

1 [Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during APEC Summit]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and City agencies to inform residents and vulnerable**
4 **communities of security, transportation, and service impacts from Asia-Pacific**
5 **Economic Cooperation (APEC) activities; to prioritize City funding towards mitigation**
6 **of impacts on neighborhoods, small businesses, and vulnerable communities; and to**
7 **protect people’s rights to freedom of speech and uphold City Sanctuary policies.**

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9 WHEREAS, The United States will be hosting the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic
10 Cooperation (APEC) Leaders’ Meeting in San Francisco from November 11 through 17, 2023,
11 at the Moscone Center; and

12 WHEREAS, APEC is a multilateral forum for promoting and negotiating corporate-
13 centered trade deals among 21 member economies in the Asia Pacific Region including the
14 United States, Mexico, and China and will bring together global industry giants, their corporate
15 lobbyists, and billionaires, but will not include representatives of vulnerable and impacted
16 sectors like women and workers of the Global South, nor indigenous, environmental, and
17 human rights advocates; and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s history and legacy is deeply grounded in its role as host
19 city, starting in 1945 with the signing of the United Nations Charter as a binding international
20 treaty that was the basis for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted in
21 December 1948 and whose 75th Anniversary will be observed in December 2023; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco also has a deep history of labor organizing and
23 international labor solidarity against free trade agreements that diminish labor rights and
24 environmental protections, cause widespread food and economic insecurity, privatize and
25 outsource public resources, and weaken human right protections; and

1 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office has committed to raising \$20 million to fund activities
2 and services relating to hosting duties and requested that the Board of Supervisors waive
3 Behested Payment restrictions in order to allow the Office of the Mayor, Office of Economic
4 and Workforce Development, and Chief of Protocol to solicit donations from private entities
5 and organizations to offset costs, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
6 231086, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office reserved \$10 million in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024
9 Budget in the event they did not meet this fundraising goal and the Board of Supervisors
10 further placed this amount on Budget and Appropriations Committee reserve; and

11 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Protocol recently announced that they surpassed
12 their fundraising goal by receiving significant donations from private real estate, medical,
13 finance, and technology corporations such as Pacific Gas & Electric, Airbnb, DoorDash; \$1
14 million each from Kaiser Permanente, MEBO International, Prologis, Salesforce, Sutter
15 Health, Visa; \$2 million from Ripple, a cryptocurrency company; and \$4.65 million from Graton
16 Resort and Casino; and

17 WHEREAS, U.S. Homeland Security has designated the APEC event a “National
18 Special Security Event,” and claims that San Francisco could be a potential target for a
19 terrorist attack, and this is the first of such designations in Northern California where Secret
20 Service will implement heightened security precautions including involvement of the Federal
21 Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and deployment of National Guard personnel, surveillance,
22 and sharpshooters; and

23 WHEREAS, The security plans for APEC call for street closures and public
24 transportation disruptions where and when the heads of states will travel; the establishment of
25 an “exclusion zone” or perimeter which will limit vehicular and pedestrian mobility in the South

1 of Market neighborhood of the City where Moscone Center is located; and that background
2 checks and security clearances will be required of workers, residents, and service providers
3 who need to travel through the security perimeter; and

4 WHEREAS, City activities related to APEC thus far have prioritized advertising and
5 promoting APEC, plans and events to host dignitaries, and expediting infrastructure and
6 beautification projects to serve APEC visitors, however, there has been very little information
7 shared with impacted communities on how their daily lives and movement may be impacted
8 by security perimeters, disruptions to traffic, public transportation access, pedestrian flow, and
9 access to social services and public institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, There are many vulnerable residents including immigrants and the
11 unhoused, and facilities such as senior housing, small businesses, child care centers,
12 schools, and community serving organizations within the South of Market area and
13 surrounding neighborhoods which will be impacted by the exclusion zone and traffic
14 disruptions; and

15 WHEREAS, Small businesses have been struggling to survive through and recover
16 from the pandemic and those within and around the Moscone area are concerned about the
17 impact to their businesses, including loss of income, background check requirements on
18 workers and suppliers, and safety for customers and workers; and

19 WHEREAS, Seniors in the vicinity rely on paratransit, medical treatment, access to
20 senior centers and food delivery, and family and friends and caretakers on a daily basis are
21 concerned about how they will have access to critical care and be impacted the week of
22 APEC; and

23 WHEREAS, Immigrants and families that live and work in the area are concerned
24 about the presence of Homeland Security, surveillance, militarized checkpoints and
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1 restrictions, and whether San Francisco's Sanctuary policies will be upheld during the week of
2 APEC; and

3 WHEREAS, The current economic crisis has also left many unhoused residents
4 vulnerable on the streets who will face increased sweeps and inhumane treatment including
5 confiscation of their belongings and medication; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor's Office and pertinent
7 agencies to provide linguistically appropriate, real-time information, and outreach to residents
8 and all public and community-serving institutions in the South of Market area on disruptions
9 that will take place during the week of APEC; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to prioritize
11 the \$10 million currently on reserve for residents and neighborhoods including community
12 based organizations, schools, small businesses, and workers to address and mitigate the
13 local impacts and disruptions that will be caused by the APEC related activities including loss
14 mitigation for small businesses and workers, safe passage for vulnerable populations such as
15 immigrants, seniors and children instead of police overtime and subsidizing exclusive events
16 and activities related to APEC; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors upholds our Sanctuary City
18 laws and the public's right to protest and urges city departments, state, and federal authorities
19 to protect the rights of the people of San Francisco leading up to and during APEC summit
20 activities, including the free exercise of their rights to freedom of expression, association, and
21 peaceful dissent and protest, and to be free of oppressive policing, surveillance, intimidation,
22 and harassment related to their exercise of these rights.

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