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## **COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Prepared by:	Date: April 21, 2023 Date:				

## RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to Purchase the Book "Poverty, by America" for Staff Responsible for the City Budget]
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3	Resolution directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to purchase 20 copies of
4	Matthew Desmond's book "Poverty, by America" as necessary educational context for
5	the City's budget process.
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7	WHEREAS, San Francisco is facing a massive budget deficit in the two upcoming
8	budget years; and
9	WHEREAS, In San Francisco the socio-economic divide has been growing and
10	exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
11	WHEREAS, As residents emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, growing costs of living
12	coupled with record layoffs across industries have further perpetuated economic disparities;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, San Francisco has been unable to provide consistent access to affordable
15	and high quality resources connecting individuals and families to housing, food, physical,
16	mental and behavioral healthcare, childcare, and stable employment at the growing rates
17	necessary; and
18	WHEREAS, Poverty is rampant in San Francisco and across the nation with over 38
19	million people living below the poverty line in the United States; and
20	WHEREAS, Ameliorating or ending poverty needs to be the top priority for the 2024-
21	2025 Budget cycle in order to address the most pressing problems in San Francisco including
22	crime, street conditions, homelessness, and food insecurity; and
23	WHEREAS, Decisionmakers working on the budget - the Budget and Appropriations
24	Committee, members of the Mayor's Budget staff, the Board of Supervisors' Budget and
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1	Legislative Analyst, and the Controller's Office - need to work together under an educated
2	framework to help guide difficult budget decisions; and
3	WHEREAS, Professor Matthew Desmond is a Pulitzer Prize winning author who has
4	recently published a new book, "Poverty, by America", that provides a sociological analysis of
5	poverty and its root causes in the United States and strategies to eliminate poverty; and
6	WHEREAS, Professor Desmond's book will serve to create a background of shared
7	information for San Francisco policymakers in the face of our upcoming budget discussions;
8	now, therefore, be it
9	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors direct the Clerk of the Board of
10	Supervisors to purchase 20 copies of Matthew Desmond's book "Poverty, by America" as
11	necessary educational context for the City's budget process; and, be it
12	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors distribute the
13	copies to the five members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Mayor's Budget
14	Director, members of the Budget and Legislative Analyst's office, members of the Controller's
15	office, the Clerk of the Budget and Appropriations committee, and the Mayor of San
16	Francisco.
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## **Introduction Form**

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

I hereby subr	ait the following item for introduction (select only one):				
1.	For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amenda	ient)			
2.	Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)				
3.	Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee				
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6.	Call File No. from Committee.				
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8.	Substitute Legislation File No.				
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10.	Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on	Confirmation Advisoration September 1			
The proposed	legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate box	xes):			
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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: