

FILE NO. 020598

RESOLUTION NO. 352-02

1 [Resolution endorsing the creation of Homeless Shelters, transitional housing strategies and
2 housing solutions appropriate for senior homeless populations within the City and County of
3 San Francisco.]

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5 **strategies and housing solutions appropriate for senior homeless populations within**
6 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, The 2000 U.S. census reported San Francisco Seniors over the age of
9 sixty to be 17.56% of the total population; and

10 WHEREAS, Homelessness is a condition of poverty relating to the lack of affordable
11 housing in San Francisco; and,

12 WHEREAS, 75% of those on GA/CAAP are over age 40 , including 18% over age 65,
13 receiving grants that range from \$320 to ~~\$394~~ ^{\$395} per month; and,

14 WHEREAS, elders on basic Social Security, or Social Security with a SSI supplement
15 receive about \$750 a month; and,

16 WHEREAS, A room at a SRO hotel with a bathroom down the hall comprises housing
17 of last resort for many poor seniors; and,

18 WHEREAS, SRO Hotels rooms now rent for approximately \$150 to \$200 a week, and
19 some hotels practice "musical rooms" where you must vacate the premises after 28 days;
20 and,

21 WHEREAS, In the first "age over 60?" survey of people living in shelters, Next Door
22 had 15%, MSC-S had 11%; and,

23 WHEREAS, 10.9% of the homeless patients discharged from San Francisco General
24 Hospital were over age 55; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Recent enrollments at Swords to Plowshares show 15% of the veterans
2 are over sixty and as many as 20%-25% over fifty; and,

3 WHEREAS, Homeless people have little or no sense of place or community, little or no
4 security in sleep and the usual rule is ["]in by 10 p.m., out by 8 a.m. hauling your belongings with
5 you, ["]and,

6 WHEREAS, The total number of spaces in beds and on mats in the shelters and the
7 total number of chairs in the Over Night Drop In at Resource Centers is far less than the total
8 homeless count; and,

9 WHEREAS, The number of slots in shelters varies by season because of the Winter
10 Emergency Shelter and the Interfaith programs, and the number of mats grows by about 500
11 in the cold months, subsiding after March; and,

12 WHEREAS, A given shelter may have nightly lottery and case managed slots; and,

13 WHEREAS, 73% of MSC-S survey respondents participate in the lottery every day;
14 and,

15 WHEREAS, The Episcopal Sanctuary has 100 to 150 lottery applicants for 30 nightly
16 spaces; and,

17 WHEREAS, Most who participate in the lottery for MSC-S may eventually be admitted,
18 the last group of numbers may be called after midnight; and,

19 WHEREAS, At Hospitality House and the Man's Place, people sign a stand-by list
20 hoping to occupy beds of residents who don't check in; and,

21 WHEREAS, Each night sixty to seventy people are transported by MAP vans from
22 shelter to shelter looking for beds; and,

23 WHEREAS, since the senior homeless are not going to *shape-up* and graduate the
24 shelter in 60 or 90 days, their *exit plan* is to go on day after day using the lottery, sleep outside
25 if they have no luck, and face uncertain odds for survival; and,

1 WHEREAS, The shelter survey shows that many homeless Seniors reject case-
2 managed continuing beds, and that homeless Seniors are not greatly different than others in
3 finding existing shelters unsafe; and,

4 WHEREAS, Senior homeless are reliant on the shelter system for housing and such
5 reliance is thus tantamount to permanent Senior Housing which is neither safe, permanent,
6 supportive nor appropriate for senior populations for reasons stated above; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 endorses and supports making existing shelters livable for Seniors; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco endorses and supports creation of Homeless Shelters for and specifically
12 addressing the unique needs of homeless senior populations, and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14 Francisco endorses and supports creation of both appropriate transitional Senior Housing and
15 permanent, affordable senior housing.



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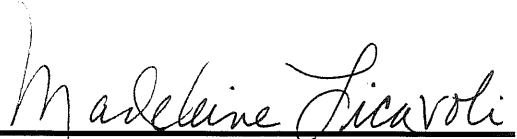
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on May 28, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Madeleine Licavoli
Acting Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date Approved