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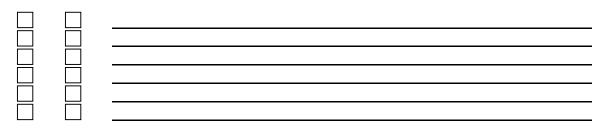
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1	[Urging the California State Legislature to Provide Supplemental CalFresh Benefits]
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3	Resolution urging the California State Legislature to provide supplemental CalFresh
4	benefits to offset the loss of emergency CalFresh benefits.
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6	WHEREAS, 30% of San Francisco households with children are experiencing food
7	insecurity as of 2023; and
8	WHEREAS, Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, elderly people over the age of 65
9	accounted for 20% of the food insecurity in San Francisco alone; and
10	WHEREAS, The CalFresh program (known nationally as Supplemental Nutrition
11	Assistance Program (SNAP)) is critical to providing financial resources for food to thousands
12	of San Franciscans; and
13	WHEREAS, 79% of CalFresh participants often worry about not having enough food,
14	82% of participants with children sometimes or often worry about not having enough food to
15	feed their families, and 72% of participants have not financially recovered from the pandemic;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, Research shows enrollment in CalFresh improves access to nutritious
18	foods, eases mental distress, and reduces labor spent accessing food; and
19	WHEREAS, In March 2020, Congress passed a law allowing the Food and Nutrition
20	Service (FNS) to provide emergency allotments to all SNAP households to assist low-income
21	people across the country during an unprecedented public health emergency; and
22	WHEREAS, The emergency allotments passed by Congress in March 2020 expired on
23	February 28, 2023; and
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1 WHEREAS, Without the help of state and federal officials, low-income residents across 2 California are set to face a food-shortage pandemic which many are describing as a "hungry 3 summer;" and 4 WHEREAS, In the state of California, more than 5 million people received emergency CalFresh benefits, and roughly 100,000 of those recipients live in San Francisco; and 5 6 WHEREAS, The loss of these emergency benefits will significantly decrease the 7 standard of living for low-income Californians and will disproportionately hurt those who are 8 the most marginalized; and 9 WHEREAS, Low-income families, immigrants, single-room occupancy hotel residents, 10 and many others depend on these emergency CalFresh benefits to keep themselves and their 11 families fed and their cupboards full; and 12 WHEREAS, California's Department of Social Services (CDSS) is directing impacted 13 CalFresh recipients to reach out to their local food banks to help fill the gap left by the benefits 14 reduction; and 15 WHEREAS, There are currently nearly 2,200 households on waitlists to enroll in one of 16 the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank Pop-Up pantries and another 400 on waitlists at 17 community partner agencies; and 18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank is currently serving 56,000 19 unduplicated households each week (up from 32,000 households pre-pandemic), many of 20 whom use their pantry food to supplement CalFresh benefits that are already not stretching 21 far enough in our expensive city; and 22 WHEREAS, In states where the emergency allotment has already ended, data shows 23 that the percentage of SNAP recipients who needed to also turn to food pantries nearly 24 doubled from about 15% to 30% after their benefits were cut; and 25

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- 1 WHEREAS, Local businesses are set to take a major financial hit with the loss of 2 emergency CalFresh benefits; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The California Department of Social Services says emergency benefit 4 spending is at \$12 million a month in San Francisco, which is a \$144 million annual loss of 5 income to San Francisco's local economies; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In programs like SNAP where government spending towards lower income 7 households for every \$1 multiplies its values up to \$2 of economic activity; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors have acknowledged that "food is 9 a basic human right and essential for human health" and thus created the Food Security Task
- 10 Force in 2013 (Resolution No. 447-13) with the goal of ending hunger by 2020; now,
- 11 therefore, be it
- 12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to
- 13 act now by providing supplemental CalFresh benefits to offset the loss of emergency
- 14 CalFresh benefits; and, be it
- 15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the 16 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Member Matt 17 Haney, and Assembly Member Phil Ting, the California State Assembly and the California State Senate.
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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee 3. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. 8. Reactivate File No. 9. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Youth Commission □ Planning Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): No No □ Yes (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Supervisor Preston; Walton, Peskin Subject: Urging the California State Legislature to Provide Supplemental CalFresh Benefits Long Title or text listed: Resolution urging the California State Legislature to provide supplemental CalFresh benefits to offset the loss of emergency CalFresh benefits.