[Affirming Commitment to Redirect Resources from the San Francisco Police Department to the Black Community]

Resolution affirming commitment from the Board of Supervisors to redirecting resources from the San Francisco Police Department to the Black community.

WHEREAS, On June 4, 2020, Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Shamann Walton announced plans to prioritize the redirection of resources from the San Francisco Police Department to support the Black community in the upcoming budget; and

WHEREAS, Blacks make up only 5% of San Francisco’s population but comprised of 35% of the San Francisco’s unhoused population; and

WHEREAS, The average income for a Black household in San Francisco is $31,000, compared to $110,000 for white families and as many as 19% of Black children in San Francisco live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Decades of disinvestment, public policies, and institutional practices in the Black community have disproportionately harmed all aspects of life including health, wellness, mortality, housing, education, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Historical redlining from the 1930s has continued to negatively impact Black communities in San Francisco resulting in under-resourced neighborhoods, poorly funded schools, hindered wealth accumulation, and poor health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Because of low property value in previously redlined areas, landlords and investors have specifically targeted these areas for redevelopment and gentrification and Black families are at a higher risk facing evictions and foreclosures; and

WHEREAS, Black neighborhoods such as Bayview Hunters Point, consistently have fewer healthy food options and face predatory advertising by unhealthy food and beverage companies, which contributes to high rates of diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and tooth
decay among other disparities in cancer rates and mental health diseases among African Americans; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, African Americans are 6.7 times more likely to be hospitalized by diabetes, 3 times more likely to have high blood pressure, 7 times more likely to have tuberculosis, experience higher infant and maternal mortality rates, and have an average life expectancy lower than white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, Black communities are consistently demonized, criminalized, and over policed across the United States and as a result are more likely to be arrested, convicted, and serve longer prison sentences; and

WHEREAS, Mass incarceration in the United States disproportionately affects Black communities where Black adults are eight times more likely to be imprisoned compared to whites; and

WHEREAS, The Unites States has the highest rates of imprisonment in the world and majority of people sentenced to prison are Black; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, more than 580,000 Black men and women were in state or federal prison and Black men and women are imprisoned at higher rates compared to all other age groups, with the highest rate being Black men aged 25 to 39; and

WHEREAS, Blacks are twice as likely compared to whites to have a family member imprisoned at some point during their childhood and 1 in 4 Black Millennials had an incarcerated loved one before they even turned 18 and for those born in the early 1990s, the rate is almost 1 in 3; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the Burns Institute found that Black adults in San Francisco are 11 times more likely to be booked into County Jail compared to whites and accounted for 41% of arrests between 2008 and 2014; and
WHEREAS, In the same study, Blacks accounted for 43% of those booked in jail, 38% of cases filed by the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office, and 39% of new convictions and within the incarcerated population of the San Francisco County Jail, 53% are Black and among youth in the juvenile justice system, 54% are Black; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, law enforcement are almost four times more likely to use force on Black people compared to whites and Black men are nearly three times more likely than white men to be killed by police intervention; and

WHEREAS, With the recent rise of social movements and protests across the United States against police brutality and for Black Lives Matter in light of the murder of George Floyd, many cities are considering diverting resources from law enforcement back into investing in communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to redirect resources from the San Francisco Police Department to the Black community in San Francisco beginning this budget cycle.
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June 23, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/23/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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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.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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London N. Breed
Mayor

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07/03/2020
Date Approved