Resolution amending the single room occupancy (SRO) task force to extend it three years beyond the current sunset date of December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2012 and increasing its membership by one member to fourteen to include an additional tenant representative: Nine members appointed by the Board of Supervisors; four appointed by designated department heads; and one chair appointed by the Director of Health.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the Single Room Occupancy Health, Stabilization and Safety Task Force in August 1999 in response to a rash of fires that resulted in over 900 low income, single room occupancy (SRO) units that were eliminated from the housing market due to fire since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was successful in fulfilling its original mission, expanding its goals in 2003 to include families living in SRO’s, and other quality of life issues faced by residents of SRO hotels; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Board of Supervisors reconfigured the task force renaming it the SRO Task Force, reducing the membership from thirty-two to thirteen representatives and extending its term for three years with a sunset date of December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The SRO Task Force has been in existence for ten years and has been successful in improving and coordinating SRO legislation and outreach incorporating new challenges as they emerge reflecting current trends in SRO policy; and

WHEREAS, the restructured thirteen member Task Force has been a more effective body responsive to the needs of San Franciscans and incorporating the direction of City policy makers than the original larger task force that often could not achieve a quorum; and
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WHEREAS, the Task Force believes that the voice of those living in SRO's should be stronger because tenants have first hand knowledge of the challenges of living in an SRO hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommends increasing the membership by one tenant representative to bring the total number of tenants on the Task Force to two; and

WHEREAS, there is still a lot of work that needs to be accomplished to improve the quality of life for residents living in SRO hotels: the Task Force provides an excellent vehicle for cross dialogue and discussion between city departments, SRO owners and managers and tenants; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force believes that it plays an important role in facilitating this dialogue and has been effective in problem solving; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors amends the SRO Task Force legislation extend its sunset to December 31, 2012 and to expand the seats from thirteen to fourteen voting members plus a nonvoting Chair (except in the event of a tie vote); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors will appoint nine members of the Task Force: two SRO tenant; two private SRO owners/operators, one non-profit SRO operator/owner, and one representative from each of the four SRO Collaboratives; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the relevant City Departments will appoint four members of the Task Force: Director of the Human Services Agency will appoint one representative, the Director of Department of Building Inspections one representative, the City Attorney one representative from the Code Enforcement Task Force, and the Director of the Department of

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Public Health one representative from Housing and Urban Health and one from Environmental Health; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of the Department of Public Health will appoint a non-voting (except in the case of a tie vote) Chair; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRO Task Force shall monitor and make policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and annually report its progress; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRO Task Force will adopt and assist in the implementation of the following two goals:

A. Goal 1: San Francisco SRO Hotels are safe, accessible, stable, and ‘just’ places to live in.
   1. Identify and provide training, consultation and direct services furthering this goal.
   2. Develop and advocate legislation, regulations, policies and/or procedures furthering this goal.
   3. Monitor compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies and/or procedures.

B. Goal 2: Affordable, healthy, and appropriate housing options are available in San Francisco so that extremely low-income families do not have to raise their children in SRO Hotels.
   1. Advocate strategies to move families out of SROs and into permanent housing.
   2. Advocate goals for assuring San Francisco housing and supportive housing units are affordable to 0-25% medium income families will be advocated for.
   3. Advocate strategies to prevent families from losing their housing.
4. Review San Francisco Planning Code, Administrative Code, and other pertinent City Ordinances and recommend amendments necessary to implement Goal 2.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That after three years, the Task Force will sunset.
Resolution amending the Single Room Occupancy Task Force to extend it three (3) years beyond the current sunset date of December 31, 2009, to December 31, 2012, and increasing its membership by one (1) member to fourteen (14) to include one (1) additional tenant representative: nine (9) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors; four (4) appointed by designated department heads; and one (1) chair appointed by the Director of Health.

November 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Duftly, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/17/2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Date 11-23-09