

1 [Urging the Department of Real Estate to Pursue an Option to Lease or Purchase Parcel -  
2 888 Post Street - Navigation Center]

3 **Resolution urging the Department of Real Estate to pursue a financially feasible option**  
4 **to lease or purchase Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 0300, Lot No. 009, at 888 Post Street,**  
5 **for use as a Navigation Center and/or workforce development and multi-use service**  
6 **center serving homeless and/or formerly homeless individuals.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco opened its first Navigation Center in 2015 at 1950 Mission  
9 Street, the same year that Supervisor Peskin and then-Homeless Director, Bevan Dufty,  
10 began to pursue the option of utilizing Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 906 Broadway as a  
11 feasible Navigation Center site, which was sold and the private owner opted not to lease to  
12 the City; and

13 WHEREAS, In June 2017, the City released its biennial homeless count report, which  
14 showed an increase of homeless residents in neighborhoods where they have not traditionally  
15 been visible, including District 3, which saw its homeless population increase the most of any  
16 other Supervisorial District between 2015 and 2017 by 106%, which led to a commitment from  
17 then-Mayor Ed Lee to dedicate funding from a \$6 million allocation in the budget to a  
18 Navigation Center in District 3 when one became feasible; and

19 WHEREAS, In November 2017, after a temporary Navigation Center site proposal for 6  
20 to 9 months was approved at 1515 S. Van Ness Avenue (a site ultimately intended to be  
21 multi-family housing), Supervisor Peskin requested that the Mayor’s Office of Housing pursue  
22 a temporary Navigation Center at 88 Broadway prior to the development of affordable housing  
23 on-site, with the potential acquisition and deployment of temporary modular housing which  
24 could later be relocated and repurposed for emergency housing or Navigation Center beds in  
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1 other locations, which ultimately did not move forward due to Departmental concerns about  
2 the potential for delays to the construction of the permanent housing; and

3 WHEREAS, In November 2017, a Port-owned shed at Pier 23 was also presented as a  
4 potential Navigation Center site to help the Embarcadero community address the growing  
5 population of homeless in this area, but rejected due to concerns over the cost of fire safety  
6 improvements; and

7 WHEREAS, In November 2017, Supervisor Peskin held an educational community  
8 meeting and listening session with over 200 District 3 stakeholders and residents, as well as  
9 representatives from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, SF Public  
10 Works, the Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Police Department and local  
11 service providers, which focused on detailed information about the City's successful  
12 Navigation Center model, and which ultimately ended with an overwhelming consensus from  
13 District 3 residents in attendance that a Navigation Center in District 3 was worth pursuing;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In September 2018, after months of discussion with city staff, Supervisor  
16 Peskin brought the Mayor a proposal to utilize a portion of the public land at the terminus of  
17 Kearny and Bay Streets as a Navigation Center with 80 beds serving District 3 residents and  
18 already served by utility infrastructure that the City would not have to build and fund; and

19 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has made strides to address  
20 homelessness by increasing shelter beds, supportive housing subsidies, and access to direct  
21 services, including helping nearly 1,000 people exit homelessness in the first part of 2019;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has continued to support increased resources  
24 for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to continue its critical work and  
25 the voters of the City and County of San Francisco overwhelmingly approved Proposition C:

1 “Our City, Our Home” Initiative in 2018 to tax corporations to fund exits to homelessness and  
2 support the Department of Homelessness’s core functions; and

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Breed delivered a clear mandate in her January State of the City  
4 address that every district and neighborhood must do its part to support the City’s work to  
5 address homelessness, stating “No more excuses. No more status quo. And let’s be clear –  
6 every part of our city, every neighborhood must be open to being part of the solution.”

7 WHEREAS, Every neighborhood has the potential to host a Navigation Center tailored  
8 to the available neighborhood development opportunities and services tailored to the  
9 neighborhood demographics, and existing Navigation Centers range from 64 beds at the  
10 Central Waterfront site to 126 beds at the Division Circle site, both of which have proven  
11 successful in their locations; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Real Estate has been in active negotiations to lease  
13 and/or purchase property serving homeless and/or formerly homeless individuals at  
14 Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 0300, Lot No. 009, at 888 Post Street; and

15 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin has undertaken early neighborhood outreach in March  
16 2019, at the Lower Polk Neighbors regular meeting to answer questions about homeless  
17 services and floated the potential for a Navigation Center at 888 Post, which was well-  
18 received on the condition that the community would have the opportunity to work with the City  
19 on whatever proposal was crafted; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
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