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1	[Urging the United States Treasury to Expedite the Process to Feature Harriet Tubman on the Twenty-Dollar Bill]
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3	Resolution urging the United States Treasury to expedite the process to feature Harriet
4	Tubman on the twenty-dollar bill for her legacy of equality, social justice, and freedom;
5	and to reflect the history and diversity of the United States.
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7	WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman is recognized as a symbol of freedom and as a
8	revolutionary historical figure for her brave act of freeing people from their enslavement; and
9	WHEREAS, Born as a slave herself in 1822, Harriet Tubman escaped in 1849 from the
10	Maryland plantation to Philadelphia and then she came back to free her family as well; and
11	WHEREAS, After the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act allowed slave owners to capture
12	escaped slaves in other states, Harriet Tubman, with the help of other abolitionists, organized
13	escaped slaves to flee to Canada in what was called the Underground Railroad; and
14	WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman served in the American Civil War for the Union as the first
15	woman to lead an armed expedition in war by serving roles where she was needed as a
16	nurse, cook, scout, and even spy; and
17	WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman led the Raid on Combahee Ferry where she helped free
18	more than 700 enslaved people during the American Civil War; and
19	WHEREAS, Including the Combahee Ferry Raid, Harriet Tubman has freed over 800
20	enslaved people through her work with the army and Underground Railroad; and
21	WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman's repeated acts of bravery to stand up against racism and
22	injustice has inspired many civil rights leaders, activists, politicians and persons of every
23	background; and
24	WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman represents what America is supposed to be and fought for
25	our most important value of freedom; and

1	WHEREAS, In April 2016, the Obama Administration and United States Treasury
2	Secretary Jacob Lew announced that Harriet Tubman's portrait would be on a redesigned \$20
3	bill to be unveiled in 2020 and the current image of President Andrew Jackson, a slaveholder,
4	would be moved to the bill's reverse side; and
5	WHEREAS, The update would have made Harriet Tubman the first woman since
6	Martha Washington to appear on an American currency note and the first African American;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, In May 2019, United States Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin of the
9	Trump Administration announced the postponement of Harriet Tubman \$20 bill until 2026 or
10	2028; and
11	WHEREAS, In June 2019, the United States Treasury launched an investigation
12	specifically asking for a review of the involvement of other participants in the interagency
13	process related to the redesign — including the Secret Service, Federal Reserve, and the
14	White House — to ensure that political considerations have not been allowed to infect the
15	process for designing American currency; and
16	WHEREAS, On January 25, 2021, the Biden Administration announced efforts to
17	speed up honoring Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill to reflect the history and diversity of this
18	country; now, therefore, be it
19	RESOLVED, That Harriet Tubman, a woman who was born a slave who freed herself
20	and hundreds of others from the shackles of slavery deserves to be honored on the \$20 bill
21	for her legacy of equality, social justice, and freedom; and, be it
22	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports
23	honoring Harriet Tubman on the United States twenty-dollar bill; and, be it
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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the
2	Biden Administration in expediting this process that was initially announced during the Obama
3	Administration in 2016; and, be it
4	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United
5	States Treasury to expedite the process of honoring and featuring Harriet Tubman on the
6	United States twenty-dollar bill; and, be it
7	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
8	the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the United States Secretary of
9	the Treasury, the Speaker of the House, and the United States President.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date 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. inquiries" 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor 5. City Attorney Request. from Committee. 6. Call File No. 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 **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Walton, Ronen, Melgar, Stefani, Chan, Mar Subject: Urging the United States Treasury to Expedite the Process to Feature Harriet Tubman on the Twenty-Dollar Bill The text is listed: Resolution urging the United States Treasury to expedite the process to feature Harriet Tubman on the twenty-dollar bill.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Shamann Walton

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