

1 [Commending Homeless Mothers in San Francisco]  
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3 **Resolution Commending the Homeless Mothers Who Are Struggling to Raise Families**  
4 **in San Francisco in the Midst of a Housing Crisis.**  
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6 WHEREAS, A report by the San Francisco City's Controller found that by 2002 the City  
7 lacks sufficient shelter beds for homeless families and families usually wait three to five  
8 months for space in a full-service shelter. In 2005 the wait list to get into a full service shelter  
9 continues to be as high as 100 and the wait continues to be three to five months; and

10 WHEREAS, The Mayor of San Francisco at his State of the City's Children address on  
11 April 6, 2005 noted that San Francisco's housing crisis is in part due to the fact that it cost a  
12 family of three over \$69,000 annually to live in the City; and,

13 WHEREAS, Most homeless families do not earn enough money, even those who are  
14 employed, to be able to pay for "affordable" housing; and,

15 WHEREAS, More than five hundred children, under 17 years of age, live in San  
16 Francisco Emergency and Transitional Shelters on any single day; and,

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Ten Year Plan to abolish chronic homelessness self  
18 proclaims on page one of its "Changing Directions" Executive Summary that "This plan is  
19 directed at the 3,000 chronically homeless". A chronically homeless individual is defined as  
20 "an unaccompanied disabled individual who has been sleeping in one or more places not  
21 meant for human habitation or in one or more emergency homeless shelters for over one  
22 year or who has had four or more periods of homelessness over three years". Thus, the plan  
23 focuses on single individuals and does not prioritize the needs of the many homeless parents  
24 and children; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, According to the 2000 U.S. Census, San Francisco had the lowest  
2 percentage of people younger than 18 of any large city in the nation, 14.5 percent, compared  
3 to 25.7 percent nationwide; and,

4           WHEREAS, The 2000 U.S. Census reported that despite an overall 7% population  
5 growth in San Francisco, the African American population decreased from 78,931 to 60,515,  
6 a decrease of 23% in ten years; and,

7           WHEREAS, According to Hamilton Family Center, the largest provider of shelter and  
8 services to homeless families in San Francisco, over 80 percent primary caregivers of  
9 homeless families are women; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
11 honor and recognize the homeless mothers who are struggling to raise families in San  
12 Francisco in the midst of a housing crisis that has left thousands without a home; and, be it

13          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
14 Francisco urges the Mayor and all City Departments to develop strategies, including local  
15 rental subsidies, to stop the exodus of families and children from the City of San Francisco;  
16 and, be it

17          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
18 Francisco declare Sunday May 8, 2005 as the day to honor and recongize the work of  
19 homeless mothers raising children in San Francisco.



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May 10, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 10, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

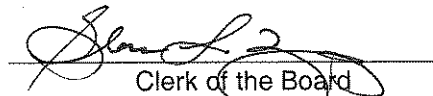
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Date Approved

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: May 20, 2005

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
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