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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 25, 2022

To: Tom Paulino, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management
Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health
Kate Sofis, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Trent Rhorer, Executive Director, Human Services Agency

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging the Mayor to Immediately Re-establish an Interim COVID Command Center to Address the Omicron Variant Surge (File No. 220048)

On January 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 15-22, sponsored by Supervisor Ahsha Safai (File No. 220048, Urging the Mayor to Immediately Re-establish an Interim COVID Command Center to Address the Omicron Variant Surge) enacted on February 4, 2022.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

- c: Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Ahsha Safai, Myrna Melgar, Shamann Walton, Aaron Peskin, Connie Chan,
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director
Susanna Conine-Nakano, Mayor's Office
Victor Lim, External Affairs Officer, Department of Emergency Management
Greg Wagner, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Public Health
Dr. Naveena Bobba, Deputy Director, Department of Public Health
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Ana Validzic, Liaison to the Board of Supervisor, Department of Public Health
J'Wel Vaughan, Assistant, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Anne Taupier, Director of Development, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Lisa Pagan, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Elizabeth LaBarre, Assistant, Human Services Agency

1 [Urging the Mayor to Immediately Establish a COVID Coordination Team to Address the
2 Omicron Variant Surge and Other Possible Variant Surges]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor, Department of Public Health, Office of Economic and**
4 **Workforce Development, Department of Emergency Management, and Human Services**
5 **Agency to immediately establish a COVID Coordination Team to address the Omicron**
6 **Variant Surge and other possible variant surges.**

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8 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation declaring a local
9 emergency to exist in connection with the imminent spread within San Francisco of a novel
10 Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

11 WHEREAS, On March 3, 2020, Board of Supervisors concurred in the Mayor’s
12 Proclamation to meet the emergency need; and

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is on its Forty-Second Supplement
14 of the initial Proclamation declaring the existence of local emergency; and

15 WHEREAS, The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) is
16 experiencing three to four times as many applications to its COVID Right to Recover Program
17 compared to 2021 and if this rate continues, the program could be out of funding by the end of
18 February or early March 2022; and

19 WHEREAS, Community testing sites are experiencing record numbers of staff
20 shortages and record numbers of participants seeking COVID-19 testing while the City
21 appears to be divesting support and resources to these sites during the surge; and

22 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has nearly ended the deployment
23 of staff from other non-essential departments to perform Disaster Service Work (DSW) in
24 addressing the COVID-19 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, Department of Public Health (DPH) employees are experiencing high
2 levels of burnout, COVID-19 exposure, sickness, and understaffing in all divisions, especially
3 at the San Francisco General Hospital emergency room and intensive care unit, where
4 staffing numbers are declining at unprecedented rates and the need for more staffing is
5 immediate; and

6 WHEREAS, In Fall 2021, the City and County of San Francisco stopped supporting
7 community-based agencies with personal protective equipment such as N-95 masks and
8 general surgical masks to support vulnerable populations like seniors, children, and the City's
9 unhoused population; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources (DHR) ended COVID-19 sick leave,
11 on December 31, 2021, and is now offering paid administrative leave for employees impacted
12 by COVID related issues; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) on December 31,
14 2021, transitioned majority of its focus away from the COVID-19 crisis and relinquished most
15 of its responsibility back to DPH; and

16 WHEREAS, The City's COVID Economic Response and Loss Reserve has been fully
17 allocated with \$99.5 million allocated for Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 and 14 million for Fiscal Year
18 2022- 2023 budgets; and

19 WHEREAS, Neighboring Bay Area counties like Sonoma County are urging residents
20 to voluntarily stay at home and limit going out as much as possible for the next 30 days to
21 stop the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19; and

22 WHEREAS, Private providers are not doing their fair share of testing to meet the needs
23 of their patients, which is causing patients to overly rely on DPH affiliated community testing
24 and vaccination hubs; and

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health relies on COLOR, a COVID-19 testing
2 vendor, for DPH affiliated COVID-19 testing sites and has not adequately scaled its internal
3 testing capacity or the vendor's capacity; and

4 WHEREAS, On January 10, 2022, COLOR experienced a nationwide computer failure
5 that stopped its ability to perform COVID-19 testing at several DPH affiliated COVID-19
6 community testing sites and previous COVID-19 tests are taking four to five days to render
7 results during this current surge of the Omicron variant; and

8 WHEREAS, The shortage of booster shots in the November 2021 left our seniors and
9 vulnerable residents in San Francisco unprotected and unable to endure long lines to get their
10 booster shots; and

11 WHEREAS, The reduction of isolation and quarantine beds for our most vulnerable
12 residents who are often housed in crowded living conditions is resulting in rapid infection rates
13 of COVID-19 Omicron Variant; and

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco must reinstate COVID-19
15 community testing and vaccine pop-up sites for areas that do not have a semi-permanent
16 community testing and vaccine site; and

17 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco must continue to support to San
18 Francisco Unified School District with personal protective equipment, COVID-19 testing and
19 vaccinations; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor,
21 Department of Public Health, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Department of
22 Emergency Management, and Human Services Agency to immediately reestablish an interim
23 COVID Command Center to address the Omicron surge; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to immediately
25 establish a COVID Coordination Team to address Omicron Variant Surge and other possible

1 variant surges and to require this team led by the Department of Public Health to present to
2 the Board every two months for the next six months; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to
4 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor's Office, Department of Emergency
5 Management, Department of Public Health, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
6 and Human Services Agency.

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Resolution

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File Number: 220048

Date Passed: January 25, 2022

Resolution urging the Mayor, Department of Public Health, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Department of Emergency Management, and Human Services Agency to immediately establish a COVID Coordination Team to address the Omicron Variant Surge and other possible variant surges.

January 25, 2022 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

January 25, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220048

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 1/25/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

2/04/2022

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

2/04/2021

Date

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