Resolution supporting United States House of Representatives Bill 1856, the Ending Homelessness Act of 2019, which appropriates funds to provide a path to end homelessness in the United States, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Homelessness in many parts of America has reached crisis proportions; and

WHEREAS, The results of the 2018 Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") point-in-time ("PIT") count found that 552,830 people are experiencing homelessness in this country, including nearly 160,000 children and youth, and nearly 38,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, The results of the 2018 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH") PIT count found 7,499 people are experiencing homelessness in this county; and

WHEREAS, As the recipient of the second largest allocation of federal homeless funding grants in the country, The City and County of San Francisco relies on federal funding to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 2018, San Francisco received $44,537,520 from HUD through its Continuum of Care Competition; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco's HSH current annual budget is $284.5 million, or approximately 5% of the city's total budget; and

WHEREAS, On March 25, 2019, Representative Maxine Waters [D-CA-43], Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee introduced H.R. 1856, the Ending Homelessness Act of 2019 in the United States House of Representatives to provide a path to end homelessness in the United States; and
WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 is currently co-sponsored by 46 members of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, In introducing H.R. 1856, Chairwoman Waters stated "In the richest country in the world, it is simply unacceptable that we have people living in the streets"; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate $13.27 billion in mandatory emergency relief funding over the next five years to federal programs and initiatives to prevent and address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate $5 billion over five years to McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants, which is expected to provide 85,000 new permanent housing units; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate $2.5 billion over five years for new Special Purpose Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers ("HCV"), which are expected to provide an additional 300,000 housing vouchers and would give preference to those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate $1.05 billion annually in mandatory spending dedicated to the National Housing Trust Fund, which in the first five years of funding is expected to create 25,000 new units affordable to extremely low-income households, with a priority for housing the homeless; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate $500 million over five years in outreach funding to ensure that homeless people are connected to the resources they need; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 would appropriate $20 million for states and localities to provide technical assistance to help state and local governments coordinate and integrate their healthcare and housing initiatives that are funded by federal programs; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 is supported by the Center for Supportive Housing, Community Solutions, Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, Drug Policy Alliance, Lawyers’
WHEREAS, H.R. 1856 was passed up by the House Financial Services Committee on March 28, 2019, with 32 Yeas and 26 Nays; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Chairwoman Waters’ agenda to renew the Federal Government’s commitment to the national goal to end homelessness and provide localities with additional support; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco supports the Ending Homelessness Act of 2019 (H.R. 1856); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco calls on United States Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi, and United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris to support H.R. 1856; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution to United States Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi, and United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.
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April 23, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/23/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

5/3/19