1   [Urging President Joseph R. Biden to Take Action on Sana'a Airport]

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3   **Resolution urging President Joseph R. Biden to act to reopen Sana'a Airport to civilian**

4   **travel and help stop the ongoing humanitarian crisis.**

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6   WHEREAS, Yemen is going through the worst humanitarian crisis in the modern era;

7   and

8   WHEREAS, Over seven years of civil war, regional war, and a suffocating siege, has

9   caused one of the worst famines in the history of Yemen; and

10   WHEREAS, On August 9,2016, Yemen's main airport closed after the Saudi-led

11   coalition imposed restrictions on the country's airspace; and

12   WHEREAS, Due to lack of medical supplies, diseases have spread and caused havoc

13   through the country causing the number of deaths in the country to double; and

14   WHEREAS, In light of this tragic humanitarian crisis, the main supporters of the

15   Yemeni people have become those living abroad, especially Yemeni Americans, who provide

16   support to their families, and neighbors; and

17   WHEREAS, As Yemen's main airport, Sana'a used to be the gateway connecting

18   millions of Yemenis to the outside world, hosting as many as 6,000 passengers a day, and

19   more than 2 million passengers every year; and

20   WHEREAS, When a Yemeni American travels to Yemen to visit their family, they are

21   forced to travel through Aden Airport in southern Yemen, and from there a treacherous, and

22   dangerous journey awaits him; and

23   WHEREAS, Not only is the road from Aden to various cities in Yemen long, taking up

24   to 15 hours by car, but the road is also unsafe because of the numerous checkpoints along

25   the way; and

1   WHEREAS, Recently, a young man by the name of Abdul Malik Al-Sanabani, who had

2 been in the United States for over seven years, was brutally killed at one of the checkpoints in

3 Aden; and

4   WHEREAS, Yemenis have been stripped of their right to travel abroad to seek medical

5 care, conduct business, study or visit family; and

6   WHEREAS, Hundreds of students have missed out on opportunities to study abroad or

7 take up scholarships; and

8   WHEREAS, The humanitarian crisis has become extremely difficult in Yemen, and the

9 danger of traveling to and from Aden is terrifying and life threatening; now, therefore, be it

10   RESOLVED, The reopening of Sana'a airport will give Yemenis a lifeline and ease the

11 humanitarian situation; and, be it

12   FURTHER RESOLVED, The closure of the airport, with its restrictions on commercial

13 imports, humanitarian goods and the movement of people, disproportionately hurts civilians

14 and therefore violates the laws of war according to the UN Human Rights Council; and, be it

15   FURTHER RESOLVED, State and city officials must put pressure on the Biden

16 administration to act on Sana'a Airport and stand against anyone who obstructs the opening

17 of Sana'a airport for travelers and humanitarian cases; and, be it

18   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board

19 to send a copy of this Resolution to President Joseph R. Biden upon its final adoption.

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Resolution

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October 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/26/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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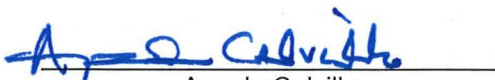Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
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London N. Breed
Mayor

11/05/2021
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Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

11/8/2021
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Date