FILE NO. 230321 RESOLUTION NO.

[Urging Prioritization and Equitable Distribution of Rent Relief Funds to Small Property Owners and Affordable Housing Providers]

Resolution urging the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to prioritize small property owners and affordable housing providers in the distribution of rent relief funds and design the rent relief program to be fully accessible in multiple languages and ensure equitable access to the program in all neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco Mayor and Board of Supervisors have adopted a series of orders and ordinances to prevent the evictions of tenants who are unable to pay rent due to financial hardship arising from the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco, along with Federal and State agencies, have established and funded rent relief programs in part to mitigate the economic impacts of eviction controls on landlords; and

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2021, the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 21-292 entitled "Urging Removal of Language Barriers from the State's Rent Relief Program" that highlighted the need for rent assistance programs to assure access to tenants and landlords with limited English proficiency or reliable internet skills or fluency, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 210292, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, On June 4, 2021, the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 21-572 entitled "Urging the Prioritization of Small Property Owners and Affordable Housing Providers in the Distribution of Rent Relief Funds" that urged the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) prioritize small property owners and affordable housing providers before corporate landlords

in the distribution of rent relief funds, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 210572, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, The City's rent relief program is reported to have approximately $24 million remaining in previously approved local funding, a sum unlikely to serve all of the potentially eligible tenants who owe unpaid rent due to COVID related financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, Small property owners and affordable housing providers do not have access to resources such as extensive staff, industry contacts, and capital sources to aid in recovery, unlike larger real estate investment firms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to include within the administration of the City's rent-relief program a priority to assist tenants of small property owners with unpaid rent arising during the COVID emergency eviction controls; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to provide information in multiple languages regarding its rent relief programs addressed to tenants, affordable housing organizations, and small property owners and to ensure equitable access to the program in all neighborhoods across the City including providing timely in-person assistance in multiple languages for those who are challenged in navigating the internet; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors regarding its policies and practices that advance the above priorities and to provide a month-by-month amount of federal, state, and local rent relief funds received by each landlord in San Francisco.