhoused pregnant people are an especially vulnerable population who will suffer greatly from the closure of the Oasis. Significant negative reproductive health effects are associated with housing instability, including decreased prenatal care utilization, increased preterm birth, and increased birth complications.
- Closing the Oasis is inhumane, unethical, and a tremendous step backwards for the city of San Francisco.

In Community, Calder

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Calder Lorenz (he/him), Harm Reduction Saves Lives, I carry naloxone! Director of Operations at the Gubbio Project (415)-571-6391 cell phone calder@thegubbioproject.org thegubbioproject.org

From: Wes Saver

To: Walton, Shamann (BOS); Calvillo, Angela (BOS)

Cc: Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); BOS Legislation, (BOS)

Subject: File #221249 - Stop the Closure of the Oasis Family Shelter - SUPPORT

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Dear Ms. Calvillo and Distinguished Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of GLIDE, please find the attached position letter in support of the resolution urging Mayor London Breed and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prevent displacement of families at the Oasis Inn.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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December 12, 2022

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Subject: File #221249 — Urging the Mayor and HSH to Prevent Displacement of Families at the Oasis Inn; Support Efforts to Acquire the Oasis Inn to Safely House Families Experiencing Homelessness — SUPPORT

Dear President Walton and Supervisors,

On behalf of GLIDE, I write concerning the impending closure of the Oasis Family Shelter (Oasis), located in Supervisorial District 2, which houses vulnerable families and people who are pregnant. Thank you, President Walton, along with Supervisor Dean Preston, Supervisor Catherine Stefani, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, and Supervisor Hillary Ronen, for co-sponsoring the resolution urging Mayor London Breed and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prevent displacement of families at the Oasis Inn.

GLIDE is in strong support of the resolution. As the only low-barrier emergency shelter specifically serving families in San Francisco, the rooms at the Oasis have been a critical resource for the City and their occupants, and there are no plans for a replacement. At a time when the City should be expanding resources to meet an urgent and growing need, San Francisco and Oasis clients cannot afford such a tragedy.

As a leading social service provider in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood, each day at GLIDE we address the physical, mental, and emotional effects of living on the street and the trauma incurred by our clients. Many of our clients are also marginally housed and in unstable, unsafe, or unhealthy living arrangements, and there has been a growing trend of women and families of color falling into poverty. At GLIDE, we know that people can thrive when they are able to live in safe, affordable housing with the necessary resources for empowerment and self-determination.

We are encouraging the owners of the Oasis to sell the property to the City or a non-profit that would maintain the building's status as a low-barrier family shelter. In order to help preserve shelter access, we respectfully request that you please:

- Do not close the Oasis on Thursday, December 15, 2022;
- Urgently complete the due diligence and inspection process to acquire the building; and,
- Ensure that the Oasis remains a low-barrier shelter, allowing families and people who are pregnant to enter easily and quickly in times of crisis.

The Oasis provides people in crisis an opportunity to stabilize while accessing critical support and treatment as they transition to longer term housing solutions. There is always a waitlist for Oasis rooms

and countless people are turned away daily. There are over 70 people who are pregnant and families currently on the waitlist for shelter in San Francisco, and the loss of the Oasis would extend wait times for people to be placed. An Oasis closure will undoubtedly result in more people who are pregnant and families being unsheltered and on the street in San Francisco. Furthermore, we are also concerned that not everyone who would be displaced by the closure will qualify for relocation to other shelters, which would dramatically compound the problem.

People who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness are an especially vulnerable population who will suffer greatly from the closure of the Oasis. Significant negative reproductive health outcomes are associated with housing instability, including decreased prenatal care utilization, increased preterm birth, increased birth complications, and maternal mortality.

The Oasis is also a safe haven for homeless families and the program allows people to enter with partners and pets. As a low-barrier emergency family housing option, it provides a quarter of the approximately 200 beds available for families to stay together. From direct experience, I can personally attest that accommodations that enable family dynamics to remain intact prevent additional trauma and rupture. It is through these types of programs that we can create pathways to economic independence, family resilience, and healthy child development.

Thank you for your continued leadership, championing the resolution, and consideration of these recommendations. Emergency shelters are not a long term solution to homelessness; however, providing an accessible path into shelter for all who wish to pursue it is imperative for our homeless community, especially people who are pregnant and families. Closing the Oasis is unconscionable and would represent a tremendous step backward for the City in caring for its most vulnerable residents. For questions about the organization's position, please write to me at wsaver@glide.org.

Sincerely,

Wesley Saver

Senior Policy Manager, GLIDE

Cc: Sup. Catherine Stefani, District 2, via Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org

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Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, via angela.calvillo@sfgov.org and bos.legislation@sfgov.org

From: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

To: BOS-Legislative Services

Subject: FW: TOMORROW: Save the Oasis Resolution at Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, December 12, 2022 3:00:34 PM

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From: lan James <ijames@cohsf.org>

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 2:02 PM

Subject: TOMORROW: Save the Oasis Resolution at Board of Supervisors

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Hello everyone,

A resolution calling on the city to prevent the displacement of homeless families and to permanently acquire the Oasis as a family shelter is going to the full Board of Supervisors tomorrow. The city has

told families that they need to be out of the building by December 15th (this Thursday), so this is a real emergency.

We need as many people as possible to make public comment in support of the resolution! Please see our <u>talking points</u> and attached fliers. You can make public comment in-person or over the phone.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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