

1 [Affirming Commitment to Redirect Resources from the San Francisco Police Department to
2 the Black Community]

3 **Resolution affirming commitment from the Board of Supervisors to redirecting**
4 **resources from the San Francisco Police Department to the Black community.**

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6 WHEREAS, On June 4, 2020, Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Shamann Walton
7 announced plans to prioritize the redirection of resources from the San Francisco Police
8 Department to support the Black community in the upcoming budget; and

9 WHEREAS, Blacks make up only 5% of San Francisco’s population but comprised of
10 35% of the San Francisco’s unhoused population; and

11 WHEREAS, The average income for a Black household in San Francisco is \$31,000,
12 compared to \$110,000 for white families and as many as 19% of Black children in San
13 Francisco live in poverty; and

14 WHEREAS, Decades of disinvestment, public policies, and institutional practices in the
15 Black community have disproportionately harmed all aspects of life including health, wellness,
16 mortality, housing, education, and economic opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, Historical redlining from the 1930s has continued to negatively impact
18 Black communities in San Francisco resulting in under-resourced neighborhoods, poorly
19 funded schools, hindered wealth accumulation, and poor health outcomes; and

20 WHEREAS, Because of low property value in previously redlined areas, landlords and
21 investors have specifically targeted these areas for redevelopment and gentrification and
22 Black families are at a higher risk facing evictions and foreclosures; and

23 WHEREAS, Black neighborhoods such as Bayview Hunters Point, consistently have
24 fewer healthy food options and face predatory advertising by unhealthy food and beverage
25 companies, which contributes to high rates of diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and tooth

1 decay among other disparities in cancer rates and mental health diseases among African
2 Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, African Americans are 6.7 times more likely to be
4 hospitalized by diabetes, 3 times more likely to have high blood pressure, 7 times more likely
5 to have tuberculosis, experience higher infant and maternal mortality rates, and have an
6 average life expectancy lower than white counterparts; and

7 WHEREAS, Black communities are consistently demonized, criminalized, and over
8 policed across the United States and as a result are more likely to be arrested, convicted, and
9 serve longer prison sentences; and

10 WHEREAS, Mass incarceration in the United States disproportionately affects Black
11 communities where Black adults are eight times more likely to be imprisoned compared to
12 whites; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States has the highest rates of imprisonment in the world and
14 majority of people sentenced to prison are Black; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2011, more than 580,000 Black men and women were in state or
16 federal prison and Black men and women are imprisoned at higher rates compared to all other
17 age groups, with the highest rate being Black men aged 25 to 39; and

18 WHEREAS, Blacks are twice as likely compared to whites to have a family member
19 imprisoned at some point during their childhood and 1 in 4 Black Millennials had an
20 incarcerated loved one before they even turned 18 and for those born in the early 1990s, the
21 rate is almost 1 in 3; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2015, the Burns Institute found that Black adults in San Francisco are
23 11 times more likely to be booked into County Jail compared to whites and accounted for 41%
24 of arrests between 2008 and 2014; and

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1 WHEREAS, In the same study, Blacks accounted for 43% of those booked in jail, 38%
2 of cases filed by the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office, and 39% of new convictions and
3 within the incarcerated population of the San Francisco County Jail, 53% are Black and
4 among youth in the juvenile justice system, 54% are Black; and

5 WHEREAS, In the United States, law enforcement are almost four times more likely to
6 use force on Black people compared to whites and Black men are nearly three times more
7 likely than white men to be killed by police intervention; and

8 WHERAS, With the recent rise of social movements and protests across the United
9 States against police brutality and for Black Lives Matter in light of the murder of George
10 Floyd, many cities are considering diverting resources from law enforcement back into
11 investing in communities; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to
13 redirect resources from the San Francisco Police Department to the Black community in San
14 Francisco beginning this budget cycle.

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