

1 [Urging Implementation of Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Strategy in San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution urging the implementation of a comprehensive drug market intervention**
4 **(DMI) strategy to address San Francisco’s Fentanyl Crisis.**

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6 WHEREAS, Drug Market Intervention (DMI) is a proven strategy for dismantling open-
7 air drug markets, with successful applications in cities such as High Point, North Carolina,
8 where it significantly reduced violent crime and drug trafficking; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC),
10 including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, has unanimously supported drug market intervention
11 (DMI), recognizing its effectiveness in addressing open-air drug markets; and

12 WHEREAS, DMI focuses the criminal legal system on disrupting public drug markets
13 by: establishing interagency collaboration between law enforcement, public health, and social
14 service agencies; replacing actual enforcement as much as possible with direct
15 communication and deterrence; and providing nonviolent dealers with pathways to
16 employment, education, and rehabilitation; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco remains in the midst of a deadly fentanyl crisis, with 633
18 fatal overdoses reported in 2024 - down from 810 in 2023 but still far above pre-pandemic
19 levels; and

20 WHEREAS, Fentanyl is responsible for approximately 80% of overdose deaths in
21 recent years, with even trace amounts proving fatal, exacerbating public health and safety
22 concerns; and

23 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods account for over 40%
24 of the city’s overdose deaths, many occurring outdoors in open-air drug markets; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin is home to approximately 3,500 children - the densest
2 population of children in San Francisco - who must navigate these streets daily, witnessing
3 the devastating effects of open-air drug markets; and

4 WHEREAS, These open-air drug markets have decimated small businesses in the
5 Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods, contributing to economic decline and shaping
6 a global perception of San Francisco as a city in crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, The Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC), launched
8 in 2023, has made significant progress, including the seizure of over 300 pounds of fentanyl
9 and more than 2,000 felony drug arrests; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite DMACC's efforts, enforcement is currently limited to 3-5 days per
11 week, underscoring the need for a sustained and comprehensive strategy to disrupt drug
12 markets and reduce overdoses; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College,
14 led by Professor David Kennedy, has successfully implemented DMI strategies nationwide to
15 curb violent crime and drug trafficking; and

16 WHEREAS, Adapting this model to San Francisco's fentanyl crisis would make San
17 Francisco the first city to implement a fentanyl-focused DMI strategy; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Mayor Daniel Lurie to
19 make use of the emergency powers recently granted him in Ordinance No. 010-25 (File
20 No. 250040) to seek outside support to develop and implement a comprehensive DMI
21 strategy as a key element of the ongoing fentanyl emergency initiative that the legislation
22 made possible; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the full cooperation of
24 city, state, and federal agencies in implementing a comprehensive DMI strategy, tailored to
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1 San Francisco, over a two-year period to systematically dismantle open-air drug markets and
2 expand pathways to treatment and rehabilitation; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this strategy should involve collaboration among law
4 enforcement, behavioral health professionals, housing specialists, social service providers,
5 and community leaders to reduce overdose deaths, support addiction recovery, and restore
6 public safety in affected neighborhoods; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recommends allocating
8 necessary resources to fully implement a DMI strategy, including expanding DMACC
9 operations, increasing support for workforce and youth development programs, and
10 strengthening community-based drug market disruption initiatives.

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