Resolution urging Governor Jerry Brown to declare a State of Emergency on Homelessness to help coordinate region- and state-wide response to this growing crisis and provide supplementary state assistance to cities and counties to provide needed supportive services.

WHEREAS, Homelessness is a growing problem throughout California and the entire West Coast; and

WHEREAS, California accounted for 21% of the nation’s homeless population in 2015; and

WHEREAS, California had the highest percentage of homeless people counted in unsheltered locations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, California reported the largest numbers of homeless unaccompanied youth at 28% of the national total; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness with more than 11,000 veterans living on the streets in 2015; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Point-in-Time Homelessness Count in 2015 identified 7539 homeless adults and youths, a 7% increase since 2005; and

WHEREAS, According to the same survey, 29% of San Francisco’s homeless population initially became homeless outside of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco spends $241,000,000 per year funding homeless services according to recent reports and that number does not include the outreach and work done by public safety workers; and
WHEREAS, Other cities, such as Los Angeles, are also grappling with the homelessness crisis and have already diverted resources and declared states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness knows no city or county boundaries but is a regional and state-wide issue and only a coordinated response will alleviate this crisis; and

WHEREAS, The struggles of those who are experiencing homelessness call for a comprehensive approach to provide permanent housing, shelter, needed medical care and aid; and

WHEREAS, California is a state with a strong reputation for compassion and helping the most vulnerable of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Only through a state-wide effort will we truly be able to respond effectively to this crisis and ensure that services, shelter, and permanent exits from homelessness are available to individuals wherever they become homeless; and

WHEREAS, The State of Hawai‘i and the cities of Los Angeles, California, Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon have all declared states of emergency, using the proclamations as a way to make more funds available, extend contracts with homeless service providers, earmark monies for new family shelters, and/or bypass ordinances to enable the swiftest action possible to address the homelessness crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Governor of California to issue a statewide declaration of emergency to help coordinate the response and resources for homeless individuals and families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of San Francisco and the Office of the Governor to inventory all surplus public property statewide, except for parks and open space, to both provide emergency and short-term shelter, following the model of San Francisco’s Navigation Center, which provides shelter...
while allowing residents to maintain their support network and connecting them with needed services and resources to successfully exit homelessness, and create permanent housing opportunities with the right level of services to ensure that housing opportunities are stable and successful in the long-term; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, and the legislators currently representing San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area in the California State Assembly and Senate, Assembly Members Phil Ting and David Chiu, and Senator Mark Leno.

Supervisors Kim; Cohen, Campos, Peskin, Mar, Avalos
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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March 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

March 22, 2016 Board of Supervisors - NOT AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 3 - Cohen, Tang and Wiener
Noes: 7 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Kim, Mar, Peskin and Yee
Excused: 1 - Farrell

March 22, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee
Excused: 1 - Farrell

May 12, 2016 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 12, 2016 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

May 12, 2016 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

May 24, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin and Wiener
Noes: 2 - Tang and Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/24/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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