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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Kositsky, Director, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 14, 2016

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Farrell on June 7, 2016:

File No. 160674

Resolution urging the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to adopt a five-year plan to reduce homelessness.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

1 [Urging the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Adopt a Five Year Plan
2 to Reduce Homelessness]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive**
4 **Housing to adopt a five-year plan to reduce homelessness.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 2004 the City and County of San Francisco adopted the “10-Year Plan
7 to Abolish Chronic Homelessness;” and

8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco’s “10-Year Plan” was the City’s
9 long-term, written strategy to reduce homelessness throughout San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, The main goals of the City’s “10-Year Plan” were the creation of 3,000
11 new units of permanent supportive housing by 2014 and to formalize the City’s commitment to
12 a “housing first” model strategy towards reducing homelessness; and

13 WHEREAS, The City achieved the main goals of the “10-Year Plan” by adopting a
14 “housing first” strategy and realizing the creation of 3,071 new units of permanent supportive
15 housing; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite the City’s success in achieving the main goals of the City’s “10-
17 Year Plan” homelessness in San Francisco still persists; and

18 WHEREAS, The number of homeless individuals counted 2015 San Francisco Point-
19 In-Time Homeless Count and Survey was 6,686, which represents an increase of 250
20 homeless individuals since the 2013 count; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite the slight increase in homelessness in San Francisco since 2013,
22 over 25,000 homeless people have left the streets or shelter system for permanent housing
23 since January 2004, with the assistance of the City’s homelessness services and programs;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Since the sunset of the “10-Year Plan” the City has instituted new
2 programs, such as the Navigation Center that opened in November 2015, and reforms, such
3 as the Department of Public Health standardizing objectives for supportive housing providers
4 and the Human Services Agency implementing a new tiered system for how the agency
5 delivers homelessness services; and

6 WHEREAS, The Mayor recently proposed and the Board of Supervisors is in the
7 process of approving the creation of a new Department of Homelessness and Supportive
8 Housing with a new budget, staff, and Director; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 2014 the City and County of San Francisco has not had a long-term,
10 written policy on its plans to reduce homelessness; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the new Department of
12 Homelessness and Supportive Housing to create and adopt a five-year plan, rooted in a
13 “housing first” strategy, to address and reduce homelessness in San Francisco; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges that the creation of the
15 five-year plan take into account known best practices for reducing homelessness and solicit
16 input from various stakeholders that will be key in realizing the success of the plan; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds it in the best interests of
18 the City’s taxpayers and homeless individuals and families to have a written five-year plan to
19 address and reduce homelessness in San Francisco.