

1 [Urging Implementation of Additional Health Provisions to Address Social and Health  
2 Inequities Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic]

3 **Resolution urging the Department of Public Health to implement additional health**  
4 **provisions to address social and health inequities exacerbated due to the COVID-19**  
5 **pandemic.**

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7 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the San Francisco Health Officer issued a Declaration  
8 of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which  
9 was preceded by a March 4, 2020, proclamation of State of Emergency issued by Governor  
10 Gavin Newsom, and a February 25, 2020, proclamation by Mayor Local existence of a local  
11 emergency; and

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is currently experiencing an  
13 outbreak of COVID-19, which has been deemed a global pandemic by the World Health  
14 Organization; and

15 WHEREAS, As of Tuesday, April 28, 2020, the San Francisco Department of Public  
16 Health has reported 1,468 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in San Francisco, and 23 deaths;  
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18 WHEREAS, Among the 1,468 cases, the majority of the cases are spread across  
19 Districts 6, 9, 10, and 11, with 182 in 94110, 162 in 94112, 116 in 94103, 113 in 94124, and  
20 95 in 94107; and

21 WHEREAS, Based on data from the Department of Public Health, the top five zip  
22 codes with the highest cases per 10,000 residents are in 94103, 94107, 94127, 94110, and  
23 94158 spread across Districts 6, 9 and 10; and

24 WHEREAS, A long history of health disparities and social inequities exist within the top  
25 zip codes with the highest COVID-19 confirmed cases in Districts 6, 9, and 10; and

1           WHEREAS, The race and ethnicity breakdown of the cases are 31% Latinx, 17%  
2 White, 14% Asian, 5% African American, 7% other and 24% unknown; and

3           WHEREAS, Among the 23 COVID-19 related deaths, 75% of people of color, 12 are  
4 Asian, 5 are White, 3 are African American, 2 are Latinx, and 1 other; and

5           WHEREAS, Neighborhoods with the highest concentration of people of color often lack  
6 access to healthy food options such as grocery stores, preventative healthcare, adequate  
7 housing, and are often disproportionately affected by hazardous environmental factors; and

8           WHEREAS, These neighborhoods that are predominantly in Districts 6, 9, and 10,  
9 have the highest percentage of poverty, predisposed health conditions, and lower life  
10 expectancy compared to the rest of San Francisco and are more vulnerable in contracting  
11 COVID-19; and

12           WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Homeless Point in Time Count conducted  
13 on January 24, 2019, the same districts, 6, 9, 10 also has the highest concentration of  
14 residents experiencing homelessness with 3,659 in District 6, 1,820 in District 10, and 661 in  
15 District 9 respectively; and

16           WHEREAS Majority of San Francisco's congregate settings for unhoused residents  
17 including shelters, navigation centers, and single room occupancy hotels are concentrated in  
18 Districts 3, 6, and 9; and

19           WHEREAS, The high rates of COVID-19 affecting communities of color are located in  
20 the zip codes with the most health and social inequities are reflective of the external historical  
21 factors that have impacted the neighborhood's health and these impacts have been further  
22 exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis; and

23           WHEREAS, COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting people of color with rates and  
24 people of color are more likely to die a COVID-19 related death in San Francisco; now,  
25 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Department of  
2 Public Health to adopt the following health provisions to address the health and social  
3 inequities further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 4           1) Implement pop up testing sites throughout zip codes with the highest rates of  
5           COVID-19 case and these sites should also test asymptomatic residents to prevent  
6           the spread and avoid an increase of cases and deaths; and
- 7           2) Implement additional field care clinics in areas with the highest number of COVID-  
8           19 cases in order to provide necessary medical treatment and urgent care support,  
9           and
- 10          3) Deploy proper personal protective equipment for all employees and members of  
11          communities in area more vulnerable and susceptible to contracting COVID-19, and
- 12          4) Increase resources for outreach and education in areas that need a more  
13          concentrated and culturally competent strategies to inform people about the latest  
14          heath orders and imperative updates to increase compliance, and
- 15          5) Immediately work with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing  
16          and the Healthy Streets Operation Center Homeless Outreach to provide testing to  
17          the homeless population including asymptomatic people n congregate settings such  
18          as single room occupancy hotels, shelters, navigations centers and encampments,  
19          and
- 20          6) Immediately work with Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the  
21          Healthy Streets Operation Center Homeless Outreach, Human Services Agency,  
22          and the Emergency Operations Center to place homeless people who are capable  
23          of caring for themselves in hotels to prevent further transmission in an already  
24          vulnerable population living on the streets; and, be it

1            FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public  
2 Health to implement these health provisions immediately in order to prevent the spread of  
3 COVID-19 and address the health and social inequities in our communities.

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