Motion supporting the Health Officer’s attestation for a local variance to allow San Francisco to progress further into California’s COVID-19 Resilience Roadmap as the Health Officer determines is appropriate based on local health conditions and directing Clerk of the Board to prepare a letter of support.

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation declaring a local emergency to exist in connection with the imminent spread within the City of a novel (new) coronavirus (“COVID-19”), and on March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist within the State due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the Local Health Officer declared a local health emergency under Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, and the Board of Supervisors concurred in that declaration on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the Local Health Officer issued a stay safe at home order, requiring most people to remain in their homes subject to certain exceptions including obtaining essential goods such as food and necessary supplies, and requiring the closure of non-essential businesses; the Health Officer has amended the order to modify the ongoing restrictions and resume certain businesses and other activities in a phased and measured way, based on health data and local COVID-19 indicators, to help keep San Francisco residents safer and healthier; and

WHEREAS, In coordination with the Health Officer and consistent with that phased and measured approach, the City has prepared a plan for recovery
WHEREAS, On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, directing residents to heed the State Public Health Officer’s stay at home order, which requires residents to stay at home except for work in critical infrastructure sectors or otherwise to facility authorized necessary activities; and on April 14, 2020, the State presented the Resilience Roadmap, a four-stage plan to modifying the State’s stay at home order; and

WHEREAS, On May 7, 2020, as directed by Governor Newson’s Executive Order N-60-20, the State Public Health Officer issued a process for seeking a local variance from the Resilience Roadmap; the process requires a county self-attestation submitted at the discretion of the county’s Local Health Officer based on a set of criteria related to county disease prevalence and preparedness; this variance allows counties to move through the roadmap at a rate and an order determined by the Local Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, The readiness criteria that the state requires to submit this attestation include: stable hospitalization of COVID-19 patients on a 7-day average of daily percent change of less than 5% or no more than 20 COVID-19 hospitalizations on any single day in the past 14 days; no more than 25 new cases per 100,000 residents in the past 14 days or less than 8% positive test results in the past 7 days; daily testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents per day; testing availability for at least 75% of residents within 30 minutes driving time; hospital capacity to accommodate a 35% surge in COVID-19 cases while maintaining care to non-COVID-19 patients; sufficient protective supplies for essential workers, including having a more than 14-day supply of personal protective equipment for skilled nursing facilities; and availability of temporary housing for 15% of homeless residents; and

WHEREAS, The process further provides that the Local Health Officer’s attestation be accompanied by a letter of support from the county’s board of supervisors; and
WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Health Officer, Dr. Tomás Aragón, has indicated that San Francisco meets the readiness criteria and other factors required to apply for a variance seeking to progress further into the Resilience Roadmap, and Dr. Aragón is in the process of preparing an attestation in support of the variance; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the Health Officer’s decision to prepare and submit an attestation seeking a variance to allow San Francisco to progress further into the Resilience Roadmap as the Health Officer determines appropriate and consistent with the City’s phased and measured approach to help keep San Francisco residents safer and healthier; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall prepare a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors to accompany the attestation of the Health Officer, and transmit that letter to the Health Officer within 48 hours of the effective date of this motion for submission to the California Department of Public Health.
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Tails

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June 16, 2020 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on 6/16/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board