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1	[Condemning the Suspension of U.S. Track Athlete Sha'Carri Richardson]
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3	Resolution condemning the suspension of U.S. Track Athlete Sha'Carri Richardson and
4	urging the United States Anti-Doping Agency and World Anti-Doping Agency to change
5	the classification of cannabis and remove it from its list of prohibited substances.
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7	WHEREAS, Sha'Carri Richardson won the 100 meters at the U.S Track and Field
8	Olympic Trials in Oregon in June 2021 qualifying her for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics; and
9	WHEREAS, Sha'Carri Richardson tested positive for cannabis use by the the United
10	States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) shortly after her race and was barred from competing in
11	the Tokyo Olympics; and
12	WHEREAS, Sha'Carri was grieving the death of her biological mother who died days
13	before the U.S. Trials in addition to the stress of the trials; and
14	WHEREAS, As many as 19 U.S. states have legalized cannabis use, including the
15	state of Oregon in which Sha'Carri Richardson used cannabis, and 35 countries across the
16	world have legalized cannabis in some form; and
17	WHEREAS, Professional leagues such as the NFL, NHL, and NBA have reduced the
18	enforcement of marijuana rules, they have acknowledged that the drug does not enhance
19	performance, despite that, the Olympics still tests and punishes athletes for its use; and
20	WHEREAS, The WADA's own medical director has stated there is no evidence for
21	cannabis use as a performance-enhancing drug; and
22	WHEREAS, Although the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has reduced the
23	penalties for cannabis use and reclassified it by removing it from the category of performance-
24	enhancing drug, the WADA continues to prohibit its use as it 'relaxes' athletes ahead of
25	competition, which can 'enhance' their performance; and

1	WHEREAS, These drug policies are a produce of anti-drug laws that have historically
2	impacted Black and Brown communities; so, therefore be it
3	RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns the decision to
4	suspend Sha'Carri Richardson and bar her from competing in the Tokyo Olympics; and, be it
5	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the USADA and the
6	WADA to change the classification of cannabis and remove it from its list of prohibited
7	substances.
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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. 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 **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Haney Subject: [Resolution Supporting Unionizing Dignity Health Security Officers] The text is listed: Resolution Condemning the Suspension of U.S. Track Athlete Sha'Carri Richardson

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/Matt Haney

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