[Supporting the San Francisco Principles 2020, Getting to Zero Initiative, and Sustain HIV/AIDS Safety Net Services]

Resolution supporting the San Francisco Principles 2020, reaffirming the City’s support for the Getting to Zero Initiative, and urging the Department of Public Health to sustain funding for organizations providing lifesaving HIV/AIDS safety net services.

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS announced the Getting to Zero initiative, a plan to reach zero new infections, zero AIDS-related deaths, and zero discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Following the release of the Getting to Zero initiative a coalition of stakeholders including UCSF, the Department of Public Health, community-based organizations, private healthcare organizations, and community activists developed Getting to Zero – San Francisco, a plan to reduce HIV infections and AIDS deaths in San Francisco by 90% from 2013 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, In September 2020, a group of long-term HIV/AIDS survivors published The San Francisco Principles 2020, a plan to address the unmet needs of long-term HIV survivors in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Principles identified the following challenges: that people over 50 comprise about 65% of people living with HIV in San Francisco; that long-term survivors experience accelerated aging due to the ravages of HIV on the immune system with comorbidities appearing in long-term survivors 12 years earlier than in their negative counterparts; that long-term survivors are more prone to diminished cognitive and physical abilities, cardiac arrest, osteoporosis, diabetes, CMV infection, and other conditions; that these health concerns are exacerbated by the intersectional problems of poverty, depression,
the costs of and access to healthcare, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and
unstable housing; and

WHEREAS, Statistics from the Department of Public Health's 2020 HIV Epidemiology
Annual Report, released in August 2021, reveal concerning trends in HIV prevention and
treatment; and

WHEREAS, The Report found that screening for HIV fell by 44% from March 2020 to
March 2021 and viral suppression fell from 75% of people living with HIV to 70%; and
WHEREAS, The Report found that viral suppression among San Francisco’s unhoused
population with HIV fell from just 39% in March 2020 to 20% in March 2021; and
WHEREAS, At a hearing of the Board’s Budget and Appropriations Committee on May
4, 2022, representatives from the Department of Public Health declined to commit to
sustaining baseline funding for legacy organizations providing lifesaving HIV/AIDS safety net
services; and
WHEREAS, Long-term survivors and service providers have highlighted the
destabilizing effects that cutting funding to legacy organizations would have on San
Francisco’s HIV/AIDS safety net; and
WHEREAS, The Principles call for all medical professionals serving long-term survivors
and/or older adults living with HIV to be trained in the proper care of long-term survivors; for
mental health services for long-term survivors and/or older adults living with HIV to be
provided on demand, at a reasonable cost and free of judgement or stigma; for mental health
professionals serving older people living with HIV to be trained to address the unique
psychosocial damage suffered by long-term survivors, primarily but not limited to isolation and
loneliness, depression, and substance use disorder; for long-term survivors and older adults
living with HIV to be included in the planning and implementation of any programs and
services offered to them; for resources to be allocated to programs and services grounded in
the information and data gathered in HIV and aging studies; and for the fight for long-term survivors and older adults living with HIV to be aligned with other social and healthcare justice movements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the San Francisco Principles 2020 and urges the Department of Public Health to urgently implement the Principles; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public Health not to destabilize the City’s HIV/AIDS testing and treatment safety net by cutting millions of dollars in funding to legacy organizations providing lifesaving services to thousands of residents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to fully fund the budget requests submitted by the HIV/AIDS Provider Network, including at least $500,000 for a 3% cost of doing business increase for all grant funded contracts, $3,000,000 million to sustain existing HIV prevention and treatment services currently slated for cuts, $3,000,000 for 300 new housing subsidies, $1,000,000 for expanded mental health services, $1,000,000 for expanded acute behavioral health services, and $2,000,000 for overdose prevention services.
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May 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Mandelman

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/17/2022 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
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