

1 [Board of Supervisors Budget Process - FYs 2021-2022 and 2022-2023]

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3 **Motion establishing goals for the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Appropriations**
4 **Committee, and the process to guide the Board's deliberations on the City budget, for**
5 **Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors each year strives to design a budget process
8 with broad involvement from not only all members of the Board but also the Mayor's Office,
9 City agencies, service provider networks, labor partners, and members of the public; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year, it is up to the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations
11 Committee to design a budget process that accomplishes the above goals; and

12 WHEREAS, On December 10, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed
13 Motion M19-180, stating that, "By March 1 each year, the chair of the Budget and
14 Appropriations Committee shall introduce a motion for consideration by the Board, delineating
15 the budget process for the coming months, including but not limited to: the Committee's
16 anticipated hearing topics from March through June, the process for the Board to identify and
17 publicly communicate its policy priorities for the budget; whether the Board will schedule
18 Committees of the Whole to hold hearings on the Mayor's budget instructions, the Mayor's
19 budget priorities, the Mayor's proposed budget, the Board's proposed spending plan, or other
20 topics; and the Committee's guidelines regarding public transparency and decision-making;"
21 and

22 WHEREAS, On December 17, 2019, the Board of Supervisors also unanimously
23 passed Ordinance No. 294-19, requiring City agencies to hold public hearings prior to
24 submission of their proposed budgets, requiring the Mayor to hold a public meeting on her
25 proposed budget and also to submit budget priorities to the Board, and requiring the

1 Controller to maintain a centralized website with City budget information accessible to the
2 public; and

3 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated the inequities
4 pervasive in our city and it is imperative that we think strategically about our City's
5 investments and divestments, protecting the health and safety of our most vulnerable
6 residents and promoting an equitable economy that works for all San Franciscans; and

7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is committed to holding itself and City agencies
8 accountable to actively engaging the public in budget meetings and committing not only to
9 transparency but also to soliciting and incorporating meaningful feedback from every phase of
10 the process into budget development; and

11 WHEREAS, The City's budget for FY2020-2021 totaled 13.7 billion dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, The City's budget is made up of property taxes, business taxes, other local
13 taxes, fees, charges for services, as well as intergovernmental revenue from the state and
14 federal governments and a variety of other sources; and

15 WHEREAS, It is primarily local taxpayers who contribute to the City's budget and so it
16 is to this public that the Board of Supervisors and more broadly the City and County of San
17 Francisco must hold itself accountable during the budget process; and

18 WHEREAS, The City budget is the most important policy document deliberated by the
19 Board of Supervisors, and is reflective of the values of this body as well as the Mayor of San
20 Francisco; now, therefore, be it

21 MOVED, That the following goals are established for the Budget and Appropriations
22 Committee's budget process:

- 23 1) To urgently act to rebuild San Francisco, to ensure that the basic needs of San
24 Franciscans are met, to stabilize families during a period of economic recession,

1 and to rebuild San Francisco toward a more equitable, gender just, and racially just
2 future, by prioritizing:

3 (a) COVID-19 recovery for our most vulnerable populations,

4 (b) housing affordability, housing stability, and homelessness services,

5 (c) healthcare access including mental health, drug treatment, and food security,

6 (d) early care and education, youth educational services and closing the digital
7 divide,

8 (e) small businesses, workforce development, financial empowerment, and
9 neighborhood stabilization,

10 2) To stop corruption inefficiencies and waste in city government; and

11 3) To innovate and fund new ideas that move away from failed policies and focusing on
12 impact; and, be it

13 MOVED, That The Board of Supervisors values investing in critical public services and
14 programs and sustaining the City's workforce, as they are essential to stabilizing our economy
15 during a period of economic recession and provide the best possible foundation for a swift
16 economic recovery for all, growing our tax base, and mitigating future costs as a result of a
17 prolonged economic recession; and, be it

18 MOVED, That in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Board requests that all
19 departments and agencies justify their expenditures with a data-driven COVID-19 spending
20 plan that uses the best available data to strategically invest City dollars, in addition to state
21 and federal government relief funding, in COVID-19 response; these plans must continue
22 protecting seniors and immunocompromised individuals most at risk, and communities
23 disproportionately impacted by COVID 19 cases and death; and be it

1 MOVED, That the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hold hearings in March
2 of 2021 focused on key department budgets that are of most interest to all District offices;
3 and, be it

4 MOVED, That to promote transparency and community outreach the Budget Chair will
5 join citywide budget town halls in April 2021 with District Supervisors; and, be it

6 MOVED, That the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hold a series of issue
7 based budget hearings in April and May of 2021 on key topics reflecting policy areas
8 prioritized by the Committee, for which the Budget and Legislative Analyst will produce
9 analysis for the Committee's consideration; and, be it

10 MOVED, That Budget and Appropriations Committee will hold hearings in May 2021
11 as determined by the Controller's Office pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 3.3; and be
12 it

13 MOVED, That all other agency budgets will come before the Budget and
14 Appropriations Committee in June 2021; and, be it

15 MOVED, That all agencies will present their data on layoffs and program cuts by
16 sharing the demographics of the impacts to communities of color of all income levels both
17 staffing and programmatic impacts; and, be it

18 MOVED, That in June, the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall
19 publish a list of all budget requests received and also publish a proposed spending plan, upon
20 which the public can comment prior to final deliberations of the Committee; and, be it

21 MOVED, That the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hear public comment
22 during the first Round of June Department presentations and shall hold at least one meeting
23 in June dedicated to public comment.