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## RESOLUTION NO. 483-23

[Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services - Behested Payment Waiver]

Resolution authorizing the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH" or "Department") is to prevent homelessness when possible and make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time in the City and County of San Francisco ("the City") through the provision of coordinated, compassionate, and high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, With the enactment of Resolution No. 319-18 in October 2018, the Board of Supervisors and Mayor London N. Breed declared a shelter crisis and affirmed San Francisco's commitment to a continuum of shelter and service options for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, As of the 2022 Point-in-Time Count, there were approximately 7,750 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco on any given night, 56% of whom were unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, In April 2023, the city released the five-year strategic plan "Home by the Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco" which calls for 1,075 new shelter beds to meet the goals set out in the plan, including the goal to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 50%; and

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WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2025 HSH budget included funding for approximately 594 new shelter beds over the next two years, or 55% of the strategic plan goal; and

WHEREAS, As of September 8, 2023, HSH had 2,952 temporary shelter or crisis intervention slots, with a 91% occupancy rate; and

WHEREAS, While HSH continues to expand shelter, prevention, housing and other resources, we know that more resources need to be made available to address the crisis on our streets; and

WHEREAS, In the past, HSH and the Office of the Mayor have established successful and innovative public-private partnerships to expand shelter and other services to meet the critical needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Fund for the Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-106) was established as a category eight fund to receive all private donations, grants, gifts and bequests of money, to assist people in need finding long-term housing and overcome barriers to employment by supporting outreach services, shelters, navigation centers, flexible housing assistance, housing and other resources; and

WHEREAS, HSH, as the designated administrator of the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-106) is required to report regularly to the Homeless Oversight Commission on deposits and expenditures from the fund, as well as furnish an annual report to the Board of Supervisors showing such gifts received, the nature or amount of said gifts, and the disposition thereof (Administrative Code, Section 10.100); and

WHEREAS, HSH works with philanthropic organization, private companies and community stakeholders including homeless services providers, often through grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Mayor and HSH seek a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Sections 3.600 et seq.) to the extent it restricts the Mayor, Executive Director of HSH and officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and HSH from soliciting financial support or in-kind goods or services, from persons or entities that would be considered interested parties, to support expansion of temporary shelter or other homeless services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested Payment Ordinance as to the Mayor, Executive Director of HSH and officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and HSH so that they may solicit donations from private organizations and philanthropists to support the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver serves the public interest by supporting the Office of the Mayor and HSH to explore innovative opportunities to expand the availability of resources to support people experiencing homelessness, specifically temporary shelter and other homeless services to support bringing more people inside and off the streets; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver does not create an appearance of impropriety.

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## **RECOMMENDED**:

/s/ Shireen McSpadden Homelessness and Supportive Housing Executive Director



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October 13, 2023 Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

October 17, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/17/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed Mayor

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**Date Approved**