

1 [Supporting "Mayors and CEOs for U.S. Housing Investment" and "Opportunity Starts At
2 Home" - Urging the President and United States Congress to Work With City Leaders to End
3 Homelessness]

4 **Resolution supporting "Mayors and CEOs for U.S. Housing Investment," a bipartisan**
5 **coalition welcoming city leaders and CEOs as common stakeholders in expanding**
6 **housing opportunities and ending homelessness, and "Opportunity Starts At Home," a**
7 **long-term, multi-sector campaign to meet the rental housing needs of the nation's**
8 **lowest income people; and urging the President and the United States Congress to**
9 **work with city officials and local governments in order to ensure neighborhood and**
10 **household stabilization, and avert the negative impact of inadequate housing as it is**
11 **linked to unemployment, rising health care costs, public safety challenges, and**
12 **homelessness.**

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14 WHEREAS, America's cities are the strength of the nation – communities of
15 neighborhoods where people live, work, learn, and play; and

16 WHEREAS, Every American deserves a decent home in a suitable living environment
17 with adequate financial stability to maintain it; and

18 WHEREAS, Affordable housing contributes to the economic vitality of our communities
19 and local economic regions as a vehicle for creating jobs and increasing municipal tax bases;
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21 WHEREAS, There is an irreplaceable role for the federal government in addressing our
22 nation's housing needs; and

23 WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that inadequate housing is linked to issues
24 including unemployment, rising health care costs, public safety challenges, and poor
25 academic performance; and

1 WHEREAS, The demand for affordable housing far outpaces the supply in the United
2 States, as wages have not kept pace with rising home values over the period following the
3 subprime mortgage crisis; and

4 WHEREAS, In no state, metropolitan area, or county can a worker earning the federal
5 minimum wage or prevailing state minimum wage afford a two-bedroom rental home at fair
6 market rent by working a standard 40-hour week; and

7 WHEREAS, Three out of four households eligible for federal housing assistance
8 receive none; and

9 WHEREAS, On any given night, there are an average of 560,000 Americans
10 experiencing homelessness, meaning they are sleeping outside, in an emergency shelter, or
11 in a transitional housing program, including over 120,000 children and over 39,000 veterans;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, According to our Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing,
14 nearly 7,500 people are experiencing homelessness daily in San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, According to our Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing,
16 nearly 21,000 people are experiencing homelessness over the course of the year in 2017 in
17 San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco supports the bipartisan coalition
19 “Mayors and CEOs for U.S. Housing Investment,” and welcomes all city leaders and CEOs to
20 consider joining the coalition as common stakeholders in expanding housing opportunities and
21 ending homelessness; and

22 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco supports the national, multi-sector
23 housing campaign “Opportunity Starts At Home,” a long-term, multi-sector campaign to meet
24 the rental housing needs of the nation’s lowest income people; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the President and
2 Congress to work with city leaders to end homelessness and ensure that the lowest-income
3 and most vulnerable households have the opportunity for safe, decent, affordable housing;
4 and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress to
6 bridge the funding gap between rents and income for extremely low-income households
7 through rental assistance programs, including supporting a mechanism to address the
8 acceptance of rental assistance vouchers; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the federal
10 government to work with local governments to expand the stock of affordable housing and
11 workforce housing; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress
13 to restore and improve funding for neighborhood and household stabilization to provide
14 emergency assistance to avert housing instability, homelessness, and neighborhood decline.

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