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RESOLUTION NO. 229-25

[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 670 (Quirk-Silva) - Allow Local Governments to Count Investments in Preserving Affordable Housing Toward Regional Housing Needs Allocation Goals]

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 670, introduced by Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva, to allow local governments to count investments in preserving affordable housing toward their Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals.

WHEREAS, Preservation of existing housing is a critical component of maintaining and expanding the stock of affordable housing in California, and efforts to preserve housing are key to combating displacement and stabilizing communities; and

WHEREAS, The current framework for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) does not allow jurisdictions to count the preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing as part of their affordable housing targets, which limits the ability of cities and counties to fully utilize strategies that maintain and protect affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 670 (AB 670) seeks to allow jurisdictions to include the preservation of affordable housing as part of their RHNA targets, enabling cities and counties to incorporate the preservation of existing housing as a legitimate and impactful strategy to meet their housing goals; and

WHEREAS, AB 670 provides an opportunity to strengthen housing strategies by giving preservation the same recognition as new construction, ensuring that both avenues for increasing affordable housing are pursued to their fullest extent; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Housing Element specifically recognizes the value of preservation and has acknowledged that preserving affordable housing is an essential strategy for meeting the City's housing goals, addressing housing shortages, and preventing displacement; and

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WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has established initiatives such as the Small Sites Program, which focuses on acquiring and preserving affordable housing in small, multifamily buildings that might otherwise be vulnerable to market pressures and gentrification.

WHEREAS, The Small Sites Program has been an effective tool in stabilizing lowincome communities and keeping them affordable for existing residents, and it serves as a model for preservation strategies across the state; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Small Sites Program has successfully acquired and preserved hundreds of affordable units, creating a path for low-income tenants to stay in their homes while protecting against displacement, underscoring how local efforts, supported by state recognition and incentives, can play a key role in preserving the diversity and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco preservation efforts have helped developed an ecosystem of innovative nonprofits that are recognized leaders in the community ownership movement, including the San Francisco Community Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, AB 670 will strengthen preservation efforts by providing the state-level recognition and support necessary for local jurisdictions, like San Francisco, to continue using preservation as a tool for meeting housing needs and advancing affordability; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of advocating for legislative measures that support affordable housing preservation as a key component of the solution to the housing crisis in the Bay Area and throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco strongly supports Assembly Bill 670 (AB 670) and urges the California Legislature and

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Governor to enact the bill, allowing jurisdictions to count the preservation of affordable housing toward their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the State of California to recognize the importance of preservation in meeting the state's affordable housing needs and supports policies that incentivize and facilitate the preservation of affordable housing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk of the Board to submit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva, Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, and San Francisco's delegation in the State Legislature - Assembly Member Matt Haney, Assembly Member Catherine Stefani, and State Senator Scott Wiener.

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May 06, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/6/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie Mayor 05-16-2025

Date Approved

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.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

05-16-2025

Date