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Supervisors Pass \$7.9 Billion “Shared Priorities” Budget

Supervisor Kim Pushes Youth, Seniors & Family Stabilization

San Francisco – The Board of Supervisors came to a consensus on a budget that laid out a clear set of priorities for the City that included keeping working families in San Francisco, housing the City’s growing homeless population, investing in violence prevention and restoring almost \$2 million in youth programming cuts.

Housing & Homelessness

One of the biggest wins comes on the heels of the City’s most recent homeless count, which estimated at least 941 young people are living on the streets on any one day. In 2006 the Mayor's Transitional Youth (TAY) Task Force released 16 recommendations to address youth homelessness, including creating 400 units of TAY housing by 2015, but less than half of the 400 units have been created to date.

Supervisors Kim and Chiu led the Board in advocating for the full funding of a new TAY housing development at 5th Street and Harrison Street, which will put 44 units online for homeless youth integrating back into the workforce in September of this year. The City’s recent homeless count revealed that more than 29% of the total 7,350 homeless residents identified as LGBTQ, a troubling trend that highlights the need for housing stability within the queer community.

“As a queer and trans young person who has experienced homelessness, I continue to be concerned about where homeless queer youth can be safe when drop-in centers are being defunded and loitering on the sidewalk is being criminalized,” said San Francisco Youth Commissioner Mia Tu Mutch. “San Francisco has surpassed New York as the most expensive place to live in the U.S, so this investment at 5th & Harrison is incredibly important if we are going to fulfill our commitment to house 400 homeless youth by 2015.”

In addition, over \$1 million was designated for emergency housing and services for the homeless, and another \$1 million for homeless shelter staffing and maintenance.

“Everywhere I go in my district, constituents want to know how we can curb and ultimately end the homelessness in our City,” said Supervisor Jane Kim. “I tell them the single most-important policy solution I can advocate for is funding affordable housing and wrap-around services that will stabilize our community, get them off the streets and back into the workforce.”

Youth & Families

“Ensuring that our youth are able to access critical academic support, out-of-school programming and violence prevention services continues to be one of my top priorities,” said Supervisor Jane Kim, who spent four years on the City’s Board of Education. “District Six has the lowest median income of any other district in the City, and the Tenderloin in particular grapples with the double-whammy of the highest concentration of both children and poverty. I am proud that we were able to restore almost \$2 million in cuts to youth programs citywide.”

In addition, the District 6 Supervisor prioritized funding targeting stabilization efforts in the rapidly changing South of Market neighborhood, including public safety in the one neighborhood park, eviction counseling, and senior meals and services.

Pedestrian Safety

“Pedestrian safety is one of our top three legislative priorities, in addition to stabilization and school funding,” said Supervisor Kim. “I am pleased that we were able to partner with the Mayor to fully fund a traffic calming pilot on Sixth Street, which has one of the highest rates of vehicle-pedestrian collisions in the City. Pedestrian safety is a public health issue, and I’m thrilled that we were able to prioritize near-term solutions in this year’s budget.”

The Board’s Budget and Finance Committee forwarded the \$7.9 billion budget to the full Board on Thursday evening at 11:00 PM, with a legislative chamber full of community members looking on. The full Board is expected to approve the balanced budget on July 16th.

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