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PRESS RELEASE ***BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY PASSES 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE HOMELESS PRENATAL SITE***

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Today, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed <u>legislation</u> by Supervisor Shamann Walton to allow 100% affordable housing at the Homeless Prenatal Program (HPP) location on 2500-2530 18th Street.

This ordinance addresses the foundation of a multi-step process to allow HPP to expand its mission and services in the neighborhood, including placing very low-income families in housing that they can afford. Prior to this ordinance, housing was not a permitted use on the Production, Distributing, and Repair (PDR) 1G parcel that is immediately adjacent to HPP's existing building. This ordinance will also make the block's zoning consistent as these are the only two lots that are zoned Urban Mixed Used (UMU), while the rest of the block is zoned PDR 1G.

"I am proud along with my co-sponsors Supervisors Ronen and Stefani that this ordinance will allow 100% affordable housing on the site of the Homeless Prenatal Program and will allow Homeless Prenatal to expand its mission and services, including placing our city's most vulnerable families earning 0% AMI up to 80% AMI in housing that they can afford," said Supervisor Shamann Walton, President of the Board.

This is a very targeted proposed change that has come about because of the parcel's availability and proximity to the existing HPP headquarters. The HPP team has engaged in preliminary outreach with stakeholders in the neighborhood and the neighborhood has been extremely appreciative of their support of this change to the zoning. HPP will continue to engage with the community as a specific project comes into shape. There will be no market rate housing allowed on this site.

"This is an opportunity for life changing impact for the betterment of homeless families, their children and for the community as a whole," said Martha Ryan, Founder and Executive Director



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of the Homeless Prenatal Program. "We all know that housing alone is not enough, so we plan to provide on-site services for families including employment services. Moreover, HPP's other important services will be right next door. We could not do this important work without the leadership and tremendous support of Supervisor Walton."

The <u>Homeless Prenatal Program</u> began in 1989, with over 30 years of experience. HPP moved to the Mission in 2005 and serves over 3,000 families annually. It is a family resource center with a mission to break the cycle of child poverty by investing in families as they start with services ranging from prenatal support to job training. Over half of HPP's staff of 100+ are former clients or come from the community it serves. 90% of babies born to clients are born at healthy weights and 99% are drug-free. HPP helps house over 250 families annually and 90% remain in stable housing a year later.

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