

1 [Urging the Adoption of Sections in the October 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force Report  
2 - Bridge the Digital Divide]

3 **Resolution urging the adoption of certain Sections in the October 2020 Economic**  
4 **Recovery Task Force Report that recommend the City pursue economic justice,**  
5 **provide high-quality computers to vulnerable populations; bridge the digital divide with**  
6 **affordable connectivity and internet service, and build technology capacity of news**  
7 **users, small businesses, and non-profits; and seeking the Department of Technology**  
8 **to provide a literature review of the past 20 years of the City's efforts to close the**  
9 **digital divide, and provide the Board with a written estimate of cost for the**  
10 **implementation of the three Sections proposed for adoption.**

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12 WHEREAS, October 2020, the City and County of San Francisco produced the  
13 Economic Recovery Taskforce Report ("Report"); and

14 WHEREAS, Section 5.4 of the Report recommends the City provide high-quality  
15 computers to vulnerable populations identified the Department of Technology (SFDT) and  
16 MOHCD (Office of Digital Equity) as the departments that should develop a program to  
17 facilitate the donation of high-quality computers and related technology that local companies  
18 no longer need to be distributed to individuals in need; and the program would develop a  
19 platform, standards, and distribution process for donate computers; and

20 WHEREAS, Section 5.5 of the Report recommends the City bridge the digital divide  
21 with affordable connectivity and internet service identified by the Department of Technology  
22 should extend existing efforts to install fiber to very low, low, and moderate-income  
23 households at public housing and affordable locations; this would include dedicated annual  
24 funding to support the maximum feasible level of expansion on an annual basis; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Section 5.5 of the Report identified Public Works and Department of  
2 Technology to create an interagency working group to consider ways to lower the cost of fiber  
3 installation, including streamlining the permit process, to bring affordable connectivity to low-  
4 income households regardless of where they live in San Francisco; and

5 WHEREAS, Section 5.5 of the Report identified Department of Homelessness and  
6 Supportive Housing (HSH) and encourage them to expand existing efforts to deliver high-  
7 speed internet services at SROs; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 5.6 of the Report recommends the City build Technology capacity  
9 of new users, small businesses, and non-profits identified MOHCD (Office of Digital Equity) as  
10 the lead partner with digital literacy nonprofits to provide phone-based technology assistance  
11 for the new technology users, small business, and nonprofits citywide; and

12 WHEREAS, For over 20 years, the City has held hearings and produced countless  
13 reports on the digital divide; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
15 urges the adoption of Sections 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 of the October 2020 Economic Recovery  
16 Taskforce Report; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of  
18 Technology to provide the Board with a written estimate of the cost of implementation of all  
19 Sections being urged for adoption by the Resolution by June 1, 2021; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of  
21 Technology to provide the Board with a Literature Review of efforts put forth by the City in the  
22 last 20 years by June 1, 2021.