

1 [Urging Specific City-Wide Public Safety and Behavioral Health Priorities in the FY2020-2021  
2 Budget]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor to fund specific city-wide public safety priorities in**  
4 **the FY2020-2021 budget, including foot patrols and traffic enforcement, crime**  
5 **prevention, civilianization efforts, and behavioral health priorities, including**  
6 **additional treatment beds, mobile outreach, community-based treatment and**  
7 **investment to acquire cooperative living units for individuals with chronic mental**  
8 **illness.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Mayor of San Francisco will release the proposed two-year  
11 budget for the City and County of San Francisco for FYs 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 on  
12 June 1, 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has discretionary authority  
14 to amend and supplement the Mayor's proposed Budget through the legislative process;  
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16 WHEREAS, The Budget and Legislative Analyst identified public safety to be a  
17 key budget priority for the Board of Supervisors, as reflected in their presentation to the  
18 Budget and Finance Committee on March 13, 2019, and which is on file with the Clerk  
19 of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190265, which is declared to be a part of this  
20 Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

21 WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee held a "Budget Priority Hearing"  
22 on April 24, 2019, on Public Safety featuring presentations by the Police Department,  
23 SF SAFE, the District Attorney, Municipal Transportation Authority, Budget and  
24 Legislative Analyst, and key community stakeholders, to assess current funding levels,  
25 determine funding gaps and opportunities, and strategies employed by various

1 departments to address public safety, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
2 Supervisors in File No. 190370, and which is hereby declared to be a part of this  
3 Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

4 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors identified public safety areas of interest,  
5 including SF Police Department staffing levels, academy classes and civilianization,  
6 crime prevention and response with a focus on vehicle break-ins, community  
7 approaches to public safety, gun violence restraining orders, youth and vocational  
8 services, Muni driver security, Vision Zero, narcotics arrests and convictions, and the  
9 jails; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to the 2018 Budget and Legislative Analyst audit of the  
11 Police Department which made recommendations with regards to civilianization and  
12 scheduling, there are two staffing reports in progress that should be completed by  
13 summer 2019 with key recommendations for police staffing, including the City  
14 Controller's Office civilianization analysis and the Matrix study on sworn and non-sworn  
15 staffing levels; and

16 WHEREAS, As of April 19, 2019, there are 1,886 full-duty sworn officers in the  
17 Police Department, and the Department plans to graduate and hire 137 academy  
18 graduates by October 2019, which will meet and exceed the Charter mandate of 1,971  
19 sworn officers; and

20 WHEREAS, The Police Department budgeted 25 positions to be civilianized for  
21 2018-2019, and six of those positions have been filled with the rest still in progress; and

22 WHEREAS, The clearance rates for property crime as well as narcotics cases  
23 have been decreasing in recent years; and

24 WHEREAS, The number of thefts from vehicles in 2018 had decreased from  
25 2017, totaling 24,555 and averaging 67 thefts per day; and

1           WHEREAS, The Police Department has increased the use of foot patrols almost  
2 threefold between March 2016 and March 2019; and

3           WHEREAS, While San Francisco has seen a recent increase in collisions and  
4 pedestrian fatalities, the Police Department has increased staffing for traffic  
5 enforcement to deter collisions, including an increase of ten officers and a motorcycle  
6 training class to increase staffing resources; and

7           WHEREAS, The Budget and Legislative Analyst identified mental health and  
8 substance use to be a key budget priority for the Board of Supervisors, as reflected in  
9 their presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee on March 13, 2019, and which  
10 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190265, which is  
11 declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

12           WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee held a “Budget Priority Hearing”  
13 on May 1, 2019, on Mental Health and Substance Use featuring presentations by the  
14 Department of Public Health, Budget and Legislative Analyst, and key community  
15 stakeholders, to assess current funding levels, determine funding gaps and  
16 opportunities, and strategies employed by various departments to address behavioral  
17 health, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190369,  
18 and which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein;  
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20           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors identified several behavioral health areas  
21 of interest, including outreach services, residential treatment beds for individuals  
22 stepping down from involuntary holds, intensive case managers and psychiatrists to  
23 ensure immediate access, and measures to reduce recidivism among individuals with  
24 behavioral health diagnoses in the criminal justice system; and  
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1           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has outlined many points of entry  
2 into the behavioral health system, including primary care and hospital, community  
3 providers, homeless services, behavior health access center, justice-involved systems,  
4 city partners and one's self; and

5           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health outlines the range of behavioral  
6 health services that are offered, including prevention and early intervention, outpatient  
7 treatment, residential treatment, crisis programs, hospitalization and involuntary  
8 treatment, and locked facilities; and

9           WHEREAS, There is currently approximately \$260,000,000 in funding allocated  
10 for mental health services, and \$45,000,000 allocated for substance use disorder  
11 services; and

12           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has identified two primary  
13 challenges within the behavioral health system, as a 20 percent vacancy rate for  
14 behavioral health clinicians and a 23 percent vacancy rate for county psychiatrists, and  
15 treatment for individuals with unique needs who are experiencing homelessness; and

16           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has identified three priorities for  
17 the coming year, including increasing outreach and health services in shelters and  
18 navigation centers, expanding behavioral health respite beds, and expanding mental  
19 health and co-occurring residential treatment beds; and

20           WHEREAS, Members of the Budget and Finance committee identified additional  
21 challenges with regards to the city's behavioral health system, including a lack of data in  
22 terms of wait times and tracking clients particularly for psychiatric emergency services,  
23 not enough treatment on demand and a lack of available beds, the cycling in and out of  
24 individuals from and to the behavioral health system, and a lack of housing solutions for  
25 people exiting acute mental health care; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors herein urges the Mayor to prioritize  
2 key public safety investments in the FY2019-2020 budget, including an increase in  
3 officers assigned to foot patrols and traffic enforcement, language access strategies for  
4 police officers, gun violence and property crime prevention, and technology and  
5 infrastructure investments; and, be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors herein urges the Mayor  
7 to prioritize key policy changes within the Police Department, particularly with the  
8 department's staffing model, including civilianization efforts and scheduling changes, to  
9 maximize existing investments for public safety; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors herein urges the Mayor  
11 to prioritize key behavioral health investments in the FY2019-2020 budget, including  
12 additional resources and coordination to realize true treatment on demand, additional  
13 beds for long-term care, step-down beds for individuals released from acute psychiatric  
14 in-patient care, community-based treatment for forensically-involved and dual-diagnosis  
15 individuals with complex health challenges, diversion from Psychiatric Emergency  
16 Services where applicable, mobile outreach with diagnosis and referral capacity, more  
17 medical respite and psychiatric respite shelter beds to prevent the cycle of hospital to  
18 street, and investment to acquire cooperative living units for individuals with chronic  
19 mental health needs.

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