Motion establishing goals for the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Appropriations Committee, and the process to guide the Board's deliberations on the City budget, for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors each year strives to design a budget process with broad involvement from not only all members of the Board but also the Mayor's Office, City agencies, service provider networks, labor partners, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Each year, it is up to the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to design a budget process that accomplishes the above goals; and

WHEREAS, On December 10, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Motion M19-180, stating that, "By March 1 each year, the chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall introduce a motion for consideration by the Board, delineating the budget process for the coming months, including but not limited to: the Committee's anticipated hearing topics from March through June, the process for the Board to identify and publicly communicate its policy priorities for the budget; whether the Board will schedule Committees of the Whole to hold hearings on the Mayor's budget instructions, the Mayor's budget priorities, the Mayor's proposed budget, the Board's proposed spending plan, or other topics; and the Committee's guidelines regarding public transparency and decision-making;"

and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 2019, the Board of Supervisors also unanimously passed Ordinance No. 294-19, requiring City agencies to hold public hearings prior to submission of their proposed budgets, requiring the Mayor to hold a public meeting on her proposed budget and also to submit budget priorities to the Board, and requiring the
Controller to maintain a centralized website with City budget information accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated the inequities pervasive in our city and it is imperative that we think strategically about our City’s investments and divestments, protecting the health and safety of our most vulnerable residents and promoting an equitable economy that works for all San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is committed to holding itself and City agencies accountable to actively engaging the public in budget meetings and committing not only to transparency but also to soliciting and incorporating meaningful feedback from every phase of the process into budget development; and

WHEREAS, The City's budget for FY2020-2021 totaled 13.7 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, The City's budget is made up of property taxes, business taxes, other local taxes, fees, charges for services, as well as intergovernmental revenue from the state and federal governments and a variety of other sources; and

WHEREAS, It is primarily local taxpayers who contribute to the City's budget and so it is to this public that the Board of Supervisors and more broadly the City and County of San Francisco must hold itself accountable during the budget process; and

WHEREAS, The City budget is the most important policy document deliberated by the Board of Supervisors, and is reflective of the values of this body as well as the Mayor of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the following goals are established for the Budget and Appropriations Committee’s budget process:

1) To urgently act to rebuild San Francisco, to ensure that the basic needs of San Franciscans are met, to stabilize families during a period of economic recession,
and to rebuild San Francisco toward a more equitable, gender just, and racially just
future, by prioritizing:

   (a) COVID-19 recovery for our most vulnerable populations,

   (b) housing affordability, housing stability, and homelessness services,

   (c) healthcare access including mental health, drug treatment, and food security,

   (d) early care and education, youth educational services and closing the digital
        divide,

   (e) small businesses, workforce development, financial empowerment, and
        neighborhood stabilization,

2) To stop corruption inefficiencies and waste in city government; and

3) To innovate and fund new ideas that move away from failed policies and focusing on
   impact; and, be it

   MOVED, That The Board of Supervisors values investing in critical public services and
   programs and sustaining the City’s workforce, as they are essential to stabilizing our economy
   during a period of economic recession and provide the best possible foundation for a swift
   economic recovery for all, growing our tax base, and mitigating future costs as a result of a
   prolonged economic recession; and, be it

   MOVED, That in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Board requests that all
   departments and agencies justify their expenditures with a data-driven COVID-19 spending
   plan that uses the best available data to strategically invest City dollars, in addition to state
   and federal government relief funding, in COVID-19 response; these plans must continue
   protecting seniors and immunocompromised individuals most at risk, and communities
   disproportionately impacted by COVID 19 cases and death; and be it
MOVED, That the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hold hearings in March of 2021 focused on key department budgets that are of most interest to all District offices; and, be it

MOVED, That to promote transparency and community outreach the Budget Chair will join citywide budget town halls in April 2021 with District Supervisors; and, be it

MOVED, That the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hold a series of issue based budget hearings in April and May of 2021 on key topics reflecting policy areas prioritized by the Committee, for which the Budget and Legislative Analyst will produce analysis for the Committee’s consideration; and, be it

MOVED, That Budget and Appropriations Committee will hold hearings in May 2021 as determined by the Controller’s Office pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 3.3; and be it

MOVED, That all other agency budgets will come before the Budget and Appropriations Committee in June 2021; and, be it

MOVED, That all agencies will present their data on layoffs and program cuts by sharing the demographics of the impacts to communities of color of all income levels both staffing and programmatic impacts; and, be it

MOVED, That in June, the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall publish a list of all budget requests received and also publish a proposed spending plan, upon which the public can comment prior to final deliberations of the Committee; and, be it

MOVED, That the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hear public comment during the first Round of June Department presentations and shall hold at least one meeting in June dedicated to public comment.
Motion: M21-028

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February 24, 2021 Budget and Appropriations Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

February 24, 2021 Budget and Appropriations Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

March 02, 2021 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
   Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

March 02, 2021 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED
   Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

March 02, 2021 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED AS AMENDED
   Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED AS AMENDED on 3/2/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board