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[Urging the Governor and California State Legislature to Retain Market Match Funding]

Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the California State Legislature to retain full funding for the Market Match program in the California Nutrition Incentive Program under the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

WHEREAS, In his January 2024 budget proposal, Governor Newsom proposed cutting \$33.2 million from the three-year \$35 million California Nutrition Incentive Program (CNIP) budget under the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); and

WHEREAS, Market Match is a 15 year old program funded through CNIP and the USDA's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) that incentivizes CalFresh (known nationally as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)) recipients to spend their benefits for farm-direct fresh fruits and vegetables by providing a dollar for dollar match on CalFresh purchases, up to a daily maximum, at 291 farm-direct outlets across the state in 52 California counties; and

WHEREAS, 30% of San Francisco households with children are experiencing food insecurity as of 2023; and

WHEREAS, There are over 101,000 San Franciscans in 74,000 households receiving CalFresh, and almost 9,000 residents receiving Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); and

WHEREAS, In 2023, there were 116,346 customer visits to markets offering Market Match in San Francisco, including 15,072 new customers; and

WHEREAS, Market Match is California's largest nutrition incentive program that increases access to fresh, healthy produce and food for people with low incomes, while

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reinvesting state and federal dollars into California's small and mid-sized farms and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, There are currently four organizations administering Market Match at farmers' markets in San Francisco through CNIP funding: Agricultural Institute of Marin, Foodwise, Heart of the City Farmers' Market, and Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, there were a total of 580 market days offering Market Match in San Francisco, at nine locations, including Castro CFM, Clement Street Farmers' Market, Divisadero Farmers' Market, Ferry Plaza, Fillmore CFM, Heart of the City Farmers' Market, Inner Sunset CFM, Mission Community Market, and Stonestown Farmers Market; and

WHEREAS, The Heart of the City Farmers' Market in Civic Center is the largest farmers' market EBT program in the state, with \$2.57 million in CalFresh spending and an estimated \$1.91 million in Market Match funds; and

WHEREAS, GusNIP brings grant dollars into the state, and the Market Match program leverages federal funds by matching nutrition assistance benefits with funds that can be spent by low-income Californians to buy healthy, fresh food grown by California farmers; and

WHEREAS, Absent state funding, Market Match will not be able to meet the nonfederal match and bring significant federal funds into the state; and

WHEREAS, More than 160 safety net, economic development, sustainable agriculture, school districts, and local food systems organizations have joined the Save Market Match Coalition, including San Francisco-based nonprofit organizations GLIDE, Foodwise, Heart of the City Farmers Market, and the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, to advocate to retain state funding to continue the Market Match program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Governor Gavin Newsom and the California State Legislature to retain full funding for the Market Match program through the

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California Nutrition Incentive Program (CNIP) budget under the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to California Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Scott Wiener, and Assembly Members Phil Ting and Matt Haney, with a request to take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this Resolution.

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April 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton Excused: 1 - Melgar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/23/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed Mayor 05/03/2024

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.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

05/03/2024

Date