[Opposing the Dismantling of the Coordinated Care Initiative and the In-Home Supportive Services Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Cost Sharing Agreement - Supporting Ongoing Negotiations to Fund and Reinstate the 2012 MOE]

Resolution opposing the dismantling of the Coordinated Care Initiative and the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Cost Sharing Agreement under the Governor's FY2017-2018 Budget; and supporting the California State Legislature and Governor Brown's ongoing negotiations to fully fund the IHSS and reinstate the 2012 MOE.

WHEREAS, The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program provides in-home personal care and chore services to an estimated 500,000 low-income aged, blind, or disabled Californians; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco currently employs approximately 20,000 providers, enabling services to over 22,000 consumers, requiring a total budget of approximately $470,000,000 in FY2016-2017 towards provider wages, IHSS contracts, and county administration, of which San Francisco is responsible for $81,000,000 or approximately 17% of the complete IHSS program budget; and

WHEREAS, The IHSS program is an entitlement under the state's Medicaid State Plan, preventing local counties' ability to alter or eliminate programming due to cost pressures; and

WHEREAS, The 1991 State and Local Program Realignment redistributed the cost ratio to 65% of the program's nonfederal costs to the state and the remaining 35% to the counties; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 2012-13, the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) replaced the prior county contribution rate with a county IHSS-Maintenance of Effort (MOE); and

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WHEREAS, The 2012 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) limited county IHSS cost burdens to 2011-2012 baseline costs, plus an annual increase of 3.5%; and

WHEREAS, The IHSS and CCI cost increases have now exceeded the savings estimated to the state through the Coordinated Care Initiative, spurring State of California, Finance Director Cohen to trigger the dismantling of CCI and the IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE) arrangement under the Governor’s FY2017-2018 budget; and

WHEREAS, The policy-driven increases to IHSS programming costs exceed the revenue mechanics laid out in the 1991 Realignment Structure, driving an estimated $623,000,000 cost increase to California Counties; and

WHEREAS, IHSS is a critical and cost-effective service for seniors and adults with disabilities which often results in better health outcomes, prevents early institutionalization of individuals and is significantly less than the cost of skilled nursing facilities; and

WHEREAS, The White House published a policy brief in 2015 that called publicly-financed, consumer-directed long-term care “one of the most promising developments in helping older Americans remain in their homes and community as they age;” and

WHEREAS, The cost of providing in-home care nationwide has remained relatively stable, while all other types of care have risen in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, The dissolution of the MOE will trigger approximately a $40,000,000 cost increase to San Francisco County in FY2017-2018 alone; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco County is facing unprecedented budget uncertainty from both potential Federal budget cuts to social services, as well as potential severe limitations on how funds are used; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to reach a negotiation that allows IHSS to continue to be fully funded without impacting county budgets in an adverse way; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the California State Legislature and the Governor’s ongoing negotiations to re-instate the IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE) agreement of 2012; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the California State Legislature and the Governor’s ongoing negotiations to revisit and recalculate the total revenues made available under the 1991 Realignment to reflect policy-driven cost increases before proceeding with any future transfer of fiscal responsibility for IHSS between the State and the Counties.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the offices of Governor Jerry Brown and the California State Legislature.
Resolution opposing the dismantling of the Coordinated Care Initiative and the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Cost Sharing Agreement under the Governor's FY2017-2018 Budget; and supporting the California State Legislature and Governor Brown's ongoing negotiations to fully fund the IHSS and reinstate the 2012 MOE.

April 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

April 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

File No. 170358

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/11/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

4/21/17

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

4/21/17

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board