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**TUESDAY: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman Announces Hearing on Implementation of Place For All, Two-Year-Old Legislation Mandating End to Unsheltered Homelessness**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA — On Tuesday, March 12th,** Supervisor Rafael Mandelman called on the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) and the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to provide an update on the implementation of Place For All. Authored by Supervisor Mandelman and passed by the Board of Supervisors nearly two years ago, the Place For All ordinance required the City to develop and implement a comprehensive citywide strategy to end unsheltered homelessness in San Francisco within three years.

Although the City recently reported a 37% reduction in tents citywide since July 2023, the annual estimate of San Francisco’s unsheltered population required by Place for All and issued in December of last year suggested our unsheltered homeless population had basically held steady: 4,144 in 2022, 4,189 in 2023.

Recent studies show unsheltered individuals face alarming and disproportionate negative health outcomes compared to housed individuals.

“If we are to successfully address the encampments that have come to define San Francisco in national media and are so closely related to the drug crisis that is killing so many, we must have immediately available, safe, and humane places to which unsheltered people may go. That’s a moral imperative and has been a legal one as well,” **said Supervisor Mandelman.**

As mandated by the Place For All ordinance, HSH is required to open, lease, fund or otherwise make available as many shelters, permanent supportive housing units, and safe overnight parking spaces as are necessary to accommodate all of the unsheltered people in San Francisco willing to accept a placement. However, nearly two years after the City adopted Place For All, the City does not have an actionable plan to provide enough shelter beds necessary to accomplish the policy goals of the ordinance.

At the hearing, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman will call on the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the Department of Emergency Management to present on the current number, availability of and demand for shelter beds and other emergency exits from the street, implications of such gaps for citywide encampment resolution efforts, and barriers to the rapid and full implementation of Place for All.

“I’m calling for a hearing because the City is still struggling to address unsheltered homelessness. If we’re serious about ending unsheltered homelessness in San Francisco, and I hope we are, it’s time for a check-in on Place for All,” **said Supervisor Mandelman.**

The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

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