

1 [Lifting Time Limits in Rental Subsidy Program for Low Income Families]
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5 **Resolution calling on the Human Services Agency (HSA) to remove the arbitrary time**
6 **limit in its local housing subsidy for homeless families and to make the timeline for**
7 **this subsidy need-based.**

8 WHEREAS, According to the Homeless Prenatal Program, there are at least 2000
9 homeless families living in San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, Homeless families include at least 1560 family members, including 760
11 children living in SRO hotels; and

12 WHEREAS, Living in homeless shelters, SRO hotels and overcrowded conditions has
13 severe negative impacts on the health and well-being of children, including serious and
14 chronic health problems, developmental delays, mental health problems, academic failures,
15 behavioral problems, and hunger and poor nutrition; and,

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to housing homeless
17 families; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in
19 2006 funded a local housing subsidy which would provide 300 families with a rental subsidy
20 of \$500 per month; and,

21 WHEREAS, The intention of this subsidy was to allow homeless families to move into
22 long-term, stable, appropriate and affordable housing; and,

23 WHEREAS, The rental subsidy program currently has a one year time limit which can
24 be extended to two years; and,
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1 WHEREAS, This arbitrary time limit of one year means that, if they cannot raise their
2 income \$6,000 more per year, families will face the possibility of losing their housing when the
3 subsidy is removed; and

4 WHEREAS, The high cost of fair market housing in San Francisco means that it is
5 difficult for working families to stay in San Francisco without the subsidy or find housing that
6 they can afford once the time limit of the subsidy has passed; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 calls on the Department of Human Services (HSA) to remove the arbitrary time limit in its
9 local housing subsidy for homeless families and to make the timeline for this subsidy need-
10 based; and

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges HSA to extend the
12 timeline of the subsidy for any family who is at risk of losing their housing due to the subsidy
13 being removed.



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February 26, 2008 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Dufty

March 4, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Noes: 4 - Chu, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick

Absent: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 4, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



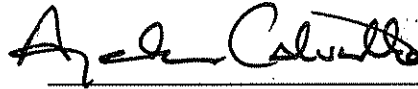
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: March 11, 2008

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angel Colvillo", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk of the Board

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