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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Introduced by a Supervisor or the Mayor

Pursuant to Charter Section 2.105, an Ordinance or Resolution may be introduced before the Board of Supervisors by a Member of the Board, a Committee of the Board, or the Mayor and shall be referred to and reported upon by an appropriate Committee of the Board.

ORDINANCES

230155 [Business and Tax Regulations Code - Gross Receipts Tax Rate Increase Postponement and Credits for Opening City Location]

Sponsors: Mayor; Engardio and Dorsey

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to extend through December 31, 2024, the Gross Receipts Tax rates in effect on January 1, 2022, for the business activities of retail trade, certain services, manufacturing, food services, accommodations, and arts, entertainment and recreation, and postpone to January 1, 2025, the imposition of the Gross Receipts Tax rates otherwise set to go into effect beginning January 1, 2023, for those business activities; and to provide for businesses that open a physical location in the City on or after January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027, and that did not have a physical location in the City for at least three years prior to that opening, an annual Gross Receipts Tax credit equal to 0.45% of the business's San Francisco taxable gross receipts from one or more of the business activities of information, administrative and support services, financial services, insurance, and professional, scientific and technical services, for businesses not engaged in business in the City as an administrative office, or 0.7% of the taxable payroll expense of a business that engages in business in the City as an administrative office, for up to three tax years, no later than the 2028 tax year, beginning with the first tax year following the tax year in which the business opened a physical location in the City and not to exceed \$1,000,000 per tax year. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Budget and Finance Committee.

- 230156 [Environment Code - Safe Drug Disposal]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Mandelman
Ordinance amending the Environment Code to eliminate the requirement that certain drugs (“covered drugs”) be disposed of at either a permitted hazardous waste disposal facility or permitted large municipal waste combustor, as those terms are defined by Environmental Protection Agency regulations, or at a facility that provides equivalent or superior environment and human health protection to such facilities, and to instead require that covered drugs be disposed of at a waste disposal facility operating in compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements applicable to that waste disposal facility; to require regular reporting of the compliance status of disposal facilities used; to change drug wholesalers’ obligation to update the City’s list of covered drug producers from an annual update to an update on request of the Environment Department’s Director; to remove the requirement that operators of a drug stewardship plan receive prior approval of a change in manufacturers, and instead add a requirement that such operators receive prior approval of a change in disposal facilities used; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee.
- 230157 [Appropriation - General Reserve - District Attorney - Open-Air Drug Dealing - \$199,286 - FY2022-2023]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Engardio and Mandelman
Ordinance appropriating \$199,286 of General Fund General Reserves for three new positions in the Office of the District Attorney to address open-air drug dealing in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023; this Ordinance requires a two-thirds approval vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Charter, Section 9.113(c). ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230158 [Appropriation - General Reserve - Police Department - Overtime - \$27,640,247 - De-Appropriation and Re-Appropriation - \$31,151,450 - Releasing \$7,430,008 from Reserve - FY2022-2023]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Stefani, Dorsey, Engardio and Mandelman
Ordinance appropriating \$27,640,247 of General Fund General Reserves to the Police Department; de-appropriating \$31,151,450 from permanent salaries, mandatory fringe benefits, and overtime for increased overtime budget in the Police Department in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 as required per Administrative Code, Section 3.17, and releasing \$7,430,008 from expenditure reserve; this Ordinance requires a two-thirds approval vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Charter, Section 9.113(c). ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230159 [Public Employment - Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Office of the District Attorney - FY2022-2023]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Engardio and Mandelman
Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 162-22 (Salary Ordinance Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024) to reflect the addition of three new positions (0.64 FTEs) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 in the Office of the District Attorney to address open-air drug dealing. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230160 [Administrative Code - Establishing the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Public Financing Authority No. 1 (Power Station)]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Walton
Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish and define the membership and duties of the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Public Financing Authority No. 1 (Power Station). ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee.

- 230161 [Administrative Code - Fentanyl Sales and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Notification Requests]**
Sponsor: Dorsey
Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to permit law enforcement officials to respond to a federal immigration officer's request for voluntary notification that a person will be released from local custody, for adults who have been convicted of a felony for the sale, possession for sale, or transport for sale, of Fentanyl, and been held to answer for a felony for the sale, possession for sale, or transport for sale, of Fentanyl. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee.
- 230162 [Police Code - Cannabis Regulation]**
Sponsor: Mandelman
Ordinance amending the Police Code to allow holders of temporary cannabis business permits to transfer an aggregate ownership interest of 50% or more in the business to persons that were not owners at the time the temporary permit was issued so long as five years or more have passed since the Office of Cannabis Director first acknowledged receipt of the business's application for a temporary cannabis business permit, regardless of whether the business has received a permanent cannabis business permit. ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.
- 230163 [De-Appropriation and Appropriation - Recreation and Park and General Services Agency-City Administrator - Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development - 706 Mission Street Fund - \$1,724,908 - FY2022-2023]**
Sponsors: Peskin; Dorsey and Chan
Ordinance de-appropriating \$1,724,908 from the Recreation and Park Department and the General Services Agency-City Administrator and appropriating \$1,724,908 to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for uses permitted in the 706 Mission Street Fund in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230164 [Planning Code - Non-Conforming Public Parking Lots in the Mission Street NCT District]**
Sponsor: Ronen
Ordinance amending the Planning Code to allow continued use of existing shared spaces in specified public parking lots in the Mission Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit (NCT) District without triggering abandonment of the underlying vehicular parking use; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee.
- 230165 [Administrative Code - Reporting Requirements for City-Funded Nonprofit Organizations]**
Sponsor: Safai
Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to limit the application of nonprofit reporting requirements to organizations receiving more than \$100,000 annually, require tax and governance documents to confirm nonprofit status, centralize reporting by restoring the City Administrator as the sole collector of information, and require posting of received information on a public City website. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee.

230166 [Police Code - Displaced Worker Protections Under Certain Service Contracts]

Sponsor: Safai

Ordinance amending the Police Code to require an awarding authority, following the termination or end of a contract for janitorial, security, or building maintenance services in San Francisco, to provide information to facilitate the successor contractor's retention of the terminated or ending contractor's employees; to strengthen enforcement by permitting the City Attorney or an aggrieved employee to bring a civil action against the awarding authority for injunctive relief; to further strengthen enforcement by authorizing the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) to, among other things, promulgate rules, investigate possible violations, and order interim or final relief, including backpay, administrative penalties, costs of investigation, and interest; and to establish procedures for a person subject to an OLSE investigation to appeal the OLSE's determination of violation. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

230167 [Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code - Permit Prioritization]

Sponsor: Safai

Ordinance amending the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code to create a Permit Prioritization Task Force responsible for recommending permit prioritization guidelines to the Department of Building Inspection, the Planning Department, and the Department of Public Works, requiring those departments to review and update their permit prioritization guidelines periodically, and requiring the commissions that oversee each department to approve the department's permit prioritization guidelines; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

230168 [Resolution of Intention to Establish San Francisco Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District No. 1 (Power Station)]

Sponsors: Mayor; Walton

Resolution of intention to establish San Francisco Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District No. 1 (Power Station) to finance public capital facilities and projects of communitywide significance related to the Potrero Power Station project and other authorized costs, and determining other matters in connection therewith, as defined herein. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

230169 [Accept and Expend Grant - Bay Area Young Survivors - Golden Gate Park - \$500,000]

Sponsor: Mayor

Resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend cash and/or in-kind grants from the Bay Area Young Survivors valued at up to \$500,000 for the design and construction of the renovated seating area with memorial elements in Golden Gate Park for the project term of upon approval of this Resolution until notice of substantial completion; and authorizes the Recreation and Park General Manager to enter into amendments or modifications to the grant that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities to the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the grant or this Resolution. (Recreation and Park Department). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

- 230170 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - California State Parks Department Specified Grant - Portsmouth Square Renovation Project - \$6,000,000]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Peskin
 Resolution retroactively authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the Portsmouth Square Renovation Project; approving the associated grant agreement for a term from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026; and authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to enter into amendments or modifications to the agreement that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Project or this Resolution. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230171 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - South Sunset Clubhouse and Playground Renovation Project - \$2,300,000]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Engardio
 Resolution retroactively authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$2,300,000 for the South Sunset Clubhouse and Playground Renovation Project; approving the associated grant agreement for a term from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026; and authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to enter into amendments or modifications to the grant agreement that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Project or this Resolution. (Recreation and Park Department). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230172 [Accept and Expend Grant - California State Library - Building Forward, Library Infrastructure Grant Award - Total Amount \$13,210,129]**
Sponsors: Mayor; Peskin
 Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Public Library to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$13,210,129 from the California State Library Building Forward, Library Infrastructure Program with \$5,280,042 for the Mission Branch Renovation Project and \$7,930,087 for the Chinatown Branch Renovation Project, for the period starting the date of execution of the Agreement by both parties through March 31, 2026. (Public Library). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230173 [Loan Documents - 629 Post Street - Small Sites Program, Academy of Art University Settlement Fund - Not to Exceed \$30,385,225]**
Sponsor: Mayor
 Resolution approving and authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to execute documents relating to a loan for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 629 Post Street, pursuant to the Small Sites Program, utilizing the Academy of Art University Settlement Fund for a total loan amount not to exceed \$30,385,225; confirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and finding that the Project loan is consistent with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230174 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit - Seal Rock Inn Restaurant]**
Sponsor: Chan
 Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fees and related ongoing fees, including the annual occupancy assessment fee, for the Seal Rock Inn Restaurant. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

- 230175 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fees - Detroit Steps Project]**
Sponsor: Melgar
Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee, General Plan Referral fee, Annual Assessment to Maintain Major Encroachment, and Street Improvement fee associated with the Detroit Steps Project. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.
- 230176 [Richard Alfred Galli Day - February 28, 2023]**
Sponsor: Peskin
Resolution commending Richard Alfred Galli for his service to the United States of America as a war veteran and his contributions to the City and County of San Francisco as a 30-year member of the San Francisco Fire Department; and declaring February 28, 2023, to be “Richard Alfred Galli Day” in the City and County of San Francisco. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.
- 230185 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 252 (Gonzalez) - Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuels: Divestment]**
Sponsors: Peskin; Walton, Engardio and Melgar
Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 252, introduced by Senator Lena Gonzalez, requiring the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) to divest from fossil fuel companies. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.
- 230177 [Condemning House Concurrent Resolution 9]**
Sponsor: Preston
Resolution condemning the passage of “Red-Baiting” House Concurrent Resolution 9, and urging Congress not to engage in, vote for, or otherwise support fearmongering and red-baiting by the federal government. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.
- 230178 [Upholding San Francisco Values to Protect our Sanctuary City]**
Sponsors: Ronen; Walton, Preston and Melgar
Resolution urging the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Biden Administration to reject the recent attack on San Francisco’s long-standing Sanctuary Ordinance and urging DHS to extradite the accused individuals without further delay. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.
- 230179 [Urging Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Member Matt Haney, and Assembly Member Phil Ting to Legalize Sex Work in California]**
Sponsor: Ronen
Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Member Matt Haney, and Assembly Member Phil Ting to legalize consensual adult prostitution in the State of California; legalization is a proven effective method to protect the health and safety of sex workers while reducing crime and violence. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

MOTIONS

- 230186 [Mayoral Appointment, Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors - Timothy Reyff]**
Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for the appointment of Timothy Reyff to the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, for a term ending February 26, 2026. (Clerk of the Board). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.
- 230187 [Appointment, Bicycle Advisory Committee - Joshua Kelly]**
Motion appointing Joshua Kelly, term ending November 19, 2024, to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. (Clerk of the Board). REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

REQUESTS FOR HEARING

- 230180 [Hearing - Six Month Budget Status Report - FY2022-2023]**
Sponsor: Chan
Hearing to receive updates on the Six Month Budget Status Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023; and requesting the Controller's Office to report. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- 230181 [Hearing - Nine Month Budget Status Report - FY2022-2023]**
Sponsor: Chan
Hearing to receive updates on the Nine Month Budget Status Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023; and requesting the Controller's Office to report. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- 230182 [Hearing - Economic and Tax Revenue Trends in Downtown San Francisco]**
Sponsor: Chan
Hearing on the Budget and Legislative Analyst's (BLA) report, entitled "Economic and Tax Revenue Trends in Downtown San Francisco;" and requesting the BLA to report. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.
- 230183 [Hearing - Update on Neighborhood-Serving Grocery Store - 555 Fulton Street]**
Sponsor: Preston
Hearing on the status of opening a neighborhood-serving grocery store at 555 Fulton Street and to get updates from site developer Z&L Properties and Trader Joe's; and requesting the Planning Department and Office of Economic Workforce Development to report. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

230184 [Hearing - City Services Auditor Report - The City Must Determine Whether United Council of Human Services Should Continue Providing Services to San Francisco Residents Despite Continuing Noncompliance With City Agreements]

Sponsor: Stefani

Hearing on findings and recommendations made in a November 17, 2022, City Services Auditor Report, entitled "The City Must Determine Whether United Council of Human Services (UCHS) Should Continue Providing Services to San Francisco Residents Despite Continuing Noncompliance With City Agreements," and updates on the 14 recommendations made to the Department of Homeless and Supportive Housing to improve oversight of UCHS' program administration and compliance with grant agreement requirements; and requesting the Office of the Controller and City Services Auditor to report. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

Introduced at the Request of a Department

Pursuant to Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors Section 2.7.1, Department Heads may submit proposed legislation to the Clerk of the Board, in which case titles of the legislation will be printed at the rear of the next available agenda of the Board.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

230119 [Settlement of Lawsuit - William Bailey - \$52,500]

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by William Bailey against the City and County of San Francisco for \$52,500; the lawsuit was filed on October 27, 2020, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-20-587323; entitled William Bailey v. City and County of San Francisco; the lawsuit involves an employment dispute. (City Attorney). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

230120 [Public Auction - Tax-Defaulted Real Property]

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to sell, at public auction, certain parcels of tax-defaulted real property. (Treasurer-Tax Collector). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

230121 [California Constitution Appropriations Limit for FY2022-2023]

Resolution establishing the appropriations limit established at \$10,609,128,182 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 pursuant to California Constitution, Article XIII B; due to the addition of local non-residential new construction and the percent change in population within the San Francisco Metropolitan Area from the previous year for the purpose of computation of its Appropriations Limit. (Controller). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

230122 [Agreement Amendment - San Francisco AIDS Foundation - HIV Rental Subsidies - Not to Exceed \$51,075,213]

Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Department of Public Health, to provide HIV rental subsidies; to increase the agreement by \$41,667,580 for an amount not to exceed \$51,075,213; to extend the term by eight years from June 30, 2023, for a total agreement term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2031; and to authorize the Department of Public Health to enter into amendments or modifications to the contract prior to its final execution by all parties that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities to the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the contract or this Resolution. (Public Health Department). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

Clerk to Act – February 14, 2023

Inaugural Board Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2023 and Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2023 were approved.

Requests Granted

From: Supervisor Catherine Stefani

To: San Francisco Health Commission

Requests: requesting information, on behalf of the Black and Jewish Unity Coalition, regarding the life expectancy of Black men in San Francisco County vs. the life expectancy of all other groups. Supervisor Stefani also requests that the Health Commission respond to the September 6, 2022 public comments issued by the Black and Jewish Unity Coalition to:

1. Add racial disparities in life expectancy in San Francisco to the top of the Health Commission's agenda and critically examine why these unacceptably wide disparities persist despite all the tools being used by the City & County of San Francisco already to address them; and,
2. Create a working group of public health and community members, the San Francisco Office of Racial Equity and the Board of Supervisors to publicly discuss these crucial issues, address what actions must be taken to effectuate change, and implement agreed upon steps that will work to eliminate the disparities in life expectancies between San Francisco's Black population and other groups.

In Memoriam

Dr. Elaine Jang – Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 2



City and County of San Francisco

CATHERINE STEFANI

February 14, 2023

Via email

Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health
Dan Bernal, President, San Francisco Health Commission

Dear Dr. Colfax and President Bernal:

On September 6, 2022, the Black and Jewish Unity Coalition – a faith-based group dedicated to social, racial, economic and health justice and dismantling systemic racism in San Francisco, wrote the San Francisco Health Commission to express concerns regarding extreme disparities in life expectancy between Black non-Hispanic people and all other groups. They assert that according to findings published in the Lancet in June of last year, between 2000 and 2019, Black men in San Francisco County were expected to have a life expectancy of 68.5 years as compared to the average life expectancy of all groups which was reported to be 83.6 years. This disparity was also identified and acknowledged in the 2022 San Francisco Community Health Needs Assessment.

In their September letter, the Black and Jewish Unity Coalition requested that the Health Commission:

- 1) add racial disparities in life expectancy in San Francisco to the top of the Health Commission's agenda and critically examine why these unacceptably wide disparities persist despite all the tools being used by SF already to address them; and,
- 2) create a working group of public health and community members, the SF Office of Racial Equity and the Board of Supervisors to publicly discuss these crucial issues, address what actions must be taken to effectuate change, and implement agreed upon steps that will work to eliminate the disparities in life expectancies between San Francisco's Black population and other groups.

I agree that these actions must be taken without delay. However, as recently as last Thursday February 9, the Black and Jewish Unity Coalition had not yet received a response from the

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Health Commission. Therefore, I am requesting that the Health Commission provide a formal response to the Black and Jewish Unity Coalition's inquiry.

I believe that addressing these stark health disparities is an imperative matter for the City and County of San Francisco and I look forward to your collaboration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine Stefani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Catherine Stefani
Supervisor, District 2
City and County of San Francisco



PUBLIC COMMENTS

FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO BLACK & JEWISH UNITY COALITION HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

I represent the San Francisco Black & Jewish Unity Coalition,¹ a faith-based group dedicated to social, racial, economic and health justice and dismantling systemic racism in San Francisco.

We are saddened and concerned by the landmark study -"Life Expectancy By County, Race and Ethnicity in the USA 2000-2019" – published June 2022 in The Lancet.² Its national database of all counties shows that in 2019, the life expectancy for Black Non-Hispanic people in San Francisco was 72 years compared to all groups collectively of 83.6 years. Black males had an estimated life expectancy of 68.5 years. This more than 10 year disparity ranks San Francisco at the bottom of all counties in California.³ The data update San Francisco's life expectancy numbers in the Community Health Needs Assessment. Lifetimes are not increasing for Black populations in San Francisco according to the Lancet study. The CDC confirmed last week that the COVID pandemic sharply reduced life

¹ <https://www.sfunitygroup.org>

² Lancet (2022) 400: 25-38

³ <https://vizhub.healthdata.org/subnational/usa> and <https://www.healthdata.org/data-visualization/us-health-map>

expectancy nationally through 2021 for all groups.⁴ Those effects and disparity will show up in this California county level survey.

We ask the Health Commission to take the following actions with all due haste:

- Add Racial Disparities in Life Expectancy in San Francisco to the top of the Health Commission's agenda and critically examine why these unacceptably wide disparities persist despite all the tools being used by SF already to address them.
- Create a working group of public health and community members, the SF Office of Racial Equity and the Board of Supervisors to publicly discuss these crucial issues, address what actions must be taken to effectuate change, and implement agreed upon steps that will work to eliminate the disparities in life expectancies between San Francisco's Black population and other groups.

We would appreciate receiving a prompt response from the Health Commission as to what actions will be taken.

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⁴ Arias E, Tejada-Vera B, Kochanek KD, Ahmad FB. Provisional life expectancy estimates for 2021. Vital Statistics Rapid Release; no 23. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. August 2022. DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.15620/cdc:118999>. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/vsrr/vsrr023.pdf>