

LONDON N. BREED MAYOR

FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO MAYORAL PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DATED DECEMBER 17, 2021

Drug Overdoses in the Tenderloin

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 8550 et seq., San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14), and Chapter 7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code empower the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to concurrence by the Board of Supervisors as provided in the Charter, in the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") or its citizens; and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 2021, the Mayor issued a Proclamation (the "Proclamation") declaring a local emergency to exist in connection with drug overdoses in the Tenderloin; and

WHEREAS, To quickly address the overdose crisis in the Tenderloin and mount a response that will reduce the overdoses and deaths occurring on our streets, the City must hire employees to fill vacant positions in the Department of Public Health, the Human Services Agency, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing who will participate directly in the emergency response. Employees in these departments will provide behavioral health and substance abuse services, housing services, street outreach, overdose response, and other services aimed at helping individuals in danger of overdose death. It is in the public interest to waive local law that could delay the rapid hiring of employees to fill these crucial emergency response needs; and

WHEREAS, Also to address the emergency, the City plans to open a linkage center in the Tenderloin, at least initially on a temporary basis, where individuals in crisis may go to be connected to City services for mental health and substance abuse treatment, housing, and other benefits and for referral to medical attention, with the goal of breaking the cycle of addiction and reducing the prevalence of drug overdoses in the Tenderloin. To quickly implement the opening of such a facility, it is in the public interest to suspend local law that would delay the execution of a short-term lease of an appropriate location for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property continue to exist;



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NOW, THEREFORE,

I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, proclaim that there continues to exist an emergency within the City and County threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County and its citizens;

In addition to the measures outlined in the Proclamation, it is further ordered that:

- (1) The Human Resources Director or designee is delegated authority during the local emergency to temporarily waive provisions of Civil Service Commission Rules and provisions of the Charter regarding hiring, if the Human Resources Director deems in writing that such waiver is necessary or appropriate to expedite the hiring of employees in the Department of Public Health, the Human Services Agency, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing who will perform duties in direct response to the drug overdose emergency in the Tenderloin, including behavioral health employees.
- (2) Upon recommendation of the Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management, the Director of Real Estate is authorized to enter into a lease on behalf of the City as tenant for real property necessary to establish facilities to respond to the drug overdose emergency in the Tenderloin. Any such lease shall be for a period not to exceed the 90-day emergency term specified in the Proclamation, unless the Director of Real Estate determines that the City is unable to secure a suitable property without agreeing to a longer term not to exceed a total of six months. Except for Charter Section 9.118, the Director of Real Estate may waive any provision of City law that would limit or delay execution of a lease authorized by this Order, including, without limitation, Chapter 23 of the Administrative Code. If a lease executed by the Director of Real Estate under this Order provides the City an option to extend the term beyond a six-month period, the City's decision to exercise such option shall be subject to such approvals as may be required by Chapter 23 of the Administrative Code and any other applicable law, including, without limitation, prior approval by the Board of Supervisors.

DATED: December 27, 2021

London N. Breed Mayor of San Francisco