

From: [Malin Alegria](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: No child sleeping on the street
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:55:49 AM

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Please support Faith in Action motion for no niños dormir di en la calle. I am a kindergarten teacher with 6 years in the district. We need to really be a sanctuary city and support all of sfusd's students.

Thank you,
Malin Ramirez
Hillcrest elementary
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melissa Grasso Luna](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Cc: fiaba@faithinactionba.org; galmanza@uesf.org
Subject: Re: Urgent: No more children living on the streets!
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:30:44 AM

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Dear Mayor Breed,

I am a 3rd grade teacher that serves newcomer students at SFUSD's Mission Education Center. Every day my students come in tired from sleepless nights from sleeping on the streets or having to wake up early due to shelters shuffling families out. The trauma of our students' and families journeys are compounded with the trauma of being forced onto the streets with no place to go after their vouchers have expired.

According to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN); chronic stress associated with homelessness can lead to alterations in brain structure and function, affecting areas responsible for memory, learning, and emotional regulation. Early intervention and stable housing are crucial to mitigate these effects and promote healthy brain development in children experiencing homelessness.

How urgently will the City address the critical issue of children exposed to houselessness, considering the profound and lasting impact on their brain development, and what immediate actions will be taken to provide them with stable housing and supportive services to mitigate these detrimental effects?

Although our students are resilient, there is no need for them to have to be constantly exposed to the trauma of houselessness on a daily basis in a sanctuary city like San Francisco. They deserve the right to a warm home, a good night's rest and the ability to come to school safely.

Regards,
Melissa Grasso Luna
3rd Grade, bilingual Educator
Mission Education Center, SFUSD

From: [Kathleen Purcell](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: SF families without shelter
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:03:03 AM

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SF is a city with a character, a personality, an identity and a responsibility. The Board of Supervisors and the Mayor have tremendous power over what SF is and will be. Your decisions in many ways determine the character and identity of San Francisco. That is your power, and that is your responsibility.

We cannot be a city where children sleep on the streets. Of course, I ask for more than that. Homelessness and the need to address it effectively goes far beyond just children. But care for our children is the bare minimum. Anything else is shameful. We look to you to keep San Francisco from that shame. We look to you to take up the responsibility to assure that SF does the right thing. Families, including immigrant families, need to be given priority in shelter and supportive housing. We call upon you to act now.

Kathleen Purcell, Lifelong resident of San Francisco

From: [Alexa Frankenberg](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:00:38 AM

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Hi--I write as a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church's Living Sanctuary group. We have supported a number of families seeking asylum who live/lived in San Francisco and have seen firsthand the barriers that they face.

Related to the hearing this morning on the resolution to address families forced to wait for housing, I request that Supervisors address the following:

- why must families wait two weeks and face homelessness, with all of the challenges this poses particularly for minor children, when then city could find alternatives?
- specifically, why can't the hotel voucher program be expanded or permanent housing be made available to move other families out of shelters to free up space?
- why is there not transparency on this waiting list so that families can have more certainty and make plans?

I am incredibly concerned about the impact of homelessness particularly on children's safety and well-being and their ability to learn. I believe this currently policy is inconsistent with values that I and many other San Franciscans hold to support all who live here.

Alexa

From: [Jamie Richardson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Support of the Resolution urging the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter.
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:35:27 AM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor London Breed,

I am writing to you today in support of the Resolution urging the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter.

The current state of play for migrant arrivals cannot hold. San Francisco is a Sanctuary City, a beacon of hope for all who come to live and contribute here-- from our queer and trans ancestors, looking for a place that would accept them, to immigrants of decades past, looking for a home to rebuild their lives-- San Francisco has been that beacon. However, the current policies in place to address the homelessness crisis we face as a city lack the cultural competency and awareness to better meet the moment we are facing.

I understand the situation is dire and that our homelessness crisis has been around for a long time. But refusing to acknowledge new and intentional systems and policies that need to be implemented to meet the needs of migrant families-- who are incredibly vulnerable sleeping in temporary shelters or on the streets-- is downright cruel. We must take action as San Franciscans, and we must live up to what it means to be a City of Welcome.

Child homelessness is a crisis that cannot be understated. The mental, health, and social development impacts of child homelessness aren't fixed when a family is housed eventually. Every day that a child is homeless, can compound into lifelong traumas. Child homelessness is the number one indicator of adult homelessness. And for children from migrant families, the added challenges of navigating a new culture, country, and environment, is devastating.

Now is the time to take action, to devise a comprehensive plan to support these families in finding shelter. The City MUST respond and respond quickly.

Thank you,

Jamie Richardson
District 8 resident

From: [Kathy Ciabattoni](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support Immigrant Families Resolution/Hearing 4/22/24
Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 10:16:40 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to ask you to pay attention to the urgent moral crisis facing homeless families in San Francisco. We cannot have children sleeping on the streets of our great Sanctuary city!

Please support the demands of immigrant families, and all homeless families:

The immigrant families' demands are simple and cost-effective, and based on their lived experience and months of research:

1. We call on the Department of Homelessness to guarantee shelter space or a hotel voucher the same day that any family with children arrives at a City Access Point.
2. We call on the Department of Homelessness to expedite the movement of families from shelters into more permanent housing, with an online public dashboard where families and the public can monitor the waiting list and movement of families into permanent housing

And I add a request as a retired City Department of Human Services employee, please ask the Mayor to hold the Department of Homelessness staff accountable for the affordable housing units that sit vacant as so many families are without shelter. It is bureaucracy failing San Francisco once more. Please help get families into those units!

As members of Calvary Presbyterian Church and long time residents of San Francisco, we ask you to address this moral crisis. Our city is suffering with too many homeless, it affects the quality of life for all of us. And no children should ever be sleeping on the streets of this, so called, Sanctuary city.

Thank you for your thoughtful deliberation and support of the requested action for the Department of Homelessness.

Yours sincerely,
Alger and Kathleen Ciabattoni
zip 94127

From: [A. Colichidas](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary \(BOS\)](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [SF Gray Panthers Board](#)
Subject: SUPPORT: FILE NO. 240239 RESOLUTION Urging Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter]
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 8:30:07 AM

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Regarding FILE NO. 240239, to be considered by the SF Board of Supervisors Rules Committee on April 22, 2024 for referral to the entire SF Board of Supervisors.

Dear Supervisor Hillary Ronen, fellow members of the SF BOS Rules Committee (Supervisors, Walton, Safai); and the entire San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Ann Colichidas, I am on the Board of the SF Gray Panthers; member of the California Alliance For Retired Americans; and I live in SF's District 9.

I urge you, my member of the SF BOS Supervisor Ronen, the SF BOS Rules committee members Ronen, Walton and Safai; and the entire SF Board of Supervisors to vote in favor of File # 240239: A RESOLUTION Urging Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter.

I join my fellow Gray Panther Board Member Art Persyko and Faith in Action Bay Area to ask you the following questions:

- 1) There are over 400 homeless families on the waiting list for shelter. Why has the City not expanded the cost-effective hotel voucher program to meet the need?
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7). How is this reality consistent with our San Francisco values? When it comes to asylum seeking families fleeing from violence and trauma, why are we not welcoming them in a manner that's consistent with our status as a Sanctuary City?

Thank you for reading my letter of support and for voting your conscience to validate San Francisco values to enact this resolution in FILE NO. 240239 Urging Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter.

Thank you!

Ann Colichidas
3222 18th Street B
SF 94110

From: [mason waller](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote to support...
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:59:29 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to vote to support Supervisor Ahsha Safai and Faith in Action's demands for "no más niños viviendo en la calle/no more kids sleeping in the streets."

We urgently need housing and transparency about how resources at city access points are determined, allocated, and managed.

We deserve your full support for this in order to commit to SF truly being a sanctuary city.

Thanks,
Mason Waller



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From: [Elliot Helman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Safai's resolution prioritizing families with children for shelter housing (#240239)
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:47:51 PM

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Greetings,

I urge you to support Supervisor Safai's resolution. While homelessness is a heartbreaking (and increasing) reality in the US, it is especially tragic that families with children are sleeping in our streets. The potential for psychological and physical harm that can befall young children on the streets is well documented. Our City must find creative ways, among the many that are being suggested, such as prioritizing families with children for emergency housing, providing hotel vouchers and providing access to in-language, accessible, real-time updates on where families are in the process of attaining assistance.

We like to think that San Francisco is a world-class, international city. Families sleeping on the streets is not the San Francisco we want to show the world and should be a shame to us all.

Thank you.

Elliot Helman
94158

From: [Phyllis Shulman, Ph. D., MFT](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Resolution# 249239
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:35:25 PM

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As a psychotherapist who lives and works in our beloved sanctuary city, I strongly urge you to immediately ensure housing for all our children. It is unconscionable that despite adequate legislation and the allocation of funds, we continue to force children to sleep on our sidewalks which we know is traumatic for them and their families.

Yours truly,
Phyllis Shulman, Ph.D., MFT

From: [Elsa Cabezas](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Hearing Comment- No More Children Sleeping in the Streets
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:34:34 PM

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April 21, 2024

Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Safai, and Director McSpadden,

Cries across the country are experiencing a surge in both immigration and homelessness as families fleeing violence and persecution come to the U.S to seek asylum. In San Francisco, a city that has had a designated Sanctuary City status since 1989, the local government has been absent in its response, leaving small children to sleep in vehicles, on MUNI, and under gas stations roofs.

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These are common sense solutions that more fully meet San Francisco's proclamation as a Sanctuary City and make our city a better place for families and children. As part of Calvary Presbyterian's community--a church that has been a sanctuary congregation supporting immigrants through accompaniment, education, and advocacy - we have seen firsthand the need for more supportive, family-friendly policies that enable families to live safely and securely. We cannot continue to make up for the City's broken systems and shortcomings.

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We will also like to see the response regarding this whole situation and how is the city going to resolve this:

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Sincerely,
Elsa Cabezas
SF CA, 94124



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From: [Elsa Cabezas](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); ayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org
Subject: Hearing Comment- No More Children Sleeping in the Streets
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:31:08 PM

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April 21, 2024

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From: [Jane Hurlburt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Families Sleepig in SF Streets
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:26:54 PM

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SF Board of Supervisors,
How can we as San Franciscans continue to ignore the homeless tragedy in our beloved city?
Why not expand the hotel voucher program to meet the growing need for shelter?
How can we make available more permanent and affordable housing?
With over 2,000 homeless children in our city who will turn into adults - there could be
a situation where drugs and crime are their only future.
Please show and act with compassion when you meet tomorrow on the Faith in Action
Bay Area's community ministries' resolution of the ever growing homeless issue.
Please make our city a shining example of caring for our homeless brethren,
especially the children.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for an answer, an action, a solution.

Yours truly,
Jane Hurlburt
Sanctuary Team
Calvary Presbyterian Church - San Francisco

From: [Lynn Murphy](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Re No More Children Sleeping in the Streets
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:07:42 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Today you will be asked to consider the fate of real people who have come to San Francisco for a better life. Parents who have risked everything to provide a better life for their children. ***Please support the resolution*** written by Supervisor Ahsha Safai and co-sponsored by Supervisors Dean Preston, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Connie Chan, and Aaron Peskin.

As a mother, entrepreneur, and longtime voting citizen of San Francisco, I ask you to lead with love and kindness and vote to take responsibility and ensure the health, safety, and dignity of humanity. San Francisco is one of the most beautiful and wealthiest cities in the world and it is unconscionable to condemn children and their families out on the streets.

I have learned that there are over 400 families on the waiting list for shelter -- and many hundreds more have been languishing in congregate emergency shelters since last summer.

- Why is the Department of Homelessness unwilling to be transparent with homeless families about where they are on the waiting list, or how long it will take until they access dignified housing?
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Thank you for your service,
Lynn Lee Murphy

From: [Art Persyko](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [SF Gray Panthers Board](#)
Subject: Letter of support to SF BOS: FILE NO. 240239 RESOLUTION Urging Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter]
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:04:36 PM

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Dear Supervisor Catherine Sefani; members of the SF BOS Rules Committee (Supervisors Ronen, Walton, Safai); and the entire San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Art Persyko, I am on the Board of the SF Gray Panthers; a co-convener of the California Alliance For Retired Americans; and I live in SF's District 2.

I urge you, my member of the SF BOS Supervisor Stefani; the SF BOS Rules committee members Ronen, Walton and Safai; and the entire SF Board of Supervisors to vote in favor of File # 240239: A RESOLUTION Urging Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter.

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Thank you!

-Sincerely, Art Persyko, 2190 Washington Street, Apt 608, San Francisco, California, 94109; and board member of the SF Gray Panthers as well as the co-convener of the San Francisco Community Action Team of the California Alliance for Retired Americans.

From: [Suzanne Martin](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Homelessness
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 4:16:15 PM

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Please move homeless people off the streets and into shelters and permanent housing. Use annual budget of \$713 million to treat homeless. Please clean filthy streets. There is no excuse for streets being so dirty and full of trash.

Suzanne Martin
San Francisco CA 94109

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Georgina K.](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Resolution urging Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Develop a Comprehensive Plan that Prioritizes Families with Children to Receive Shelter
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 3:56:33 PM
Attachments: [Letter for SF Board of Supervisors.pdf](#)

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April 21st, 2024

Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Safai, and Director McSpadden,

Cities across America are experiencing a surge in both immigration and homelessness as families fleeing violence and persecution come to the United States to seek asylum. In San Francisco, a city that has had designated Sanctuary City status since 1989, the local government has been absent in its response, leaving small children to sleep in cars, on MUNI, and under gas station roofs.

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Georgina Khodayari

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1282 Green St. San Francisco, CA 94109

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Georgina Khodayari
1282 Green St. San Francisco, CA 94109

April 19th, 2024

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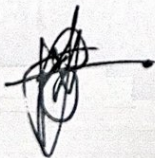
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LTF Case Manager

150 Executive Park Blvd. SF CA 94134

From: [Patricia Ahlbrandt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Homeless/Immigrant children
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 3:26:14 PM

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Please take the actions necessary to humanely house immigrant and homeless children. The current situation is inhumane.

Patricia Ahlbrandt

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lora Lempert](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Unhoused children
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:36:47 AM

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Dear supervisors,

It is shameful that is city with the resources of San Francisco and the reputation for liberal ideas would allow families with children to sleep on the street! Please Support first choice housing for families with children.

Lora Bex Lempert, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita
University of Michigan - Dearborn

**“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.”
— Martin Luther King, Jr.**

From: [Jackelyne Carrillo](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Resolution urging the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prioritize families with children
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:19:17 PM
Attachments: [April 19th, 2024.pdf](#)

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Hello,

I'm an SF Resident in support of Safai's resolution to urge the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prioritize Immigrant families for same day shelters. Refer to attached document for letter.

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Jackelyne (Jackie) Carrillo

She/Her/Hers

Case Manager, Latino Task Force (LTF)

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From: [Carolina Martinez](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Supporting homeless immigrants families
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:11:27 PM
Attachments: [Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Safai, and Director McSpadden...pdf](#)

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From: [Nathalia Bedoya](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\); Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Nathalia Beteta S.

49341 Mission St
Casa de Arroyo.

From: [MARIO FLORES](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Resolution supporting homeless immigrant families
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:10:38 PM
Attachments: [Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Safai, and Director McSpadden..pdf](#)

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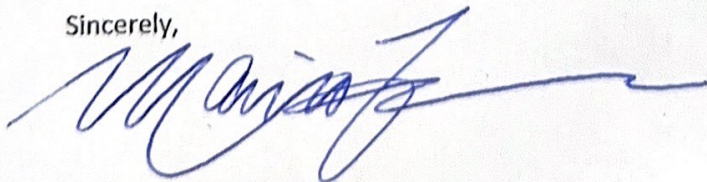
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From: [Bolick, Erin](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: No More Children Sleeping on The Streets
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 3:42:41 PM

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Please support housing for our families!

Best,
Erin

On Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 3:30 PM Bolick, Erin <bolicke@sfusd.edu> wrote:

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Best Regards,
Erin Mausisa-Bolick
she/her
School Social Worker
Thurgood Marshall Academic High School

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 4/22/24 Safai Housing Legislation
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 3:07:04 PM
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Hi

I would like to submit this letter for the official record on behalf of UESF President Cassondra Curiel.



UESF

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City Hall, Room 200
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Supervisor Ahsha Safai
City Hall, Room 244
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Director McSpadden
Director, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
City Hall, Room 358
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Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Safai, and Director McSpadden,

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As educators deeply embedded in the fabric of San Francisco's communities, we witness firsthand the profound impact of homelessness on our students and their families. Every day, we see children coming to school hungry, exhausted, and anxious because they lack stable housing. Every child in San Francisco should have a safe and stable place to call home, where they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Prioritizing families for shelter is not only the compassionate thing to do, but it is also essential for breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty and homelessness. By providing families with immediate access to shelter, we can prevent further trauma and instability, allowing parents to focus on securing employment and accessing resources to rebuild their lives.

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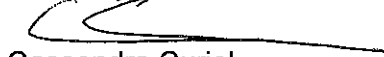
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In conclusion, we urge you to swiftly pass and implement the resolution to prioritize families for shelter, establish additional shelter for families, including immigrant families, and create a multilingual public dashboard for the shelter waitlist. Our children and families cannot wait any longer for the support and resources they urgently need. As we fight for the schools our students deserve, we expect the city of San Francisco to make sure our students have the resources necessary to fully participate in their schooling which includes dignified housing.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and we look forward to working together to create a more just and compassionate San Francisco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cassondra Curiel', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cassondra Curiel

President, United Educators of San Francisco

04/19/2024

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