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Prepared by: Lisa Lew

Date: September 2, 2022

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1 [Concurring in the Continuation of the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency - Monkeypox
2 Virus Outbreak]

3 **Motion concurring in the continuance of the San Francisco Health Officer's August 1,**
4 **2022, Declaration of Local Health Emergency regarding the outbreak of the Monkeypox**
5 **virus.**

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7 WHEREAS, On August 1, 2022, the San Francisco Health Officer declared a local
8 health emergency relating to an outbreak of the Monkeypox virus; and

9 WHEREAS, On August 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors ratified the Health Officer's
10 August 1, 2022 Declaration of a Local Health Emergency; the motion ratifying that Declaration
11 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. 220908; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code requires that the
13 Board of Supervisors review the need for continuing a local health emergency at least every
14 30 days, and proclaim the termination of a local health emergency at the earliest possible date
15 that conditions warrant termination; and

16 WHEREAS, As set forth in the August 1, 2022, Declaration of Local Health Emergency,
17 the monkeypox outbreak in San Francisco is causing substantial health impacts on San
18 Francisco residents, with some cases resulting in serious medical issues, including, but not
19 limited to, severe pain, difficulty eating, and the potential for scarring of the skin; and

20 WHEREAS, Although the availability of monkeypox testing and vaccines has improved
21 since August 1, 2022, there remains an ongoing need to educate people about the risks of
22 monkeypox, work with communities who are traditionally under-represented in the receipt of
23 health care, administer as many vaccinations as possible, obtain additional doses of the
24 vaccine, expand testing and treatment, and otherwise address the current outbreak; and

1 WHEREAS, On September 1, 2022, the Health Officer transmitted a communication to
2 the Board of Supervisors advising that based on the factors listed above, she believes it is in
3 the best interest of San Francisco to continue the local health emergency for 30 days, and
4 requested that that this Board concur in the continuation of the local health emergency; a copy
5 of the communication is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220933;
6 now, therefore be it

7 MOVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors concurs with the continuation of the
8 Declaration of Local Emergency originally issued by the Health Officer on August 1, 2022, and
9 that the Local Health Emergency shall continue beyond September 6, 2022, until, in
10 consultation with the Health Officer, the Board of Supervisors proclaims the Local Health
11 Emergency is terminated.

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San Francisco Department of Public Health

Grant Colfax, MD
Director of Health

City and County of San Francisco
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Mayor

September 1, 2022

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, California 94102
Via email to: angela.calvillo@sfgov.org

Dear Ms. Calvillo -

On August 1, 2022, I, in my role as Health Officer of the City and County of San Francisco, declared a local health emergency in the City and County of San Francisco ("San Francisco"). I issued the emergency declaration to address an imminent and proximate threat to the public health due to the introduction of monkeypox into the community associated with the current global monkeypox outbreak. A copy of the local health emergency declaration is attached to this letter. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors ratified the local health emergency under Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code at a Special Board of Supervisors Meeting on August 8, 2022. Most of the factors and considerations outlined in the emergency declaration are still in existence, although there have been changes to vaccine availability and method of administration and improvements in testing for monkeypox, as outlined below.

San Francisco has been one of the hot spots in the United States regarding monkeypox infections. We have continued to receive doses of the Jynneos vaccine to help protect the most at-risk members of our community. That vaccine is provided in a two-dose series, and up until recently, we were only able to authorize receipt of the first dose by most people who qualify to receive vaccination here in San Francisco. As has been reported widely in the press, state and federal authorities have authorized a new vaccine administration method, using one-fifth of the prior dose for an intradermal injection. This protocol allows us to use the same amount of the Jynneos vaccine for more vaccinations. Recently, on August 31, 2022, the Department of Public Health announced that we have now authorized receipt of the second dose, administered via intradermal injection, here in San Francisco for those people who meet vaccination criteria. And the demand for first doses of the vaccine has decreased somewhat in recent weeks, but there is still interest in members of the community being vaccinated.

In addition, since the original emergency declaration, the availability of testing for monkeypox in San Francisco has increased. We believe that not every case is identified by testing, and we have continued to see a rise in the total number of infected people, although the numbers of infections may be leveling off or slightly decreasing.



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Despite these improvements regarding vaccination and testing, there are still infections occurring via community spread on a weekly basis in San Francisco, and we have a number of upcoming social gatherings that may pose opportunities for infection to continue among impacted communities. As outlined in the emergency declaration, the monkeypox outbreak in San Francisco continues to cause substantial health impacts on San Francisco residents, with some cases resulting in serious medical issues, including, but not limited to, severe pain, difficulty eating, and the potential for scarring of the skin. And we still face an ongoing need to educate people about the risks of monkeypox, work with communities who are traditionally under-represented in the receipt of health care, administer as many vaccinations as possible, obtain additional doses of the vaccine, facilitate testing and treatment, and otherwise address the current outbreak. For these reasons, I have determined that, from a public health perspective, it remains in the best interest of San Francisco to continue the declaration of the local health emergency at least for another 30 days.

Under state law, the local health emergency must be reviewed and renewed every 30 days by the Board of Supervisors, or else it will expire. For the reasons listed above, I respectfully request that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors continue to ratify the declaration of a local health emergency for the next 30 days.

I will provide another update in the next 30 days to address the state of the outbreak and whether the declaration of a local health emergency continues to be needed.

Thank you for your ongoing support and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Philip".

Susan Philip, MD MPH
Health Officer of the City and County of San Francisco

cc: Grant Colfax, MD, Director of Health

Attachment – August 1, 2022 local health emergency declaration



City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health

DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO REGARDING THE OUTBREAK OF THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS

WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the Health Officer of the City and County of San Francisco (the “Health Officer”) to declare a local health emergency in the City and County of San Francisco (“San Francisco”) whenever the Health Officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health due to the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, Since early May 2022, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) has received reports of cases of monkeypox in countries where the disease was not previously endemic, marking the first time that many monkeypox cases and outbreaks have been reported concurrently in widely disparate geographical areas throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, On June 3, 2022, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (“DPH”) reported the first known probable case of monkeypox in a San Francisco resident, a number that has since increased to 305 probable and confirmed cases in San Francisco residents as of July 29, 2022, indicating ongoing community spread of the monkeypox virus; and

WHEREAS, DPH has been closely monitoring the appearance and spread of monkeypox in San Francisco, making it a high public health priority and devoting substantial resources to increasing testing and vaccination capacity, disseminating information, joining the Mayor of San Francisco and other elected officials in advocating for increased vaccine supply from the federal and state governments, and partnering with healthcare providers, non-profit organizations, the LGBTQ+ and community members to educate residents and to reduce the impact of the monkeypox outbreak in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, On July 19, 2022, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution urging the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services to accelerate the purchasing and distribution of monkeypox vaccines, prioritize vaccine access for populations at the highest risk of contracting the virus, and eliminate administrative barriers to treatment in light of the growing outbreak; and

WHEREAS, On July 23, 2022, the WHO Director-General declared the escalating global monkeypox outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC); and

WHEREAS, The monkeypox outbreak in San Francisco is causing substantial health impacts on San Francisco residents, with some cases resulting in serious medical issues, including, but not limited to, severe pain, difficulty eating, and the potential for scarring of the skin; and

WHEREAS, Although anyone who gets infected can have a serious case, people at higher risk for a more serious outcome associated with monkeypox infection include, but are not limited to, people whose immune system is not as strong because of a disease, an infection, or medications, people with a history of eczema or other skin conditions, children under the age of eight, and people who are pregnant; and



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WHEREAS, The Jynneos vaccine (a smallpox vaccine) is being used for the prevention of disease, including after exposure to monkeypox (known as Post Exposure Prophylaxis or PEP), but the vaccine is currently in very limited supply and only available for allocation to San Francisco by the federal government through the State of California; and

WHEREAS, The number of actual or suspected monkeypox cases in San Francisco places San Francisco at the highest rate of infection per capita (along with Los Angeles) in California and the second highest in the United States, meaning that San Francisco needs additional vaccine allocations as soon as possible to address the risk here; and

WHEREAS, Due to global supply constraints, the federal government and State of California are not yet allocating vaccine doses to San Francisco at sufficient levels to immunize San Francisco residents who would benefit from vaccination; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the importance of the vaccine, there are clinical treatments that health providers can use for serious cases of monkeypox, but those treatments also are in short supply and not as available in San Francisco as necessary, in part due to regulatory hurdles; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that DPH have all tools available to augment outreach and, as appropriate, provide treatment to all San Francisco residents who are potentially impacted by monkeypox, including those who have historically had limited or restricted access to healthcare and health education, to help residents protect themselves and others against infection by monkeypox and manage monkeypox infection if it occurs; and

WHEREAS, The monkeypox outbreak, in addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, highlights the need for everyone in San Francisco to be aware of communicable diseases, including ways to manage risk, prevent disease transmission and serious disease, and access diagnostic care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, The Health Officer, DPH, and the City value all people affected by the monkeypox outbreak, and especially gay and bisexual men who have sex with men and other LGBTQ+ residents of San Francisco, who have so far borne a disproportionate burden of the outbreak and historically faced discrimination and disparate treatment related to the provision of healthcare in general and to infectious diseases in particular; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a rich tradition of social and cultural activities—including, but not limited to, street fairs, nightlife, and celebrations of the LGBTQ+ community—that are an integral part of the identity of San Francisco, monkeypox is not confined to those activities and communities and cannot be contained simply by telling people not to participate in those activities, and those activities and the communities that host them must not be stigmatized; and

WHEREAS, The Health Officer finds that based on the facts and circumstances described above there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of the monkeypox virus in San Francisco necessitating the declaration of a local health emergency; and



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DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING THE OUTBREAK OF THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS August 1, 2022

WHEREAS, Declaring a local health emergency will assist DPH and other departments in continuing to prioritize San Francisco's public health response to the outbreak, including, but not limited to, more efficiently mobilizing resources, and furthering its work with the community to help ensure access to monkeypox education, vaccines, diagnostic care, treatment, and advocacy for all residents who could benefit; and

WHEREAS, By declaring a local health emergency, the Health Officer activates the provisions of Section 101085 of the California Health and Safety Code, Section 8659 of the California Government Code, and as otherwise provided for by law; and

WHEREAS, Under Section 101080 of the Health and Safety Code, a local health emergency declared by the Health Officer may remain in effect for up to seven days but it can continue beyond that period if the Board of Supervisors ratifies the declaration; and

WHEREAS, The Health Officer expects that the emergency relating to monkeypox will persist well beyond seven days and respectfully requests that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors timely ratify this local health emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, Under Section 101080 of the Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer declares that a local health emergency exists in San Francisco due to the monkeypox virus and that the local health emergency continue beyond August 8, 2022 provided that the Board of Supervisors ratifies the local health emergency, and that this declaration stay in effect until the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with the Health Officer and DPH, proclaims the local health emergency has terminated.

Dated: August 1, 2022

Issued by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Philip", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Philip, MD, MPH
Health Officer of the
City and County of San Francisco

From: [Gabriel Desjardins](#)
To: [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#); [Tenner, Andrea \(DPH\)](#); [Philip, Susan \(DPH\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: "San Franciscans Should Take Basic Actions to be Prepared for Future Changes in COVID-19"
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 2:37:34 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

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What's the end game here? Just let all of our kids get sick, disfiguring and possibly die?

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So why not get ahead of this?

Via
webex
by CISCO

Indoor Masking Safety Measures

Ages 2 and older



Barbara Ferrer

<p>Current indoor mask requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Healthcare settings ✓ Public transit, transit hubs ✓ Long-term care settings ✓ Shelters and cooling centers ✓ Correctional facilities ✓ When required by a business or employer ✓ Outbreaks at worksites ✓ During the 10 days after a COVID diagnosis or exposure 	<p>Additional Indoor mask requirement after LA County in High COVID-19 Community Level for 2 consecutive weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shared office space ✓ Manufacturing ✓ Retail ✓ Indoor event spaces ✓ Indoor areas in restaurants/bars ✓ Indoor areas at children's programs ✓ Indoor areas in educational settings: early childhood care, summer school, higher education
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But you know what you all have the power to do?

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Talk about MIA!

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Subject: Re: "San Franciscans Should Take Basic Actions to be Prepared for Future Changes in COVID-19"
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:01:09 PM
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Monkeypox is getting into childcare environments now:

https://www.wandtv.com/news/cuphd-investigates-a-case-of-monkeypox-at-rantoul-daycare/article_87a8f734-14f5-11ed-93b1-3f580b7ec602.html

What are you doing to stop it?

A: Nothing

Ok, no surprise. Let's just wait until there's a huge outbreak and kids are disfigured or die.

Great.

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From: [Curtis Bradford](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Stone, Ande](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:29:39 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Curtis Bradford , co-Chair Tenderloin People's Congress. I am also a gay man living with HIV and a frontline community organizer working with underserved and marginalized populations. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness. I also find it concerning that early on despite growing case numbers SFDPH made an active choice not to prioritize contact tracing of cases, a fundamental public health tool made even more vital given the lack of vaccines.

The first known case of MPX in San Francisco was recorded on June 3, 2022. This city is currently experiencing an increasing outbreak. The number of monkeypox cases in the city has risen to 444, accounting for nearly a third of the total number of confirmed cases in the entire state. 28% of those cases are in the Latinx community. Community spread has also been identified in congregate settings, such as navigation centers and homeless shelters. SF County Jail confirmed a case of MPX on Friday. Without clear guidance from SFDPH on how to safely isolate individuals in these settings, it will be harder to contain the current outbreak.

I personally have been told by my Primary Care Physician that I meet the criteria for the vaccine, I am in the high risk group, and I've already had a Monkeypox scare and had to be tested. Yet, still I haven't been able to get vaccinated, despite trying to figure out how to get it. I cannot take off work to go stand in line for 8 hours and maybe still not get the vaccine and I haven't been able to find an appointment anywhere close to me to get vaccinated. Really, I'm not even sure how to get that information about where and how I can get vaccinated despite a number given me by my PCP through Kaiser that actually didn't work. I still have no idea how and when I can get a vaccine.

For these reasons I urge the Board of Supervisors to ratify this public health declaration, to increase transparency and share information with the community about how local agencies are coordinating their response to address the MPX outbreak. Additionally, I urge the Board to demand for clarification of public health policies that helped us to tackle COVID19 disparities which must be applied now to support a robust public health response, including

renewing the Right to Recover Program, allocating resources for contact tracing, funding for individuals to isolate safely, directing agencies to fight against discrimination due to stigma/status and expanding paid sick leave policies.

I urge you to also continue to advocate with state and federal public health agencies to ensure San Francisco has expanded access to vaccines, testing and treatment.

Sincerely,

Curtis Bradford, c0-Chair Tenderloin People's Congress

From: [Lia Paradiso](#)
To: astone@sfaf.org; [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:40:29 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

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[There are participants at our navigation center coming down with MPX. You have not been giving us site wide vaccine. Dining that trans wome have been affected We have no way to quarantine them. We have no protocols to send people to the doctor. No protocols period. We are suppose to be helping people but DPH is failing us in every way. This comes on the heels of covid and after the grave mishandling of the AIDS

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From: [Irving Ling](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Ande Stone](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:57:24 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Irving Ling, and I am a queer physician of color deeply concerned about the health and healthcare of my community. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness.

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I have heard from patients and friends about the long wait times for both vaccinations as well as testing and recognize that for many people, especially those most marginalized may not have the time or resources to get the care and protection they need while we are in epidemic that is already superimposed on an ongoing pandemic. The inaccessibility to vaccines also contributes to growing stigma, particularly as narratives around monkeypox are being weaponized politically to further deteriorate legal protections for LGBTQ people across the country.

For these reasons I urge the Board of Supervisors to ratify this public health declaration, to increase transparency and share information with the community about how local agencies are coordinating their response to address the MPX outbreak. Additionally, I urge the Board to demand for clarification of public health policies that helped us to tackle COVID19 disparities which must be applied now to support a robust public health response, including renewing the Right to Recover Program, allocating resources for contact tracing, funding for individuals to isolate safely, directing agencies to fight against discrimination due to stigma/status and expanding paid sick leave policies.

I urge you to also continue to advocate with state and federal public health agencies to ensure San Francisco has expanded access to vaccines, testing and treatment.

Sincerely,

Irving Ling

From: [Daniel Vainish](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: astone@sfa.org
Subject: Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:17:18 AM

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Good morning Supervisors,

My name is Daniel Vainish, and I am a gay person living in District 2. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness. I also find it concerning that early on despite growing case numbers SFPD made an active choice not to prioritize contact tracing of cases, a fundamental public health tool made even more vital given the lack of vaccines.

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We need a standard for dealing with MPX amongst different industries like hospitality and healthcare. We cannot compromise the number of doses we will provide by splitting one dose into 5. There is zero empirical evidence to support this and you must make sure we have 70000+ doses for the LGBTQ community in SF. We cannot be expected to return 10 times for a complete vaccine regiment.

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Thank you for your work,

Daniel Vainish
(408)368-5554

From: [Jam Chen](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Ande Stone](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:27:51 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Jam, and I am a frontline HIV worker and advocate. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness. I also find it concerning that early on despite growing case numbers SFPD made an active choice not to prioritize contact tracing of cases, a fundamental public health tool made even more vital given the lack of vaccines.

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Sincerely,

Jam

Jam Chen (they/them)

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From: [David Norman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:32:36 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is David Norman, and I am a gay man who has recently recovered from an active monkeypox diagnosis. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness. I also find it concerning that early on despite growing case numbers SFDPH made an active choice not to prioritize contact tracing of cases, a fundamental public health tool made even more vital given the lack of vaccines.

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When I first exhibited symptoms of monkeypox, my primary care physician was hesitant to test me until I had visible lesions. This was several days after the onset of symptoms. Once I was tested, it took over a full week to get my positive test results back. I was also unable to get TPOXX treatment from my doctor and instead had to obtain this from the SF City Clinic, which I only found out about through instagram and Reddit forums. I was also denied pain medication from my PCP. This entire experience has been really eye opening on what public health is like in this country, especially within marginalized communities. I would have expected a much quicker and robust response from the state of CA and city of SF in particular.

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Sincerely,

David Norman
517-242-1906

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
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- ☐ 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- ☐ 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request.
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

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