

1 [Lifting Time Limits in Rental Subsidy Program for Low Income Families]

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3 **Resolution calling on the Human Services Agency (HSA) to remove the arbitrary time**  
4 **limit in its local housing subsidy for homeless families and to make the timeline for**  
5 **this subsidy need-based.**

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7 WHEREAS, According to the Homeless Prenatal Program, there are at least 2000  
8 homeless families living in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, Homeless families include at least 1560 family members, including 760  
10 children living in SRO hotels; and

11 WHEREAS, Living in homeless shelters, SRO hotels and overcrowded conditions has  
12 severe negative impacts on the health and well-being of children, including serious and  
13 chronic health problems, developmental delays, mental health problems, academic failures,  
14 behavioral problems, and hunger and poor nutrition; and,

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to housing homeless  
16 families; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in  
18 2006 funded a local housing subsidy which would provide 300 families with a rental subsidy  
19 of \$500 per month; and,

20 WHEREAS, The intention of this subsidy was to allow homeless families to move into  
21 long-term, stable, appropriate and affordable housing; and,

22 WHEREAS, The rental subsidy program currently has a one year time limit which can  
23 be extended to two years; and,

1           WHEREAS, This arbitrary time limit of one year means that, if they cannot raise their  
2 income \$6,000 more per year, families will face the possibility of losing their housing when the  
3 subsidy is removed; and

4           WHEREAS, The high cost of fair market housing in San Francisco means that it is  
5 difficult for working families to stay in San Francisco without the subsidy or find housing that  
6 they can afford once the time limit of the subsidy has passed; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
8 calls on the Department of Human Services (HSA) to remove the arbitrary time limit in its  
9 local housing subsidy for homeless families and to make the timeline for this subsidy need-  
10 based; and

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges HSA to extend the  
12 timeline of the subsidy for any family who is at risk of losing their housing due to the subsidy  
13 being removed.