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1	[Affirming the Board of Supervisors' Commitment to Advancement of Racial Equity in the City
2	and County Programs, Policies and Services]
3	Resolution affirming the Board of Supervisors' commitment to advancing racial equity;
4	and affirming the City and County of San Francisco's responsibility to address existing
5	inequities in City programs, policies, and services.
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7	WHEREAS, Under Mayor Ed Lee's leadership, the City and County of San Francisco
8	(the City) developed a Strategic Planning Framework in which equity and inclusion were
9	identified as key priorities for all City operations and Departmental services; and
10	WHEREAS, Despite evident prosperity in measures such as low unemployment rate,
11	stark disparities exist for City residents, especially along racial lines; and
12	WHEREAS, Race currently predicts worse outcomes for people of color across the
13	spectrum of key indicators including education, income, housing stability, incarceration and
14	life expectancy; and
15	WHEREAS, On September 19, 2018, the Board of Supervisors Government Audit and
16	Oversight Committee held a hearing regarding African-American workforce hiring, retention,
17	promotional opportunities, and data tracking of work place discrimination complaints in the
18	City and County of San Francisco; and
19	WHEREAS, On November 27, 2018, the Board of Supervisors held an additional
20	hearing to discuss the same issues; and
21	WHEREAS, At those two hearings, the Board heard reports from the Department of
22	Human Resources and other City departments, and from many members of the public; and
23	WHEREAS, The Human Rights Commission also learned at the hearing that 13% of
24	departments do not capture race/ethnicity data, and of those departments and programs that

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1	do, this information is not consistent across the board, so therefore there is no data standard
2	for the primary lens needed to track and progress on disparities across systems; and
3	WHEREAS, Racial equity is defined as closing the gaps so that race does not predict
4	one's success while also improving outcomes for all; and
5	WHEREAS, Addressing institutional racism across all levels of government requires
6	leadership and political will; and
7	WHEREAS, Jurisdictions around the country such as Seattle, Portland, and
8	Minneapolis, are working to address racial inequities in their existing systems by first explicitly
9	naming their responsibility to do so, which is the foundation to begin integrating equity best
10	practices throughout their systems; and
11	WHEREAS, As a best practice to provide transparency and accountability, these
12	jurisdictions identify a set of key Racial Equity Indicators to track and report progress towards
13	and those are presented in an accessible and meaningful format to the public, such as a
14	dashboard; and
15	WHEREAS, The Racial Equity Indicators to be meaningful for systemic change will
16	require data governed by a data standard for race and ethnicity; now, therefore, be it
17	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the City's collective and
18	urgent responsibility to address inequities in its systems and their ongoing impacts on San
19	Francisco's communities of color, and affirms the importance of taking legislative and
20	administrative steps to eliminate inequities in the City; and, be it
21	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board intends to take appropriate action in the
22	coming months to adopt best practices, such as equity assessment analyses, into its strategic
23	and operational plans to ensure equity in City programs, policies and services.
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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Cohen, Ronen Subject: Advancement of Racial Equity in the City and County Programs, Policies and Services The text is listed: Resolution Affirming the Board of Supervisors' Commitment to Advancing Racial Equity and Affirming the City and County of San Francisco's Responsibility to Address Existing Inequities in City Programs, Policies and Services. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: