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1	[Authorizing the Shelter Monitoring Committee to Hold Public Meetings]
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3	Motion authorizing the Shelter Monitoring Committee to meet remotely during the
4	COVID-19 Shelter in Place Order.
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6	WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed proclaimed a state of
7	emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and on March 3, 2020, the Board of
8	Supervisors concurred in the February 25 Proclamation; and
9	WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the County Health Officer issued Order No. C19-07,
10	replaced by Order No. C19-07b on March 31, 2020, extended and replaced by Order No.
11	C19-07c on April 29, 2020, directing San Franciscans to stay in their homes and follow social
12	distancing requirements when outside the home; and
13	WHEREAS, On April 30, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed issued the Eighth Supplement
14	to the Emergency Proclamation, providing that City policy bodies may not hold public
15	meetings from March 18 through May 31, 2020, unless the Board of Supervisors, acting by
16	written motion, or the Mayor or the Mayor's designee directs otherwise, based on a
17	determination that a policy body has an urgent need to take action to ensure public health,
18	safety, or essential government operations; and
19	WHEREAS, The Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC) regularly conducts business that
20	is necessary for public health, safety, and essential government business; and
21	WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Article XII Sec. 20.300, which authorizes the Shelter
22	Monitoring Committee states that "There is a significant public interest in determining that the
23	homeless shelters that the City funds are safe and sanitary, that the shelters' policies and
24	procedures are fair and meet the needs of the clients accessing shelter services; that
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I	operators receiving City funds are complying with their contractual obligations to the City, and
2	that shelter clients benefit from the expenditure of public funds;" and

WHEREAS, Sec. 20.300 also states: "The Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, any future advisory body created by the City and County of San Francisco, and the public, among others, need to be able to access accurate and comprehensive information regarding shelters;" and

WHEREAS, The SMC performs multiple essential governmental operations as the advisory body charged with conducting site visits to the City's emergency shelters, preparing and submitting reports, and recommending actions based on those site visits; and

WHEREAS, Since the issuance of the Eighth Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation, several new emergency homeless shelter programs have been established, or existing programs altered; and

WHEREAS, Complaints by residents of these new or existing programs have been brought to the attention of individual members of the SMC, including but not limited to complaints of substandard physical conditions and inadequate access to substantive and procedural justice, and allegations of unauthorized civil detention by shelter operators; and these complaints likewise have been brought to the attention of nongovernmental housing and homelessness advocates, that, were the Shelter Monitoring Committee permitted to continue meeting on a consistent basis, would have been addressed in the Committee's regular course of dealings; and

WHEREAS, So long as the Shelter Monitoring Committee is not authorized to meet, it is not clear what if any administrative recourse San Francisco offers to persons bringing such complaints; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors determines that the Shelter Monitoring Committee has an urgent need to resume meetings to ensure public health, safety, or essential government operations; and, be it FURTHER MOVED, That the Shelter Monitoring Committee is authorized to hold public meetings on a regular basis, provided that such meetings occur by teleconference or other electronic means without providing a physical meeting place, and the Committee complies with all applicable rules under the Sunshine Ordinance and the Brown Act governing meetings of policy bodies, as those rules may be amended by Mayoral or Executive Order during the COVID-19 emergency.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Matt Haney

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