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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mohammed Nuru, Director, Public Works
Jeff Kositsky, Director, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

FROM:  Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director
Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: December 5, 2017

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Mayor Lee on November 28, 2017:

File No. 171256

Resolution declaring a homeless shelter emergency, and authorizing the Director of Public Works to construct, improve, or repair facilities pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 6.60(a); and the Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to contract for homeless services and to offer such services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of individuals affected by homelessness and all San Francisco citizens in accordance with the requirements in Administrative Code, Section 21.15.

If you have 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 or by email at: alisa.somera@sfgov.org.

c: David Steinberg, Public Works
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1 [Emergency Declaration - Declaration of Homeless Shelter Emergency and Authorizing
2 Certain Emergency Contracting Provisions]

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8 **San Francisco citizens in accordance with the requirements in Administrative Code,**
9 **Section 21.15.**

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11 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco ("Board
12 of Supervisors"), after careful study and consideration, has determined that there is a
13 shortage of safe and sanitary housing throughout the City, particularly for no, low, and
14 moderate income persons; and

15 WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 57-16, enacted on April 22, 2016, the Board of
16 Supervisors found that a significant number of persons within the City are without the ability to
17 obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those
18 persons; and

19 WHEREAS, For that reason, and based on factual findings set forth in that ordinance,
20 the Board of Supervisors declared the existence of a shelter crisis in the City and County of
21 San Francisco in accordance with California Government Code Sections 8698 through
22 8698.2; and

23 WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 97-17, enacted May 17, 2017, the Board of Supervisors
24 reaffirmed the findings of Ordinance No. 57-16, finding that a significant number of persons
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1 within the City continue to be without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the resulting threat
2 to the health and safety of those persons continues; and

3 WHEREAS, For that reason, the Board found that the City needed to expeditiously
4 award contracts to complete repairs or improvements to properties designated for navigation
5 centers and/or temporary housing; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the January 2017 point in time homeless count there were
7 7,499 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco, a 2% increase from 2013; and

8 WHEREAS, Between 2015 and 2017 San Francisco saw a 31% increase in chronic
9 homelessness; and

10 WHEREAS, The 2017 Point in Time Count found that 58% of the homeless population
11 was unsheltered, 21% were under the age of 25 years, and 32% were over the age of 51
12 years with attendant deteriorating physical health, deteriorating mental health; and

13 WHEREAS, In light of the state and local findings of a continued and worsening shelter
14 crisis, the high and increased number of unsheltered individuals who often occupy public
15 spaces and streets, and continued and worsening threats to the health and safety of those
16 persons affected by the crisis, the Board finds that the City must continue to establish a
17 citywide network of homeless services and sites to offer services including navigation centers
18 in order to expeditiously offer resources to individuals experiencing homelessness; and

19 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors urges and supports the Directors of Public Works
20 and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive housing in implementing the necessary
21 emergency provisions needed to address the deteriorating health, safety and welfare
22 conditions on the streets; and

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the foregoing
24 recitals are true and correct; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares that there continues to
2 be an ongoing emergency in providing emergency shelter for individuals experiencing
3 homelessness; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Director
5 of San Francisco Public Works to work with City departments including the Department of
6 Homelessness and Supportive Housing and do any and all things necessary or advisable to
7 construct, improve or repair facilities to provide resources for persons experiencing
8 homelessness; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of San Francisco Public Works may enter
10 into contracts to provide professional services and/or public works construction services to
11 assist the City in the repair or improvement of facilities for persons experiencing
12 homelessness, without adherence to the requirements of Administrative Code Chapters 6,
13 12A, 12B, 12C, and Chapters 14B; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Department of Homelessness and
15 Supportive Housing (“HSH”) may enter into contracts for homeless services and to offer such
16 services to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals affected by homelessness and
17 all San Francisco citizens in accordance with the requirements of Administrative Code Section
18 21.15; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED , That within 30 days of any contract authorized by this
20 resolution being fully executed by all parties, the Directors of San Francisco Public Works and
21 HSH shall submit to the Clerk of the Board a completely executed copy of their Department’s
22 respective contracts for inclusion in File No. 171256.