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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 9, 2023

To: Tom Paulino, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

From: for Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: 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 (File No. 221249)

On December 13, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 546-22 sponsored by Supervisor Dean Preston (File No. 221249, 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); enacted on December 22, 2022.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

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c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Dean Preston, Catherine Stefani, Aaron Peskin, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Asha Safai, Matt Dorsey, Myrna Melgar
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director
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FILE NO. 221249 RESOLUTION NO. 546-22

[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.

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File Number: 221249 **Date Passed:** December 13, 2022

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December 13, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 221249

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/13/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

12/22/2022

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

12/22/2022

Date