

1 [Urging the Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to  
2 Convene a Nonprofit Displacement Work Group]

3 **Resolution urging the Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community**  
4 **Development to convene a work group to develop a series of recommendations on how**  
5 **the City can address the issue of nonprofit displacement.**

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7 WHEREAS, On October 9, 2013 the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of  
8 Supervisors conducted a hearing on the impact of the rapid rise of commercial rents and early  
9 termination of leases on non-profit organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, The hearing included a presentation from the Budget and Legislative  
11 Analyst's Office to provide research on rental rates from 2011 to 2013 during which period the  
12 rental rates increased from \$39.67 per square foot per year to \$52.69 per square foot per  
13 year, a 32.8 percent increase over a two year period; and

14 WHEREAS, Within the same period, the Budget and Legislative Analyst also reported  
15 a decrease in commercial vacancy from 12.4 percent to 9.3 percent in 2013; and

16 WHEREAS, Representatives from over 50 nonprofit organizations and their clients  
17 testified during public comment on the impact of rising rents on their organizations and spoke  
18 about the importance of developing solutions to stabilize operations of the nonprofit  
19 organizations during this economic boom; and

20 WHEREAS, The discussion spurred by the hearing requires deeper analysis and  
21 participation with a broad range of stakeholders from City departments, the philanthropic  
22 community, private sector, nonprofit organizations and clients; and

23 WHEREAS, A work group should begin working immediately and include staff from the  
24 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, Mayor's Budget Office, Arts  
25 Commission, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the Human Service Agency,

1 the Department of Public Health, Department of Children, Youth and their Families,  
2 Department of Real Estate and the Planning Department; and

3 WHEREAS, The work group should also include a broad representation of nonprofit  
4 organizations, neighborhood advocates and impacted clients; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community  
6 Development convene the work group within 30 days; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the work group will present a report that includes a series  
8 of recommendations and action items to the Board of Supervisor within 120 days from its first  
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