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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 30, 2019

To: Sophia Kittler, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office

From: *ACC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging Specific City-Wide Public Safety and Behavioral Health Priorities in the FY2020-2021 Budget (File No. 190510)

On May 14, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 249-19, sponsored by Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer (File No. 190510, Urging Specific City-Wide Public Safety and Behavioral Health Priorities in the FY2020-2021 Budget); enacted on May 24, 2019.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for the Mayor's Office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Sandra Lee Fewer, Hillary Ronen, Rafael Mandelman, and Catherine Stefani
Andres Power, Mayor's Office
Rebecca Peacock, Mayor's Office

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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"
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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;
19 and

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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Resolution

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May 14, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Safai, Stefani and Yee

Excused: 2 - Ronen and Walton

File No. 190510


I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/14/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor

5/24/19
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


fr Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

5/24/2019
Date