

1 [Urging and Supporting All Efforts to Increase State Supplementary Program Payments to  
2 Meet or Exceed the Federal Poverty Level Appropriation]

3 **Resolution urging and supporting all efforts by the State Legislature and Governor to**  
4 **increase State Supplementary Program payments to meet or exceed the federal poverty**  
5 **level for elderly, blind or disabled individuals.**

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7 WHEREAS, The State Supplementary Payment (SSP) program assists blind, disabled,  
8 and elderly individuals and supplements the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)  
9 program; and

10 WHEREAS, State Supplemental Payment amounts are adjusted based on living  
11 arrangement, marital status, status as a minor, and other factors; and

12 WHEREAS, The current State Supplemental Payment amount has not kept pace with  
13 the increased cost of living, including such items as housing, food, health care, and  
14 transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, The State Supplemental Payment amounts were reduced substantially  
16 during and following the Great Recession from \$233 per month to \$156 per month for  
17 individuals- the minimum allowed by federal law; and

18 WHEREAS, The pre-recession maximum SSI/SSP grant amount for individuals was at  
19 100% of the federal poverty level and the current maximum SSI/SSP grant amount is at  
20 90.6% of the federal poverty level; and

21 WHEREAS, The cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the State Supplemental Payment  
22 (SSP) has not been provided since the Fiscal Year 2009-10 State Budget; and

23 WHEREAS, SSI/SSP recipients are not eligible for CaiFresh (food stamps) in  
24 California; and

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1           WHEREAS, Many individuals who depend on this grant as a source of income cannot  
2 meet their basic needs and are forced to make painful decisions regarding paying rent and  
3 utilities, purchasing food, or medical supplies not covered by health insurance; and

4           WHEREAS, As of January 2014, there were 44,827 individuals in the City and County  
5 of San Francisco depending on the State Supplemental Payment program which is equivalent  
6 to almost one in five residents; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED: That City and County of San Francisco hereby urges its support of the  
8 State of California Legislators and Governor to increase the State Supplementary Payment  
9 amounts to meet or exceed the federal poverty level to elderly, blind, and/or disabled  
10 individuals to be readjusted and increased annually.

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