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Board Item No. 31

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Date: June 4, 2021  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Urging Extension of Utility Debt Relief]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Public Utilities**  
4 **Commission to extend utility debt relief to assist households up to 80% Area Median**  
5 **Income and customers enrolled in Community Choice Aggregation programs.**

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7 WHEREAS, On May 14, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom announced in his May budget  
8 revise the state would provide up to \$2 billion in relief for utility debt including \$1 billion for  
9 electricity and gas arrears; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 18, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
11 Francisco unanimously passed a resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the  
12 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to extend the utility shut-off moratorium past  
13 June 30, 2021, and forgive utility debt beginning March 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and its San Francisco Public  
15 Utilities Commission (SFPUC) have been leaders in providing support to utility customers,  
16 including suspending shutoffs prior to the state mandate, implementing residential and  
17 commercial emergency COVID discount programs, participating in national convenings, and  
18 leading legislative efforts to secure funding; and

19 WHEREAS, A majority (70%) of San Francisco's electricity supply is provided by the  
20 SFPUC's Hetch Hetchy Power and CleanPowerSF Programs; and

21 WHEREAS, CleanPowerSF, a not-for-profit program of the SFPUC that provides  
22 cleaner energy at competitive rates to San Francisco electricity customers, and has served  
23 residential and commercial customers since May 2016; and

24 WHEREAS, The SFPUC suspended the return of delinquent CleanPowerSF  
25 Customers to PG&E generation service for failure to pay CleanPowerSF charges and

1 implemented a one-time \$2.8 million customer assistance bill credit for low-income customers;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, On April 27, 2021, the SFPUC extended its emergency customer  
4 assistance programs and rule changes described above, through March 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, As of March 29, 2021, CleanPowerSF's residential customer bill  
6 delinquency more than 60 days overdue was \$2,739,333, with highest percentage of  
7 delinquent customer accounts being in Districts 6 and 10, two districts with the highest poverty  
8 rates in San Francisco which have also been historically impacted by environmental harms  
9 including power generation and suffered from a lack of access to affordable and reliable  
10 energy; and

11 WHEREAS, Prior to shelter-in-place for COVID, 10% of active CleanPower SF  
12 customer accounts were enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)  
13 program, and as of October 1, 2020, 13.4% of all CleanPowerSF customers are enrolled in  
14 CARE or Family Electric Rate Assistance Program (FERA), a 34% increase in the number of  
15 program participants since March 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, California's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)  
17 utilizes the Federal Poverty Level to determine a household's eligibility for program  
18 assistance; and now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
20 urges Governor Newsom and the CPUC to provide utility debt relief to households with up to  
21 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) of San Francisco instead of the Federal Poverty Level;  
22 and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
24 Francisco urges the office of Governor Newsom and the CPUC to provide utility debt relief to  
25 customers of CCA programs in addition to investor-owned utilities; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
2 Francisco urges the SFPUC to continue to explore debt relief for its customers in preparation  
3 that the Governor and CPUC’s actions may fall short of providing the appropriate amount of  
4 relief; and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
6 Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the  
7 office of Governor Newsom and the CPUC.

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Print Form

# 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.
- 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):

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Subject:

Resolution Urging Extension of Utility Debt Relief

The text is listed:

Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to extend utility debt relief to assist households up to 80% AMI and customers enrolled in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:



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