[Urging the Mayor and HSH to Prevent Displacement of Families at the Oasis Inn; Support Efforts to Acquire the Oasis Inn to Safely House Families Experiencing Homelessness]

Resolution urging the Mayor and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) to prevent displacement of families at the Oasis Inn (located at 900 Franklin Street); and to support efforts to acquire the Oasis Inn to safely house families experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, The Oasis Inn is a former tourist hotel located at 900 Franklin Street, with 58 rooms that currently provides emergency shelter for families; and

WHEREAS, Rooms at the Oasis Inn were rented for emergency shelter for women and families as a result of private fundraising efforts by homelessness advocates, City residents, and District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston, raising more than $100,000 to rent rooms for families experiencing homelessness in the Western Addition to safely shelter-in-place during the beginning of the pandemic in 2020; and

WHEREAS, The rental of rooms which was later taken over by the City and expanded to lease the entire hotel as emergency shelter for families, which use has continued to the present; and

WHEREAS, The Oasis Inn has been described by residents as an “oasis” for families by providing dignified shelter in a safe location, including private rooms with bathrooms and an outdoor courtyard with greenery; and

WHEREAS, The Oasis Inn is the only low-barrier option for pregnant people to receive emergency shelter, and the closure of Oasis will result in more pregnant people and families being unsheltered and on the street in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Oasis Inn, currently run by Providence Foundation, is the only drop in emergency family shelter operating in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The owners of the Oasis Inn have informed the City that they desire to sell the property, and have informed the City and Providence Foundation, which currently operates the shelter at the Oasis Inn, that all current occupants must vacate by January 2023; and

WHEREAS, The City has expressed interest in purchasing the building, but has not started building inspections and due diligence on the property; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) has notified occupants that they will need to vacate by December 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, HSH has begun transferring some families staying at the Oasis Inn to other temporary shelters; and

WHEREAS, Loss of the Oasis Inn as a shelter for homeless families would have dire consequences, disrupting the lives of people residing there, depriving other families of the opportunity to find emergency shelter at the Oasis, and worsening the homelessness crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prevent displacement from the Oasis Inn; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prioritize the ongoing operation of the Oasis Inn as an emergency family shelter; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors supports, and urges the Mayor and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to support, acquisition of the Oasis by the City or a nonprofit so that it may continue as an emergency family shelter; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.