

1 **[Single Room Occupancy Task Force]**

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3 **Resolution amending the Single Room Occupancy Task Force to accurately reflect the**
4 **administration of the program and to alter the membership of the task force to**
5 **accurately reflect this change.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the Single Room Occupancy Health,
8 Stabilization and Safety Task Force in August 1999 in response to a rash of fires that resulted
9 in over 900 low income, single room occupancy (SRO) units that were eliminated from the
10 housing market due to fire since 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, the Task Force was successful in fulfilling its original mission of preventing
12 SRO fires and improving the City's response to fires, expanding its goals in 2003 to include
13 families living in SRO's, and other quality of life issues faced by residents of SRO hotels; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Board of Supervisors reconfigured the task force renaming it
15 the SRO Task Force, reducing the membership from thirty-two to thirteen voting members and
16 one non-voting Chair, and extending its term for three years with a sunset date of December
17 31, 2009; and

18 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reauthorized the SRO Task Force a second time
19 in 2009 extending its life until December 31, 2012 and adding an additional tenant
20 representative seat bringing the membership to fourteen voting members; and

21 WHEREAS, the SRO Collaboratives were an outgrowth of the SRO Task Force and
22 have been funded through a variety of sources, initially through the Department of Public
23 Health (DPH) who managed the Collaborative contracts, but in the last nine years the majority
24 of the funding has come from the Department of Building Inspection (DBI); and

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1 WHEREAS, every year during the budget deliberations, DPH has eliminated the
2 funding for the SRO Collaboratives from the budget proposal submitted to the Mayor,
3 because it is not a core public health function; and

4 WHEREAS, this year during the FY 10-11 budget deliberations, DBI proposed that they
5 assume responsibility for managing the SRO Collaborative contracts because the funding is
6 100% from DBI; and

7 WHEREAS, since it was formed eleven years ago, the Task Force has expanded its
8 original mission from fire prevention and response to improve the quality of life for residents
9 living in SRO hotels: providing an excellent vehicle for cross dialogue and discussion between
10 city departments, SRO owners and managers and tenants; and

11 WHEREAS, DBI is the key department in facilitating this dialogue and has been
12 effective in problem solving; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors amends the SRO Task Force to accurately
14 reflect this change; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors amends the membership of the
16 SRO Task Force from fourteen (14) voting members and one non-voting Chair to fourteen
17 (14) voting members to reflect the shift in funding, eliminating one appointment by the Director
18 of Health, the non-voting Chair; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors will continue to appoint nine (9)
20 members of the Task Force: two (2) SRO tenant; two (2) private SRO owners/operators, one
21 (1) non-profit SRO operator/owner, and one (1) representative from each of the four (4) SRO
22 Collaboratives; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the relevant City Departments will appoint four (5)
24 members of the Task Force: Director of the Human Services Agency will appoint one (1)
25 representative, the Director of Department of Building Inspections one (1) representative, the

1 City Attorney one (1) representative from the Code Enforcement Task Force, and the Director
2 of the Department of Public Health one (1) representative from Environmental Health, and (1)
3 from Housing and Urban Health; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force will elect a Chair from the fourteen (14)
5 member body; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRO Task Force shall monitor and make policy
7 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and annually report its progress.

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