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[Year of Recognizing Youth Experiencing Homelessness in San Francisco - FY2017-2018]

Resolution declaring FY2017-2018 as the year of recognizing youth experiencing homelessness in the City and County of San Francisco, supporting the plan to end youth homelessness, and urging the Department of Public Health and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to allocate resources for homeless youth and transitional age youth populations proportional to their representation among the homeless population in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Unaccompanied children are defined as those individuals under the age of 18 who are not part of a family or are unaccompanied by their parent or guardian during the episode of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Among all major cities, San Francisco has the highest percentage of unsheltered unaccompanied children and homeless transitional age youth (TAY) at approximately 1,363 individuals; and

WHEREAS, 2% of these youth are unaccompanied children, at 104 individuals; and WHEREAS, TAY comprise the majority of San Francisco's homeless youth population;

WHEREAS, 93% of all of San Francisco's homeless unaccompanied children and 81% of the homeless TAY population are unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, Unaccompanied children are more likely to be on the streets without a place to stay than are homeless adults in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, 39% of SF's Homeless TAY Population noted they used emergency shelter services, 21% used shelter day services, and 14% stayed in transitional housing; and

WHEREAS, Unaccompanied children are more likely to be on the streets without a place to stay than are homeless adults in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness is the single highest known risk factor for dropping out of school; and

WHEREAS, More homeless youth report domestic violence as the cause of their homelessness compared to the adult population; and

WHEREAS, 36% of San Francisco's homeless TAY population report psychiatric or emotional conditions, 23% drug or alcohol abuse, 21% a physical disability, 26% Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and 13% are living with HIV or AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Currently, San Francisco's inpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment facilities are not TAY specific, and may not be developmentally appropriate for transitional age youth experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco missed its 2015 deadline to build 400 supportive housing units for TAY, with 188 completed so far, and 92 in various stages of construction and pre-development; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the Obama Administration set a federal goal of ending homelessness for youth, children, and families by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ending youth homelessness in San Francisco is a strategic step towards San Francisco's 10-Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco's 2015 Point-in-Time count, there were nearly 1,600 unaccompanied youth, accounting for 21% of all individuals counted, however a large number of youth experiencing homelessness continue to go unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, LGBT youth are disproportionately represented in the homeless youth population, as many as 40% of the nation's homeless youth population identify LGBT; and

WHEREAS, Young LGBT people have long come to San Francisco seeking safety and community, are an essential part of the fabric of the City, and we as a city should offer them refuge; and

WHEREAS, A May 2017 Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee hearing brought much needed attention to the issues of youth homelessness and the City's investments in services for youth experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, At the hearing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (DHSH) noted that 6% of their budget specifically addresses the needs of homeless youth in FY2016-2017, compared to 76% spend on services for homeless adults; and

WHEREAS, In 2017 San Francisco was selected for the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant, and DHSH has working with closely with community partners to create a Coordinated Community Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness, which includes recommendation on how the grant award should be spent; and

WHEREAS, While the YHDP money is a promising opportunity for the City, San Francisco needs to establish a commitment to building on in order to truly address the needs of young adults and the recommendation made in the community plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby declares FY2017-2018 the Year Recognizing Youth Experiencing Homelessness in San Francisco, and urges the City to prioritize the needs of homeless youth across every City department; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City to prioritize creating a TAY Navigation Center in accordance with adopted BOS ordinance (File No. 160278) and funds committed to Navigation Centers in upcoming two year budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges DHSH to allocate funds and services toward addressing the needs of homeless youth and TAY proportional to allocations made on behalf of their adult counterparts; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges departments to report back to the Board of Supervisors on their progress in addressing and ending youth homelessness in San Francisco as we carry on efforts to abolish chronic homelessness.



## **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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