Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to apply for Homekey grant funds in an amount not to exceed $45,000,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The California Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") dated July 16, 2020, for the Homekey Program ("Homekey" or "Homekey Program") pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 50675.1.1 (Assem. Bill No. 83 (2019-2020 Reg. Sess.), § 21.); and

WHEREAS, The Department is authorized to administer Homekey funds pursuant to the Multifamily Housing Program (Chapter 6.7 (commencing with Section 50675) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code); and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco ("City") ("Applicant") desires to apply for Homekey grant funds and will submit an application for Homekey funds ("Application") to the Department for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant plans to submit a placeholder application by July 31, 2020, to demonstrate San Francisco's commitment to participate in this opportunity as Homekey grant funds are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis to county applicants by the Department; the application is not considered final until accompanied by a Resolution approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors which must be approved prior to August 13, 2020; and
WHEREAS, Homekey funds will assist the City in creating up to 250 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS, These funds will enable the City to acquire and rehabilitate hotels, apartment buildings, or other multi-unit housing for occupancy in early 2021; and

WHEREAS, Additional permanent subsidized housing furthers the City’s commitment to dismantling systematic racial inequities that disproportionately effect communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Permanent Supportive Housing is the most effective evidence-based solution to ending chronic homelessness and also prevents new incidents of homelessness among highly vulnerable people with long experiences of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, As of July 2020, San Francisco has approximately 8,000 units of Permanent Supportive Housing that provide permanent homes and services to approximately 10,000 San Franciscans, and has the goal of acquiring new units of such housing over the next two years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco to submit an Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”), dated July 16, 2020, for an amount not to exceed $45,000,000; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that if the Application is successful, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing shall seek Board of Supervisors approval to accept and expend the funds, and to authorize execution of a Standard Agreement, and any other documents required or deemed necessary to secure the funds under the terms of the Program Guidelines.
RECOMMENDED:

/s/ ________________________________

Interim Director, Abigail Stewart-Kahn
Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
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August 11, 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 8/11/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Mayor